

# HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

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



SEPTEMBER 2019



## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY CELEBRATES IT'S FIFTY-NINTH INDUCTION CEREMONY

*Congratulations*

September 9th marked Trinity's 59th annual National Honor Society induction. High School Principal Mr. Tom Samosky led the induction, followed by the JROTC's presentation of colors and the pledge of allegiance.

Dr. Michael Lucas, Superintendent, gave opening remarks and Mr. Samosky introduced the NHS senior officers, Jonathan Brodak (Historian), Jacob Snyder (Treasurer), Kristin Leep (Secretary), Taylor Staub (Vice-President), and Elizabeth Herrnberger (President), spoke about their positions and roles in NHS. Sixty-five new members were inducted and received their certificates of membership.



### **2019 Senior Inductees**

<i>Hannah Abbondanza</i>	<i>Christopher Cregut</i>	<i>Ty Kress</i>
<i>Colby Callas</i>	<i>Zachary Diedrich</i>	<i>Mason Pendergast</i>
<i>Andrew Ciotto</i>	<i>Noah Johnson</i>	<i>Taylor Riegler</i>
<i>Makenzie Coyle</i>		<i>Caleb Skirpan</i>

### **2019 Junior Inductees**

<i>Conner Alder</i>	<i>Benjamin Hardy</i>	<i>Lilyanna Ritenour</i>
<i>Tyler Ashmore</i>	<i>Noah Heffner</i>	<i>Joseph Romano</i>
<i>Conner Attenberger</i>	<i>Lily Hefner</i>	<i>Thomas Ross</i>
<i>Isabelle Carney</i>	<i>Lucas Jones</i>	<i>Jilian Sander</i>
<i>Kadyn Caruso</i>	<i>Angelina King</i>	<i>Jacob Sanders</i>
<i>Peyton Celani</i>	<i>Kaleb Koot</i>	<i>Samantha Schury</i>
<i>Skylar Clawson</i>	<i>Benjamin Kozak</i>	<i>Madison Thong</i>
<i>Courtney Dahlquist</i>	<i>Aden Lin</i>	<i>Lucinda Towers</i>
<i>Bailey DeWalt</i>	<i>Madison Lorenzo</i>	<i>John Trapuzzano</i>
<i>Michael Dunn</i>	<i>Emma Malinak</i>	<i>Michael Veltri</i>
<i>Ashley Durig</i>	<i>Matthew McClenathan</i>	<i>Kyle Vonscio</i>
<i>Victoria Ealy</i>	<i>Shayla McConnell</i>	<i>Leo Wang</i>
<i>Rachel Faust</i>	<i>Bayleigh McCullough</i>	<i>Abby Wayman</i>
<i>Madyson Frazee</i>	<i>Colby Meier</i>	<i>Koen Weichel</i>
<i>Kayla Gandy</i>	<i>Jade Miller</i>	<i>Marin Williamson</i>
<i>Megan Geer</i>	<i>Emma Morgan</i>	<i>Brett Wrubleski</i>
<i>Abigail Gottschall</i>	<i>Luke Phillis</i>	<i>Tiffany Xiao</i>
<i>Ethan Hall</i>	<i>Vivian Poach</i>	<i>Allen Zheng</i>

Thanks to advisors Melanie Rush (Lead Faculty Advisor), Mary Ann Berty, Malia Bennett, Allison Migyanko, Alexander Skroupa, and Dr. Sammy Demian (Administrative Advisor)

## 2019 - 2020 Members

*Aubrey Adams*

*Jax Banco*

*Lena Bartoe*

*Makenzie Batson*

*Marlaina Bozek*

*Jonathan Brodak*

*Patrick Bryant*

*Talon Cain*

*Colby Callas*

*Brent Clutter*

*Brianne Coatsworth*

*Elizabeth Cowden*

*Madeleine Crumrine*

*Ryan Custer*

*Katherine Havrila*

*Elizabeth Herrnberger*

*Jeremy Hurd*

*Caitlin Johnson*

*Avery Kern*

*Michael Koroly*

*Ann Kozek*

*Kristin Leep*

*Lexi Livingood*

*Charles McIlvaine*

*Christian Messmer*

*Bayli Miles*

*Consuelo Mish*

*Isabella Morrell*

*Lyndzee Morris*

*Nicholas Phillips*

*Clayton Roberts*

*Mariah Ryan*

*Elliott Salvatori*

*Micayla Samples*

*Caitlin Scott*

*Joshua Sheppard*

*Rae Lynn Simpson*

*Jacob Snyder*

*Alison Spadaro*

*Taylor Staub*

*Elizabeth Steele*

*Augustin Towers*

*Colton Vogel*

*Carson White*

*Nancy Xiao*

*Sheriden Zofchak*



# CONGRATULATIONS

## SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



High school students have many choices as to how they navigate their way through high school. **Bayli Miles** is that very busy soul who is a dedicated student in AP classes across all disciplines as well as a committed member of Mock Trial, Trinity Leadership Committee, National Honor Society, Chic-fil-A Leadership Academy, and Peer Jury. Somehow, she still finds time to serve as senior class secretary. She was a state finalist for debate the last three years. Bayli constantly seeks out opportunities to share her talents in many different areas.

