

HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

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



MARCH 2020-2021

Welcome Assistant Principal Zack Zebrasky to Trinity High School



We are pleased to welcome Zack Zebrasky to Hiller Nation. Zack most recently served as the Elementary Principal in the Avella Area School District. A lifetime resident of Washington County he brings experience and commitment to public education and the belief in providing equitable learning opportunities for all students.

Zack earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Secondary Education and History in 2009, from Washington and Jefferson, where he was a member of the football and baseball teams. Zack completed his Masters of Arts degree in Educational Leadership at California University of Pennsylvania, and is currently completing his Educational Doctorate in Educational Leadership at The University of Pittsburgh.

During his tenure at Avella, Mr. Zebrasky expanded the technology in the hands of his students through various grant opportunities. He has worked with the Washington Charitable Foundation, PAsmart Grant, and Pennsylvania Department of Education Dyslexia Pilot.

Zack, along with his wife and son, resides in Canonsburg. Outside of school, he enjoys spending time with family and friends, attending sporting events, golfing, and coaching.



"Zack has the combination of strong leadership and extensive knowledge of what it takes to make an impact in education. His philosophy begins with building authentic relationships to develop trust and to engage both staff and students on a deeper level, which is aligned with our mission at Trinity Area High School." -Principal Uram

#itsagreatdaytobeAHiller

Trinity's Pride!

Emma Malinak...
A Johnson Scholarship
Winner



We are pleased to announce that Senior Emma Malinak is one of Washington and Lee University's Johnson Scholarship winners!

The Johnson Scholarship Program selects students on the basis of academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, and their potential to contribute to the intellectual and civic life of the W&L campus and of the world at large in years to come. Johnson Scholarships are awarded to approximately 10% of each entering class. Winners of the Scholarship receive awards of at least tuition, room and board to attend Washington and Lee University. In addition, Johnson Scholars receive funding up to \$7,000 to support summer experiences during their time at W&L. Congratulations Emma!

Media and Design Competition Winners

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 through Media and Design. This year, Rayne Elling and Rylee Elling, Trinity High School sophomores, submitted animation projects and both were winners! They participated in the virtual award ceremony March 10, where they were announced as first and second place in their category. Their animations will compete in the State competition in May at Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA.



Rayne



Rylee

Where are they now?

Trinity alum Raymond Hill, Class of 2009, is currently a Captain in the United States Air Force. Capt. Hill is teaching a new approach to calculus at the U.S. Air Force Academy. Follow the link for more information.

<https://www.usafa.af.mil/News/News-Display/Article/2527002/academy-math-instructors-teach-new-approach-to-calculus/>



Maggie Drezewski, Certified School Nurse at Trinity East, was recently selected to be a part of the 25- member inaugural School Nurse Advisory Group formed by UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. This group of SW PA school nurses and nurse practitioners will collaborate with UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (CHP), the Pennsylvania Pediatric Health Network (PPHN), and Children's Hospital Division of Community Health to improve health outcomes for youth in our region. As a member, Nurse Maggie will provide input and feedback from her experience with students and families in our community and will have the opportunity to serve on a clinical pathway team for a specific health condition. She will also gain valuable access to CHP and PPHN providers, with the goal of improving overall health and outcomes for Trinity students and those throughout the SW PA region. She is very excited to be a part of this innovative endeavor and looks forward to sharing new and improved health initiatives with all of our Trinity families.



CONGRATULATIONS

Alyssa Clutter, Courtney Dahlquist, Emily Venick, Kaylin Venick, Ashley Durig and Eden Williamson for being selected to the Big 56 All Conference Basketball Teams and to Connor Roberts and Michael Dunn for being selected to the Big 56 All Section Boys Basketball teams!

NO SOPHOMORE SLUMP FOR TRINITY DECA



Our Trinity DECA team has been hammering away at business, marketing, entrepreneurship, and law topics for the past three months and shining a new spotlight on our high school!

