

HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
HOME OF THE HILLERS!



September 2021-2022

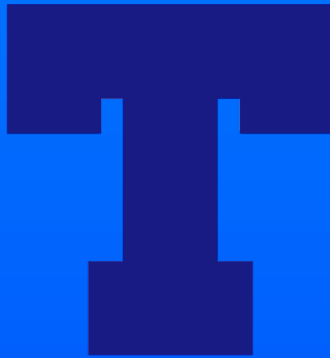
Trinity Area is pleased to announce the 2021 Distinguished Alumni honorees. Each of these outstanding Hillers have made significant contributions in their profession or to public service.



Dr. Kelly Marsh
Excellence in Education
Class of 1986



Louis Waller
Excellence in Business
Class of 1983



Phyllis Waller
Excellence in Service
Class of 1974



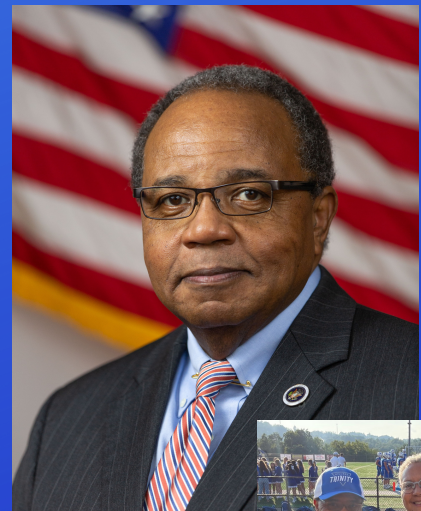
Elizabeth Wild
Excellence in Business
Class of 1996

To view past recipients of the Award, follow the link:
<https://www.trinitypride.org/Content2/alumni>

The 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients were recognized prior to the first home football game.



**Thanks to
Distinguished Alumnus
Robin Winston for his
generous donation to the
Robin Winston Literacy
Center and for his
continued support of the
Distinguished Alumni Event**



It's a great day to be a Hiller!

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

The Trinity Area School District is accepting nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Presentation: High School Awards Assembly

Nomination Deadline Date: January 15 of Each Year

CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION

A nominee must be an alumnus/alumna of the Trinity Area High School who graduated a minimum of fifteen (15) years prior to the date of the presentation.

Distinguished Alumni will be honored for outstanding contributions made in their chosen profession and include areas such as business, education, journalism, law, medicine, science, performing or visual arts, and public service. Characteristics given primary consideration are a record of academic achievement, as well as professional and/or business achievements and accomplishments, and community or civic consciousness.

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nominee's Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Maiden)

Nominee's Current Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Nominee's Former Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Nominee's Current Telephone Number: () _____

Nominee's Profession/Occupation: _____

Nominee's Place of Employment: _____

NOMINEE ACHIEVEMENTS

(Attach current photo, résumé, letters of recommendation, newspaper articles, to support the nomination.)

Attachment #1: Exceptional Academic Achievements: High School/College/Postgraduate

Attachment #2: Outstanding Contributions to Profession

Attachment #3: Community/Civic Contributions of Note

Nominee's Year of Graduation: _____ Name of Nominator: _____

Address of Nominator: _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone Number of Nominator: () _____

Please return to: Dr. Michael P. Lucas, Superintendent
Trinity Area School District
231 Park Avenue, Washington, PA 15301
lucasm@trinitypride.org



CHRIS CHAMBERS LEGACY AWARD

The District is pleased to announce that the inaugural Chris Chambers Legacy Award was presented to Ben and Shawn Trapuzzano at the first home football game, Friday, August 27. Chris was a parent, member of the class of 1975, and past recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award.



Chris Chambers Legacy Award

Chris Chambers dedication, commitment, generosity, and thoughtfulness laid the groundwork each year to provide the Trinity Football program with tools to be successful regardless of time or place. His generosity and support were unmatched and have left a lasting legacy on past, present and future Hillers. The Chris Chambers Legacy Award is given to those who have gone above and beyond to impact all Trinity Football players with their support, generosity and influence!

