

HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

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



MARCH 2021-2022

Congrats!

FCCLA

Jayden Engle was named Pennsylvania State officer for the 2022-23 School Year!
Mrs. Aliveto was named Chapter Advisor of the Year!



Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members Jayden Engle and Chloe Prowitt, along with their advisor, Mrs. Aliveto, learned leadership skills and project ideas, and participated in a competition while attending the 2022 FCCLA State Leadership Conference in March at Seven Springs.

During the conference, many awards were given to our chapter and its members. Below you will find the list of awards received.

- Gold Outstanding Chapter
- Young Outstanding Chapter
- Awarded for completing the National Program- Power of One
- Awarded for completing the National Program - Community Service
- Awarded for the completion of State Outreach Project
- Completion of the Membership Campaign
- Largest Chapter Attendance in the Southwestern Region and Regionals
- Largest Percent Increase in High School Membership

The state conference also gave members the opportunity to compete in STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition). Jayden Engle competed in Fashion Design and earned a bronze medal. Chloe Prowitt competed in Chapter Review Display and earned a silver medal with an advancement to Nationals. Cassidy Borchert competed in Digital Story for Change.



The National FCCLA organization awarded the Power of One Award for completing the National project. The following students received a pin and certificate: Addy Agnew, Madison Argo, Balie Beck, Hunter Bendik, Jannah Berecky, Cassidy Borchert, Marissa Dobich, Jayden Engle, Annabel Gottschall, Natalie Hartmann, Bella Henry, Victoria Jacobs, Quinn Kumpfmiller, Tysean Lacks, Ellen McIlvaine, Haleigh Palmer, Sierra Price, Chloe Prowitt, Marissa Sprouse, Maggie Torboli, and Payton Wright.



The Trinity High School National Honor Society has had great success with its blood drives this year, held on September 13, November 9, and February 14. In total NHS had 94 successful donations to Vitalant, averaging 31 donations at each blood drive! On behalf of the NHS, we would like to thank all those who attempted to give blood, successful donors, our administrators, advisors, Mr. Majoris, and our NHS Secretary, Alexandra Koffler.



Mrs. Nicolle Bazant-Pleil is working it!

The Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank presented the Child Hunger Hero Award to Trinity's own Food Services Director, Mrs. Nicolle Bazant-Pleil. "We are just so excited to receive this award during the most difficult supply chain issues and inflation of our time," Mrs. Bazant-Pleil commented.

CONGRATULATIONS



Trinity's Pride!



Congratulations to our TMS newly inducted NJHS students! We are so proud of your hard work and accomplishments!



Girl Scouting's highest awards—the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards—are presented to girls who make a lasting difference in the world.

For Riley Dunn "going gold" means earning the highest achievement in Girl Scouting.

This award, presented to Riley by Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania, recognizes girls in grades 9 through 12 who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through sustainable and measurable Take Action projects that address important community needs.

Riley has been a Girl Scout for 12 years, and she serves as the Scout Ambassador of Troop 53563. Her Gold Award project began in April, 2020 and was completed in February, 2022.

For her project, Riley interviewed a variety of different people and asked questions about their experiences during the first months of the COVID-19 pandemic. She then used these interviews in order to write a book about the pandemic. The book tells each persons story. With this project, Riley hopes to allow people to understand what others went through during that difficult time period.





Trinity High School TLC group donated their 2021 Washington County Bar Association Citizenship Award grant to the Washington Health Common Ground Teen Center. Great work keeping outreach flowing in our community!

ELEVATE AN EDUCATOR 2021 FINALISTS

VOTE NOW AMERICA!



Let's spread the word! Ms. Kelly Shaw, one of our third-grade teachers at Trinity East, is one of two Northeast finalists for Elevated Educator 2021. She is being recognized for her passion for reading and her support of literacy! Take a moment and vote. <https://freedomusa.com>



Blake Reihner finished 4th out of 93 wrestlers at 132. He finished the tournament with a 5-2 record beating the 6, 7 and 8 place finishers.



Congratulations to the Odyssey of the Mind team - at this year's national competition. They are off to ****WORLD FINALS****!!! Great job by Jack, Mack, Meg, Mere, Marah, & MJ!



Trinity North Elementary students participated in a community service project in honor of Dr. Seuss's books, *Fox in Socks* and *The Cat in the Hat*. Dozens of new socks, hats, and gloves were collected during March's National Reading Month. The items were donated to the Women and Children's Shelter (The Domestic Shelter) of Washington. Pictured standing are first graders, and those seated are second grade students. These grade levels were tied for first place in bringing in the most donations. Way to go, students!



