

HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

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



NOVEMBER 2020-2021

What you should know –

The Pennsylvania Department of Health's recent Order for Mitigation Relating to Travel took effect at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, November 20, 2020, and remains in effect until further notice. This Order impacts you if you are planning to travel out of state during the upcoming holidays.

The Order requires that anyone returning home from travel to other countries and states have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to entering Pennsylvania or quarantine for 14 days upon entry into Pennsylvania. The Order also permits a traveler to end quarantine if they receive a negative COVID-19 test after returning home.

These requirements are in place for all out of state travel, even if you are asymptomatic.



PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

Please be reminded, all students K-12 will work remotely from home from December 1 through December 23, 2020. Tentatively, students will return to full-in person instruction on Monday, January 4, 2021. The district will reevaluate the numbers for staffing, quarantining, and COVID-19 cases in our school community each week. Parents need to know that almost all contact tracing investigations among students are traced back to a party, gathering, or event outside of the school district. Please be mindful over the holidays.

CONGRATULATIONS! NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Joie Engle
HIGH SCHOOL



Michelle Allen



Marco Veltri

MIDDLE SCHOOL

CONGRATULATIONS

We are proud to report that the Trinity High School Class of 2020 had a total of 56 AP Scholars and six National AP Scholars. National AP Scholars are students in the United States who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken and have scores of 4 or higher on 8 or more of these exams. The graduates of the Class of 2020 were Patrick Bryant, Ann Kozak, Elliott Salvatori, Alison Spadaro, Carson White & Nancy Xiao. They are also considered AP Scholars of Distinction and are listed in that category as well.

The following students are AP Scholars of Distinction, scoring an average of 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and earning scores of 3 or higher on 5 or more of these exams: Conner Attenberger, Jonathan Brodak, Patrick Bryant, Brent Clutter, Rachel Faust, Caitlin Johnson, Lucas Jones, Ann Kozak, Benjamin Kozak, Emma Malinak, Christian Messmer, Elliott Salvatori, Alison Spadaro, Elizabeth Steele, Michael Veltri, Carson White & Nancy Xiao.

The following AP Scholars with Honor (Scoring an average of 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and earning scores of 3 or higher on 4 or more of these exams):

Isabelle Carney, Kadyne Caruso, Elizabeth Cowden, Ryan Custer, Abigail Gottschall, Anna Grimes, Noah Heffner, Nathaniel Orr, Joseph Romano, Mariah Ryan, Colton Vogel, Kyle VonScio, Marin Williamson, & Brett Wrubleski.

The following are the AP Scholars (Scoring 3 or higher on 3 or more AP Exams) Conner Alder, Lena Bartoe, Marlaina Bozek, Connor Bull, Peyton Celani, Skylar Clawson, Megan Geer, Benjamin Hardy, Jeremy Hurd, Avery Kern, Dylan W. King, Kaleb Koot, Ty Kress, Aden Lin, Charles McIlvaine, Bayli Miles, Lynzee Morris, Jacob Paez, Taylor Riegle, Josh Sheppard, Jacob Snyder, Taylor Staub, John Trapuzzano, Tiffany Xiao & Allen Zheng.





Artists of the Month



Madison Thong
12th Grade
Illustration I



Avelyn Jimenez
Trinity East
5th Grade
Chalk Pastel



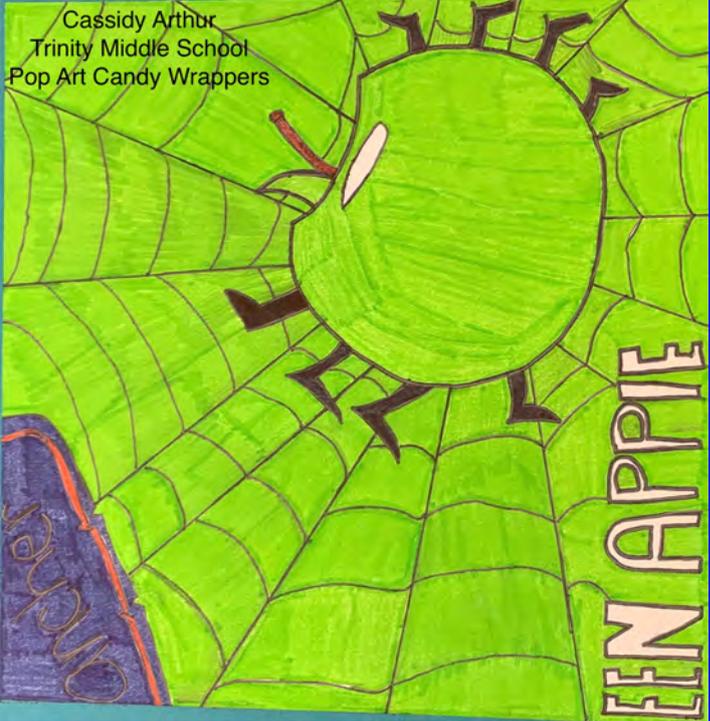
Striker Senkinc
Baron Batch Elephants
4th Grade
West



