

HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

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



Welcome Back! 2022-2023



Message from the Superintendent



FIRST STUDENT DAY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

Dear Trinity Area Families,

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful, relaxing summer break. As the new school year approaches, I want to provide you with information so you know what your child(ren) can expect upon returning to campus, and why changes lay ahead as our community grows. I am excited to share this information with you!

Throughout the last five years, Trinity Area has expanded significantly and students' learning, social, and emotional needs have become increasingly more complex. Additionally, as in districts across the nation, our special education population has skyrocketed. Between 2018 and 2022, we have found space for three preschools, eight emotional support classrooms, four autistic support classrooms, three classrooms for English language learners, two additional guidance counselors, four licensed therapists, five social workers, 10 career programs, six police officers, and a myriad of other classrooms and personnel. Since Trinity Middle School (TMS) was built in the 70's, the outdated infrastructure does not always accommodate such additions. Thus, we have been forced to get creative. We've renovated storage closets and teachers' work areas to provide additional space for instruction. We've combined classrooms and required teachers to share space. Teachers have conducted classes on stages and in cafeterias, hallways, and even unrenovated storage rooms. While we are thrilled with the community's growth and incredibly grateful for the additional personnel, we recognize that, to do our best for students, we must address the issues of overcrowding and old infrastructure. Moreover, to keep all special education students in their home schools and provide them with the resource they need to be successful, we must expand.

You may have learned that our school directors recently approved a large construction project to address the issues noted above. By fall of 2024, renovations will be made to TMS and a new wing will be built to serve as an intermediate school for students in grades 4 and 5. For our current Hillers, as well as for those who moved into the district, we will continue to provide outstanding educational programming in a safe, healthy environment that invites 21st Century teaching and learning. We sincerely thank our school directors for securing a promising future for our students.



As work is scheduled to begin at the TMS campus, we have made provisions to ensure that our students and staff will remain safe and secure during construction. For example, we have identified new routes for driving and walking to campus, and we will arrange for shuttle buses to transport fans to and from sporting events held at the stadium. As a result, new traffic patterns will emerge and routines will undoubtedly be disturbed. Please keep in mind, that, throughout the next two years, changes to drop-off procedures, limited parking, the relocation of events, and other necessary inconveniences will become the norm. This is because we will need to make room for construction vehicles and to store building materials safely.

Parents/guardians of middle school students are strongly encouraged to send children to school by way of busses whenever possible. Busses will be given priority access during the busy drop-off and pickup times, and there will be delays if numerous other vehicles are located on campus for the arrival and dismissal of students. We will send more detailed information about parking once the school year begins. For now, we ask for your support and cooperation because we believe that these inconveniences will prove worthy once the project is completed.

Trinity West will also see safety renovations to the drop-off and pick-up areas. Stay tuned for more information.

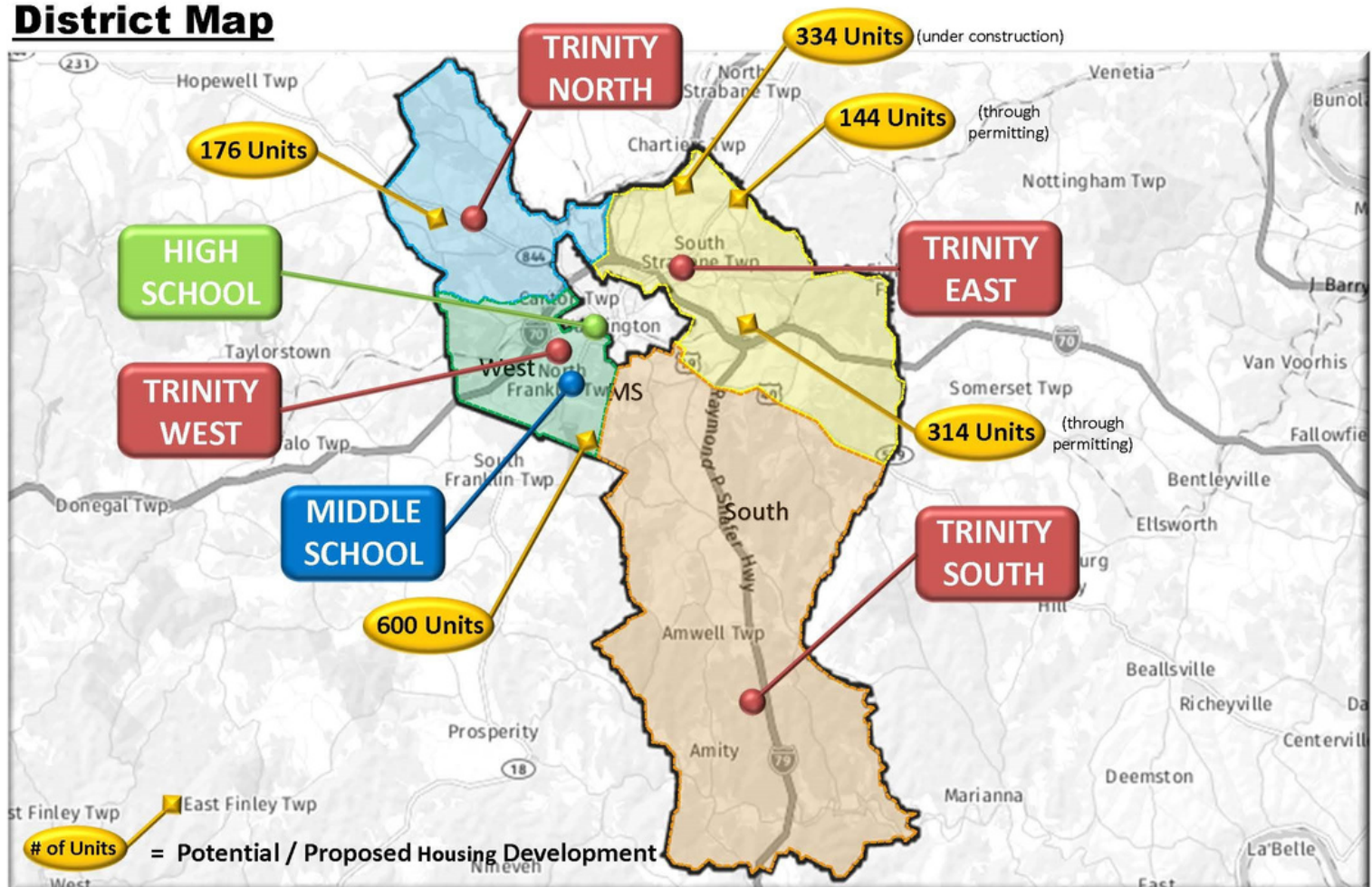
Coming Soon: A Trinity webpage is being built to display daily construction work, drone videos, and construction progress.