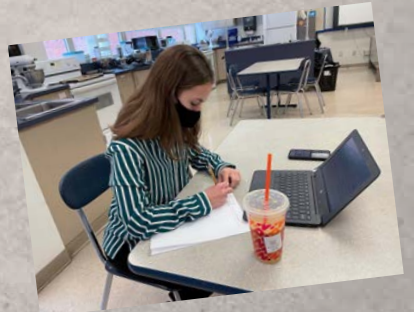
What is DECA? It's an organization crafted and partnered with professional industries that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. A lot of the skills and experiences are completely transferrable into any profession and future plans. Any student is eligible to be a part of Trinity DECA, and support is given from advisors Mr. Modrak, Mrs. Hartley, and Mr. Coyle.

This school year is the second year of the program at Trinity, and the exponential growth in members and performances is truly outstanding! Congrats to all!

Results from the 2020 District 3 Competition in December (which was held virtually with Trinity, Bethel Park, Highlands, and Norwin) for our Hillers are as follows:

Individual & Team Events

- 1st - Macy Comfort, Human Resources Management
- 1st - Danielle Cyprowski & Danny Towers, Sports & Entertainment Marketing Team
- 1st - Faith Edgar & Morgan McKay, Hospitality Services Team
- 1st - Emma Morgan & Lucie Towers, Marketing Management Team
- 1st - Erin Popeck & Lilyanna Ritenour, Entrepreneurship Team
- 2nd - Rachel Chase, Personal Financial Literacy
- 2nd - Grace Coyle, Marketing Communications
- 2nd - Kyle Fetcho, Entrepreneurship
- 2nd - Jacob Pattison, Sports & Entertainment Marketing
- 2nd - Nick Seaman, Principles of Finance
- 2nd - Brett Wrubleski, Principles of Business Management & Administration
- 3rd - Michael Dunn & Joie Engle, Entrepreneurship Team
- 3rd - Noah Heffner & Koen Weichel, Business Law & Ethics Team
- 3rd - Angelina King, Personal Financial Literacy
- 3rd - Emily Wickham, Marketing Communications



4th - Bailey Beck, Apparel & Accessories Marketing
4th - Santiago Cardenas, Sports & Entertainment Marketing
4th - Drew Collins & Owen Wayman, Sports & Entertainment Marketing Team
4th - Nate Orr, Entrepreneurship
5th - Alex Dames, Principles of Business Management & Administration
5th - Maddie White, Principles of Marketing (tie)

Top Business Administration & Management Cluster Exam Scorers

3rd - Brett Wrubleski
4th - Noah Heffner

Top Entrepreneurship Cluster Exam Scores

1st - Lilyanna Ritenour
3rd - Nate Orr & Joie Engle (tie)

Top Marketing Cluster Exam Scores

5th - Danielle Cyprowski

Top Personal Finance Cluster Exam Scores

2nd - Rachel Chase

Top Role Plays Scores Across All Events

1st - Emma Morgan & Lucie Towers
(100 - our school's first perfect role play!)
2nd - Erin Popeck & Lilyanna Ritenour (97)
4th - Michael Dunn & Joie Engle (93 - tie)

Results from the 2021 PA DECA State Competition in January and February held virtually for our Hillers are as follows:

Digital Advertising

2nd - Maddie White

Job Interview

1st - Joie Engle

Quiz Bowl

3rd - Emily Wickham, Noah Heffner, and Koen Weichel

Public Speaking

6th - Emma Bowman

Top Scorer in Quiz Bowl Exam

Emily Wickham



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& be
KIND



Trinity North Elementary recently celebrated Random Acts of Kindness Week. Students performed various acts of kindness throughout the school to bring caring, 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.



Fourth grade students in Miss McCracken and Mrs. Chopp's classes at Trinity West and fourth grade cyber students in Mrs. Grimm's class from Trinity North, Trinity South, Trinity East, and Trinity West joined together to compete in an IXL competition. The goal was to see which class could answer the most questions within one week. In the end, the students collectively answered 1,757 questions! It was a close competition, but Miss McCracken's class answered the most questions throughout the week. Way to go, fourth grade!