Congratulations!
March
Students of the Month



Alexandra Koffler
HIGH SCHOOL



Carolina Salmeron



Andrew Ciampa

MIDDLE SCHOOL

CONGRATS



TJ Allison 106lbs - 6th Place
Blake Reihner 132lbs - 3rd Place
Bodie Morgan 160lbs - 6th Place
Ty Banco Hvw - 5th Place

Congrats to our varsity wrestlers who medaled at the WPIAL Wrestling Championships!
Blake qualified for the PIAA Championships in Hershey!

MathCounts!

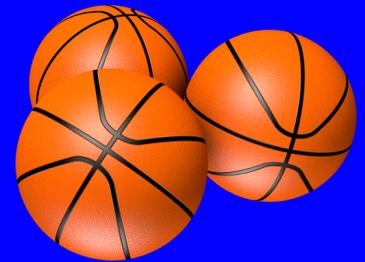
Several TMS students competed during exploratory for the chance to represent Trinity at the annual MathCounts Competition. Easton Dulaney, Aaron Hunsberger, Nathan Jones, Saylor Kitsko, Macksim Nonack, Paige Schott, and Jacob Stedman all competed as individuals. Andrew Ciampa (team captain), Stephen Bryant, Anthony Giorgi, and Jordan Keener competed as part of the TMS MathCounts team. Ms. Kovacicek and Mrs. Davis coached the students 1 out of the 6 days of their rotation schedule and found great success. Stephen Bryant, Nathan Jones, and Andrew Ciampa placed 6th, 7th, and 9th out of 56, respectively in the individual rounds. Our mathematicians made it a great day to be a Hiller!





Congratulations to our Boys and Girls Basketball players who were selected 1st Team All Section in the Big56! Congrats Alyssa, Connor and Eden!

CONGRATULATIONS



Congrats to our Girls Basketball Players who were selected to All Section teams as part of the Big56! Congrats Ruby, Maddy & Macie!

Student Advisory COMMITTEE



In December and March, Dr. Lucas, Dr. DeMore-Savine, and Mrs. Miller met with four panels of high school students to learn their perspectives as they reflected upon their experiences as Trinity Hillers. The students offered feedback and input about District-wide operations, teaching and learning, and the best parts of school. They also asked for the library to be reimaged as a media center where they can work collaboratively and use technology. Upon listening to students' thoughts, Dr. Lucas was pleased to bring pep assemblies back and unveil the new media center space at the High School. He also promised that the Hiller Hoagie and other favorites would remain as food options at lunch. Looking to the future, Dr. Lucas will consider students' recommendations for ensuring that all instruction is relevant and meaningful.

PBS Kids Family & Community Learning!

Trinity East hosted their first PBS Kids Family & Community Learning session last night! Grown-ups and kids shared knowledge and laughs with an evening of eating, exploring, playing, and sharing. We explored by using PBS Kids Scratch Jr. By snapping together colorful programming blocks, kids made characters move, jump, dance and sing. In the process, they solved problems, designed projects and expressed themselves using technology! Thank you to @WQEDEDU for allowing us to offer such an amazing program to our community!





K'Nex

Huge shout out to Cameron Rockwell and Max Rosati from Trinity South for coming in 2nd place at the event in the Elementary Division. Additionally, a team of 7th graders, including Zach Cholock, Evan Klick, and Ryan Lukas, came in 3rd place in the middle school division.



The PA Media and Design Competition is an annual event that highlights Pennsylvania students' application skills, creativity, and knowledge. Students are able to unleash their creativity, learn how to convey information more dynamically, and enhance the learning process. Middle school gifted teachers, Mrs. Gojmerac and Mr. Walsh, had several students who earned awards at this year's competition. Vittoria Emerich and Ella Sammel will advance to the state competition with their digital movie, and Addison Davis will advance for her website.



TMS Winners:

Animation - 3rd Place - Sophia Kropiewnicki, 4th place - Olivia Kropiewnicki
Digital Movie - 1st Place - Vittoria Emerich & Ella Sammel, 2nd Place - Gracie Buckner, Bayliegh Lowe & Ren Plesko
Website - 1st Place - Addison Davis



Trinity North Kindergarten students participated in a book swap this month! Students were asked to donate gently used books for the project. In the end, each student was able to take home two new books to read and enjoy!



And The Winner is.....



The Food Service Department raffled off Amazon gift cards to celebrate CACFP (Child and Adult Care Food Program) week!

Emily Iams, Savannah Ikach, Providence King, Jocelyn D'Amico, Lauren Lucas, Quinn Kumpfmiller, Matthew Smith, Madelyn Lolley, Tyler Day, and Melena Maglietta were presented with the gift cards. Congratulations, winners!



Congratulations to 8th graders! Alex Berry, Andy Cholock, Nathan Jones, and Ben Peth took 1st place at the K'Nex STEAM Design competition in the middle school division. Way to go gentlemen!



