

HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

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



FEBRUARY 2021-2022

8 Years and Counting for the LSA Grant!

Trinity Area School District was awarded the 2022 LSA Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00. Representatives from the LSA Committee and the Washington County Commissioners have continued to support our academic and vocational course offerings. We would like to thank our special partners for nearly a decade – the LSA Committee, Washington County Commissioners, Jeff Kotula, Senator Bartolotta, Representative O’Neal and IU#1. The \$100,000.00 grant will be earmarked for the purchase of a Tormach 1100MX 4-axis CNC machine at Trinity High School, creation of an E-SPORTS Arena at Trinity Middle, and the development of a Cyber Security and Informational Communication Technology program of study at Trinity High School.



National School Counselor's Week

National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. Trinity Area students are so fortunate to have outstanding school counselors.

Thank your counselor today!



Mrs. Cortazzo



Mrs. Amaismeier



Mr. Hughes



Ms. Watson



Mrs. Gallagher



Ms. Pellicano



Mr. Poletti



Ms. Burns

Congratulations!

February

Students of the Month



Daniel Lee
HIGH SCHOOL



Shelly Reese



Anthony Giorgi

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Congratulations



**TRINITY RIFLE TEAM IS THE 2021-2022
SECTION CHAMPIONS!**

Trinity's Pride!



Congrats!

Girls Varsity Basketball Back to Back Section Champions!



Congrats to
our PA Football
News 2022 All
Academic
GOLD team.

These
tremendous
student-
athletes
recorded a 4.0
GPA during the
fall semester!



Senior Sofia Polito signed a National Letter of Intent to continue her academic and athletic career at Anderson University in South Carolina. Polito is a 3-year starter & Team Captain for her Trinity Lacrosse team. She scored a career 67 goals & 60 assists.



Congratulations to junior Brett Phillips for successfully auditioning into the PMEA All State Orchestra two years in a row! Brett will be representing Trinity High School in April at the Kalahari Resort in the Poconos.



The American Scholastic Press Association (ASPA) awarded the THS Literary Journal with a First Place ranking for the 2020-2021 school year! So proud of the advisors, student editors, and student writers that made this possible!



Trinity High School senior, Regan Miller, signed a National Letter of Intent to continue her academic and athletic career at Flagler College in St. Augustine, FL. Miller is a 4-year starter and team captain for her Trinity softball team. She plays third base and infield.



Congratulations to the Speech and Debate Team on winning the District 4 Championship!!

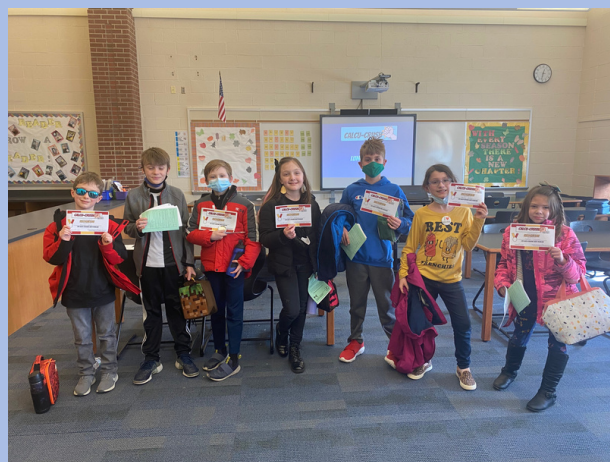
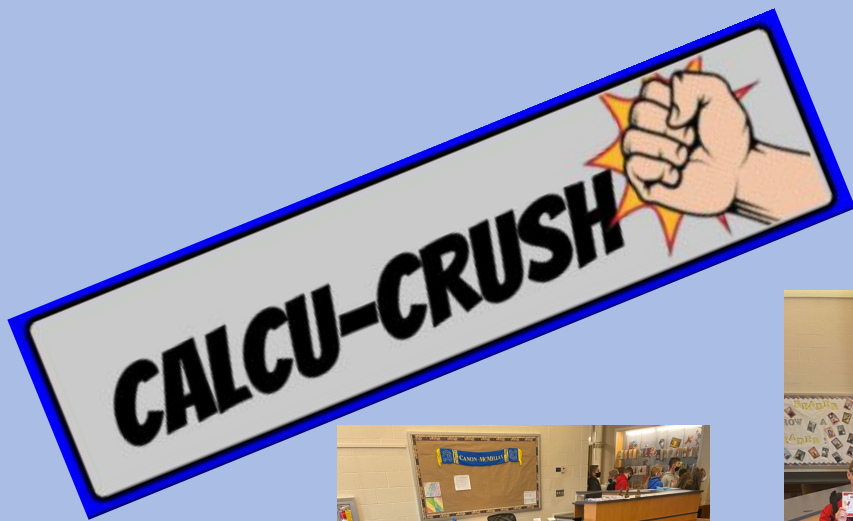
Spectacular

