

# HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

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



APRIL 2021 - 2022



## 71st Annual FBLA State Leadership Conference

# *Congratulations*

- 2nd Place -- Largest Percentage Increase in Local Chapter Membership**
- 6th Place - Raymond Wang -- Open Events -- Financial Literacy**
- 6th Place - Raymond Wang -- Personal Finance**
- 10th Place - Adam Gill -- Securities & Investments**

The following students were selected to be members of the National Business Honor Society, Pennsylvania FBLA Chapter (opened to grade 11 & 12 FBLA business students):

Owen Baker, Morgan Bonnell, Grace Coyle, Kyle Fetcho, Adam Gill, Nicholas Hrabik, Daniel Lee, Hai Le, Emma Lorenzo, Julia Luzar, Morgan McKay, Miranda Rinehart, Taryn Russell, and Raymond Wang.

Thank you to the advisors, Mrs. Husk and Mrs. Migyanko, for all their hard work!

**Congratulations to Raymond Wang, who qualified for Nationals this summer for Personal Finance!**



# *It's a Great Day to be a Hiller!*



# TRINITY

## AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

***Welcome Assistant Principal Dan Knause to Trinity High School***



**Mr. Dan Knause**  
**Assistant Principal**

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Dan Knause to Hiller Nation. Dan most recently served as the Middle School Assistant Principal in the Chartiers Valley School District. As a lifetime educator, Mr. Knause brings experience and commitment to public education. His philosophy of making students a part of the process and empowering them to learn and grow intellectually has created student ownership. Mr. Knause was just recognized by the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation, The Grable Foundation, and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit as a Penguins Most Valuable Principal, MVP!

Assistant Principal Knause earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from Westminster College where he was a 4-year letter winner as a Defensive End for the football team. He received a Special Education Certificate from Waynesburg College. Dan acquired his Master's in Coaching and Athletic Administration from Concordia University Irvine. He most recently obtained his Principal's Certificate from Point Park College.

During his tenure at Char Valley, Principal Knause was responsible for overseeing Student Affairs, Positive School Climate, SAP, and No Place for Hate Initiative. His promotion of self-reflection and growth has led to an improved culture and enhanced kindness throughout CV Middle School. He was the Head Football Coach for CV and was responsible for creating a winning culture and leading the Colts to the highest winning percentage since 2009. He was well recognized throughout the district as a respected colleague, a strong leader, and a role model for his students.

Dan and Katie, his wife of 21 years, and their 3 children, Nathan (19), Shane (17), and Eliana (15), reside in Robinson Township. Dan is a devoted father, coach, and mentor to his past and present students. He enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, at the lake, and coaching.

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*"Dan brings a combination of 25 years of teaching and administrative leadership to Trinity High School. He has been dedicated to the field of education and his students where ever he has served. Dan believes in building strong relationships with parents and students."*

*-Principal Uram*

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*What an Honor for One of Trinity's Best..... Ms. Shaw*

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# CONGRATULATIONS!

April

Students of the Month



**Kyle Fetcho**  
**HIGH SCHOOL**



**Ally Krenzelak**



**Cooper Husman**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**



Happy  
Teacher  
Appreciation Week  
to all of our  
amazing teachers!

