

HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

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



CONGRATULATIONS RE-ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Trinity Area congratulates those members of the Board who were recently re-elected! They are:

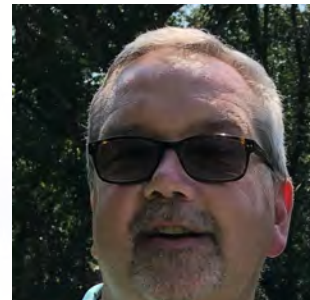
Jennifer Morgan,
Board President,
South Strabane
Township



Sean Dobich,
Amwell & North
Franklin
Townships



Jim Knapp,
South Strabane
Township



Penelope Caleffe,
Board Treasurer,
Canton Township



Greg Rudman,
Canton
Township



The Pennsylvania School Boards Association has also recognized Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Caleffe as long-term board members, celebrating eight years of service each.

PSBA states, "These individuals exemplify leadership and dedication, giving unselfishly to their communities, students and public schools. Their efforts, along with those of their fellow board members, reflect their dedication to giving our children the opportunity to gain knowledge through the best educational system possible."

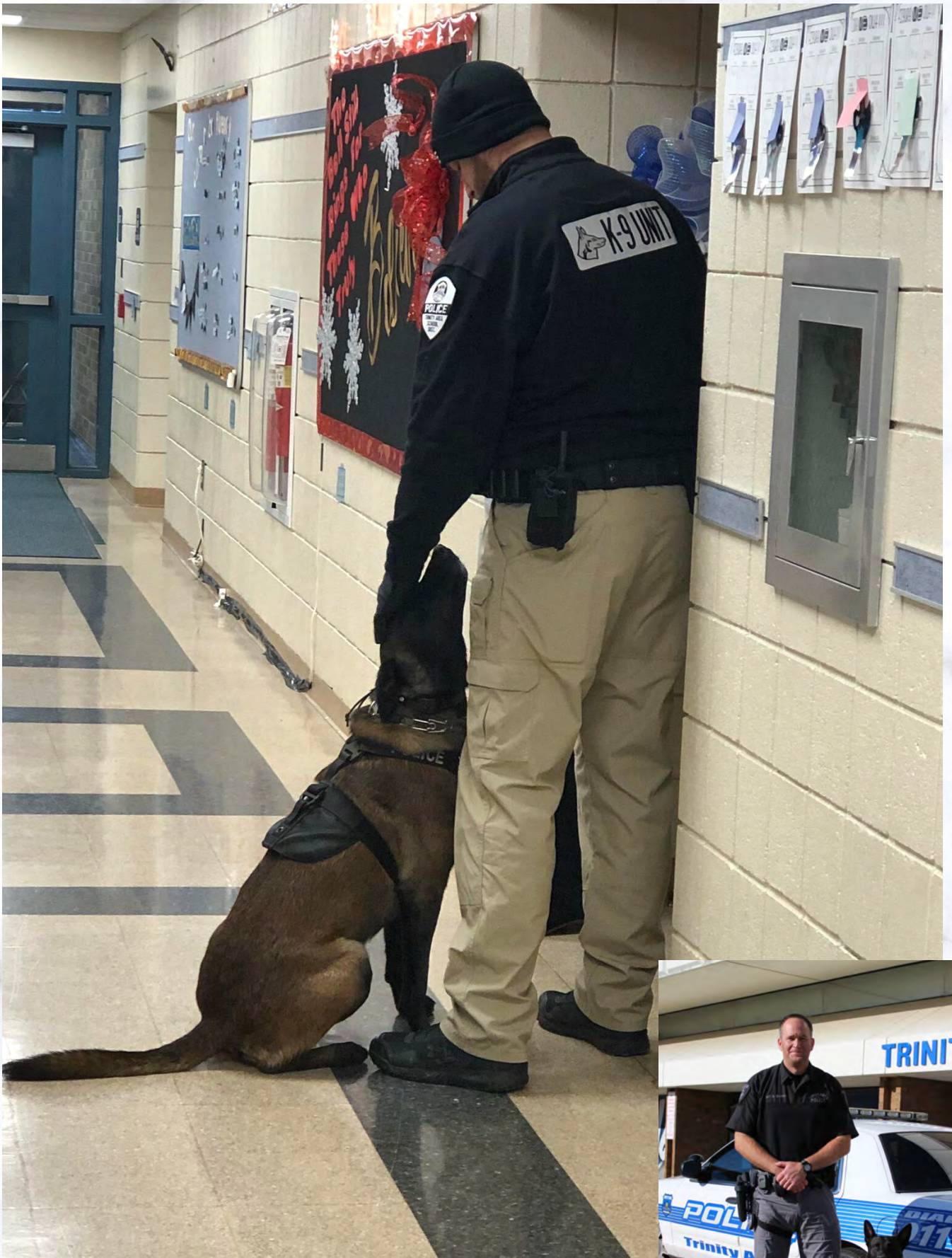
The Trinity Area Police Department: Keeping Students Safe