Welcome to the 1,000 Point Club!



Alyssa Clutter





Mrs. Gojmerac's students competed in a Calcu-Crush competition in February. K-4th grade students competed on February 11th while 5th-6th grade students competed on February 16th.

Our Trinity students competed against students from Chartiers-Houston, Fort Cherry, McGuffey, and Canon-Mac. The students flexed their math muscles while crushing challenging math problems. Our students did a terrific job and should be proud of themselves!

PMEA Region 1 Chorus



Congratulations to seniors Savannah Ikach and Daniel Lee, and junior Melena Maglietta

Congratulations!

Erin Dunn



TMS 7th grader, Erin Dunn, has earned the SILVER AWARD, the second highest award of the GIRL SCOUTS of USA! Erin had to log in 50 hours. Erin designed, sewed, stuffed and marketed "Stuffies". They were placed in local doctors' offices to help comfort and make kids feel a little less scared!

It's a great day to be a Hiller!

Sending love across the country!



Mrs. Lape's first grade class at Trinity East participated in a valentine exchange program with schools from across the United States. The first graders created 25 valentines and a letter describing their state, school, and favorite things to do in class to share with their new friends in other states. In exchange, they received valentines back and had the chance to learn about different places in our country. They loved comparing school population numbers, hearing about fun things they can do in each state, and seeing which schools had the same school colors as Trinity!

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS



The students at Trinity North Elementary celebrated Random Acts of Kindness Week. They performed various acts of kindness throughout the school to bring compassion and respect to one another. Each day, students were chosen to have their acts of kindness announced to the school, as well as having their names put on the Kindness Counts board. Even though the RAK Week is over, we hope the students continue to be kind every day. Pictured are some of the kindest students at Trinity North Elementary with their kind leader, Mr. Demian. Also shown is the Kindness Tree with the names of all the kind students who celebrated this week.



THS F.O.R. (Friends of Rachel) Club members are spreading the love this month by decorating teachers' doors and recognizing student clubs, and they distributed treats to over 100 students in honor of National Random Acts of Kindness Day on Feb. 17th. They collaborated with HOSA (THS Future Health Professionals) to honor local health care workers with notes of gratitude, and distributed over 180 goodie bags.





On February 18th and 19th, three of our students, Sophia Zaragoza, Caden Miller, and Nathan Jones, participated in the PMEA (Pennsylvania Music Educators Association) Junior High District Orchestra Festival. They traveled to North Hills Middle School to perform with the top candidates from the other district 1 schools. The weekend culminated in a beautiful concert. We are so proud of them!



Students hard at work in the small gas engine classroom with Mr. Coyle.



Junior High Keystone State Wrestling Qualifiers:

Dominick Canali- 1st
Frank Fedorchak- 2nd
Luke Poland- 3rd
Kai Bland- 3rd
Jacob Wright- 5th
Zackary Burnworth- 6th
Ethan Stapleton- 7th
Oscar Fregoso-Morgan- 4th



Congrats to our Jr High Wrestlers at the District 7 Jr High Championships. Dom Canali ,3rd, Jacob Wright, 6th and Kia Bland 6th.

