

HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SINCE 2015
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March 2020

Parent/Guardians:

We hope our Trinity families are safe and healthy. At this time, Trinity Area would like to help our families plan for adjustments to the school calendar. Please note that there is still much uncertainty for long-term education plans for Pennsylvania schools. Our goal is to provide our Trinity families with the latest information available.

For now, Trinity Area's school buildings will remain closed. Monday, April 13, 2020, is the earliest possible date Trinity Area students and teachers will return to school. We await official word from the CDC and Governor Wolf to learn if closures will be extended, which is likely.

Please note the following revisions to the 2019-2020 school calendar:

March 30 – April 9 Online instruction

April 10 School Holiday

April 13 Students and staff may return to school buildings or online instruction will continue

June 10 Remains the last day for all students.

The day will remain a half-day for students.

June 12 Remains Graduation Day

Lastly, thank you again for your patience. This crisis has challenged our teachers and principals to make every reasonable effort to provide new learning opportunities at home for all of our students. They have been training and preparing for days and through our teachers' best efforts, online learning will begin on Monday, March 30, 2020. Thank you for your support.

Trinity Area Administration

Link to Parent guide to coronavirus
from the National Child Traumatic Stress Network:

https://www.nctsn.org/resources/parent-caregiver-guide-to-helping-families-cope-with-the-coronavirus-disease-2019?utm_source=ebulletin&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=nctsn-ebulletin

CONGRATULATIONS

March Students of the Month

High School



Morgan Kafana

Middle School



Riley Corrins



Jimmy Lafferty



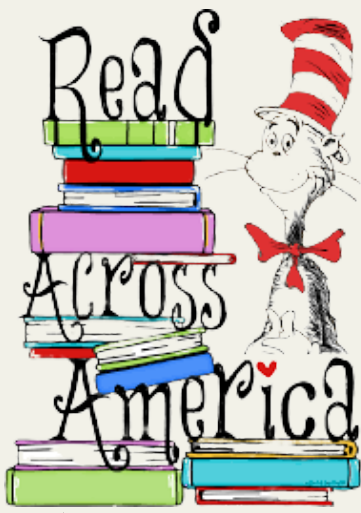
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Keep up with news and events
at the high school!

Follow the link
to the student newspaper,

The Hiller at

<https://thehillernewspaper.org>



March 2 - 6

Trinity South

Dr. Seuss characters were spotted everywhere at South Elementary!



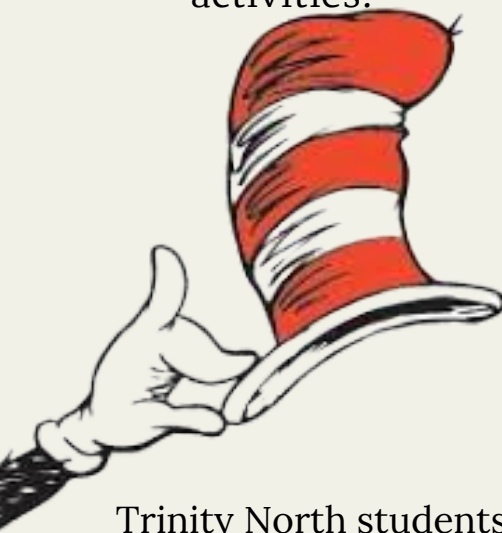
Trinity East



Trinity East decided to join forces during Read Across America week to team up with their March Kindness Project for Rachel's Challenge. After listening to Fox in Socks by Dr. Seuss, and because socks are the most requested item at shelters, students were encouraged to bring in new socks to give to those in need through the Salvation Army, Washington City Mission, and various other local charities. Over 769 pairs of socks were collected for men, women, and children! We couldn't be more proud of the generous spirit found at Trinity East and their mission to #bethekindkid!

Trinity West

Students at Trinity West celebrated Dr. Seuss's Birthday with a variety of fun activities!