**TRINITY
WELCOMES
OFFICER
FRED SCOTT!**

Congratulations!
March
Students of the Month



Ashley Durig
HIGH SCHOOL



Lyndsay Berry



Jackson Burt

MIDDLE SCHOOL



Artists of the Month



Ashlyn Miklic
Ceramic Cupcake
West Elementary



Killian Neal
Frog with chalk
South Elementary



Stephanie Drezuski
2D/3D Pop Up Room
North Elementary



Mylee Shrader
Chinese Pagoda Landscape
Cyber/North Elementary



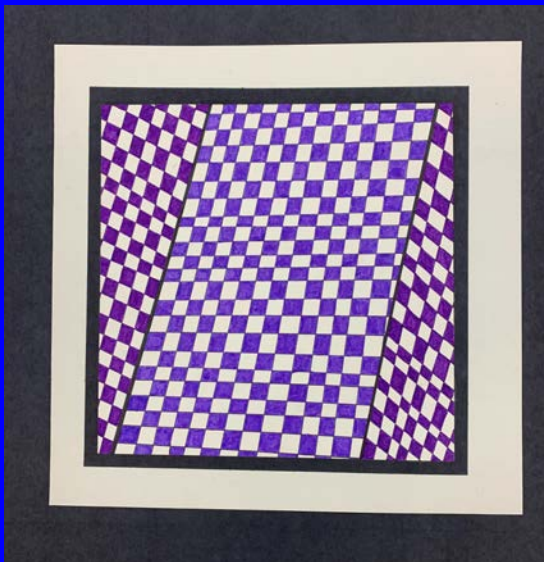
Alexis Heather
Ceramic Snowflake
West Elementary



Xoey Franklin
Digital Collage
Middle School



Mallory Piatt
Self Portait
South Elementary



Meredyth Stimmell
Purple Op Art
Middle School



Gianna Stiehler
Rainbow Op Art
Middle School



Tristan Xiao
Digital Drawing
Middle School

Elementary Art Department Projects Funded Through Donors Choose

The elementary art department is excited to announce that over \$3,000 in funding has been donated this year through the nonprofit resource, Donors Choose. Donors Choose is a charity developed to assist teachers seeking funds for specific projects with defined goals. At Trinity North and West, Mrs. Kirkpatrick-Moser's project raised enough money to purchase a classroom iPad. Her main objective is to use the iPad to facilitate the process of the department's first annual virtual art show. In addition, the technology will be used in the future to document student work and participate in the Artsonia online digital portfolio platform and fundraising program. At Trinity East and South, Mrs. Day's project raised money to support the cost of additional art materials to ensure every student is able to participate in a high quality arts program in a safe and clean environment. Money was used to purchase items like paint pumps, classroom packs of brushes, scissors and containers for storage.

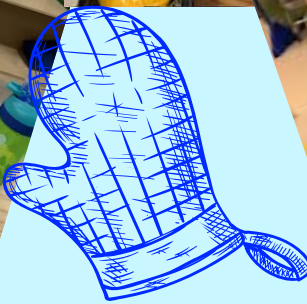
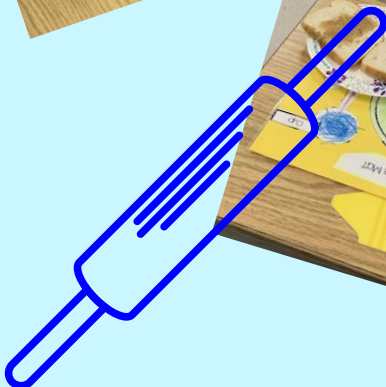
Thanks to the generosity of our donors, our new art supplies and technology will help ease the burden of teaching during a pandemic and allow our students to grow and foster their love for the arts! Mrs. Day and Mrs. Kirkpatrick-Moser would like to take this time to thank all those who supported and donated to these projects.





Cooking with Miss K!

Last month the students in Miss Kubatka's class at Trinity West Elementary School, started cooking in small groups with the help of Ms. Pinto. Each week, the students developed a grocery list of needed supplies and ingredients, completed sequencing activities to learn their weekly recipe and learn an essential skill. Then, every Friday they created their recipe and completed a journal entry about their experience. The students made Super Sunday cheese dip, chocolate covered strawberries and pretzels, Valentine's Day shakes, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and shamrock cereal mix. We are so proud of the aspiring chefs, and their willingness to try new things!





Thirty nine students from Trinity High School participated in the virtual Region 8 Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science meet along with several other students from Washington, Greene, and Fayette county schools. We are proud to announce that twenty-eight students received a first place award and will move on to the state level competition in May. Eleven students received second place awards.

