

HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

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



November 2021-2022

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

BRIDGE THE GAP
Providing Hope for the Holidays

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TRINITY



Trinity's Bridge the Gap organization, funded by advertisements from the video board in coordination with the High School's Life Skills program and Bible Club, were able to provide Thanksgiving meals for over 20 Trinity families this Holiday season. We are so thankful for the opportunity to help provide a bountiful meal and lessen the burden for families in our community.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

Trinity Area congratulates newly elected Board members Amy Neel and Gordon Lowry. Mrs. Neel will fill the seat of former South Strabane Township representative Dan Piatt, while Mr. Lowry will take the place of Canton Township representative, Tom Durbin. Many thanks to Mr. Piatt and Mr. Durbin for their commitment and dedication to the students and district.

Congratulations are also extended to Mrs. Frances Eates and Mr. J.R. Slagle who were re-elected to represented North Franklin and Amwell Townships.

The new board will be seated at the reorganization meeting in December.

**Congratulations
November
Students of the Month**



**Hunter Strickland
High School**



**Aaron Hunsberger
Middle School**



Miranda McConnell

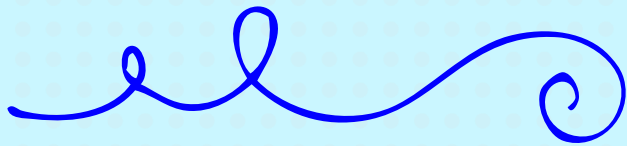
Barrels By The Bay



Trinity High School's Production CIP students are participating in a free program called Barrels by the Bay.

Barrels by the Bay is a nonprofit organization with the mission to educate individuals about the world's water resources through rain barrels. Rain barrels are systems that collect and store rainwater that would otherwise flow into local waterways carrying pollutants.

Barrels by the Bay teaches students first-hand, through community stewardship, the direct impact that they can make on the environment with simple rain barrels. Barrels By the Bay has reached over 20,000 participants who have installed nearly 1,000 painted rain barrels in communities, reducing millions of gallons of stormwater runoff annually. Trinity Ag students are doing their part to be stewards of the land.



Trinity High School had 87 students who passed at least one AP exam in May. Several of these students were recognized October 22 prior to the Senior Night Football Game at Hiller Field.



Trinity North students celebrated Veterans' Day by honoring local veterans with a virtual program held at the Edwin Scott Linton American Legion Post.

North teacher Linda Oros organized the program featuring performances by the elementary students. Also participating were the Trinity High School JROTC cadets.

The veterans were able to view the assembly which was filmed by High School teacher Brandon Prentice and students Brice Berry and Joseph Slagle at the American Legion.

Trinity North also honored the veterans by displaying their pictures and names on the Wall of Honor in the school.





World Kindness Day is a global day that promotes the importance of being kind to each other, to yourself, and to the world. The purpose of this day, celebrated on November 13 of each year, is to help everyone understand that compassion for others is what binds us all together. Trinity High

School's Friends of Rachel Club encouraged our students and faculty to celebrate it in school together on Friday, November 12th. The F.O.R. Club decided to honor the legacy of Mister Rogers by asking everyone to wear a cardigan.

As we watched his TV show when we were younger, Mister Rogers would ask us, "Won't you be my neighbor?" With this simple question, he was calling us –gently but firmly– to care for one another. He believed that if he shared his message to us while we were young, maybe we could grow into real neighbors to one another.

Maybe we still can.

The Friends of Rachel Club expresses their thanks to all students and faculty who made an effort to wear a cardigan like Mister Rogers on Nov. 12th!



**CONGRATULATIONS
TRINITY SOUTH
FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS
ONE OF
PENNSYLVANIA'S
BEST ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS 2022!**



Trinity High School NHS students served as election poll workers for Washington County in the November primary. Our students have been participating in this program since its inception in fall 2014. The Trinity coordinators are Mrs. Rush and Mrs. Berty.

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Trinity North students and staff held their annual contest in support of the 2000 Turkey Fundraiser. Each grade level brought in donations in the hopes of winning a movie afternoon, along with helping families have a Thanksgiving dinner.

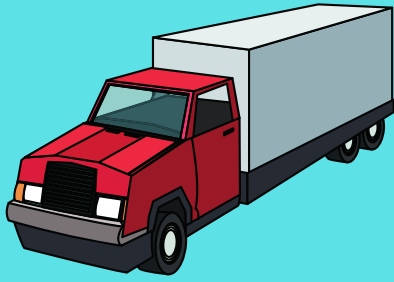
Third grade were the winners with the help of a generous donation by Automatic Transmission Repair brought in by third grader, Brylee Buddenhagen.

Pictured: Second grade student from Miss Gorge's class, Norah Johnson giving her donation.

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Senior Claudia Cappelli recently participated in "Empowering Women in STEM" at California University of Pennsylvania. The day was filled with interesting speakers & breakout sessions with hands-on Science & Math activities. Claudia chose Chemistry & Forensic Biology for her sessions. Claudia was nominated by Mrs. Melanie Rush, High School chemistry teacher.