Mrs. Gandy's and Ms. Hott's Science Team competed in the Western PA Science Bowl competition. The team consisting of Stephen Bryant, Chase Vettorel, Olivia Angelo, Devin Junko and Aaron Harshman competed against 30 different teams within the Western PA region. The competition was held virtually this year and challenged the students in Math, Earth Science, Life Science, Energy, and Physical Science. Mrs. Gandy and Ms. Hott are very proud of their team's performance. Congratulations, Science Team!



Celebrating The Arts!

Trinity High School senior, Daniel Lee, placed 3rd in Prose at the Pennsylvania High School Speech League State Finals. This is the 2nd year that Daniel was a state finalist.



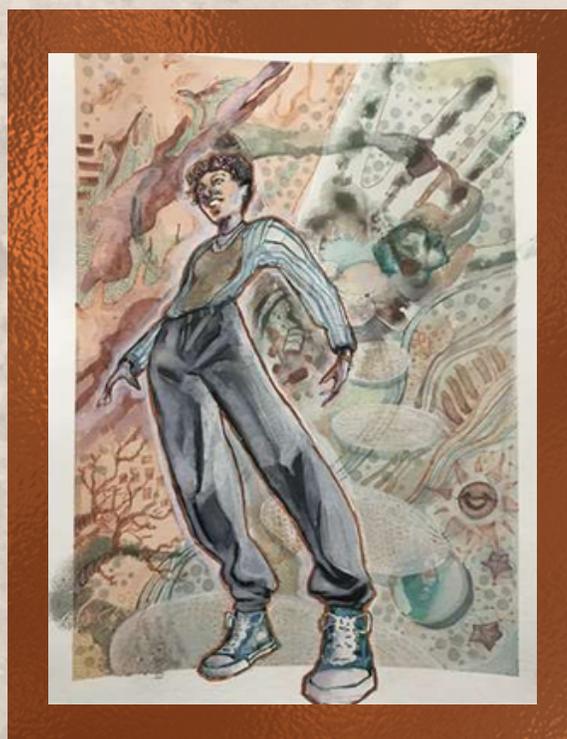
Congratulations



2 Sophomores received Scholastic Gold Key awards this year! Anthony Rosati - The Art of the Delicacy (photo) - Gold Key Elise Fraas - Sunday Afternoon (painting) - Gold Key + American Visions Nominee Both receive a \$100 reward from Cal U and move to the national level!

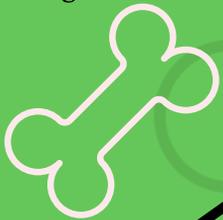


Sienna Heasley has been awarded as a National Medalist in the 2022 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards! More than 100,000 students submitted more than 260,000 works of art and writing to the 2022 Scholastic Awards. Her work was selected by some of the foremost leaders in the visual and literary arts for excellence in originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. Less than 2,000 works received a National Medal, which places her within the top 1% of all submissions! Her work will be published in the Online Galleries at artandwriting.org in June. Her name will also be listed in Yearbook 2022, an annual publication of Best Teen Art and Best Teen Writing, which features selections of works by National Medalists. Congratulations, Sienna!





Betty White, the famous Golden Girl and animal advocate, would have turned 100 years old on January 17th. In honor of her devotion to animals, there was a Betty White Challenge on this day for people to donate five dollars to support animal shelters and rescues. Trinity North had its own Betty White Challenge. The challenge was for the school to collect 100 animal items to donate to a family rescue called Bridge to Home Animal Rescue (Scarlett and Evan MacBeth's family). Anything over this number was contributed to The Washington County Humane Society (Kaylee Fortney's connection). Beginning on Monday, January 24 through February 7 North collected donations such as food, toys, blankets, monetary, etc., to give to these organizations. The grade level with the most donations was treated to a movie afternoon! We were happy to help our furry friends have a full belly, keep warm, and feel comfortable while waiting for their forever home.

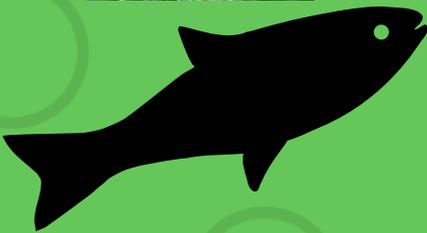


Trinity East Fishing to Learn!

After weeks of eager anticipation, 5th graders in the four elementary schools received their rainbow trout eggs from Trout in the Classroom (TIC). Here, Trinity East's students observe the eggs before immersing the bag into the tank.

Before their arrival, students learn about tank set up and maintenance, the rainbow trout's growth and development from egg to alevin and then to fry, and how to care for the trout while in their care.

After learning about our local watersheds, the trout will be released in May at Mingo Creek, where the 5th graders will spend the day participating in outdoor education.