The 2021 Chris Chambers Legacy Award

Is presented to:

Ben and Shawn Trapuzzano

In grateful appreciation for your generous support and contributions to the Trinity Football Program.



ONWARD AND UPWARD



The students and staff at Trinity North commemorated Patriot Day, or 9/11 Day, by observing moments of silence during morning announcements and by participating in several activities. The intermediate classes had the opportunity to take part in the webinar, Anniversary in the Schools, with other schools across the country. Students in the primary grades viewed a BrainPOP video, made "Never Forget" ribbons, flags, 9/11 watches, and colored pages honoring first responders.



Fourth and fifth grade gifted students from Avella, Canon-McMillan, Chartiers-Houston, Fort Cherry and Trinity participated in the Single-Digit 24 Math Competition at Chartiers-Houston. The team's average was determined by a combination of each individual participant's score.

A big "WOOHOO" goes out to the students that put effort into practicing; your effort was observable. Thank you for practicing and challenging yourself as we prepared for the competition!



Congratulations September Students of the Month



**Ava Robinson
High School**



**Cicely Sunseri and David Gill
Middle School**

Homecoming 2021



Congratulations

2021 Homecoming Queen, Jacqueline Hancher!
Escorted by Kyle Fetcho



Senior Homecoming Court - Left to Right :
Row 1: Balie Beck, Alyssa Clutter, Kacie Gallardo,
Jacqueline Hancher, Camryn McClellan
Row 2: Hunter Strickland, Connor Roberts, Dominic Falvo,
Kyle Fetcho, Nathan Blinco

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS.....

TMS is full of kind kids!

This month, Trinity Middle School is proud to recognize Brandon Hoy. Brandon constantly helps his peers and puts others first. Ms. Bumpus, a first year band teacher, noticed Brandon stepping up to help a student in pain. Brandon carried his books, escorted him to an adult, and showed extreme kindness. We are proud to have students like Brandon as role models for others here at TMS.



The "Powering Pittsburgh" STEM Competition is currently underway in both gifted 7 and 8. This competition is sponsored by SHELL and the Pittsburgh Steelers. For the competition, students are required to propose a plan and present it to power either Heinz Field or the city of Pittsburgh into the future. Last year, TMS placed first. Mr. Walsh and Mrs. Gojmarac are working hard to defend their title with the help of the very talented gifted 7 and 8 students. For more information on the challenge, visit <https://www.steelers.com/video/powering-pittsburgh-stem-challenge>



Exploratories Return to TMS!

Trinity Middle School is rolling out exploratories for students in all grades, 6-8. Students will have the opportunity to explore their interests, build relationships with their teachers, socialize with their peers, and just have fun! Explorities range from fly tying to origami to utilizing our Fab Lab. Students will be requesting their top choices and beginning the program in October. We are excited to continue making learning fun at TMS.

WHO WE ARE

#TRINITYFAMILY



Tiffany Daniels
Music Teacher

Tiffany Daniels is our K-5 general music teacher at Trinity East and West Elementary Schools. Tiffany graduated from Slippery Rock University in December 2019 with a bachelor's degree in Music Education and Trombone Performance. She participated in Slippery Rock's Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, and Brass Ensemble. She was a 4-year member of the SRU Marching Pride. As a student at The Rock, she taught private lessons to pre-school students. Upon graduation, Tiffany became the long-term sub in the West Middlesex and Butler Area School Districts. Her experiences include teaching K-6 general music and show choir. Ms. Daniels teaching expertise is not limited to music as she also taught 4th-grade Science and Social studies. Our Trinity students look forward to her music class. Tiffany brings energy and kindness to her classroom while making her lessons fun and challenging.