Celebrating Black History Month



Intermediate students at Trinity South observed Black History Month during their Library class. Grades 4 & 5 discussed segregation by studying primary sources – photographs of various segregated amenities in the south – from the Library of Congress Prints & Photographs

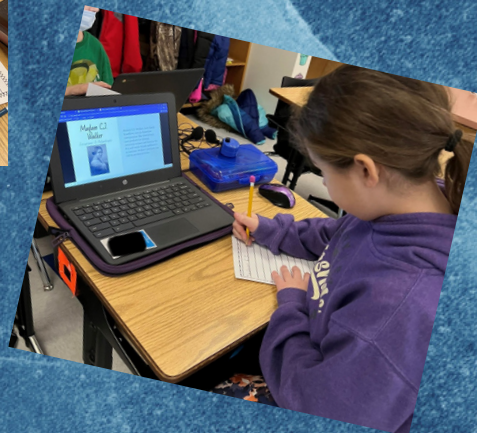
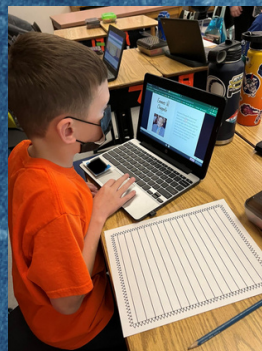
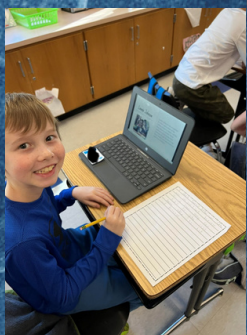
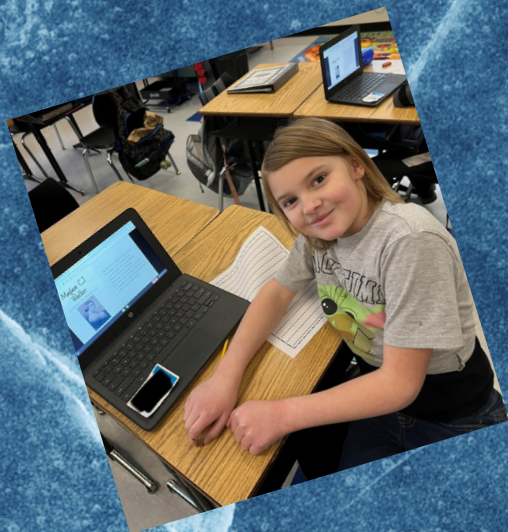
Reading Room. They also read a story about school segregation called “As Fast As Words Could Fly” by Pamela M. Tuck, which was read by actor Dule Hill, and is available on StorylineOnline.net.

3rd graders discussed slavery and the Underground Railroad by reading “Henry’s Freedom Box” by award-winning author, Ellen Levine and Caldecott Award-winning illustrator, Kadir Nelson. This is a fictionalized account of how a slave named Henry “Box” Brown escaped to freedom by mailing himself in a box from Richmond, VA to Philadelphia. Students then used their skills in our LEGO Lab to design better accommodations for Mr. Brown.



Trinity North is celebrating Black History Month.

Miss Dunn's 3rd grade Students at Trinity South researched and wrote opinion pieces about the importance of African-American Inventors and their inventions.



Mrs. Bastos' third grade students at Trinity East read *Granddaddy's Turn: A Journey to the Ballot Box*, a story about voting rights for one family in the Civil Rights Era and *Listening to Dr. King* which references the March on Washington. Students read aloud *The Other Side* by Jacqueline Woodson to help them build background about the differences in society at that time.

Students in Mrs. Judkins' music classes at Trinity South celebrated Black History Month by exploring the contributions of famous African American musicians and music. A very special thank you to our school board member, Mr. Gordon Lowry, for graciously donating copies of "Trombone Shorty" to each of our elementary libraries.





TASD is proud to partner with the Washington branch of the NAACP to help raise awareness about the importance of Black History Month.



Mrs. Gojmerac's middle school students researched Black History Month in an effort to educate themselves and others on this important topic. Check out their work below.



Emancipation Proclamation

Olivia Kropiewnicki, Riley Pegram, & Daesha Plesko
The Emancipation Proclamation was one of the most important documents to be issued in the the United States of America. The Emancipation Proclamation stated that all slaves would be freed. This document was issued on January 1, 1863. Even though this document was meant to free the slaves, it didn't work immediately. It went into effect after Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous *I Have a Dream* speech. Just like the time it took for the Emancipation Proclamation to begin to work, we still have work to do to ensure that all citizens have equal rights, regardless of skin color.

Work to Do

Zach Cholock

All races are equal in the eyes of God;
for many years, equality was a facade.

Many people don't see it this way,
but rights are undeniable night or day.

Parks, Colvin, Tubman, and King
made an impact from Alabama to Beijing.