Hill International Day

Thanks to a partnership with Mr. Jared Williams and Mr. Dave Hapchuk, Trinity High School Small Gas Engine and Ag Mechanics classes were given the opportunity to travel to Hill International Trucks in 84, PA for an excellent career readiness experience. Hill International Trucks has been serving the trucking industry of the Tri-State area for the past 121 years, and offers Internships for highly motivated technicians. Hill International went out of their way to give our Trinity students the full experience of sales, service, repair, and the path to success. Students toured the facility, talked to employees at various stations, and viewed the inventory on display. Student were treated to lunch, donated by Hill, and dessert donated by Mr. Dave Hapchuk. Thank you, Mr. Jared Williams, Hill International Trucks, and Mr. Dave Hapchuk for your commitment to our school by providing career readiness experiences.

Nursing as a Career Day

Trinity High School's Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation CIP students participated in Nursing as a Career Day at Waynesburg University October 7th. They learned how Waynesburg University can prepare them for a career in nursing. During this event, students heard from WBU's nursing faculty, met students in the program, and toured the simulation lab.





IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A HILLER!

Trinity High School Senior Alyssa Clutter signed a National Letter of Intent on November 10, 2021, to continue her academic and basketball career at The University of North Alabama. Clutter is a 5'9" Combo Guard and the Team Captain. She plans on majoring in Biology in the Pre-PA Program.

Clutter has 10 Varsity letters (Basketball, Soccer, Track) going into the 2021-22 season. Clutter is a 3-year starter on her Trinity team that advanced to the WPIAL Championship in 2020 and 2021. Alyssa was selected 2020-2021 1st Team Big 56, 1st Team All-Section, 1st Team Observer-Reporter, Cover3 Athletics WPIAL 2nd Team, MVISBL 1st Team Selection, and The Melanie Greco Player of the Year. In the 2019-2020 season, Clutter was named "She Got Game" Player of the Game, selected 2nd Team All-Section, and a Big 56 All-Section Team. She set a school record in Soccer for most goals scored in a career. She currently holds school records in track for the 100M and 200M. She has reached the PIAA Championships in Basketball and Track in 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Alyssa was Class President, a member of the National Honor Society, Trailblazers Club, Chick-fil-A Leader Academy, HOSA (Future Health Care Leaders), and maintains a 4.33 GPA.

North Alabama is a member of the NCAA Division 1 Atlantic Sun Conference. The Lions are coached by Missy Tiber.



ALYSSA CLUTTER



COURTNEY LOWE



RUBY MORGAN



ALIANA HODGSON



ALL SECTION HONORS

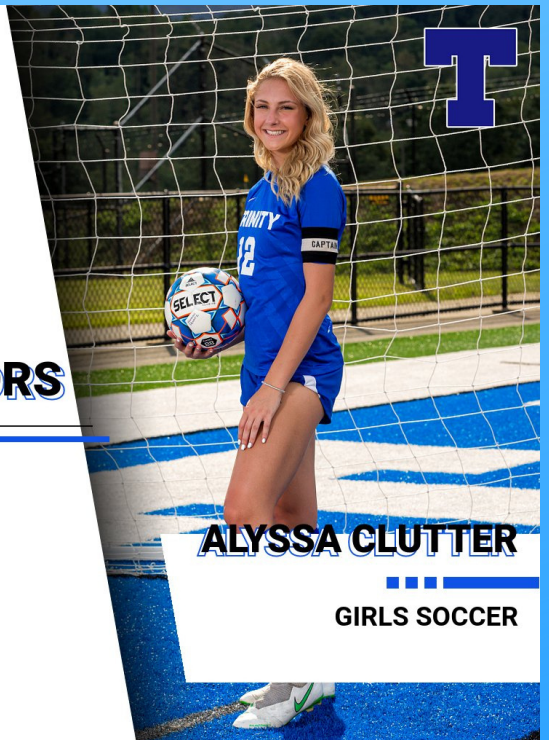


RUBY MORGAN

2021 AAA



ALL WPIAL HONORS



ALYSSA CLUTTER

GIRLS SOCCER



MADDY ROBERTS

2nd Team



RAYNE ELLING

3rd Team



ALL WPIAL HONORS

Congratulations!



ALEX

2021 AAA



ALL WPIAL HONORS



TUSH

BOYS SOCCER





Mrs. Gojmerac's 2nd and 3rd grade students traveled to the McGuffey School District for the annual STEM Challenge. Students worked together and earned points at the following stations: Array Puzzles, Halloween Brain Busters, Candy Corn Tower Building, and Monster Mash Break-Out Boxes. The Trinity team worked really well together and earned 2nd place at the competition! Congratulations to Declan, Kasen, Becky, and Emery on a job well done!

girls who code / HQ

Trinity High School is proud to announce a NEW club!! Girls Who Code is a free program for 3rd-5th and 6th-12th grade girls and non-binary students to join a sisterhood of supportive peers and role models using computer science to change the world. According to data collected by GWC, in 1995 37% of computer scientists were women. Today, it's only 24%! Trinity's Girls Who Code plan to change those stats! If you are interested in joining, please see Mrs. Hartley.