Bayli is a true role model for our student body inside and outside of the classroom. Respected by all who know her, adults and students alike, Bayli brings pride to our school and her family with her thoughtful and mature manner. Bayli holds high expectations for herself, which is evident in the conscientious way she approaches any task. She is an obvious choice for **Trinity High School Student of the Month**.



Kind, responsible, and motivated are words used to describe **Maria Giorgi** and **J.T. Carrigan**, **Middle School Students of the Month**. Way to go you two!

### Trinity's enrollment is on the rise!

TOTAL ENROLLMENT,  
KINDERGARTEN - 12TH GRADE:

2018 - 3,205

2019 - 3,324

# Welcome!

*Jim Knapp*  
*Trinity Area Board of Education*

The Trinity School Board welcomed Jim Knapp as a representative of South Strabane Township at their September 19 meeting. Mr. Knapp was appointed to serve the remainder of Mrs. Kerrin McIlvaine's term after her resignation earlier this month. The term ends in December.

Appreciation is extended to Mrs. McIlvaine for her years of service as a member the Board.



*Kathy Miller*  
*Director of Career & College Programs & Public Relations*



Mrs. Kathy Miller has joined the Trinity team as Director of Career & College Programs and Public Relations. Mrs. Miller will assist the administration in preparing students for a successful career or college experience by planning student internships, job experiences, and apprenticeships. She will also promote public awareness of the district's initiatives, as well as promote relationships with key audiences through technology and social media.

# Remembering 9/11

**Thanks to JROTC for placing US Flags throughout the High School campus commemorating 9/11.**



**The cadets also participated in the 9/11 Memorial Service held by South Strabane police and fire departments.**

*It's a great day to be a Hiller!*



Trinity recently welcomed the Class of 1969 as they celebrated their 50th class reunion!



Congratulations to Alison Spadaro, National Merit Semifinalist!!!



The students of Trinity North wish to extend their thanks to Washington Teachers Federal Credit Union who generously donated several bookbags filled with school supplies!

# Trinity's theme for 2019-2020: KINDNESS and COMPASSION

As advocates for children, we will be guided this year by the abundance of research indicating that students need to feel accepted, cared for, and safe before they can fully engage in learning. This new year will provide several opportunities for our staff to support the emotional and social well-being of our students. There are many different approaches and programs to help schools meet the basic needs of student learning.

Trinity Area staff began this journey with a special speaker, Mr. Darrell Scott, father of Rachel Scott, and founder of Rachel's Challenge. Kindness and compassion will be our common theme to emulate and celebrate with our students throughout the year.



<https://rachelschallenge.org>



Rachel's inspiring story provides a simple, yet powerful example of how small acts of kindness and acceptance motivates us to consider our relationships with people we come in contact with every day. Rachel's story gives us permission to start our own chain reaction of kindness and compassion, which positively affects the climate in our schools and communities.



- Rachel's Challenge begins at the Middle School and High School October 15th and 16th.

- Community Night is October 16th in the High School Auditorium, 6 p.m.



# TEAMology

Teamology will be fully implemented in all elementary schools in 2020.

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) lays the groundwork for our kids to develop healthy relationships, have a better sense of how their thoughts and behaviors influence others and generally learn how to be successful human beings. While test scores correlate strongly with IQ, success in life correlates more highly with EQ (Emotional Quotient).



TEAMology was designed by practitioners in collaboration with Penn State and delivers a systematic method of fully integrating social emotional learning (SEL) into everyday teaching and seamlessly aligning with PBIS, ESSA and MTSS. This alignment creates a vehicle for school-wide common language and context that provides immersive reinforcement from K-5.





Trinity North students met their Project TEAM friends at a kick-off assembly on September 6th. “Harper,” “Paco,” “Amelia,” “Philo,” “Ruby,” and “Lamar” all visited the North assembly. The Project TEAM program focuses on six pillars of social-emotional learning that we will build upon each year.