The Trinity Area school board directors, administration, and staff are fully committed to providing a safe environment in every school building. Thus, the school board directors established the Trinity Area Police Department last year. The department consists of seven specially trained and experienced police officers and a K-9 unit. Recently, our officers had a chance to use their exceptional skills to safely eliminate a potential threat.



On November 20, 2019, the South Strabane Twp. Police Department requested K-9 assistance. Multiple police agencies were actively involved in a search for an armed and dangerous robbery suspect. The suspect fled on foot after a lengthy stolen vehicle pursuit. The suspect was believed to be armed and in a heavily wooded area not far from the middle school. Officer Ben Shaffer and K-9 Officer Hiller responded immediately and began a systematic search of the area. While other officers were struggling with the challenge of the terrain, Officer Shaffer and Hiller stayed committed to locating the suspect. Hiller locked on to the scent of the suspect and located him hiding in a drain pipe. Hiller proceeded approximately 30 feet into the pipe, apprehended the suspect, and pulled him backwards out of the pipe where he was immediately taken into custody without injury to any law enforcement personnel.

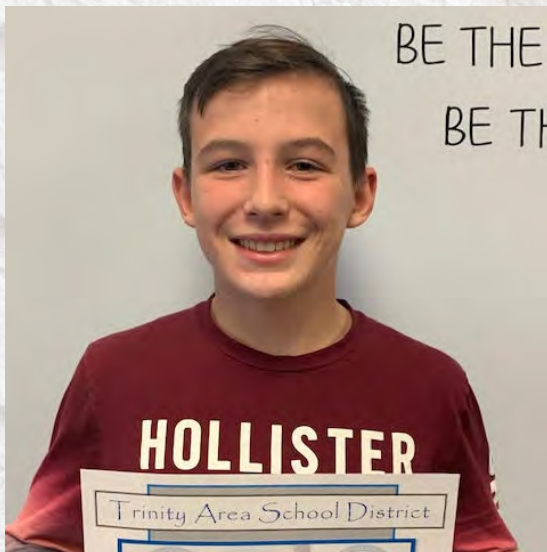
We would like to thank our officers for their bravery and commitment to the safety of the students and staff. Please extend a special thank you to K-9 Officer Hiller and Officer Shaffer when you see them in the hallways.



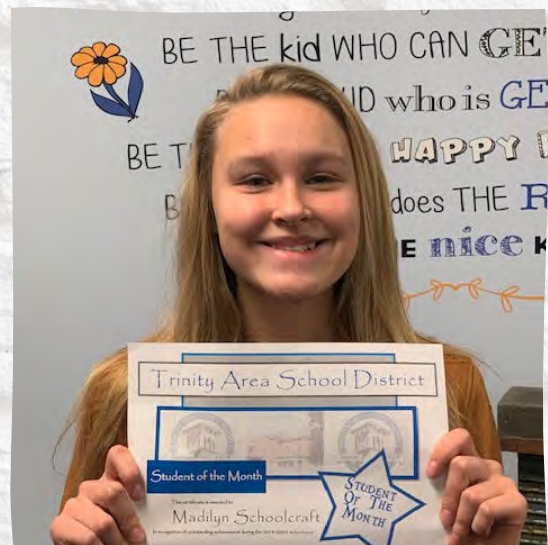
Congratulations **November**
Students of the Month



Ann Kosek - High School



Blake Reihner



Madilyn Schoolcraft

Middle School

Keep up with news and events at
the high school!
Follow the link to the student
newspaper, The Hiller here

WHO WE ARE



Alyssa Kinney
@TASDKinney

#TRINITYFAMILY

Alyssa Kinney is new to the Trinity Area School District this year as the Special Education Instructor for the high school. She is presently Trinity's Mock Trial Coach. After receiving her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and a minor in Justice and Legal Studies at American University in Washington, D.C., she received two Masters degrees from The University of Pittsburgh in Education. In addition to her extensive education, Alyssa has been Certified in the State of PA in Social Studies and Special Education. Before becoming a teacher, Alyssa had a career in the non-profits with Americorp, Goodwill and The Ellis School.