Students and staff from Trinity North celebrated Breast Cancer Awareness month by having a "pink out" day to support this cause. They were able to purchase pink lemonade and pink popcorn during the recess times to support The American Cancer Society. A big thank you goes to The Parent Club for purchasing the lemonade and popcorn, along with helping with the sale.

Way to go, Trinity North students and staff!

Pictured are students from Mrs. Pyzystup's class, who helped out with the sale.

Piper Kemis, left, and Baylie Novak, right, presented Dr. Lucas and the Central Office staff decorative indian corn arrangements after learning to make bows in Mrs. Durila's Floral Design Class. The indian corn was grown locally at the Snoke farm.



CONGRATULATIONS

Trinity FFA traveled to McGuffey High School where they competed and placed in the Washington County Forestry and Wildlife contests. The winners were:



Wildlife First Place overall team - Zachary Snedeker (Fourth Place overall) Desyre McDougan-McCombs, Holly Tran (Fifth Place overall) and Ryan Hurst



Forestry First Place overall team - Hannah Beyer, Baylie Novak, Calvin Hrutkay (First Place overall) and Piper Kemis



Three very deserving Trinity FFA members received the American FFA Degree. This American FFA Degree was awarded at the 94th National FFA Convention and Expo at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana. Only half of one percent of the highest level of committed FFA members get this degree making it one of the highest honors an FFA member can receive. In addition to the degree certificate, each recipient received a gold American FFA Degree key charm and certificate.

Pictured with Mrs. Durila, Trinity FFA Advisor, are recipients: Joshua Conkle, Erica Miller, Ashley Burbank (2020 American Degree Recipient), and Dalton Rogers. Joshua, Erica and Dalton are all 2019 Trinity High School graduates. FFA students who have graduated from Trinity High School can remain FFA members until the age of 21 if they choose.

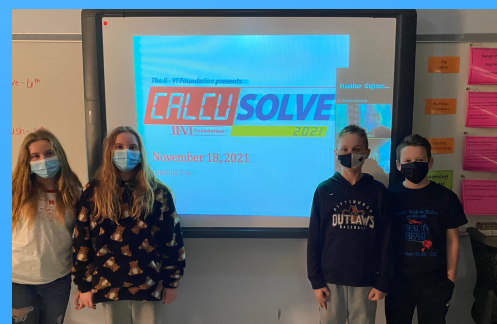


Shell Polymers partnered together with the Steelers to host the third annual "Powering Pittsburgh" STEM competition at [Heinz Field](#) on November 17th. Teams of students were challenged to develop a unique idea to power Heinz Field or the city of Pittsburgh in the future using renewable sources. Mrs. Gojmerac's students, Evan Klick, Zach Cholock, Ryan Lukas, & Daesha Plesko,

qualified to compete in the championship round of this competition at Heinz Field! Their idea was to construct a biogas plant to convert cow waste into energy. When this organic matter is placed into an anaerobic chamber, methane gas is released and can be converted into energy. Biogas promotes a circular economy, encouraging the use of materials after the normal end of their shelf life. Check out the [Steeler website](#) for a video about the competition!



Mrs. Gojmerac's gifted sixth grade students competed in the virtual CalcuSolve math competition again this year! This competition is designed to challenge student's mathematical problem-solving abilities. Over 400 students competed in this year's competition!



PLAYBILL

SAVE THE DATE



Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR.

Trinity Middle School
Trinity High School Auditorium

November 18, 2021 at 06:30 PM
November 19, 2021 at 06:30 PM
November 20, 2021 at 06:30 PM



Bravo!

FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTION DAYS

The Trinity Area School District has been approved to utilize Flexible Instruction Days (FID's). Trinity will move to remote instruction when schools are closed due to weather or other concerns. There is no longer a necessity to cancel instruction for weather or facility issues. When a FID Day is announced, teachers will teach from home and students will learn remotely from home. If it becomes necessary to cancel school, staff, parents, guardians and students will receive notification via the Skylert System, local television and radio sources. On FID Days the students will log onto their Chromebooks and attend school remotely as they have done during closures for the pandemic. Staff, parents/guardians and students need to be prepared for short-term or sporadic closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic or weather related issues. Students should have their Chromebooks available daily at school and at home. Staff and students must be prepared to work from home at all times.

If you have any questions please contact your respective building principal.

**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 December/January

December

23 Teacher InService/No School

24-31 Winter Break/No School

January

3 Teacher InService/No School

4 Students return

17 M.L. King Day/No School

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 High School
performing arts presents



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

FREE School Meals
for ALL Students