Cool Facts: Tiffany's skills are versatile in the fine arts. She enjoys scrapbooking, crafting, playing the trombone, and taekwondo. She thrives in the outdoors while camping and kayaking. Tiffany loves spending time with her family and friends as well her Calico Cat, Piper. Her favorite holiday is Halloween and believes that you are never too old to dress up for the occasion.

One more thing: As a student at Slippery Rock University and a member of the SRU Marching Pride, Tiffany traveled to Ireland to perform in the Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade.



TRINITY AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Esports at Trinity



"Trinity Area is thrilled to be one of the first school districts in the region to build an Esports program! I am incredibly grateful for our staff members' assistance in helping us prepare to launch the program this school year. Our Esports coaches, teachers, and administrators work diligently to design and facilitate courses with real-world applications – the kind of courses students want to take. Our students are excited to attend school because of these opportunities, and we look forward to learning their feedback as we continue to monitor their achievement and growth."

Dr. Michael Lucas, Superintendent

Esports (electronic sports), or competitive video gaming, is trending at colleges and universities worldwide. Trinity Area High School is one of the first schools in the region to incorporate this popular program into the curriculum. While the organization of our Esports competitive gaming team is certainly exciting for students who love to game, we are particularly eager to share our rigorous curriculum, which is grounded in essential Twenty-First Century Skills.

During each semester of the 2021-2022 school year, Trinity Area is piloting Introduction to Esports courses to familiarize students with industry game developers' roles, responsibilities, and influences. Specifically, students learn the structure of a wide-scale gaming organization, and work to build a brand as they consider the history and culture of the industry and central tenets of the entertainment experience. Using the language of the industry, they explore the historic development of popular Esports, and contemplate how the cultural and economic implications have impacted modern industry. As students engage in play experiences, they will gain deeper insight into the Esports ecosystem from the perspectives of career gamers, designers, economists, advertisers,

and coaches. Essentially, through their interdisciplinary studies and practical application of content and skills, students lead, strategize, communicate, create, inspire, and solve practical problems in realistic contexts.



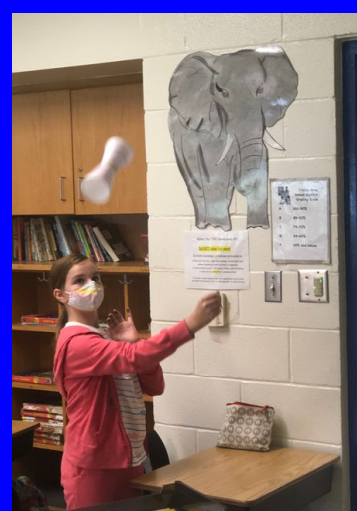
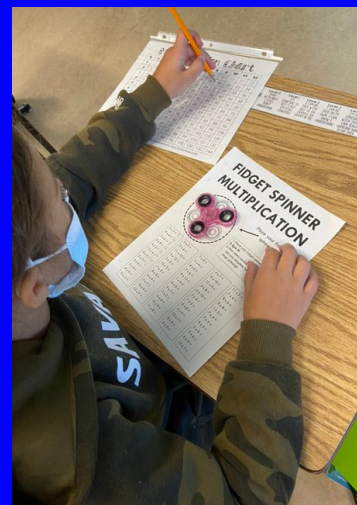
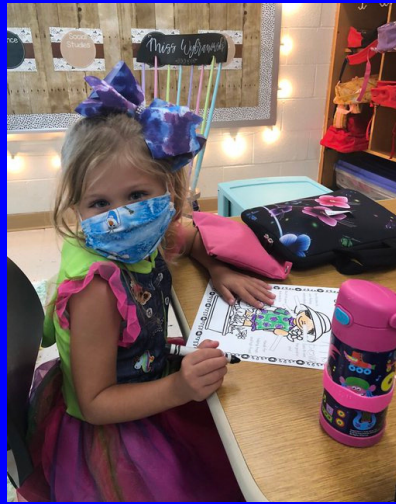
Students thoroughly enjoy spending time learning and gaming in the Hillers Esports Arena, located on the first floor of Trinity Area High School and designed based upon recommendations of gamers and industry employers. This state-of-the-art classroom is equipped with the latest computers, gaming software, lighting, cameras, video game cards, and broadcasting software for students who want an authentic, hands-on learning experience.

