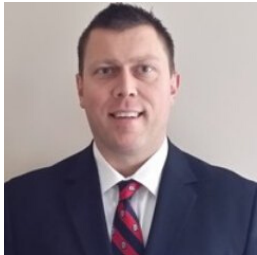


# HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

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



DECEMBER 2019



## HOLIDAY GREETINGS from the Superintendent:



On behalf of the Trinity Area School Board, staff and administration, we wish our families a holiday filled with laughter and joy! We hope our parents and guardians enjoy this special time with their children.

Kindness and compassion were new district-wide themes for Trinity Area School District in 2019. Yet, the tradition of giving and helping others is nothing new at Trinity. Generosity has been felt throughout the entire school community with our clubs, teams, organizations, teachers, staff, and students helping those in need. The implementation of #BeTheKindKid, Teamology, and Rachel's Challenge has guided our staff and students to celebrate, discuss, and practice kindness. We hope our Trinity families experience the same kindness and compassion in this giving season.

Lastly, thank you for choosing Trinity Area School District. We are proud to be your partner in education. 2020 promises to provide the students with the world-class education that Trinity parents expect. We will be excited to see the students back at school on January 2, 2020. Please have a safe and happy holiday break.

Best wishes to you and your family!

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael P. Lucas  
Superintendent



Follow Dr. Lucas on twitter @ #TRINITY\_MLUCAS

# **Mr. Craig Uram named Trinity High School Principal!**

## CONGRATULATIONS



*It is an extreme honor to be named as the high school principal at Trinity Area School District. As the high school principal, it is imperative to continue the highest level of commitment to providing the best educational opportunities to our students at the Trinity Area School District. I am dedicated to carrying on the great tradition of learning that has been established at Trinity Area High School.*

Mr. Uram has been with Trinity Area School District since 2009. He joined the administrative team in 2016 as an assistant principal at the High School before becoming the high school principal in December of 2019. In 2018, he also served as the acting principal of Trinity West Elementary. Before his administrative experience, Mr. Uram began his career as a special education teacher at Intermediate Unit 1. The following school year, Mr. Uram served as a 5th-grade math teacher at Trinity West Elementary.

Mr. Uram received his Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Robert Morris University and his special education certificate from Waynesburg University. Also, Mr. Uram completed his Masters of Education at Waynesburg University in educational leadership, along with completing his principal's certification. Mr. Uram is continuing his education at the University of Pittsburgh, in acquiring his superintendent letter of eligibility and his doctorate in educational leadership. Currently, Mr. Uram resides in Trinity Area School District with his wife and three children.

We extend our appreciation to Mr. Joe Dunn for serving as interim High School Assistant Principal during this transition.

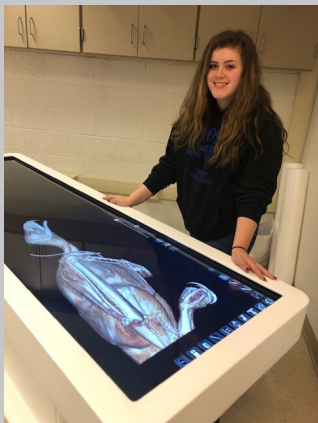


# Cutting edge technology: The Anatomage Table



This virtual dissection table is the most technologically advanced 3D anatomy visualization system for anatomy and physiology education. The table contains four human cadavers which provide students the ability to look at muscles, skeletons, and blood flow from arteries to veins. Animal cadavers are also available.

Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Therapy Instructor, Jason Porterfield states, "Having the Anatomage Table in our building has been a wonderful addition for our students. It provides them the opportunity to explore the structures of the human body that is much more interactive than your textbook or even chromebook for that matter. This gives our students the chance to manipulate, dissect and explore the human body. It provides benefits to multiple classes therefore impacting many students. Our forensic students get to see gunshot wounds. Our vet tech students get to explore the anatomy of different animals. There are mummies for our history classes. Not to mention all of the human capabilities for our science classes, specifically anatomy and physiology as well as our sports medicine course."



Taylor Riegler, SMART (Sport Medicine and Rehabilitation Therapy), student has become proficient in navigating her way through the Anatomage Table. If you spent any time with Taylor you would feel the pride and appreciation she has for this gift to all of our students. She is one of our finest sports medicine students as well as a member of The National Honor Society. Her final semester as a Trinity student is fast approaching and she appreciates this opportunity to explore, to learn and advance her knowledge quicker than the majority of high school students across America.

Having only 5 Anatomage Tables in the State of Pennsylvania Taylor takes full advantage of this benefit as she spends hours a week exploring herself and assisting anyone who is interested. She knows first hand how this has impacted her academic career. Upon graduation, in part to the great support of our Trinity teachers and her experience with the Anatomage Table, she will be attending the University of Kentucky while majoring in Pre-med. This experience and strong foundation has provided her with the skillset to achieve her lifetime goal of becoming a Surgical Cardiopulmonary Perfusionist.