Thomas Wickhe
10th Grade
Photography



Reese Ramey
Trinity Middle School
Pop Art Candy Wrapper



Cassidy Arthur
Trinity Middle School
Pop Art Candy Wrappers



Brylee Buddenhagen
Self-Portrait
2nd Grade
North



Lexi Buchanan
Trinity Middle School
8th Grade
Digital Collage



Delanie Allen
First Grade
Trinity South Elementary
Tempera Owl Painting



Meghan Smith
Pittsburgh Starry Night
4th Grade
Cyber

Congratulations

to our
**Senior Student-Athletes who signed their
National Letter of Intent to continue their academic and
athletic careers on Division I collegiate scholarships:**

**Courtney Dahlquist - Campbell University - Basketball
Bayleigh McCullough - Niagara University - Softball
Emma Morgan - University of Toledo - Softball
Angelina King - Slippery Rock University - Soccer**

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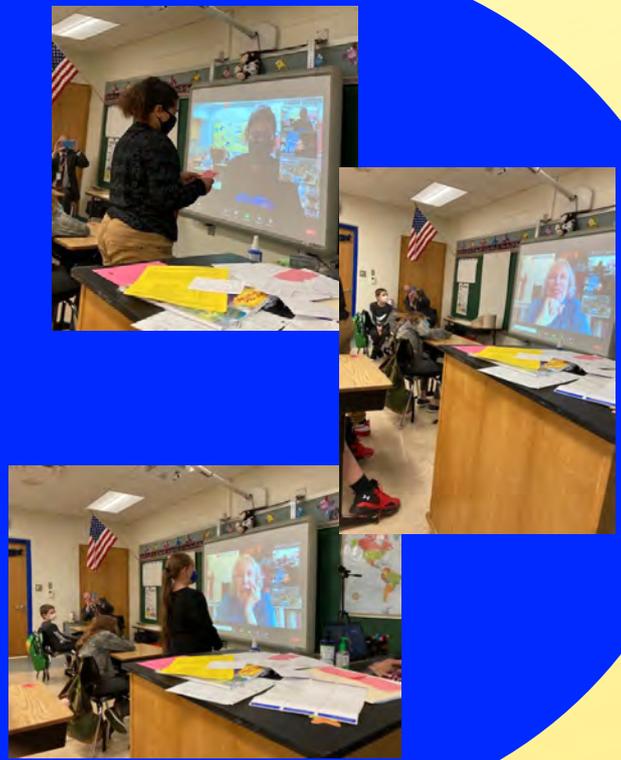
Ms. Fulgenzio, our newest Rock Star Teacher, is going above and beyond for our students. Ms. Fulgenzio secured a \$2,000 grant entitled Optimizing Ozobots through Innovation Grant funders The Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, Chevron, the EQT Foundation, and the Equitrans Midstream Foundation.

Tenth grade students, Riley Dunn and Sara Setto, recently earned their Girl Scout Silver Award. The Silver Award is the second highest award of the Girl Scouts of the USA, and the highest award that a Girl Scout Cadette can achieve. To earn this award participants must develop a program or concept that will make a lasting impact on their community and log a minimum of 50 hours. Way to go!



Trinity North Elementary is participating in the Kinsa Fluency program which provides students and staff with free thermometers. Items from Kinsa's "welcome package" were shared with the teachers.