Cool Facts: Alyssa and her husband, Ashton, reside in Mt. Lebanon. They spend their free time hiking, biking and traveling together. On weekends you can find them walking Uptown with their dog, Olive. Alyssa has doubled as a professional baker for weddings. Alyssa loves to read and document her family adventures. Her proudest professional moment would be completing her Master's Program with a 4.0gpa.

One Last Thing: Alyssa's advice to her students is: *Treat yourself as you would treat your best friend.*



"Into The Woods Jr."

Trinity Middle School proudly presented their first Middle School Musical, "Into the Woods Jr." November 21st-23rd. Students auditioned for this musical during the second week of school. Those selected worked tirelessly for 12 weeks to put on a high quality production for the Trinity Area Community. With countless leading roles, colorful story book characters, and lots of humorous moments, this show was the perfect production to start what we hope will be a long lasting tradition of Middle School Musicals. We are so proud of all of the students who were involved in the cast, crew, hair and makeup team, etc. We are also grateful to our wonderful school board, administrators, and parents for supporting this new endeavor! Here's to many more!





Thanks to Washington Financial and Washington County Community Foundation for again providing the district with a generous grant for the purchase of additional technology for our students. Pictured with Dr. Lucas and Dr. Snoke is Mr. Michael Chaido, Senior Vice President of Washington Financial.



Pictured with Mrs. Durila, Trinity FFA Advisor, are members of the Trinity FFA who were awarded the American FFA Degree at the 92nd National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis, Indiana. With only half of one percent of the highest level of committed FFA members attaining this degree, it is one of the highest honors an FFA member can receive. Trinity FFA students who have graduated may remain FFA members until the age of 21.

Allana McCoy, Class of 2016, daughter of Suzy and Allan McCoy. Allana plans to attend the Washington Hospital School of Nursing in the Spring 2020; Tristan McDougan Brown, Class of 2017 and daughter of Misty McDougan-McCombs and Thomas McCombs of Washington, and wife of Chris Brown. Tristan plans to help her husband care for the family farm and raise their family. Ashlee Hobgood, Class of 2016, is the daughter of David and Carrie, and is a Licensed Medical Massage Therapist who plans on growing her business, Hoof and Soul Massage Therapy, LLC as an entrepreneur.

NLI SIGNING DAY

CONGRATULATIONS MARLAINA AND RILEY!

MARLAINA

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NLI SIGNING DAY



TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL
WASHINGTON, PA

MASON PATRIOTS

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL
WASHINGTON, PA

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY SOFTBALL

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NLI SIGNING DAY



TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL
WASHINGTON, PA

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL
WASHINGTON, PA

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL

Mr. Botzer and Mrs. Welsh accompanied twenty eight students to Range Resources to work at the Problem/Solution Forum. There were approximately 150 students from ten different schools from around the area. Participants worked on real life problems in teams to come up with solutions within the natural gas industry. It was a great experience for the students.



Three teams from Trinity High School presented at Heinz field for the Powering Pittsburgh STEM competition. Students faced a panel of judges comprised of Executives from Shell Oil and the Steelers. It was a unique, real world experience for our students! Congratulations to Elijah Butler, Julian Burchett, Jacob Paez, Michael Koroly, Jax Banco, Caitlin Johnson, Mariah Ryan, Charlie McIlvaine, Elizabeth Herrnberger, Jack Halulko, Kristina Bozek, and Andrew Harshman.

Students visit Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh

Students from Mrs. Berty, Mrs. Macino, and Ms. Shaw's classes attended a field trip to the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019; the field trip was made possible thanks to the English Department's three-year collaboration with the Holocaust Center. The students were fortunate to listen to speaker Emily Loeb as she told the story of her grandmother, Ilsa Dahl, who fled Nazi Germany in the days following Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass. Her grandmother's story was all the more powerful to

our students because Ilsa was just a few years older than our students when she had to leave her family, her town, and her country. Ilsa's story allowed our students to understand the rise of the Nazis in Germany from one family's perspective and how friendships were broken, rights were stripped away, and communities were destroyed over time.



Students also had the opportunity to tour an exhibit by Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Emmi Alaquiva titled "OpticVoices: Roots." This interactive photography exhibit celebrates the story of the roots of the Pittsburgh community, highlighting the stories of those who have set the foundation for us. Once our students viewed each image, they were asked to consider the significance behind the photos, fostering conversations that lead to powerful observations about humanity; the Optic was provided and they provided the Voice. Our students were even able to connect the photos with key points from our Rachel's Challenge assembly earlier in the year.