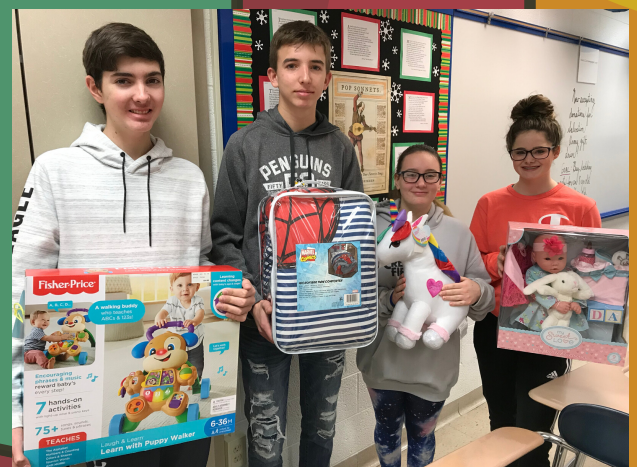
## TMS Hiller Helpers provide Christmas for Trinity kids!!



The generosity of the Trinity staff, students and families is incredible. Thank you for dedicating your time and energy to help Trinity families and making a difference.

## Salvation Army's Treasure's for Children

THS faculty and students once again donated over 30 gifts to local children as part of the Salvation Army's Treasure's for Children program. Thank you to all who helped to make a child's wish come true this holiday season! Pictured from left to right: Mick Ryan, Connor Bull, Marah Pegram, and Grace Prowitt.





Each year our High School students from Mr. McCormick's class earn a holiday shopping trip to South Hills Village Mall. This year, students from Mr. Crossley's class at Trinity North were invited, bringing the total students participating to seventeen.



The high school and elementary students were grouped together to help each other shop and then enjoyed lunch together at the mall food court. The experience was a great success and we hope to make it an annual event. Adults that helped as chaperones included, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Crossley, Mrs. Underwood, social workers, Kylene Shaulis from Trinity North and Carrie Lauso from the High School, paraprofessionals, Marty Poach and Jenn Ullom and nurse, Beth Sutherin.



Trinity Middle school hosted this year's Pittsburgh TubaChristmas rehearsal. The event was the largest in the history of the event in Pittsburgh with 85 participants coming from as far as Philadelphia. Trinity students and staff participating were Dan Horne, Jeffrey Reynolds, Elle Rush, Emma Taylor, Mr. David Fiem (assistant Marching Band Director) and Ethan Turturice. Mr. Lowry, Trinity Middle School Band Director helped to coordinate the event.



Hiller Nation is thankful for students, parents, teachers, and community members who came together to pack Blessing Bags of food that were distributed by the City Mission to those in need this Thanksgiving season. Thanks Ms. Mohr for coordinating this community partnership!







Ms. Mohr & Mr. Walsh's students competed in the Powering Pittsburgh championship competition at Heinz Field. The students were tasked with creating a new way to power our great city of Pittsburgh. The students' ideas included using bicycles to create energy and installing Smart Flowers around Heinz Field to create energy. KDKA even did a story about the competition on the local news! Hiller Nation is proud of our TMS students!



Students at Trinity South were excited to spread Christmas joy by helping their local four-legged friends at the Humane Society!



Sixth grade students organized an American Flag fundraiser to recognize those who have served in the Armed Forces. Through this fundraiser, the students raised \$306 for Trinity's K9 Officer Hiller fund!



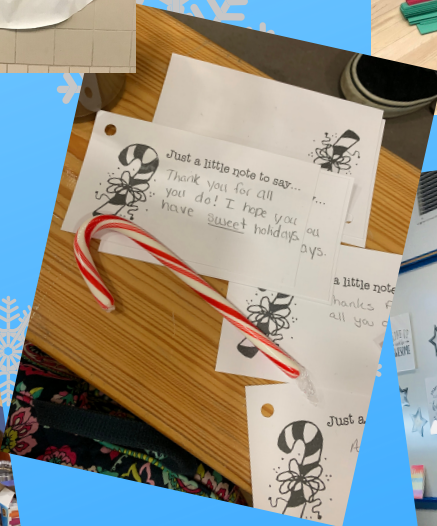


# Rachel's Challenge

One hundred members strong, the FOR (Friends of Rachel) Club at Trinity High School has been busy during the first semester planning and implementing kindness projects and awareness activities that promote respect, tolerance, and compassion.



Through hallway displays, notes of appreciation to staff, and peer recognition, the members have taken to heart the district's initiative to #bethekindkid. Take a look at what we have been up to the last few months!





# All bottled up!!

Trinity South 5th Grade students were asked to choose a famous person and then research and write about that person. The students then created "Biography Bottles" about the person and presented their papers and bottles to the entire class.



MAKE A WISH



Trinity North students participated in Macy's letter writing campaign for their Make a Wish Project. For every letter written to Santa, Macy's donates one dollar to the Make a Wish Foundation. For two weeks, Trinity North students wrote a total of 678 letters, which earned \$678 for Macy's to donate.

Pictured are North second grade students who wrote the most letters and will be treated to a movie afternoon.