May 2 - 6, 2022

## Trinity's Pride!

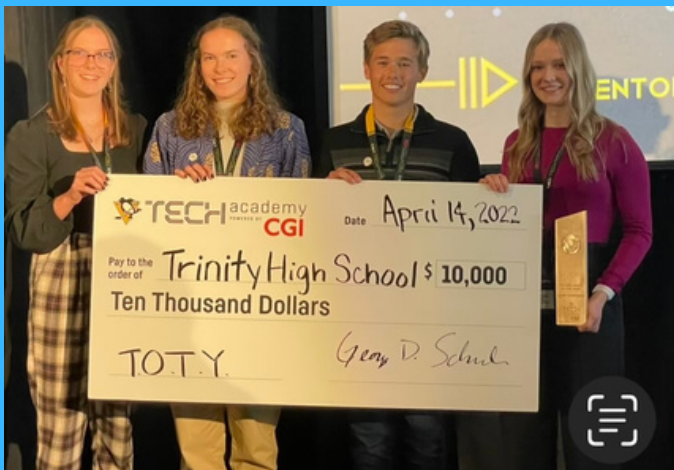


### Technologist of the Year Winners -- Pens Tech Academy Powered by CGI - \$10,000 Grant

The first annual Technologists of the Year award goes to Team Crosby for their idea of "Pens Play"- enhancing the Pittsburgh Penguins app by including games for both at-home and in-arena fans. Congratulations Owen Baker, Rayne Elling, Rylee Elling, and Sarah Hartman from Trinity High School!



CONGRATS



The Tech Academy vision and mission statements are simple..... To teach the next generation of technology leaders about the different professional fields in which they can get involved, and to have Penguins and CGI technology professionals share their experiences and insight with the students to get them actively thinking of ways to develop/improve technology.

**Congratulations!**

Trinity is proud to announce that the Trinity Area SD & Music Department have once again been named a Best Community for Music Education. NAMM recognizes districts nationwide that demonstrate a commitment to music education. 2001, 2002, 2005, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2019 and now 2022!



*Congratulations*



*Trinity High School Performing Arts Department presented Mary Poppins, the musical, on March 31, April 1, 2, 3. A huge congratulations to the cast, orchestra, stage crew and production team on a wonderful show.*

# STEM

DESIGN CHALLENGE



**Congratulations to the THS STEAM Team and Mrs. Welsh. At Range Resources, THS and TMS presented and tested their student made bridges. The second Trinity High School team (Team Pallets) won the most creative and best overall bridge.**



***Observer-Reporter  
Player of the Year!***

***Abessa  
Chutter***



# JROTC



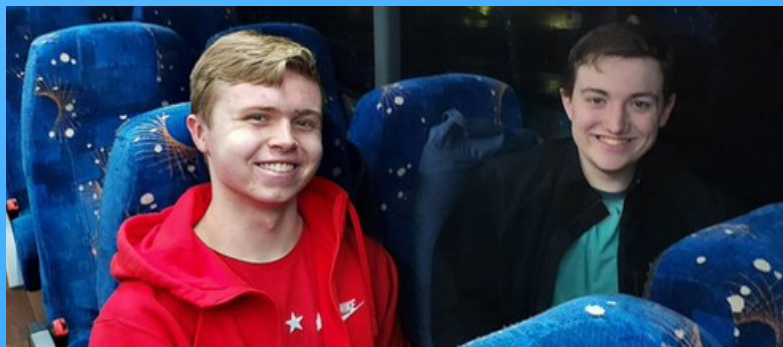
**“Raider” team competes in ultimate physical fitness challenge!**



**Congratulations to Brett Phillips for representing Trinity Area School District!**



**The concert was stellar and Daniel Lee's time at @PMEA state has ended. So proud of this young man. He was 1 of 242 fantastic young musicians.**