WE CARE Street Outreach



It's a great day when our Hillers join WeCare Street Outreach, a City Mission program to help Washington's homeless and underserved population. Teammates from basketball, volleyball, soccer, band, wrestling, rifle, baseball, track, and football are making a difference in our community!



Women's History Month



Trinity North students, Lilyana and Carter from Mrs. Quinn's first grade class, stop to look at some pictures and quotes from famous women in honor of Women's History Month.

The Trinity North staff put away their lesson plans and put on their aprons to work at the Dairy Queen on Wylie Avenue. They were taught how to make sundaes, blizzards, milkshakes, cones, etc. Their ice cream creations may not have looked exactly right, but oh, were they yummy! The best part was that so many students and their families participated in this community event to raise money for the school. The staff had a blast, while the students had fun seeing the staff in a new light. However, the staff decided they better keep their current day jobs!

Staff participating: Dr. Demian, Mrs. Borovich, Mrs. Crawford, Mr. Crossley, Mrs. Crow, Mrs. Flynn, Mr. Frey, Mrs. Georgalas, Miss Gorges, Mrs. Heimberger, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Karoleski, Mrs. Oros, Mrs. Przystup, Mrs. Rawlins, Mr. Skokowski, Mrs. Stiner, and Mrs. Sutton.





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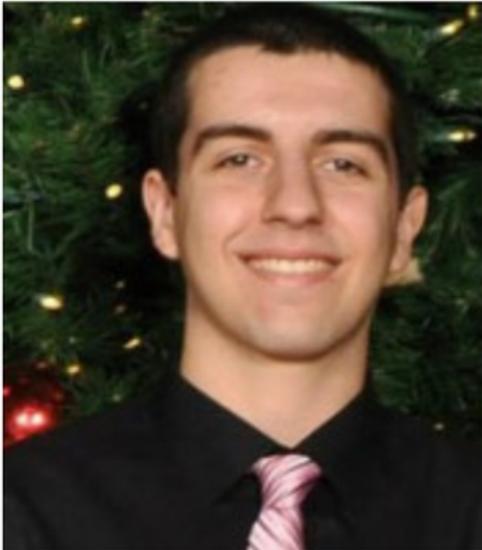




Appreciation is extended to all Guest Readers who participated. Students enjoyed many events during the week thanks to teachers, staff, and parents.

WHO WE ARE

#TRINITYFAMILY



Mr. Andrew Jacobs
Trinity Middle School

Mr. Andrew Jacobs is our Business Computer Science and IT teacher at Trinity Middle School. He graduated from Elizabeth Forward High School in 2014. He enrolled at CCAC where he received his Associate's Degree in Computer Information Systems in 2016. He immediately began his career as an IT Specialist. After a year, he quickly realized it wasn't for him and decided on a change in his career path. Andrew decided to pursue his passion for teaching. He enrolled at the California University of PA School of Education. He graduated from CalU in the Spring of 2020 with Bachelor of Science with certifications in Technology Education and BCIT. Upon graduation, he was a substitute teacher in the Upper St. Clair and Peters Township School Districts. Last fall, he was quickly recruited to a full-time Tech Ed position in the Highlands School District. We are pleased he has now joined our team! Since his arrival at TMS, he has been successful with his new IT initiatives for the district. He has been fantastic for our students' growth.

Cool Facts: Andrew is an avid Pitt football fan! He enjoys working out and spending time with his family. He grew up loving sports and has become very active in our programs at Trinity Middle School. Andrew is the 7th-grade head coach for boy's basketball and our assistant baseball coach. He spoils his Mini Dachshund named Bailey. Andrew is a big country music fan and frequents the many concert venues throughout the city. Summers are filled with travel and fun with the family. They take an annual family vacation to Myrtle Beach every year.

#trinitypride



PSSA Dates:

Middle School:

ELA - April 26, 27, & 28, 2022

Math - May 2 & 3, 2022

Science - May 4 & 5, 2022

Elementary School:

ELA - April 25, 26, & 27, 2022

Math - May 2 & 3, 2022

Science - May 4 & 5, 2022

PSSA Information 2022

FREE School Meals
for ALL Students



Trinity High School Prom

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022

Hilton DoubleTree

MEADOWLANDS
340 RACE TRACK ROAD



Dates to
Remember
April

14-18 Spring Break - No School

INFORMATIONAL FLYERS:

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website under About

<https://www.trinitypride.org/Content2/district-flyers>

To request that a flyer be posted on the
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All articles are subject to final approval
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ELIGIBILITY

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WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

"This program has helped my confidence levels so much. I've never doubted that girls could be good at coding or be in STEM fields. I've just doubted that I could be. This program gave a whole different definition to believing in myself, and it definitely taught me how. And it wasn't the program by itself that did that but the amazing instructors and community, so thank you all!"

– GWC Alumna

SUPPORT BEYOND THE SUMMER

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