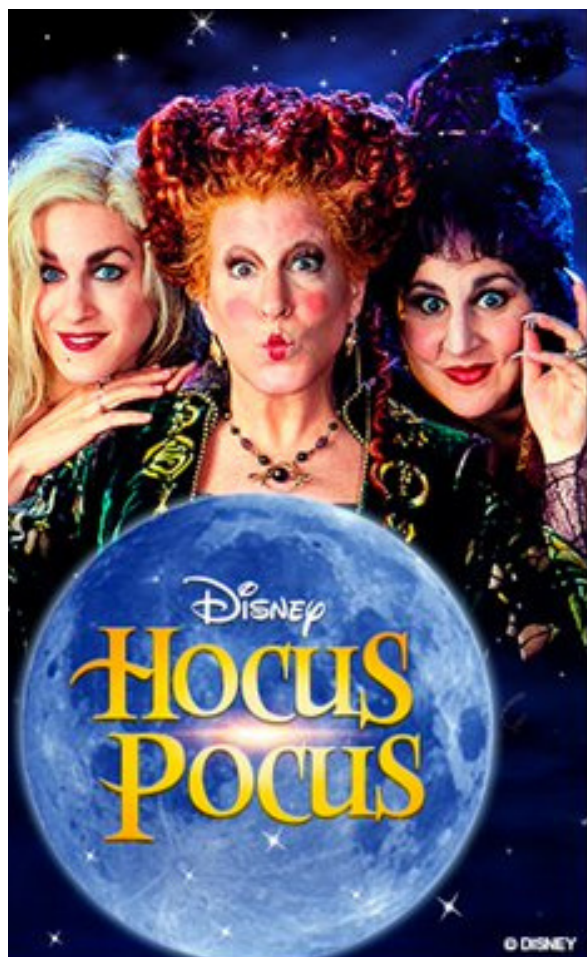
To practice and compete after school, students will use enhanced gaming computers, mice, monitors, and keyboards as they interact with fellow gamers from around the world. Students who wish to host and broadcast live Esports events can capture commentary in the specialized gaming area where the action happens, and then output in a 4K stream on YouTube and Twitch. Simultaneously, presenters, shoutcasters, and spectators can watch the action unfold in person via mounted monitors that allow for clear viewing. Among the most interesting aspects of Trinity Area's Esports program is how students who engage might extend their learning and opportunities well beyond high school. Since graduates of the program will have gained valuable, practical experience and developed their critical thinking skills, they may be prepared to pursue careers with competitive salaries, or earn scholarships and continue their studies. Yes, parents, students can actually earn scholarships for playing video games! Please email the Trinity's Esports coach, Mr. Scarmazzi, who is actively looking for members to join the first-ever Hiller Gamers team.



To sign up, contact
Mr. Scarmazzi
at
dscarmazzi@trinityhillers.net

We're Back!





TRINITY COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT

Presented by the Trinity Junior Class, FCCLA & NTHS

Friday, October 8th

6:45pm @ Hiller Field

FREE for Trinity Residents

- Gates will open at 6:15pm
- Donations will be accepted
- Fall/Halloween Crafts
- Temporary Tattoos
- Concessions for sale including Hot Dogs, Nachos, Pretzels, Popcorn, Chips, Sarris Chocolate, Soda & Water

Elementary & Middle School students must be accompanied by an adult

*Trinity High School
performing arts presents*



**March 31, April 1, 2, 3, 2022
in the High School auditorium**

Auditions:

Jane: grades 5-12 Michael: grades 5-8

Leads and support roles: grades 9-12

**Everyone that auditions will be able to
participate in the show**

October 19, 2021 @ 3:00 – 5:00 pm

October 20, 2021 @ 5:00 – 7:00 pm

For more information contact:

Mrs. Child – mchild@trinityhillers.net

Mr. Komula – mkomula@trinityhillers.net

Mrs. Digon – mdigon@trinityhillers.net

**Do you have a bachelor's
degree and want to
work with kids?**



THE HR DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS!