Trinity North students researched famous quotes by Dr. Seuss and chose their favorites to display on the green screen. Many great guest readers were welcomed and the students heard wonderful stories.

Trinity North



MATHCOUNTS®

Several TMS students competed during exploratory for the chance to represent Trinity at the annual Math Counts Competition at W&J on Saturday, February 8, 2020. Malachi Anikienko, Fletcher Beckett, Stephen Bryant, Andrew Ciampa, Nathan Jones, and Nathan Sander all competed as individuals. Matthew Heffner (team captain), Avery O'Sullivan, Rebekah Jones, and Aaron Hunsberger competed as part of the TMS Math Counts team. Mr. Phillips and Ms. Kovacicek coached the students one out of the six days of their rotation schedule and found great success. Stephen Bryant, Rebekah Jones, and Matthew Heffner placed 10th, 8th, and 5th, respectively in the individual rounds and the team of Matt, Avery, Rebekah, and Aaron finished 2nd overall in the county. Stephen Bryant was the second higher scorer among the sixth graders and Matthew Heffner will be advancing to the state round of competition in Hershey, PA next month. Our mathematicians made it a great day to be a Hiller!



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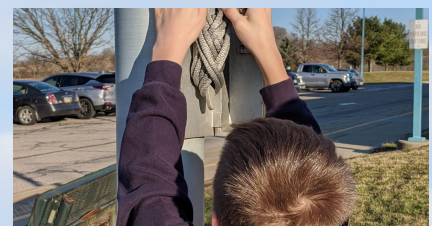


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and Hiller
on Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/k9_hiller/



Med Express employees, Jessica Hilderbrand and Brittany Goettler, visited Trinity North and taught students in Kindergarten through grade two about germs and the proper way to wash their hands. Glitter was used to show how easily germs are transferred from person to person.



Mrs. Huff's 5th Grade Homeroom at Trinity South has been showing exceptional honor, leadership, responsibility and patriotism by raising and lowering the United States Flag every school day. This is the 4th year that students have had this responsibility. "According to the US Flag Code, all American Flags should be displayed from sunrise to sunset every day. Lowering the flag at night is an ultimate sign of respect for Old Glory. But like many rules, there is an exception. You can keep your flag flying 24 hours if it is properly illuminated during all hours of darkness." Mr. Keruskin approved this student run detail or job. This year Kai Bland, Sam Johnson and Jacob Wright each take a rotating week where they ask two students from their "group" in the homeroom to raise the flag before 8:50 am and lower the flag a little after 3pm every day.



The Junior High Wrestling team concluded its season on March 1 at the First Summit Arena in Johnstown PA. The Hillers had 7 state qualifiers this season; Zane Garner 82, Mickey Horne 87, Blake Reihner 112, Braedon Welsh 124, Bodie Morgan 140, Gibson Havanis 167, and Mason Kraer at 212. Three wrestlers came away with medals at the state tournament. Blake Reihner was 3rd, Braedon Welsh 5th, and Bodie Morgan was 2nd.

The Trinity Wellness Committee sponsored a Dance Off at THS on Friday February 28th. Winners were Jaidyn Sebetich, Shelby McAllister, and Cody Lowther.



Middle School students Tyler Johnson, Jason Dobich, and Cooper Scott tasted Breadworks products and voted YES to fresh baked rolls!





Congratulations Mrs. Berty !

The Consortium for Public Education, in partnership with the United Way of SWPA, has announced that Mrs. Mary Ann Berty is a finalist for the 2020 Champions of Learning Award in the 7-12 Educators category. Winners will be announced May 7. Good Luck, Mrs. Berty!



Throughout this school year, the Trinity High School National Honor Society has run three very successful blood drives. These blood drives were made possible with the help of Vitalant, Mr. Majoris and Mrs. Kristin Leep. Many students volunteered their time to this cause to help save lives. Students donating blood were comforted by great student workers who offered them snacks and drinks. Trinity recorded a tremendous number of students who wanted to participate in these life saving events.