*Well Done*



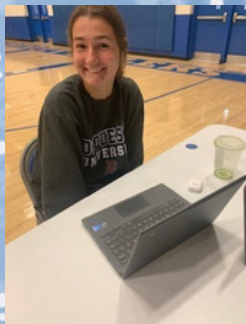
# Students vs. Teachers

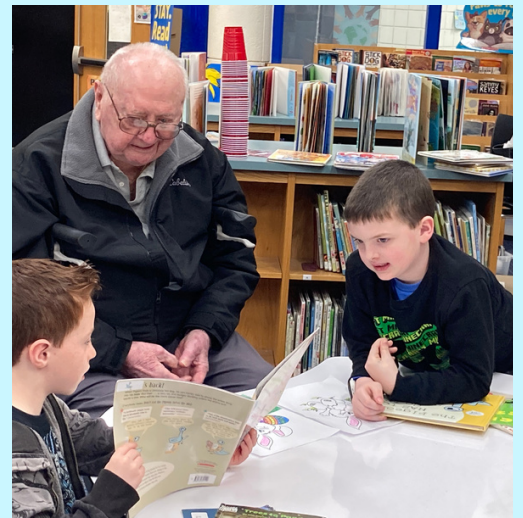
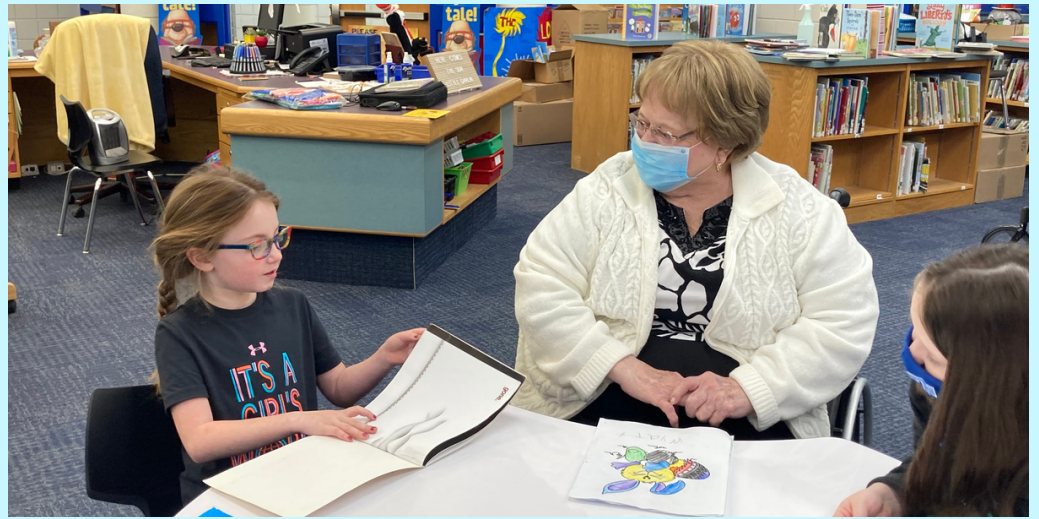
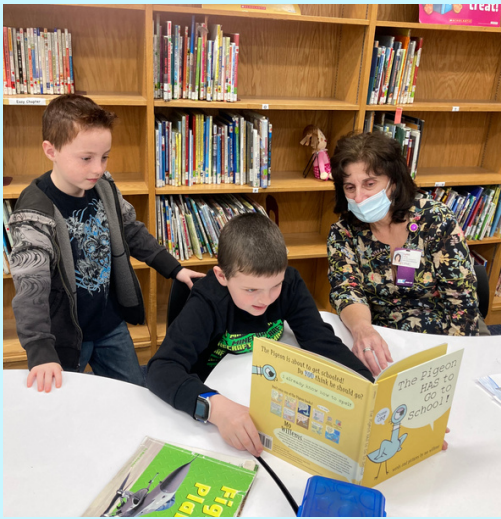
Spring Sports Pep Assembly featured a student and staff basketball game with a dance off at half time! In a nail-biting finish, the students won by 1 point!



## Dress for Success

Students had a virtual connection with Range Resources and Dress for Success Pittsburgh. They had the opportunity to hear from a panel of female leaders in Healthcare, Finance, Human Resources, and STEM. Great day for our Hillers!





**Several residents from Strabane Woods Assisted Living and Premier Healthcare began their visits again to Trinity North's Library. Here, the first graders read and the residents listened. The students look forward to practicing their reading skills during these monthly visits, and the residents enjoy helping them along. Precious conversations also take place between the young and not-so-young. This Read with Friends Program is a win - win situation for both the residents and students.**





## Trinity North's Reading Challenge



The Dunk the Principal and Staff Challenge is over, and Dr. Demian has lost his bet! He thought the students at Trinity North wouldn't be able to meet his challenge of reading 6,000 books for the month of March. Boy was he wrong! In fact, the students read 7,994 books in just one month. How awesome is that! Mrs. Crawford's first grade students were reading machines and read the most books. They read a whopping 1,609 books. The grade level with the highest number of books read was first grade with 3,621 books. The students will have this fun assembly in May. Watch out, Dr. D., you're getting dunked! Congratulations to all the readers.