**THOSE WITH A TEACHING DEGREE, AS WELL AS THOSE WITH
“EMERGENCY STATUS”, MAY APPLY
(FOUR YEAR DEGREE REQUIRED/NO TEACHING DEGREE NECESSARY)**

DAILY RATE IS \$125

**IF YOU ARE QUALIFIED AND INTERESTED
IN WORKING WITH OUR STUDENTS,
CONTACT**

**MR. JACK MINNICK
HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

724-223-2000 EXT. 7121 OR 7114



BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

If you are interested in working as a bus driver for the Trinity Area School District, please contact one or both of the following bus companies:

GG&C
(724)222-2320

Schweinebraten Bus Co.
(724)222-4113

To submit an article to be considered for publication in *Hiller Highlights*, email:

hillerhighlights@trinityhillers.net

or

jwalz@trinityhillers.net

Articles may be submitted in the body of the email or attached as a *Word* document. Documents in .pdf format will not be accepted. Corresponding pictures must be attached to the same email in .jpg format.

The newsletter is released at the end of each month -
September through June.

All articles are subject to final approval by the Superintendent.



Important Dates in

October

7 - Board Meeting/
6 p.m.

19 - Finance Committee Meeting/
5:30 p.m.

21 - Board Meeting/
6 p.m.

28 - End 1st 9 weeks

29 - Two Hour Early Student Release/
Staff Development

INFORMATIONAL FLYERS:

***Flyers are available on the district website under About
To access, click on the link
[DISTRICT FLYERS](#)***

***To request that a flyer be posted on the website, email:
jwalz@trinityhillers.net***

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021-2022 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

AUGUST '21

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

19-20 New Teacher Orientation
 19-20 KinderCamp
 23-24 Staff Development
 25 Teacher Clerical Day
 26 First Student Day

Teacher Days: 7
 Student Days: 4

7 In-Service/No School
 21 Presidents' Day/No School

Teacher Days: 19
 Student Days: 18

FEBRUARY '22

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SEPTEMBER '21

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6 Labor Day
 24 Two Hour Early Student Release/Staff Development

Teacher Days: 21
 Student Days: 21

25 Two Hour Early Student Release/Staff Development

Teacher Days: 23
 Student Days: 23

MARCH '22

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OCTOBER '21

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29 Two Hour Early Student Release/Staff Development

Teacher Days: 21
 Student Days: 21

14-18 Spring Break/No School

Teacher Days: 18
 Student Days: 18

APRIL '22

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1 In-Service Day/No School
 25-29 Fall Break

Teacher Days: 19
 Student Days: 18

27 Two Hour Early Student Release/Staff Development
 30 Memorial Day/No School

Teacher Days: 21
 Student Days: 21

MAY '22

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DECEMBER '21

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23 In-Service Day
 24-31 Winter Break

Teacher Days: 17
 Student Days: 16

1 Last Student Day
 2 Teacher Clerical Day
 3 Graduation
 Teacher In-Service Day

Teacher Days: 3
 Student Days: 1

JUNE '22

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JANUARY '22

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3 In-Service Day/No School
 17 M.L. King Day/No School

Teacher Days: 20
 Student Days: 19

Teacher Days: 189
 Student Days: 180

END FIRST 9 WEEKS – OCTOBER 28
 END FIRST SEMESTER – JANUARY 19
 END THIRD 9 WEEKS – MARCH 25

BOARD APPROVED:
 February 18, 2021