Amendments 13, 14, and number 15
proved that rights don't depend on a gene.

We have to work together as a team,
to achieve this enormous dream.

Earl Lloyd and Jack Johnson broke color barriers,
as they played and fought like true injustice warriors.

With the help of Revels, Carver, and Robinson,
achieving true equality has just begun.

From 1776 to 2022,
there is still so much work to do.

Bill of Rights

Evan Klick
&
Ryan Lukas

In the Bill of Rights, James Madison stated that all American citizens should be treated equally. Despite this, African Americans were still treated poorly in the 1800s. The Bill of Rights was written in 1689, yet it wasn't until 1865 that slavery was abolished by President Lincoln when he drafted the Emancipation Proclamation. In today's world, people are still treated unfairly based on gender, ethnicity, religion, and for other reasons.. Black History Month recognizes the contributions and legacy of African Americans throughout history and is a time to reflect on history and also the challenges of the future.



Maddox Ho, Vittoria Emerich, Xavier Frabell, and Ella Sammel created a video about Black History Month. Click the link below to watch the video.

https://youtu.be/ECpeAm_bHIU



Getting ready to start spring E-Sports with new jerseys!



Our students asked for a Media Center and the District listened!



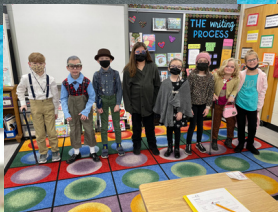
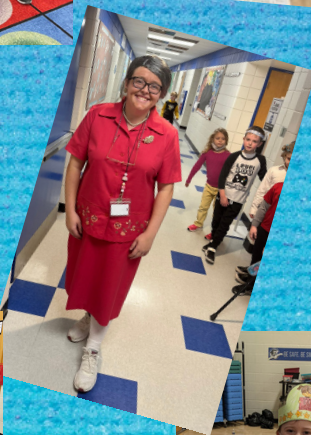
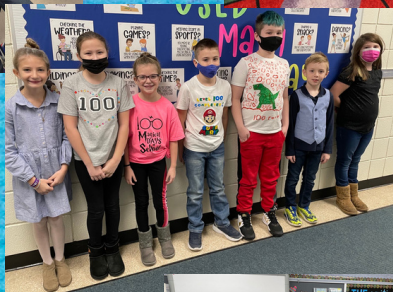
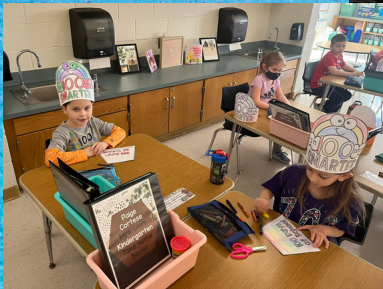
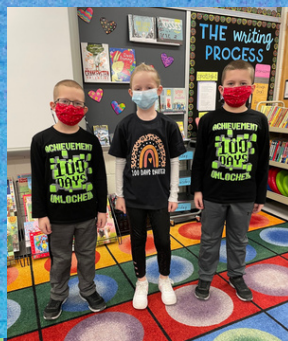
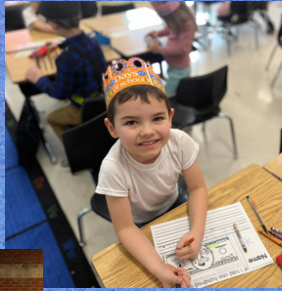
Students now have a place to study, read, present and collaborate.