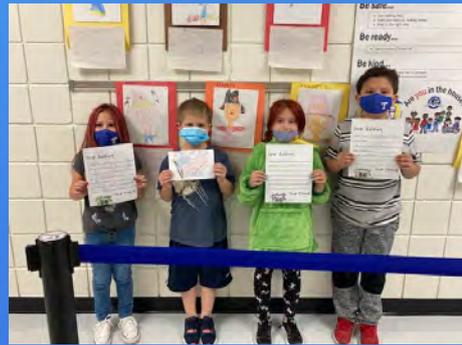
The fifth grade students at Trinity North participated in a live video conference with the famous author, Lois Lowry, from her home in Portland, Maine. Even though over 100 students were on call, only the few students from North and three other districts had their prepared questions asked and answered. The author discussed topics from her childhood to her present day family to writers-block. All of the fifth grade students were able to experience her discussions and watch their classmates interact with the author.



To celebrate Trinity East third grade's hard work and effort so far this school year, Ms. Shaw decided to hold a Glow Day! Students were instructed to wear neon colors to add to the excitement. Students read about the Switzer brothers who created Day-Glo and learned about the scientific method and the science of glow sticks/chemical reactions. Students inquired about whether the glow sticks would glow brighter in warm or cold water, made a hypothesis, tested the hypothesis with an experiment, analyzed the results of the experiment, and drew a conclusion based on the results. We had so much fun learning the science behind glow sticks!

In celebration of Veterans Day, students from Trinity North Elementary made cards and sent them to Operation Freedom and to the VA Hospital in Pittsburgh. Students expressed their appreciation and gratitude to those active servicemen and women currently overseas and to those veterans who are in the VA Hospital.

Pictured are Mrs. Gorge's kindergarten class and a few students from Mrs. Rawlins's second grade class.



Trinity North Elementary also honored their veterans this year by displaying pictures and military information of the North Veterans on Trinity North's Wall of Honor.

Pictured is Nathan Novelly who has served 16 years in the United States Army with his kindergarten son, Cason. Trinity North is always proud of their veterans!



On November 23, students from Trinity North joined with students from over 200 other schools across the country to participate in Family Code Night, sponsored by CSisElementary. The goal of Family Code Night is to engage families of elementary school students in coding activities while showing the cross-disciplinary connections

of coding with other subjects. Family Code Night uses curriculum available from code.org, much of which is already used by Trinity Area students. Trinity North is one of five schools in Washington County to participate so far.



IMPORTANT UPDATE

Trinity Area would like to provide families and staff with an update on the disruptive Zoom hacking event earlier in the school year. The Trinity Area Police Department, in conjunction with multiple police departments in numerous states, conducted an extensive investigation. We are happy to report that no one in the Trinity Area School District community was responsible for this interruption. In addition, this event was not caused by staff or student errors or lack of security software.

The actor, or actors, intentionally exceeded authorization to access and interfere with Zoom operations in computer systems in multiple states. Specifically, the police report indicates that the disturbing content came from hacked computers located in Florida and Louisiana. These individuals attempted to gain access through two student Chromebooks at Trinity Area.

Since this event, Trinity Area has added enhanced security protocols for live instruction. Please remind your children to report any unusual issues to their teacher immediately. Parents and students should know that all activity during live streaming is recorded for safety and security purposes. All should note that law enforcement agencies can trace where content originates. Trinity Area School District and staff will make every effort possible to keep the live lessons safe and uninterrupted.

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Seth Nicholson
Trinity Middle School

Let's take a moment to welcome Seth Nicholson to Trinity Middle School. Seth is a Learning Support and Environmental Science teacher. He comes to us with a wealth of experience from the Intermediate Unit 1 in Early Intervention, Head Start, and Adelphoi Village. He received his Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education and his Master's Degree in Special Education with a focus on Reading Specialist. Seth also carries a certification in Middle School Science. He attended Connellsville Area High School where he was a multi-sport athlete in wrestling, football, soccer, cross country, as well as track and field. He is an exceptional mentor for his students.