FFA News

On the weekend of February 22nd and 23rd, the Trinity FFA traveled to Harrisburg to participate in ACES (Agricultural Cooperation Establishes Success) 2020. Nine Trinity FFA members attended this leadership conference event this year. The students engaged in PA State FFA Officer driven activities. The workshops were based on professionalism, responsibility, communications and leadership where students were challenged on “Setting sail on our way to making our mark”. They were put into tracks according to their year in school. Freshman and sophomores were considered Track 1: Maiden Voyage and juniors and seniors were considered Track 2: Veteran Sailors.



National FFA Week February 24 – 28 Spirit Week

Monday – Wear Flannel Day



Tuesday – FFA Official Dress Day



Wednesday – Wear your Favorite Food / Animal T-shirt

Thursday – Wear your Boots Day/Purple Day

(in support of a little girl in the PA agricultural livestock show circuit that is facing major health issues)



Friday– Staff Appreciation Day/ Pie Day

Trinity FFA brought and served pies to the staff at Trinity High School as we learned the importance of food safety.



The Trinity FFA headlined a food drive as an extension of National FFA Week. FFA along with Trinity HOSA competed in Hunger Games. Over 3,000 pounds of food was collected for the Greater Washington County Food Bank.



WHO WE ARE



Elisabeth Kepler

@bkepler_east

#TRINITYFAMILY

Elisabeth Kepler is a Washington, PA native and a proud graduate of Trinity High School, class of 2004. She continued her education at Edinboro University where she earned the recognition as a member of the Dean's List. She received her Bachelors Degree of Science in Elementary and Early Education. She obtained her Literacy concentration and completed multiple courses in Child Psychology and Special Education. She is presently a Kindergarten Teacher at Trinity East Elementary. Elisabeth has served many roles in the Trinity Area School District such as building sub, long term sub and Autistic Support Teacher. She has implemented the "Kindness Crew" in her classroom to identify individuals going the extra mile, has monthly activities to enhance community involvement, and designated every Monday as the day for students to share how they impacted someone by being kind over the weekend. Her kindness and enthusiasm are contagious in the classroom.

Cool Facts: Elisabeth Kepler, formerly DiSalvio, has been married to her husband Ryan for almost 5 years. Ryan is a former Trinity basketball and track stand-out as they both are loyal to the blue & white. They love spending time with their family and friends sharing dinner and a movie. They have a 21 month old son, Grayson. They are very proud and loving parents. Elisabeth is very family oriented. When she is not at East, you will find Elisabeth keeping busy with Ryan and Grayson exploring the outdoors, riding bikes, playing sports, and staying active. Beth, as she is affectionately known by her family and friends is very active in the community. She was a Dance Team and Cheerleading Coach.

One Last Thing: *Elisabeth's favorite part of her day is spending time with family and going to The Little Gym with Grayson.*



Important Dates for April

- 1 End Third 9 weeks
- 2 School Board Meeting/CANCELLED
- 1-9 Online instruction (8 Make Up Day)
- 10 School Holiday
- 13 Students & teachers return to buildings OR online instruction continues
- 16 School Board Meeting/Board Room - 6 p.m.
- 17 Two Hour Student Early Release/Staff Development
- 21 Finance Committee Meeting/Board Room - 5 p.m.

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/Administration/102>

Introducing the TRINITY HILLER SPORTS NETWORK!

We now livestream athletic events at our stadium & gymnasium. To activate your account, click here.

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL
PROUDLY PRESENTS



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April 2, 3, 4 at 7:00 PM

April 5 at 2:00 PM

Trinity High School Auditorium

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW AT

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Tickets will also be on sale at the door before
each performance.



TRINITY AREA KENNYWOOD PICNIC

Thursday June 11, 2020

\$30.00 *

FunDay Tickets

*This exclusive school ticket price is subject to applicable taxes, fees and other restrictions. Offer expires June 11, 2020.