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## The Season of Testing has Begun!



*Good Luck!*



The third, fourth, and fifth grade students who are taking the PSSA tests were encouraged to do their best by having a motivational assembly and parade at Trinity North Elementary. Dr. Demian inspired the students to do their best and tried to calm some nerves. The test takers paraded throughout the hallways of Trinity North, while the other students lined the halls and applauded as they walked by. Good luck, students!



# Trinity High School Students Participate in Career Readiness Experience at Murphy Family Inc.



Thanks to a partnership with Mr. Paul Murphy and Murphy Family Inc, Trinity High School Small Gas Engine and Ag Mechanics classes traveled to Murphy Family, Inc. in Washington, PA for an excellent career readiness experience. Murphy Family, Inc. provides sales, parts, warranties, and services for Kubota turf, agricultural equipment, and utility vehicles. They also carry an assortment of Landpride implements and Echo handheld power equipment.

Mr. Murphy went out of his way to give our Trinity students the full Murphy Family, Inc. experience. Students toured Murphy's facility, talked to employees at various stations, and viewed the inventory on display. During lunch, donated by Murphy Family, Inc. and Mr. Dave Hapchuk, students learned life

lessons, the ins and outs of business ownership, and gained an abundance of career advice from the Murphy Family, Janie Deemer (former school teacher and landowner), Dave Hapchuk (owner of Hapchuk, Inc.), and Greg Ruth (Beverage Sales). To top off the career readiness experience, Mr. Murphy set up Kubota Excavator stations for students to test their operating skills.

**Thank you, Mr. Paul Murphy, Murphy Family, Inc., Mr. Dave Hapchuk, Hapchuk, Inc., Janie Deemer, and Mr. Greg Ruth for your commitment to our school by providing career readiness experiences for our students!**

## American Legion School Medal Awards!

**Congratulations to TMS students Matthew Berton, Cooper Husman, Colby Jeffrey, Ally Krenzela, Dakota Lloyd, and Autumn Sitr!**



The award is presented to students who demonstrate courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship service, and Americanism, which are necessary in the preservation of the fundamental institutions of our government and advancement of society. Students are selected by their teachers and staff.

# Dance off!



The event is sponsored by the Trinity Wellness Committee who encourages physical activity and healthy eating. Trinity is committed to providing a school environment that promotes student wellness, proper nutrition, nutrition education, and regular physical activity as part of the total learning experience.



First Place Winners for the Dance off:  
THS - Emma Bowman  
TMS - Nora Miller  
North - Carter Mayton  
South - Carson Richards  
East - Hadley Grayson  
West - Carter Mergen

# Congrats



*7th grade students, Vittoria Emerich and Ella Sammel, came in 2nd place in the annual Law Day contest. Their diorama focused on the lack of diversity in Congress. They will receive their award at the Law Day Celebration on May 10th at the Washington County Courthouse. Congratulations girls!*

## MS Literature Festival

Trinity's middle school gifted students competed in the annual Literature Festival competition again this year. Students were tasked with academic challenges such as creative writing and interpreting characters. Trinity teams came in 2nd place (Alex, Andy, Ben, Maddox, and Owen) and 3rd place (Gracie, Bayleigh, Nathan, and Ryan). Congratulations!