Cool Facts: Seth and his wife Walinda have two children, Katelin (10) and Asher (3). Their home is blessed with love and tons of fun. In spite of their busy schedules, family time is the cornerstone of their relationship. Seth's hobbies include fishing, hunting, and traveling. Seth has had an instant impact on his students at Trinity Middle School as he is committed to helping every student achieve success. We are excited he will be serving as the Head Coach for our Jr. High Wrestling team this season. Similar to his teaching philosophy, he enjoys creating a positive outlet as well as helping each of his student-athletes grow as a person.

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Ms. Elizabeth Beachy
Trinity High School

Ms. Beachy graduated from Canon McMillan High School. She attended Anderson University in South Carolina where she received her Bachelors in Secondary Education. She was a student-athlete at Anderson as member of the women's tennis team. Her academic excellence was recognized every semester by making the Dean's List. During her higher education career, she was appointed to the Anderson University's Teacher Education Committee. She completed her student teaching at T.L. Hanna High School in SC. She credits playing a collegiate sport taught her a multitude of skills that she still implements today, such as teamwork, time management, and diligence. At Trinity High School, she currently teaches real world application classes such as English 10 CP, English 9 CP, Honors Debate, and Public Speaking. As a teacher she believes that her subjects not only educates the mind but also educates the heart. One of the most important skill she teaches is to be a lifelong learner.

Cool Facts: Ms. Beachy enjoys time with her family. She is blessed with a large family that all live in the area. She has a dog named Michael. She affectionately calls him the "All-American Mutt." Ms. Beachy also enjoy spending her evenings or free time with her boyfriend, Jeremy. Along with her career, friends and family are the most important aspects of her life . If she is not seen throughout the classrooms and hallways of the high school being a social butterfly, she is reading or furthering her skills as an educator. In the summers, she tutors a wide range of students in English, SAT and ACT at Omega Learning Center in Bridgeville. She plays tennis and her new pastime is mastering the art of golf.

Message to her students: You are not alone. This year has definitely had its difficulties, but you have risen to each one of them. You are the next generation of problem solvers. If anything, this year has made you stronger. Continue working hard, adapting, and growing. Enjoy every moment because you will only be this age once.

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Mrs. Jessica Tsangaris
Trinity South Elementary

Mrs. Tsangaris graduated from Bishop Canevin High School. She attended Carlow University where she majored in Elementary Education. She received a Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from The University of Pittsburgh. Jessica is Elementary K-6, and Mid Level English 7-9, certified. At Trinity South Elementary, Mrs. Tsangaris is our 5th grade Cyber Teacher. She specializes in all subjects. They have live google meets where students interact with her and fellow classmates. They use a variety of on-line resources to complete assignments. She is a master of Canvas, Accelerate and Kahoot. She prides herself on being a very hands on teacher and has become very creative for her students. While cyber learning looks a little different, student are still participating in activities such as their biography bottles. They are turning their 2 liter pop bottles into a famous person in history while writing a report. Before arriving at Trinity, Mrs. Tsangaris taught at St. Margaret's in Green Tree for 10 years. She was also a youth basketball coach.

Cool Facts: Jessica and her husband Andrew have 2 beautiful daughters , Josephine (5) and Alexandra (2). They are very active in their daughters lives. They are both teachers and coaches and spend the majority of their free time in gymnasiums. A former high school basketball star herself, she continues to inspire them and introduce her girls to multiple sports. Mrs. Tsangaris is an avid Notre Dame Football fan and can be seen in South Bend, during the Fall, supporting the Fighting Irish.

Thoughts on Cyber Learning: It takes a lot of discipline and hard work to be successful at Cyber learning. Mrs. Tsangaris feels such pride for the positive attitude and hard work her 5th grade students have put forth. Each day they continue to adapt and grow from this experience.

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Would you like to give back to your school and earn some extra money at the same time? The HR Department is looking for “Emergency Status” substitute teachers. No teaching degree necessary. If you have a four-year degree and are interested in working with our students, Contact the Human Resources Department for more information
724-223-2000 ext. 7114



To submit an article for publication in

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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.

DECEMBER Dates to Remember

1-23 Remote Instruction
- all students K-12

24-31 Winter Break/NO SCHOOL

Tentative return to school:
Monday, January 4, 2021

FREE School Meals
for ALL Students

INFORMATIONAL FLYERS:

All flyers are available on the district website under About

To access, click on the link:

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

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