SCHOOL Spirit

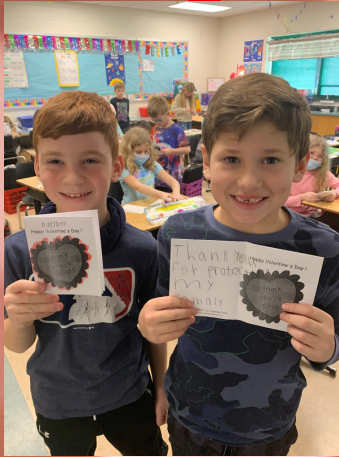


***Students met with Dr. Lucas and requested
Pep Assemblies! Trinity is listening to our
students!***

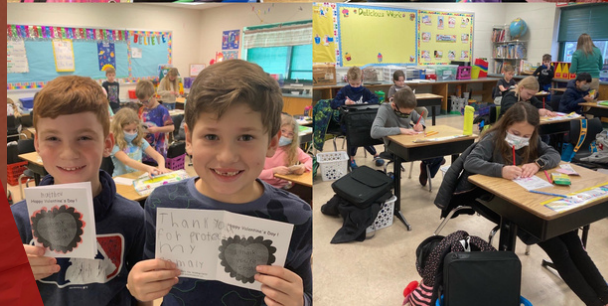
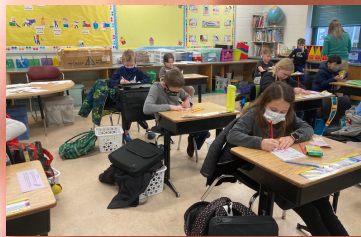
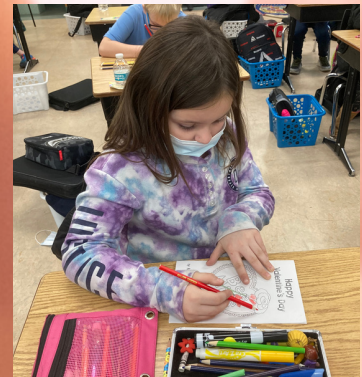
100 Days of School!!



Our students to celebrate!



The students from Trinity North Elementary recently made Valentine's Day cards for the veterans at the VA Hospital in Pittsburgh. The students expressed their appreciation to the veterans and wished them a great day. Trinity North loves veterans!



SPANISH CLUB

Pulsera Project



The High School's Spanish Club brought an exciting, service-based event to Trinity Area: the Pulsera Project. Already in over 3,000 schools across America, the Pulsera Project invites school districts to partner with non-profit organizations to provide much needed assistance and services to impoverished, marginalized communities in Nicaragua and Guatemala. Via this partnership, Mrs. Sylvia Banish and her students sold "pulseras" - bracelets beautifully crafted by artisans who live in the communities this project supports. All money raised through the Spanish Club's sale was donated back to the Pulsera Project. Students were very happy to oversee the development and implementation of the Project, and even more excited to work for such a wonderful cause!



***Welcome to
Trinity North
Dr. Demian!***

WHO WE ARE

#TRINITYFAMILY



David Columbus
Trinity High School

Mr. David Columbus attended Belle Vernon Area High School. After high school, he attended Penn State Fayette before finishing his career at Penn State Main Campus. In 2020, he graduated from Penn State with a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Science Education, concentrating in Physics, with a Mathematics Minor. In 2017, at Penn State Fayette, he was the Learning Fair winner with his group project on the "Potential of 3-D Printing". At Main Campus, he was awarded the John P. Pommersheim Scholarship in Education, which selects a student that shows outstanding academic success while focusing in STEM Education. Mr. Columbus holds certifications for 7-12 Physics and 7-12 Mathematics. He began his teaching career at Pine-Richland School District as a Physics Teacher. Mr. C is in his first year of teaching Physics at Trinity High school, he is also the sponsor for the Science Bowl Club. He is diligently preparing his team to compete in the Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Science Bowl in February. His students love his puns of the day! Mr. C is excited about all the opportunities that Trinity has given him.

Cool Facts: David enjoys many different hobbies that aren't easily seen in his classroom. He loves working with his hands-on building projects, quad riding, farming, and cooking. Currently, Mr. C is in the process of building his house that he designed himself! In the summer, he helps his father with the family-owned home building business and his future father-in-law with the family farm. He is a life-long Penn State Football fan and enjoys driving up to Beaver Stadium to watch Penn State host their opponents with 107,000 other Nittany Lions fans!

One more thing: Mr. Columbus graduated top, and bottom, of his class at Penn State... He was the only person to graduate from Penn State, in 2020, with his major!



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Ms. Emily Tropeano
Trinity West Elementary

Mrs. Emily Tropeano is in her 1st year as a 4th-grade teacher at Trinity West Elementary. In 2012, Emily graduated from the Indiana University of PA with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She is a member of the California University, Class of 2017, where she earned her Master's Degree in Education with a concentration in STEM Education. Emily is a graduate of Greater Latrobe High School where she was a Varsity Letter winner in Basketball and Track, and set a school record for Triple Jump for the Wildcats. She returned to her alma mater to coach Track and mentor the jumpers for three seasons. She is currently in her 10th year of teaching, 9 years in the Latrobe School District. Science is her passion and we are so blessed to have her knowledge and experience at West. Mrs. Tropeano's creativity in Science and her ability to inspire her students to investigate new concepts makes her one of Trinity West's favorite teachers.