The students shared powerful reflections after the visit. They walked away with the understanding that bearing witness is more than simply empathizing with those victims of the past. It must be an active moment of understanding the past; more importantly, individuals must move from being a bystander to an upstander. When we witness wrong, whether it is hate or bullying, we are armed with the knowledge of the past and how events like the Holocaust began when bystanders turned and looked the other way; thus, we must act, we must speak up in those moments. The English Department is grateful to the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh for providing financial support resulting in this profound opportunity for our students.



Ms. Guariglia's class at Trinity East and Miss Hamilton's class at Trinity North raised over \$600 each by selling pink popcorn and lemonade. The money was donated to the American Cancer Society to support breast cancer research. Trinity North also held a "Pink Out" day with students and staff wearing pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Thanks to Giant Eagle, Popcorn Willy, Mr. and Mrs. Tietz, and Kohls for their generous donations and time at Trinity East.





The National Art Honor Society and the Trinity High School Art Club are participating in the annual “Paint the Plow” contest sponsored by PennDOT to encourage safe driving this winter. NAHS and Art Club students spent time after school designing and painting a winter theme on a 12 foot snow plow. The students chose the theme “Don’t Rush in Ice and Slush” with an image of our unofficial mascot, Greg, getting brain freeze from drinking his slushie too quickly!



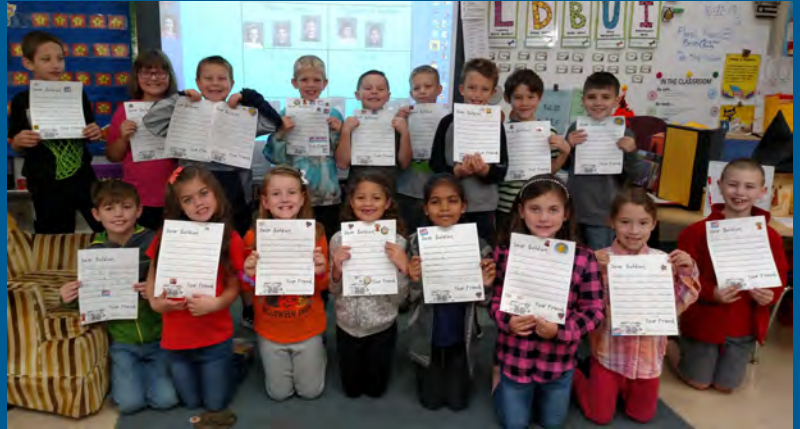
A PennDOT panel of judges will vote on the painted plows, followed by a “Fan Favorite” vote! Fan voting will start soon, so follow the Trinity District Art Department at @trinityartsdept for updates and show your Hiller Pride!

The plows will be in full service this winter, so watch for our #Trinitypride snow plow on a road near you!



Congratulations to the Trinity Middle School Middle School Soccer Team on an undefeated record! The team went 10-0-1 and was undefeated for the season. The team was coached by Mr. West and Mr. Migyanko who guided the boys to victory. We can't wait to see what they accomplish next year! Congratulations, boys!

Students in Mrs. Borovich's and Mrs. Patrick's classes at Trinity North Elementary recently sent letters to Operation Freedom and to the VA Hospital in Pittsburgh just in time for Veterans Day. Students expressed their appreciation to those active servicemen and women currently overseas and to those veterans who are in the hospital.



Trinity North Elementary students honored their veterans with a Veterans Day Program. Sixty-two veterans, and 150 of their family members, were honored. Special guests were veterans Commissioner Larry Maggi, Sergeant Major Quentin Harper from Trinity's ROTC Program, members of the VFW Post 3491, and Judge Brandon Neuman. The students also celebrated their secretary, Mrs. Cindy Beattie, for her 35 years devoted to Trinity. Pictured are the fifth grade presenters in front an American flag made from the handprints of North's students.

Three Trinity High School students represented The Hillers on KDKA's Hometown High Q Saturday, Nov 16, 2019. Hometown High Q is a quiz show broadcasted on KDKA channel 2 Saturday mornings at 11:00 hosted by Rick Dayton. Area high schools compete in teams of three for academic grants and recognition. Senior Alison Spadaro, senior Elliott Salvatori, and senior Ann Kozak traveled to the CBS station in Pittsburgh where they battled against two teams of three from New Castle and Charleroi.