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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.



Trinity Area School District Academic Calendar 2020-2021

AUGUST '20						
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20-21 New Teacher Orientation
 24-25 KinderCamp
 26-27 Staff Development Days
 28 Clerical
 31 **First Student Day**

Teachers Days: 4
 Student Days: 1

8 Staff Development/No School
 15 President's Day/No School

FEBRUARY '21						
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Teacher Days: 19
 Student Days: 18

SEPTEMBER '20						
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7 Labor Day/No School
 15 Elementary Open House
 16 Elementary Open House
 22 Middle School Open House
 23 High School Open House

Teacher Days: 21
 Student Days: 21

29 End of 3rd 9 weeks/Day # 135
 31 Two Hour Early Release/Staff Development

MARCH '21						
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Teacher Days: 23
 Student Days: 23

OCTOBER '20						
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Teacher Days: 22
 Student Days: 22

1-5 Spring Break/No School
 30 Two Hour Early Release/Staff Development

APRIL '21						
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Teacher Days: 19
 Student Days: 19

NOVEMBER '20						
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2 End 1st 9 weeks /Day #45
 9 Parent Conference Day/No School
 25 Two Hour Early Release/Staff Development
 26-30 Fall Break

Teacher Days: 18
 Student Days: 17

28 Two Hour Early Release/Staff Development
 31 Memorial Day/No School

MAY '21						
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Teacher Days: 20
 Student Days: 20

DECEMBER '20						
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23 Staff Development/No School
 24-31 Winter Break/No School

Teacher Days: 17
 Student Days: 16

4 **Last Student Day/ Early Release/Graduation**
 7-8 Staff Development
 9 Teacher Clerical Day

JUNE '21						
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Teacher Days: 7
 Student Days: 4

JANUARY '21						
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1 Winter Break cont'd /No School
 18 M.L. King Day/No School
 21 End 1st Semester/Day #90

Teacher Days: 19
 Student Days: 19

Board Approved: FEBRUARY 20, 2020

Total teacher days: 189
 Total student days: 180

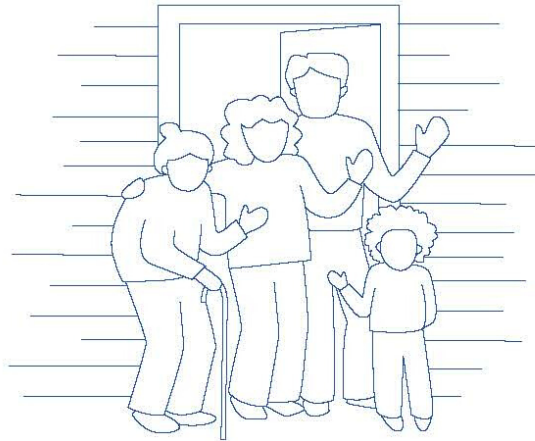
NOTE: Any non-student day may be used as a make-up day.

CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think!
Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

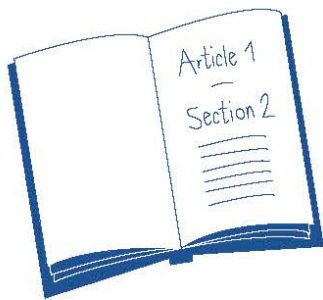
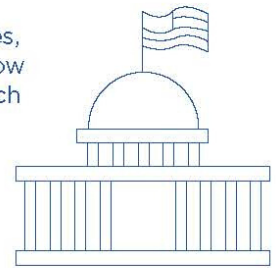
Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the United States once, only once, and in the right place.



It's about fair representation.

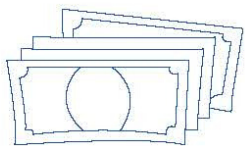
Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.



It's in the Constitution.