Cool Facts: Emily and her husband, John, have been married for three years. They are proud parents of their 18-month-old son, Wyatt. In early April, Wyatt is about to be a big brother, as they are expecting a baby boy! Exciting times for the Tropeano family! Their dog Lucy is ready for the new addition as well. Emily has a very active lifestyle which includes exercising and playing sports. She loves hanging out with her family and traveling internationally! Emily & John love to experience new countries and cultures. Their travel docket is full, trips to Italy and Greece are in the works. Aruba is her happy place, and she plans on returning this summer.

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TRINITY AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT

To submit an article for publication in
Hiller Highlights email:
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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.

Articles are published pending
review by the Superintendent.

Kindergarten Registration

It's that time again! Trinity Area
School District will be holding
Kindergarten Registration for the
2022-23 school year via our
Skyward system.

Any child who will be age 5 before
September 1, 2022 is eligible to
enroll. In order to plan for staffing
for our kindergarten classrooms,
we are asking for registrations by
March 15, 2022.

8th Grade Move Up Night on March 3, 2022



6-8 PM @ Trinity High School. Doors open at 5:30PM

Dates to Remember:

**March 3 - 8th Grade Move Up
Night 6-8PM @ Trinity High
School**

**March 25 - 2 Hour Early Release/
Staff Development**

INFORMATIONAL FLYERS:

All flyers are available on the district
[website under About](#)

[https://www.trinitypride.org/Content2/
/district-flyers](https://www.trinitypride.org/Content2/district-flyers)

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



TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
231 Park Avenue, Washington, PA 15301
Phone: 724.223.2000

January 24, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's that time again! Trinity Area School District will be holding Kindergarten Registration for the 2022-23 school year via our Skyward system.

Any child who will be age 5 before September 1, 2022 is eligible to enroll. In order to plan for staffing for our kindergarten classrooms, we are asking for registrations by **March 15, 2022**.

If you currently have children enrolled at Trinity:

- Log into your [Skyward](#) account.
- Select "New Student Enrollment" from the menu.
- Follow the prompts on the screen to provide the needed information. Be sure to select "Next Year" when enrolling so we can place your child in the correct graduating class.
- You're done!

If you do not currently have children enrolled at Trinity:

- Complete the Skyward [Online Enrollment Login Credential Request Form](#).
- After you submit the form, you will receive an email with your login information.
- Once credentials are received, login to [Skyward](#).
- Select "New Student Enrollment" from the menu.
- Follow the prompts on the screen to provide the needed information. Be sure to select "Next Year" when enrolling so we can place your child in the correct graduating class.
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For additional questions or concerns, please contact the District Enrollment Office at 724-223-2000 x6510 or email mdigon@trinityhillers.net

Once registered, please stay tuned for more information regarding screening and Kinder Camp. We are looking forward to meeting your child next year!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Deems
Dr. Demian
Mr. Keruskin
Mrs. Ostrosky
Elementary Principals

Trinity High School Performing Arts Presents



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

Tickets go on sale March 1, 2022 @ 7:30 AM

<https://our.showthsmarypoppins2022>

to purchase your tickets



Sora

Open a world of reading.

What is Sora?

- ★ Sora provides **free** access to Audiobooks and eBooks through Trinity and our local public library system.
- ★ SORA is already installed on all student Chromebooks.

How do I download Sora on a personal device for my child?

- ★ Download Sora from the app store.
- ★ Select *Trinity Area School District*.
- ★ Students will be prompted to log into their Class Link account.

How do I connect with our local public library system?

- ★ On the Explore tab, where it says "Trinity Area School District," click the down arrow and click "Add Library."
- ★ Enter **15301** and find "Washington District Libraries."
- ★ Click "Add Library."
- ★ The first time a book is borrowed, a pop-up box may appear asking you to sign into your library. Choose "Trinity Area School District" from the dropdown list.

The TASD librarians are here to help! Reach out for assistance!



★ Lindsay Crow
★ Jennifer Paluda
★ Debbie Zewe

East & North
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