When North students are caught demonstrating the traits of our Project TEAM friends, they will be recognized by one of our staff members with a token that will go toward our building goal of 25,000 tokens!



As part of the Project TEAM rollout, North implemented three school-wide expectations: Be Safe, Be Ready, Be Kind. All of these expectations are consistent in every part of the building.

For the second year in a row, Mrs. Herald at the Middle School has encouraged students to use the Kindness and Positivity Walls posted outside of her classroom. Students have made the walls come alive with positive thoughts and kind acts.

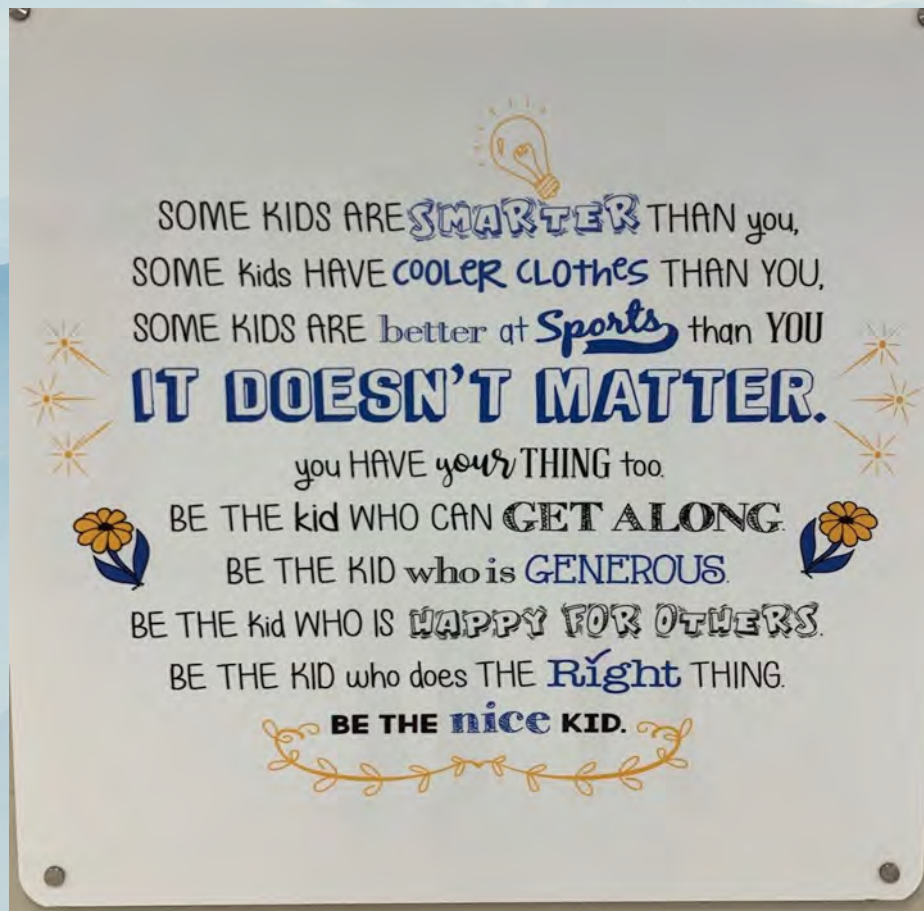
Everyone is invited to write something positive on a post it note for the the Positivity Wall. When people see positive, they think and act positive! Random Acts of Kindness are posted on the Kindness Wall. Visitors are encouraged to take a note and complete the act to "spread good vibes and make people around you feel good!"



# #bethekindkid



Trinity Area is proud to join the JAMbethekindkid team! We will spread the message throughout the Hiller Nation! JAM, a student run #nonprofit make and sell #bethekindkid shirts and other #merch. Proceeds are donated to charity #kindnessmatters. Contact your student's principal for more information!



Thanks to Image360 for joining our mission of kindness by donating the "It Doesn't Matter" signs in all six school buildings.



Follow Dr. Lucas on [twitter@TRINITY\\_MLUCAS](https://twitter.com/TRINITY_MLUCAS)

# A GREAT START TO ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!







## HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES...

**Saturday, September 28th - 1st Family Movie Night** at Hiller Field - showing of *Aladdin* on the new video board at 7 p.m.

### **Spirit Theme Days at the High School -**

- Monday, Sept. 30th - College Shirt Day/Sports Jersey Day
- Tuesday, Oct. 1st - 90's Day and School Pictures for some students
- Wednesday, Oct. 2nd - 90's Day and School Pictures for other students
- Thursday, Oct. 3rd - Tacky Tourist/Beach Day
- Friday, Oct. 4th- Blue and White Day      Homecoming Pep Assembly - a.m.