This year's state meet will also be done in the virtual format and our juniors will be eligible for scholarships through virtual interviews. Mr. Smith, Mrs. Walk, and Mrs. Welsh could not be more proud. This year was full of challenges and the students stepped up to succeed! Listed below are the student participants and their award:



Congratulations

FIRST PLACE RECIPIENTS:

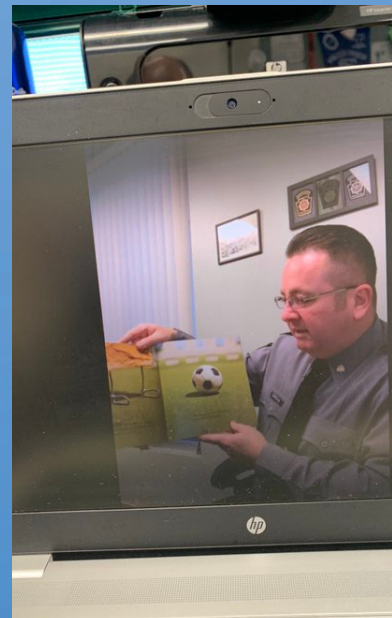
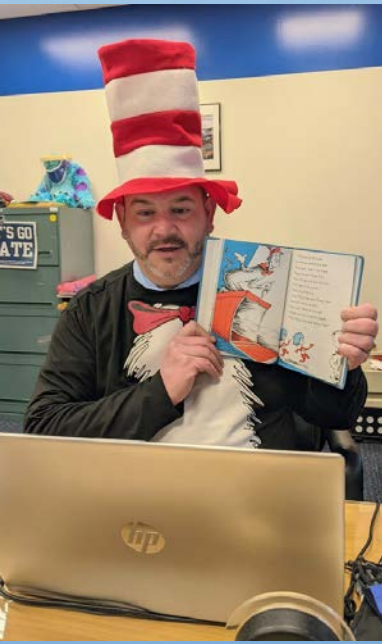
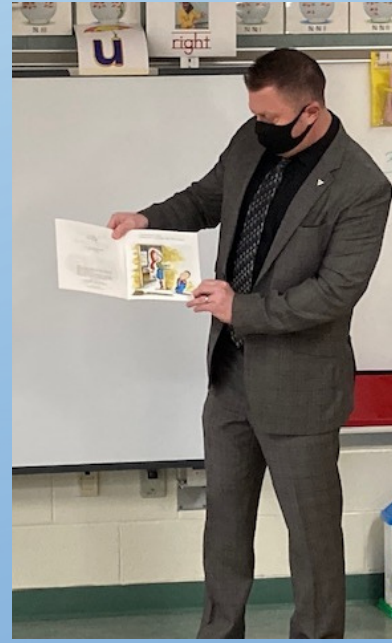
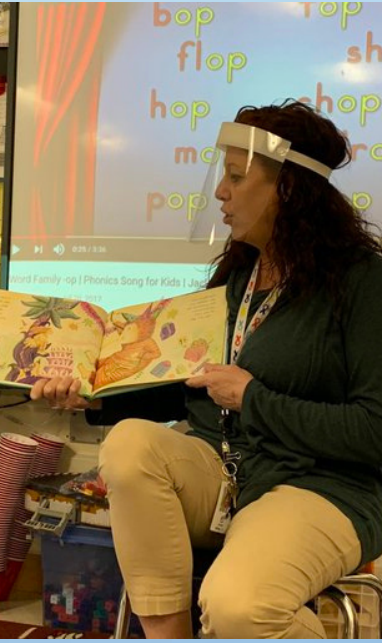
Connor Bull
Rachel Chase
Alyssa Clutter
Rayne Elling
Rylee Elling
Emily Ewbank
Natalie Ewbank
Timberly Gardner
Maria Giorgi
Isabella Jobs
Dax Kress
Cameron Minnick
Sophia Misner
Isabella Naddeo