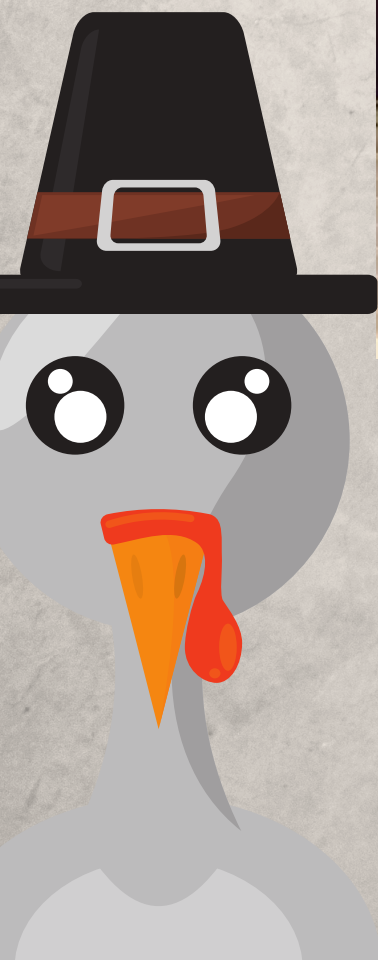


Mr. Polansky represented Trinity as the team's sponsor, and Mrs. Hartley was part of the cheering section. The airing of this Hometown High Q show will be November 30 at 11:00 and an encore December 7 at 11:30. Whether it's on the athletic field or in the classroom, competition brings out the best!



A school-wide contest to support the 2000 Turkey Campaign was recently held at Trinity North Elementary. The students donated their change and dollars with the hopes of helping families enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, along with winning a movie afternoon. Over \$500 was given to 2000 Turkeys and will enable 34 families to have a great dinner. The winning grade level was third grade.

Third grade classes are pictured with teachers Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Mihalek, Mrs. Rodriguez, and student teacher, Paige Adams.





The High School's Trinity Leadership Committee (TLC), led by Mrs. Berty and Mr. Modrak, chose to celebrate World Kindness Day in quiet fashion - sort of. The students in TLC collaborated to plan a Silent Dance event for students with autism and intellectual disabilities. To prepare for this event, they planned out the event day details, executed a fundraiser, and sought to establish a few partnerships: THS Student Council to recycle some of the decorations from fall formal, one of Mr. Modrak's cooking classes to make a cookie decorating table for attendees, and Mrs. Berty's public speaking class to be buddies and dancing partners during the day. Another partner was Frequency-528, a Pittsburgh-based entertainment company, who provided the magical fun for the whole day -- a DJ system with three transmitters that played three different playlists (party fun, Disney and more, and country/requests) over headphones.

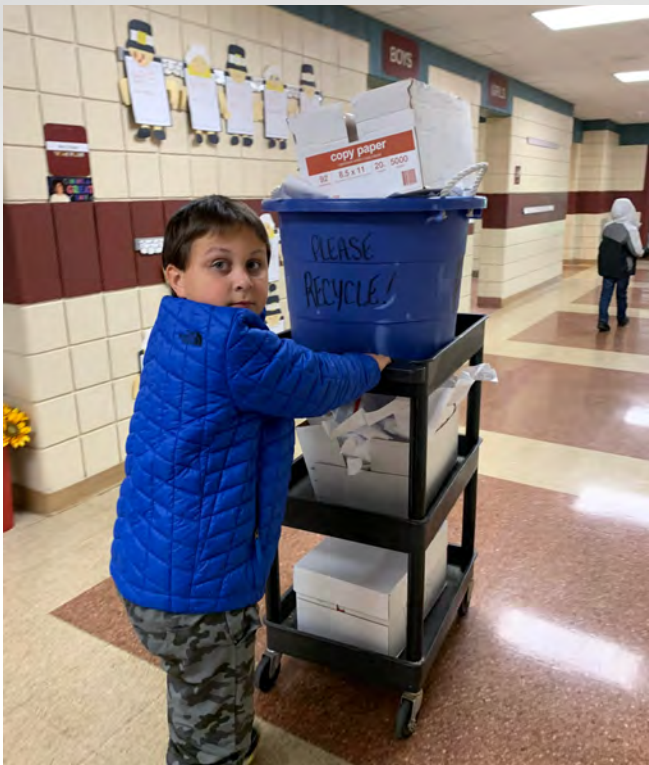


No loud speakers were used during this event! Over 60 students from THS, TMS, McGuffey HS, and Washington HS were able to grab a pair of headphones, select their playlist, and select their desired volume, making it sensory-friendly to the amount of noise pleasing to each. Students then enjoyed a pizza lunch of Little Caesar's provided by Mrs. Belleville, Mrs. Giorgi, and Dr. Demian. This event was a huge success, and TLC looks forward to hosting it annually!

Helping Harpers are in the house!