# Trinity Pride!



The Trinity Leadership Committee, JROTC and the Speech team united for the fourth year to host a Veterans' Day Dance at the Presbyterian Senior Care Center. This year, the center honored the veterans for their service by presenting them with certificates, pins and flags. DJ Johnny Fever announced the veterans, their wives and family members who attended. Most were WWII veterans. One gentleman celebrated this event along with his 97th birthday. The students danced and socialized and JROTC honored requests from some family members to visit patients too ill to attend. Plans for next year are already in the works. Junior Erin Popeck and senior Hailey Scott coordinated the event.



Sheriff Sam Romano and Deputy Brody Pascoe visit fourth and fifth grade students monthly at Trinity North Elementary during lunch. During their visit in December, the students presented the Sheriff and Deputy gifts of appreciation for the holiday.



First grade students from Mrs. Quinn's class at Trinity North enjoyed spending time with residents of Strabane Woods Assisted Living and Premier Health Center during the Read with Friends Program, which is held monthly at the school. The students celebrated the upcoming holidays with their special friends by presenting them each with a decorated gingerbread man and a Poinsettia .

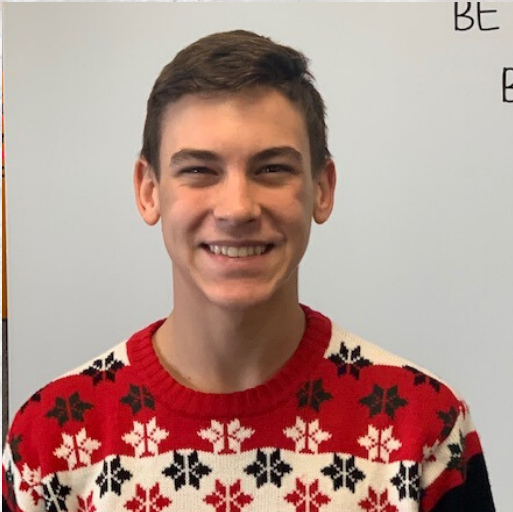


*Congratulations*

DECEMBER  
Students of the Month



Brent Clutter - High School



Tyler Johnson

Middle School



Kiley Furman

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



# WHO WE ARE

## #TRINITYFAMILY



Lauren Kirkpatrick

Lauren Kirkpatrick has the unique ability to bring out the creativity in the North and West Elementary school's students in our district. She received her Bachelors Degree with a double major in Art Education and Art History from Carlow University in Pittsburgh. She began her teaching career as a full time substitute at Trinity High School before quickly transitioning to our Elementary School Art Teacher. Her love and passion for the Arts and her students is evident in their work she displays throughout her classroom. She believes the process of creating something is so valuable for the mind and soul. She continues to inspire our students to express themselves through their artistic skillfulness. Seeing her students get surprised at their work is the best part of her day. On her off days and throughout the summer you can find her working at The Carnegie Museum of Arts.

**Cool Facts:** On Thanksgiving Day Lauren got engaged to Tyler Moser. Lauren and Tyler share an affinity for wellness and fitness. They love to work out together and remain very active through running and hiking the trails of Pittsburgh. They share an Australian puppy named Rory. She is a former athlete and excelled in softball and gymnastics. She enjoys all local sports teams but her favorite is the Pittsburgh Penguins. Her favorite artist is Vincent van Gogh as well as local artist Baron Batch.

**One Last Thing:** Lauren's message to her students is to be true to yourself and express yourself anyway that makes you happy, especially through art.





# 2019 Holiday Concerts





## 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>

## ***DISTRICT FLYERS available HERE!***

***To request that a flyer be  
posted on the website, email:  
jwalz@trinityhillers.net***

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

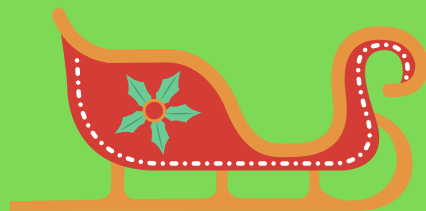
or attached as a Word document.

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.**



## Important Dates!

### DECEMBER

20 Two Hour Student  
Early Release

23 - 31 Winter Break/No  
School

### JANUARY

1 Holiday/No School

2 School Resumes

17 Two Hour Student Early  
Release

20 MLK Day Holiday/No  
School

24 End of 1st Semester



**Introducing the TRINITY HILLER  
SPORTS NETWORK!**  
We now livestream athletic events  
at our stadium & gymnasium. To  
activate your account, [click here.](#)

**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.**





# Parents Night Out

Feb.1.2020

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!

**OPEN TO ANYONE IN THE COMMUNITY!**

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 a snack! Parents night out will be held 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, February 1, 2020

**Where:** Trinity High School Aux Gym

**Who:** Preschool (MUST be toilet trained) through 5th grade (space is limited!)

**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)

**Registration is due by January 24, 2020**

**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

# 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!

**Saturday, February 1, 2020**

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

**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 :** \_\_\_\_\_.