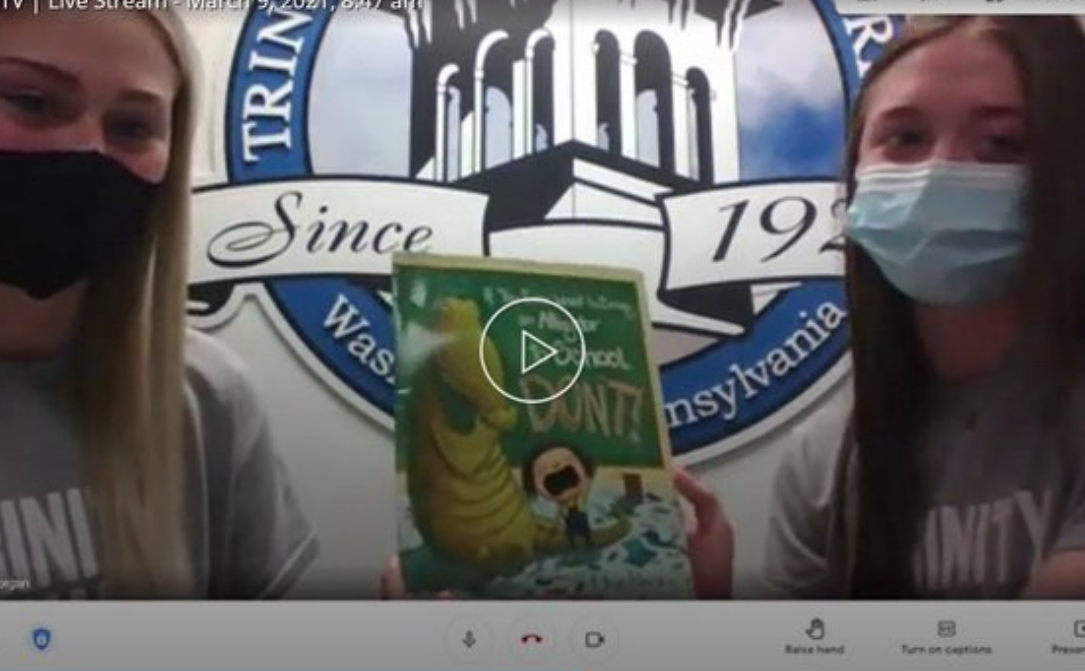
Cael Nicolella
Benjamin Papson
Brett Phillips
Emma Riddell
Savannah Rivera
Ava Robinson
Nathan Sander
Gianna Sasselli
Jeremy Sikora
Kaylee Spadaro
Marissa Sprouse
Nicolas Stiehler
Sydney Wahl
Marin Williamson

SECOND PLACE RECIPIENTS:

Seavaun Agmon
Courtney Boardley
Gabriella Cincinnati
Colton Deems
Marissa Dobich
Kylie Fetcho
Jacqueline Hancher
Braeden Helmkamp
Savannah Ikach
Alyssa Rager
Hunter Strickland

READ ACROSS AMERICA March 1-5







Appreciation is extended to all Guest Readers who participated either virtually or in person following all mitigation protocols. Students enjoyed many events during the week thanks to teachers, staff, and parents.

WHO WE ARE

#TRINITYFAMILY



Mrs. Beth Sutherin
BSN, CSN

Beth Sutherin is a proud 2004 alumna from Trinity High School. She graduated from nursing school with an Associate's Degree from The Community College of Allegheny County in 2009. She began her nursing career at Monongahela Valley Hospital on a medical/surgical unit. She continued her education at California University of PA and graduated with her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing in 2012 with a perfect 4.0 GPA. She worked at St. Clair hospital in the pediatric unit before transferring to The Washington Hospital where she worked in the pediatric/geriatric unit, caring for patients that were days old up to 100 years old! Beth graduated from Slippery Rock University with her School Nursing Certificate in 2016. Her first stint in the Trinity Area School District was as a substitute nurse before becoming the school nurse at the high school this year. She completed her BSN and CSN while caring for 4 small children. She is a part of the SAP program at the high school and a member of District's COVID Committee Team. She has been a great resource for our district throughout the pandemic. She has enjoyed getting to know the students and staff and is confident their healthcare needs are being met.

Cool Facts: Beth enjoys the beach and spending time at her family lake house with her children, nieces, and nephews. She married her high school sweetheart, Mark. They are celebrating 13 years of marriage with 4 beautiful children...Gavin (10), Briana (8), Levi (6), and Brooklyn (4). Beth enjoys helping coach her daughter's cheer squad for McGuffey. She has 2 Dachshunds (Lacey and Bella) and a bunny named Oreo. Weekends are filled with family time and watching her sons play baseball and her daughter cheer. In the summer, you can find her relaxing by the pool and having outdoor movie night on her back patio.