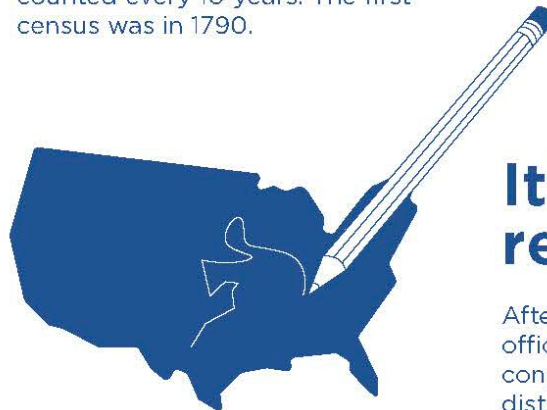
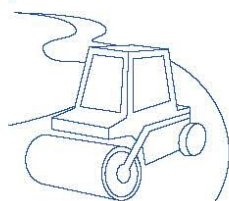
The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

It's about \$675 billion.



The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants, and support to states, counties, and communities are based on census data.

That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works, and other vital programs.

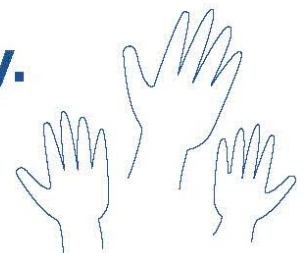


It's about redistricting.

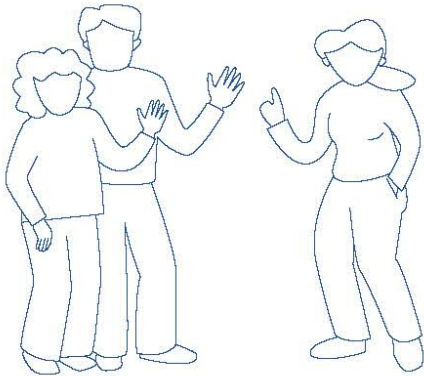
After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

Taking part is your civic duty.

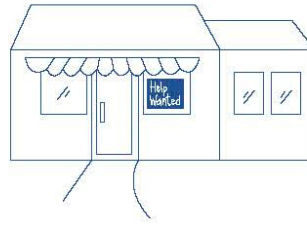
Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"



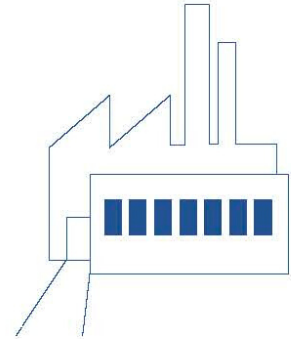
Census data are being used all around you.



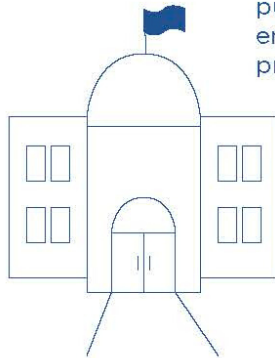
Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life, and consumer advocacy.



Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices, and stores, which create jobs.



Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.



Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.



Your privacy is protected.

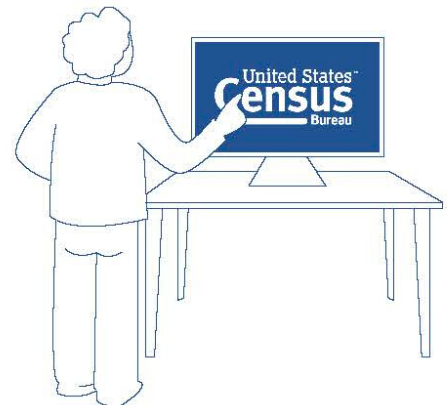
It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household.

By law, your responses cannot be used against you and can only be used to produce statistics.



2020 will be easier than ever.

In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.



You can help.

You are the expert—we need your ideas on the best way to make sure everyone in your community gets counted.

