

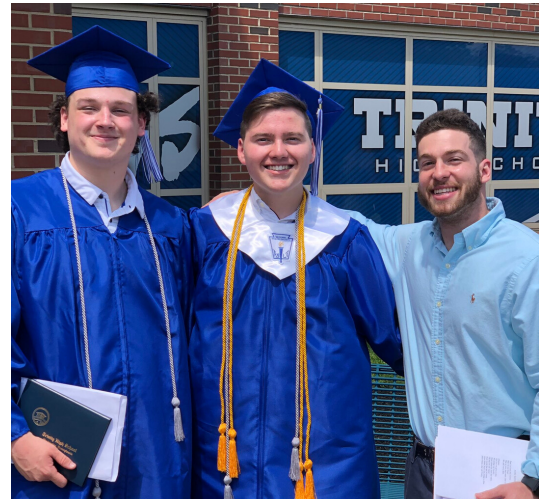
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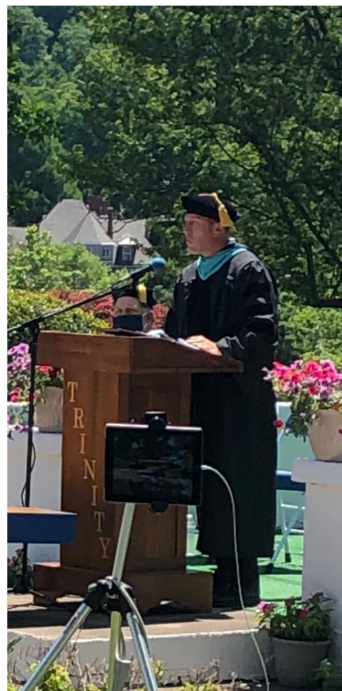
THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SINCE 2015
HOME OF THE HILLERS!



End of Year 2019 - 2020

Congratulations
Class of
2020







It's a Great Day to be a Hiller!

CONGRATS!!

Pictured are seniors who have signed National Letters of Intent to continue their academic and athletic careers at the colleges and universities indicated.



Noah Johnson
Waynesburg University
Basketball



Cassandra Hrabik
Cheerleading
University of Louisville



Jax Banco
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Baseball



Dylan King
Waynesburg University
Basketball



GOVERNOR'S
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
—AWARD—

SILVER LEVEL AWARD

The Pennsylvania Departments of State and Education has announced that 42 high schools in the commonwealth, including Trinity Area, won Governor's Civic Engagement Awards (GCEA) for registering to vote 4,035 eligible students in the 2019-20 school year. Trinity Area qualified for a Silver Level Award registering to vote at least 65 percent of their eligible students. One hundred sixty schools participated in the program. The GCEA program encourages Pennsylvania high school students to participate in elections by voting, organizing voter registration drives and volunteering as poll workers. Students are eligible to register if they are 18 years of age or will turn 18 on or before the date of the next primary, special, municipal or general election.

Congratulations to Charlie McIlvaine, Class of 2020, one of 12 students in the entire state being honored with the Individual Civics Award.



CONGRATULATIONS THIS MUSIC TEACHER MATTHEW KOMULA!

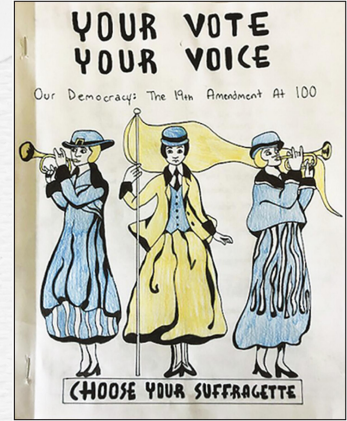
Mr. Komula is one of 216 music teachers from 199 cities from around the United States who have been named as quarterfinalists for the Music Educator Award presented by the Recording Academy and Grammy Museum. The Music Educator Award was established to recognize current educators – kindergarten through college and in public and private schools – who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education and who demonstrate a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining music education in the schools .

Good Luck!

Washington County Bar Association Law Day

Several Trinity Area students placed in Law Day contests sponsored by the Washington County Bar Association.

Ninth grade student Rayne Elling received First Place in the **Creative Arts Contest** for her poster (pictured). Madelyn Schoolcroft and Matthew Heffner (8th grade students) both received Honorable Mention for their poems in the category.



Trinity students were also successful in other contest categories, including:



Editorial Essay Contest -

Emma Malinak (11th grade), First Place
Maria Giorgia (8th grade) - Second Place

Law Day Peeps Diorama Contest-

Caleb Dolan (8th grade) - Second Place
Sophia Misner (8th grade) - Third Place
Braeden Helmkamp (8th grade) - Honorable Mention

Citizen Project Winner-

Trinity Leadership Committee: Multiplying Service Project



To view the entire list of winners, visit:

https://observer-reporter.com/special/law_day/page-1/page_72880115-0dfa-54e6-9a4e-0e586eda72c5.html

WHO WE ARE

#TRINITYFAMILY



Luke Modrak
Trinity High School

Mr. Modrak received his BS in Education in 2011 and earned his MS in Instructional Technology in 2012 from Duquesne University. He was very active throughout his tenure on The Bluff. He is one of the founding interns in the Duquesne University Instructional Technology partnership with Hampton SD as well as worked as an Instructional Designer for the JPIC global distance learning program. He studied at the Kennedy Space Center for an entire week as part of his Masters program. He moved up Forbes Avenue and became an adjunct Instructor at Pitt for CPR & First Aid. He is just as active with our students and shares a passion for their success. He brings an exceptional resume to Trinity and has become one of the most loved teachers throughout the High School. Luke teaches a variety of courses in the THS Career Pathways programs, focusing on business management, marketing, and career and life readiness. He enjoys developing these skills and tailoring them to our THS population. He's an integral part of the THS team of focusing on Career Readiness.

Cool Facts: Luke is our High School Varsity Swim Coach. He coaches swimming at every level from developmental through Olympic Trials qualifiers. He is professionally involved in the "dry-side" of swimming locally and throughout the east coast. He loves biking the trails and riding along the rivers of Pittsburgh. He hates seasonal allergies and is a TV junkie (except The Office because it's overrated). He's looking forward to enjoying local eateries again and trying new ones. He loved experiencing Rome for three months while he was studying abroad in college. He maintains he is a lifetime Bucco fan.

Message from Luke: *Of all of the many things I could share, I think one morsel of wisdom is truly appropriate for this moment in time: be open to new things. It's hard, especially when it requires breaking routines, but getting out of one's comfort zone and facing challenges is how we grow, how we find success, and how we become better. Need proof? I used to despise Crocs, then a fellow coach finally pushed me to try them, and now most people think I'm their biggest shareholder. And I've never been more comfortable."*





Have a Great Summer!

First Day of
School

Monday, August 31
See you next year!



**Need information?
FLYERS
available HERE!**

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

Please Note!

The District will be operating on a modified summer schedule effective Monday, June 15.

District offices will be open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday through Thursday

**THE DISTRICT WILL BE CLOSED
ON FRIDAYS!**

Regular hours will resume Monday, August 17.

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.



Trinity Area School District Academic Calendar 2020-2021

AUGUST '20						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

Teacher Days: 19
Student Days: 18

SEPTEMBER '20						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Teacher Days: 23
Student Days: 23

OCTOBER '20						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Teacher Days: 22
Student Days: 22

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

APRIL '21						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

Teacher Days: 19
Student Days: 19

NOVEMBER '20						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Teacher Days: 20
Student Days: 20

DECEMBER '20						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Teacher Days: 7
Student Days: 4

JANUARY '21						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

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.