Miss Kubatka's students at Trinity West have been assisting with several jobs around school. They have helped in the office by delivering important messages to teachers and shredding documents; help out the Project Team Leaders by collecting token counts from each teacher each week; and are a part of the third grade Green Team, by getting all the classrooms' recycling bins.

Keep up the good work!



TRINITY HOSTS ACADEMIC LEAGUE COMPETITION

Trinity High School Students hosted the Western Division Academic League competition November 13, 2019. The National Academic League® motivates and recognizes academic athletes much like their athletic peers. By successfully combining the important aspects of team sports; such as competitiveness, strategy, teamwork and cooperation in a group effort, the NAL® generates the same popular enthusiasm and pride as do sports teams. Two Trinity teams of seven competed against students from Fort Cherry, Burgettstown, McGuffey, Canon McMillan, and Chartiers- Houston. The team members worked independently as well as together to solve an assortment of math, science, geography, world history, art, and language arts questions. The next Academic League competition will be hosted by McGuffey December 11. Trinity + Brain= Success!

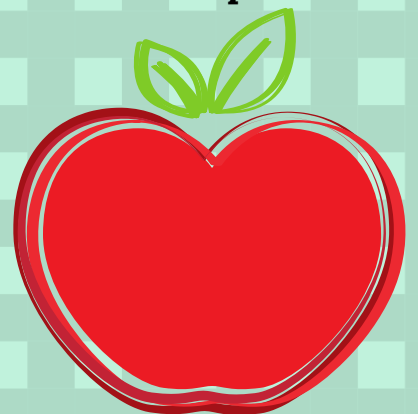
Varsity Team Members include Alison Spadaro, Elliott Salvatori, Brett Wrubleski, Lucas Jones, Ann Kozak, Ben Kozak, and Brett Phillips.

JV Team Members are Emma Riddell, Patrick Bryant, Eden Williamson, Rachel Chase, Marlaina Bozek, Carson White, and Christian Messmer

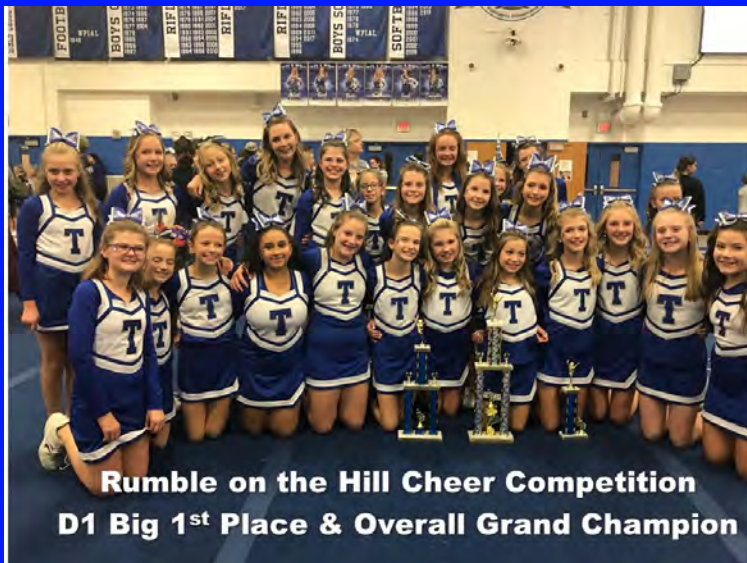




Students in Ms Guariglia and Ms. Hamilton's classes at Trinity East and Trinity North made apple cider and participated in other activities while on their Community Based Instruction field trip.



**It's a
great
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to be
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**PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES
COACH MAC & COACH KIME**

NOVEMBER 11 – DECEMBER 5, 2019

**OLIVIA SCOTT FOUNDATION
TOY DRIVE FOR
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

New toys will be collected in memory of Olivia Scott and donated to Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh for the cancer wing patients.

You may bring a new, unwrapped toy to Coach Mac or Coach Kime. A toy can be for any gender ranging in age from 6 months to 18 years .

Please bring in prior to December 5th .

Bring your new, unwrapped toy to Coach Mac or Coach Kime in the main gym. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity to help the kids at Children's Hospital.



Come join us for an evening of Holiday Magic at Trinity West Elementary

December 11th 2019
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Our Santa Shop will be open for Business.

Gift items start at less than \$1.00,
with most in the \$1.00 to \$5.00 range.
The Santa Shop program provides our
children with an opportunity to make
real life shopping decisions... plus
they learn that giving is
as important as receiving.