Beth's thoughts "This year has been a year of constant change and adaptation due to the COVID- 19 pandemic. I want students to know that THS is a safe environment and we are all here to help and to listen if students need anything! Hopefully, with the help of vaccines, this is the beginning of the end of this pandemic, and next year, we will be back in school all together!



TRINITY AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Trinity Food Service featured in the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank Newsletter

School Spotlight



Trinity Area School District sits near the middle of Washington County and covers a large area including Amwell, Canton, North Franklin and South Strabane Township. The district area covers both suburban and rural areas, making it difficult for Nicolle Pleil, Food Service Director for Trinity Area School District, to make summer meals accessible to all kids. However, this past summer, with the SFSP waivers and Nicolle's "whatever it takes" attitude, the district served

more than ten times the meals they served in 2019.

In 2020, Nicolle added two new open sites to help meet the needs of Trinity students. One site at Town and Country Trailer Park served a population of kids that were isolated on the far-end of the district, not walkable to the middle and high school sites. The other new site at the middle school worked well because meals could be picked up by kids or parents outside the building in a drive-thru model. They also served hot lunches so kids could eat them right away. Nicolle said parents told her the hot meals were helpful because they could take their kids right to the park, have a picnic or have kids eat in the car before their next stop. Both sites, Nicolle said, could not operate without grab and go waivers.

Participation increased at the high school as well. Nicolle said parents appreciated that they could pick up breakfasts and lunches on the same day, because of the waivers that allow bundling. It could take a family 45 minutes round-trip to pick up meals from the middle school, so twice-daily trips to the local SFSP site could become burdensome. Local businesses also benefitted from the Summer Food sites.

"Our meal increase helped our farmers and local dairy companies stay afloat," she explained, as they were receiving fewer orders from local businesses like restaurants that closed because of COVID.

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



Dates to Remember April

1-5 Spring Break - No School

**30 Two Hour Student Early Release
/Staff Development**

FREE School Meals
for ALL Students

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:

jwalz@trinityhillers.net

To submit an article for consideration email:

jwalz@trinityhillers.net

All articles are subject to final approval by the Superintendent.

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021-2022 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

AUGUST '21						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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29	30	31				

19-20 New Teacher Orientation
 19-20 KinderCamp
 23-24 Staff Development
 25 Teacher Clerical Day
 26 **First Student Day**

Teacher Days: 7
 Student Days: 4

FEBRUARY '22						
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7 In-Service/No School
 21 Presidents' Day/No School

Teacher Days: 19
 Student Days: 18

SEPTEMBER '21						
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6 Labor Day
 24 Two Hour Early Student Release/Staff Development

Teacher Days: 21
 Student Days: 21

MARCH '22						
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25 Two Hour Early Student Release/Staff Development

Teacher Days: 23
 Student Days: 23

OCTOBER '21						
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31						

29 Two Hour Early Student Release/Staff Development

Teacher Days: 21
 Student Days: 21

APRIL '22						
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14-18 Spring Break/No School

Teacher Days: 18
 Student Days: 18

NOVEMBER '21						
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1 In-Service Day/No School
 25-29 Fall Break

Teacher Days: 19
 Student Days: 18

MAY '22						
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27 Two Hour Early Student Release/Staff Development
 30 Memorial Day/No School

Teacher Days: 21
 Student Days: 21

DECEMBER '21						
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23 In-Service Day
 24-31 Winter Break

Teacher Days: 17
 Student Days: 16

JUNE '22						
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1 **Last Student Day**
 2 Teacher Clerical Day
 3 Graduation
 Teacher In-Service Day

Teacher Days: 3
 Student Days: 1

JANUARY '22						
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30	31					

3 In-Service Day/No School
 17 M.L. King Day/No School

Teacher Days: 20
 Student Days: 19

Teacher Days: 189
 Student Days: 180

BOARD APPROVED:
 February 18, 2021



End first 9 weeks -
 October 28, 2021
 End first semester -
 January 19, 2022
 End third 9 weeks -
 March 25, 2022