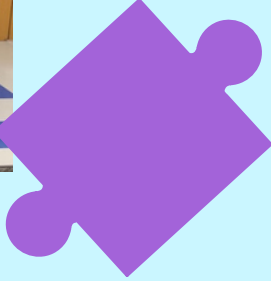


2nd Place

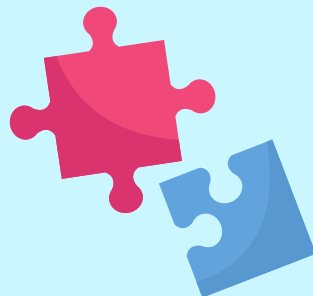
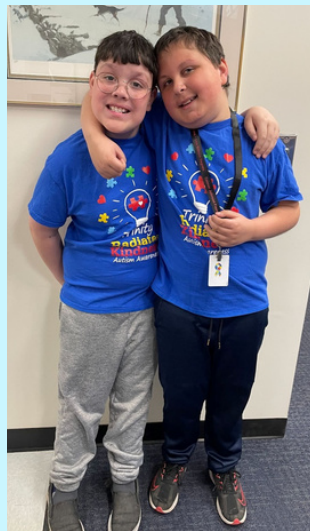


3rd Place

# Autism Awareness Month



During the month of April, Trinity West Elementary School shined a light on Autism in honor of Autism Awareness Month, which supports those individuals who are on the Autism spectrum within our district, community, nation, and world. Autistic Support teachers worked alongside parents and staff to promote awareness, kindness to all, and acceptance of differences. The school building was decorated with colorful messages, and true/false interactive facts were displayed throughout the building to promote the understanding of Autism. Students created puzzle pieces that were displayed in the cafeteria, and a door/bulletin board decorating contest was held. In addition to the decorated hallways and Lighting it Up Blue for Autism Awareness on Fridays, students and staff participated in a spirit week. Students were given Autism stickers to wear, and teachers proudly wore Autism ribbons and buttons throughout the month. To spread even more awareness, acceptance, and understanding, students who receive support read to their peers.



## Eggstra Special!



TMS 7th grade students organized an Easter Egg Hunt at TMS. Special thanks to Range Resources for providing funding to make this event possible!



# WHO WE ARE

## #TRINITYFAMILY



**Ms. Katherine Shuey**  
**Trinity High School**  
**Social Studies**

Ms. Shuey graduated from Unionville High School in Kennett Square, located in Eastern PA. It is commonly known as the Mushroom Capital of the world! As a Longhorn, she participated in track and cross country and was a member of the marching band. Katherine graduated from The University of Pittsburgh with a double major in Sociology and Political Science with a focus on International Relations. She minored in World History in addition to receiving a certificate in Global Studies. While in college, her interest and focus were centered on conflict/conflict resolution. While studying sociology, she completed her honors thesis on political ideology, Alt-Right, and Barack Obama's second presidency. Katherine extended her time in Oakland and returned to Pitt to receive her Master of Arts in Teaching. Ms. Shuey completed her student teaching at Upper St. Clair High School. She was immediately hired as a full-time teacher at USC and spent two years teaching American History. Before coming to Trinity, Ms. Shuey spent a year at Montour High School.

**Cool Facts:** Katherine's immediate family is from Eastern Pennsylvania and her extended family is from the Midwest. She feels like she has found her home in Western Pennsylvania. She has a younger brother. Her hobbies include powerlifting, reading, cross-stitching, and generally spending countless hours outdoors. One of Katherine's cherished academic experiences was her opportunity to study abroad in Germany.

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**Mrs. Ashlee Grandstand**  
**Trinity West Elementary**

Ashlee (Nichol) is a proud graduate of Trinity High School's class of 2003. She was a highly recruited multi-sport athlete for the Hillers. She attended Marshall University where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Journalism and Advertising in 2007. Ashlee was a scholar student-athlete for the Thundering Herd and competed as a Division 1 softball player while maintaining high honors in the classroom. She began working for the Washington Wild Things baseball team in merchandising, sales, and promotions. She decided to return to school and pursue her passion for teaching. In 2012, Ashlee obtained her Master's Degree and Certification in Elementary Education through The University of Phoenix. She pursued additional certification in Special Education in 2014 from the California University of Pennsylvania. She has worked in education for the past 10 years. Ashlee was a paraprofessional for 3 years as well as a substitute teacher for 5 years in the Bentworth School District. She had her own classroom for the past 4 years as a Special Education teacher at Transformation Learning. Mrs. G is currently at Trinity West Elementary as an Autistic Support and Learning Support teacher.