We will also have some fun activities
that your children can enjoy:
Coloring Posters, Scavenger Hunt,
and more!



And of course, Santa will be here!!!

\$5.00 a picture
All proceeds will be donated to our
District Police Dog, Hiller.

We hope to see you there!!!



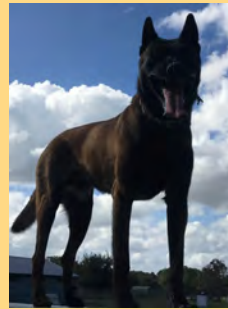
Happy Thanksgiving!

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>



Thanks!
Dr. Bob Mihalovich
- official
veterinarian of
Hiller!

*Steel Veterinary
Services*

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

hillerhighlights@trinityhillers.net or
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.**

DISTRICT FLYERS
available **HERE!**

To request that a flyer be
posted on the website,
email:

jwalz@trinityhillers.net



December dates to remember

2 FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL

3 SCHOOL RESUMES

20 TWO HOUR STUDENT EARLY RELEASE/STAFF DEVELOPMENT

23 - JANUARY 1 WINTER BREAK/NO SCHOOL

JANUARY 2 - SCHOOL RESUMES HAPPY NEW YEAR!

HOLIDAY CONCERT SCHEDULE



December 4

**Sixth Grade Choir, Band, & Orchestra Concert - Middle School Auditorium/
6:30 p.m.**

December 9

Band Concert (grades 7-12) - High School Auditorium/6:30 p.m.

December 11

Choir Concert (grades 7-12) - High School Auditorium/6:30 p.m.

December 16

Orchestra Concert (grades 7-12) - High School Auditorium/6:30 p.m.

December 18

Elementary Orchestra Concert - High School Auditorium/6:30 p.m.

The season for inclement weather is right around the corner! Here are a few ways to be sure you receive notifications on school delays and cancellations:

Be sure your contact information is current for phone numbers and email addresses in Skyward to receive rapid alert notifications.

-Check the website: Alerts will be posted at the top of the website whenever there is a delay or cancellation.

-Check social media: Delays or cancellations will be announced on Twitter.

-Check news outlets: Inclement weather announcements will be posted on the following news outlets:

Local TV - KDKA, WTAE, WPXI

Local radio - WJPA

Please note that the District does not control how quickly radio and TV stations update their information on-air.

IMPORTANT PSSA & KEYSTONE EXAM INFORMATION



Dear Parent/Guardian:

In an era of cell phones, smartphones and other electronic devices which can easily photograph and instantly share photographs, confidential and secure test materials can be easily compromised. Not only is it expensive to replace a compromised test item, the material contained in the PSSA and Keystone Exams is copyrighted property of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Copying or duplicating the material from the assessment, including the taking of a photograph of secure assessment material, is a violation of the federal Copyright Act. Penalties for violations of the Copyright Act may include the cost of replacing the compromised test item(s) or fines of no less than \$750 up to \$30,000 for a single violation (17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.).

In order to ensure reliable test results and to avoid the cost of replacing test items, the Department of Education requires schools to set rules and take certain steps to protect test materials. Electronic devices such as but not limited to cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, E-readers, Nooks, Kindles, iPods, tablets, camera-ready devices, and any other electronic device which can be used to photograph or duplicate test materials, access the internet and/or communicate with others during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams are not permitted in any testing site. Please speak with your child and let him or her know that the possession and/or use of a cell phone or other electronic device during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams will result in consequences.

You will be contacted by the school if your child is discovered using and/or having a cell phone or other unapproved electronic device in his or her possession during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams. Students who ignore this directive will be subject to the school's discipline policy and the Department of Education's requirement that the student's test will not be scored and the student will be required to retake the entire exam. The electronic device will be held by school staff, and the device's stored photographs and other functions will be examined with your permission. You may request to be present when the electronic device is examined. If a photograph of the PSSA or Keystone Exam is discovered or if permission to search other functions of the electronic device is refused, the device will be held by the school staff. The Pennsylvania Department of Education holds the copyright to all material contained within the PSSA and Keystone Exams, the Pennsylvania Department of Education will be contacted and further action may be taken.

If, after testing is complete and test materials have been returned, it is discovered that a student used and/or had a cell phone or other unapproved electronic device in his or her possession during the administration of the test, the school's discipline policy will be followed and the student's test will not be scored.

Information for Parents or Guardians

Pennsylvania Keystone Exams



What are the Keystone Exams?