### **Friday, October 4th**

- Homecoming football game vs. Belle Vernon /Hiller Field - 7 p.m.

### **Saturday, October 5th**

- Band Festival - Hiller Field (performances begin at 6 p.m.)

## OTHER

## IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER

**11th Two Hour Student Early Release/Staff Development**

**14th In Service Day/NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!**

**16th Rachel's Challenge Community Night/High School Auditorium - 6 p.m.**

## DISTRICT FLYERS

available **HERE!**

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

## Parents/ Community Members

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, please click on the following link for more information:

<https://www.trinitypride.org/about/departments/item/796-human-resources>



Watch for FFA  
news in the  
October edition!

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

[hillerhighlights@trinityhillers.net](mailto:hillerhighlights@trinityhillers.net) or  
[jwalz@trinityhillers.net](mailto:jwalz@trinityhillers.net)

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.**





# Parents Night Out

Oct.12 - Feb.1 - Apr. 4

Brought to you by

Trinity High School Early Childhood  
Education Classes & FCCLA Members

**Enjoy a night out and allow your children to spend an evening with the members of the ECE classes and FCCLA Members**

Children ages 3-12, join the fccla members and child care students in a fun filled night of games, snacks, and crafts! The participants will take part in themed night along with getting to meet new highschool friends and fellow classmates from different elementary schools! There will be a parents night out held three times throughout the school year (fall, winter, and spring) from 5:30pm - 8:30pm. Sign up today for all three dates and insure your child's spot in these fun filled night!

**When:** Saturday, October 12, 2019 • Saturday, February 1, 2020 • Saturday, April 4, 2020

**Where:** Trinity High School Aux Gym

**Who:** Preschool (MUST be toilet trained) through 5th grade  
(limited to the first 150 children at each session)

**Cost:** Per Family: One Child \$ 20  
Two Children \$35  
Three Children \$ 45

**Register:** To register or ask questions please contact Brittany Aliveto- FCCLA Advisor/ECE  
[baliveto@trinityhillers.net](mailto:baliveto@trinityhillers.net)

**Contact:** To ensure a spot, send cash or check (made payable to Trinity High School) to:  
Trinity High School  
FCCLA-Brittany Aliveto  
231 Park Ave  
Washington, PA 15301

**Bonus:** Sign up for all **THREE** nights now for a discount!

One Child: \$55

Two Children: \$95

Three Children: \$120

# ECE & FCCLA Parents Night Out Registration Form

Please complete the following form, along with cash or check made out to Trinity High School .  
Please have all forms and money turned in a week in advance to the date of the event!

Circle all dates that your child will participate in parents night out:

<b>Saturday,</b> <b>Oct. 12 ( fall )</b> Halloween themed ( Wear a costume! )	<b>Saturday,</b> <b>Feb. 1 (Winter)</b> Valentine's day themed	<b>Saturday,</b> <b>Apr. 4 (Spring)</b> Camping Themed
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**Participant name(s) :**

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**Age (s) :**

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**Dietary Restrictions (for snack) :**

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**Parent/Guardian(s) name and Contact number (Please include relation to child) :**

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**Email Address :**

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*I agree to My children's participation in the FCCLA/childcare class parents night out.*

**Signature :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date :** \_\_\_\_\_.



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CHIP cubre a niños sin seguro hasta los 19 años en Pennsylvania. No importa cuál sea la razón de que sus hijos no tienen cobertura médica ahora; CHIP puede ayudarle. La mayoría de niños reciben CHIP gratis. Otros pueden obtener los mismos beneficios a un bajo costo. CHIP es traído a usted por las principales compañías de seguros médicos que ofrecen cobertura de calidad e integral.

Si sus ingresos son menos de las pautas indicadas por CHIP, su hijo podría ser inscrito en Asistencia Médica.

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

Parent Right to Know Information as Required by The Elementary and Secondary Education Assistance (ESEA) [Section 1112(e)(1)(A)] and the Every Student Succeeds Act [Section 1112(e)(1)(A)]

Trinity Area School District receives Federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. Throughout the school year, we will be providing you with important information about this law and your child's education. This letter lets you know about your right to request information about the qualifications of the classroom staff working with your child.

We are very proud of our teachers and feel they are prepared to give your child a high-quality education. Our Title I schools must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined in ESEA. These regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA) includes additional right to know requests. At any time, parents and family members can request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include
  - subject matter tested,
  - purpose of the test,
  - source of the requirement (if applicable),
  - amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and
  - time and format of disseminating results.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable Pennsylvania state requirements.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact your child's building principal.