**Cool Facts:** Ashlee's family is her world! She and her husband, Brett, have two children Aleena (9) and Bryce (8), a Pug named Juice, and a Bea-Bull named Willow. Sports have always been a significant part of her life and continue to be for their family. Coach Ashlee has held numerous coaching/volunteer roles for softball and baseball over the past 15 years. Ashlee and her husband are currently coaching their daughter's travel and recreation league softball teams together. She enjoys golfing, crafting, and volunteering for church and community activities. Her favorite summer activities include traveling to her children's sports games, shows, tournaments, and swimming. Ashlee values her time with her family, especially at their favorite vacation spots, Disney World and Myrtle Beach!

**One more thing:** Ashlee won the NSA World Series in 2002 with her local travel team, the Washington Bombers!



May 11, 2022 is Certified School Nurse Day nationwide!



Please make sure to thank your school Nurse!

May		
3 - MS/HS Orchestra	6:30 pm	THS
10 - MS/HS Band	6:30 pm	THS
12 - MS/HS Choir	6:30 pm	THS
16 - 6th Grade Concert	6:30 pm	THS
18 - Elementary Orchestra	6:00 pm	THS
18 - Elementary Band	7:15 pm	THS

## INFORMATIONAL FLYERS:

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

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

To request that a flyer be posted on the website, email:  
[tkrieger@trinityhillers.net](mailto:tkrieger@trinityhillers.net)

# Dates to Remember

## May

27 - Two Hour Student Early Release / Staff Development

30 - Memorial Day Holiday / No School

## June

1 - Last Student Day

2 - Teacher Clerical Day

3 - Graduation

To submit an article for consideration email:

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All articles are subject to final approval by the Superintendent.



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## **SAVE THE DATE!**

The art department is excited to return to an in-person art event this spring, with some big changes in store! Instead of a one-night show, the exhibition will be extended for two days. The opening will be held on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 -8 and will conclude on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, with a four-hour event from 10 – 2.

Other changes this year include:

- New location – Trinity Area High School.
- A first-ever digital art show will be premiered in the high school auditorium on **Friday night**.
- **ON SATURDAY ONLY**: Attendees can participate in studio art experiences, such as throwing pottery on the wheel in the ceramics studio as well as jewelry making for all ages, metal tooling and printmaking. All FREE OF COST!
- **ON SATURDAY ONLY**: The Kona Ice truck will have snow cones available for purchase, with partial proceeds donated to the art department.
- And a special exhibit! Our students have been collaborating across the district to create artwork that will be on permanent display within our community! We are excited to reveal the project to the public.
- There will also be face painting, photo area, student artwork for purchase and a snack bar.

Our department is full of thriving artists, from kindergarten to seniors, and we can't wait to recognize them for their efforts. If your student's work is chosen for display, they will be notified at school with a note to bring home over the next month. We are excited to celebrate all the Trinity Area School District's art department has to offer. Come join us for this free event to celebrate the arts.

Please ask your art teacher for more information.



TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL PICNIC DAY  
AT KENNYWOOD

**THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022**

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Select the # of tickets to purchase & click **NEXT**. You *must* select a date to visit.

Tickets are \$29.99 + processing fees.

Surcharges may apply if tickets are used on a different date other than selected.

The Promo Code will expire on June 16, 2022. School picnic tickets are not valid after June 30, 2022.



*What's New*  
**IN '22**

To celebrate 125 years, we are throwing a massive party! So get ready for exciting new experiences, including the return of the Kangaroo, an enhanced in-park atmosphere and a spectacular lineup of special events.