The Keystone Exams are end-of-course assessments designed to evaluate proficiency in academic content. Beginning with the class of 2021–2022, students must demonstrate proficiency on the Algebra I, Literature, and Biology Keystone Exams to graduate or fulfill one of the other pathways provided to graduate. Students will be offered multiple opportunities to take the Keystones throughout their high school career.

Who will participate in the Keystone Exams?

In 2012–13, the Algebra I, Literature, and Biology Keystone Exams replaced the 11th-grade Pennsylvania System of School Assessments (PSSA) in math, reading, and science for purposes of student, educator, and school accountability. Students should take the Keystone Exams at or near the end of a Keystone-related course. The students' results are banked until their junior year for accountability purposes and until their senior year for graduation purposes. Some students who previously completed a Keystone-related course but did not take the Keystone Exam will also participate for accountability purposes. All students who take a Keystone Exam may re-take the exam.

When will the exams be offered?

The Keystone Exams will be administered three times each year—winter, spring, and summer. Specific administration dates will be published by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Who decided what Keystone Exams should measure?

Groups of educators from across Pennsylvania chose the areas of knowledge on which the Keystone Exams are based. The groups included teachers, supervisors, curriculum directors, and college specialists. Other groups of Pennsylvania educators also reviewed, edited, and approved exam questions.

What is assessed on the Keystone Exams?

Pennsylvania adopted the Pennsylvania Core Standards, standards aligned with expectations for success in college and the workplace. The Keystones are designed to measure these standards.

How long is a Keystone Exam administration?

There is no time limit for a student to complete a Keystone Exam. Each Keystone Exam should take the typical student two to three hours to complete. There are two modules on each test, and each module (or Test Session) of the Keystone Exam should take one to 1.5 hours to complete. Districts can administer the Keystone Exam modules across two days or divided across the morning and the afternoon of the same day.

What are the available formats for administering the Keystone Exams?

The Keystone Exams are available in both online and paper/pencil formats. Districts will determine if online, paper/pencil, or both formats will be used locally. Makeup exams will also be administered in either online or paper/pencil format.

Will students have an opportunity to experience online testing before taking a Keystone Exam online?

Tutorials and online training programs have been developed for the Keystone Exams. The PA Online Assessment Student Tutorial uses pictures, motion, and sound to present visual and verbal descriptions of the properties and features of the PA Online Assessment system. Students are allowed to repeat the Student Tutorial as often as desired and needed. The Online Tools Training (OTT) provides an introductory experience using the PA online assessment software allowing students to observe and try out features of the PA online assessment software prior to the actual assessment. Within the OTT, students also have the opportunity to practice typing responses in a narrative format, graphing functions, and entering equations using an equation builder tool. The online exam also has a "Help" feature that is available to the student during the exam.

What types of questions are on the Keystone Exams?

The Keystone Exams will include multiple-choice questions and constructed-response, or open-ended, questions. For each Keystone Exam, approximately 60 percent to 75 percent of the total score will be from multiple-choice questions and 25 percent to 40 percent of the total score will be from constructed-response questions.

How are the written responses to constructed-response questions scored?

The written responses for constructed-response questions are scored by evaluators trained in applying a pre-determined scoring system. Scores are based on content only. Spelling and punctuation are not included as part of the scoring process. Most constructed-response questions require students to show their work or explain their reasoning. These Keystone Exam questions will ask students to explain, analyze, describe, or compare. Some questions will also require students to perform calculations or create graphs, plots, or drawings.

How are the results reported?

Keystone Exam scores will be processed as quickly as possible and provided to the districts.

Two copies of the individual student report for all Keystone Exams will be sent to the school districts and charter schools. One copy should be sent home to parents/guardians; the other is kept by the school/district.

School-level reports will be used for curricular and planning purposes. School districts and charter schools may publish the results of Keystone Exams for each school. The state will also release school-by-school exam data.

May parents see the Keystone Exams?

Parents and guardians may review the Keystone Exams if they believe they may be in conflict with their religious beliefs by making arrangements with the School Test Coordinator once the exams arrive at the school. Confidentiality agreements must be signed, and no copies of the Keystone Exams or notes about exam questions will be permitted to leave the school.

If, after reviewing the Keystone Exams, parents or guardians do not want their child to participate in one or all of the exams due to a conflict with their religious beliefs, they may write a letter indicating they have a religious objection to the school district superintendent or charter school CAO to request their child be excused from the exam(s).

Report Testing Irregularities

Parents/guardians who believe that a testing irregularity may have occurred may email ra-ed-pssa-keystone@pa.gov or call 844-418-1651 to report the incident.

For additional information about the Keystone Exams, visit the PDE website at www.education.pa.gov or contact your school district.