It's a Great Day to Be a Hiller!

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael P. Lucas, Superintendent

District Map

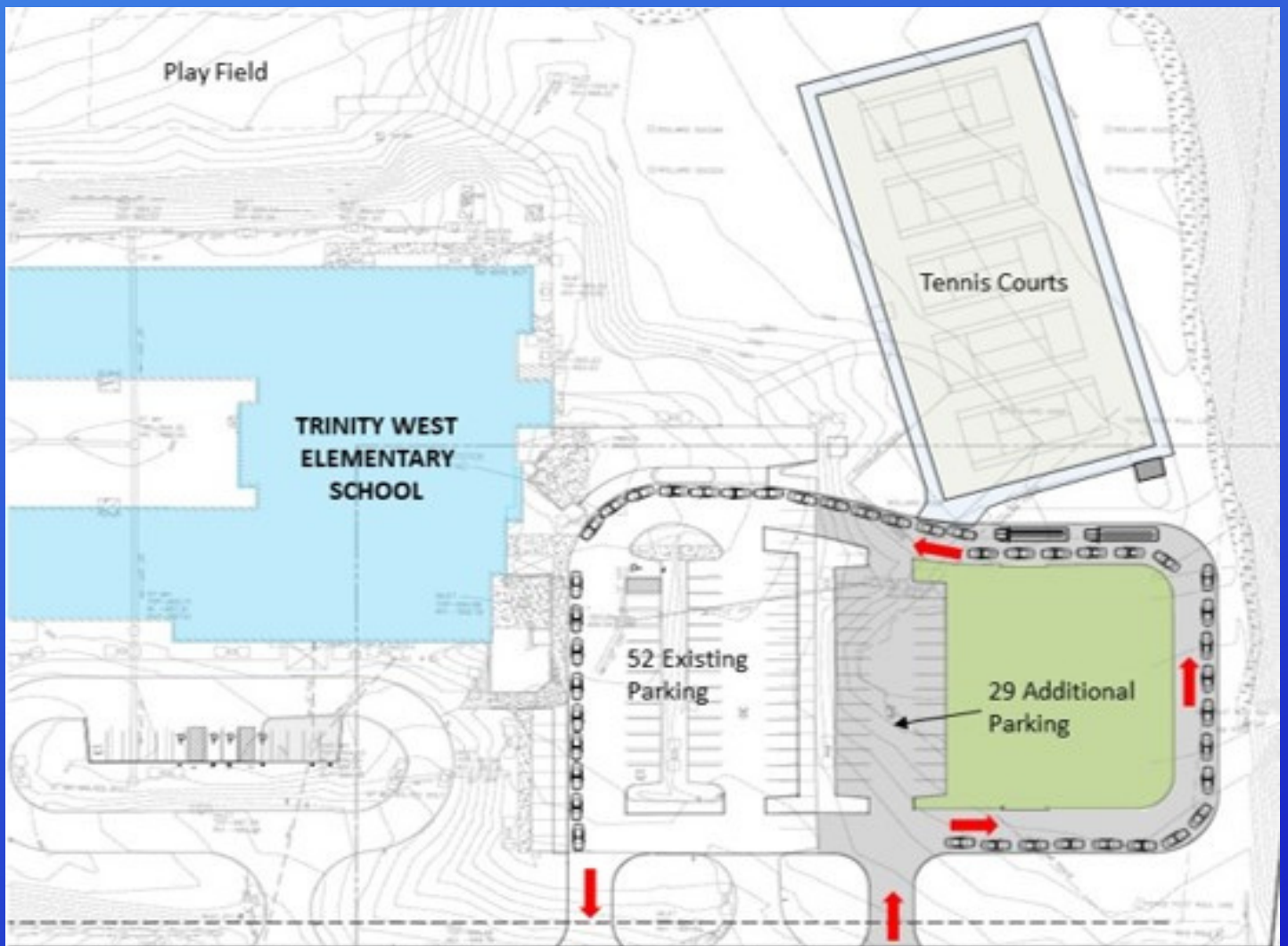
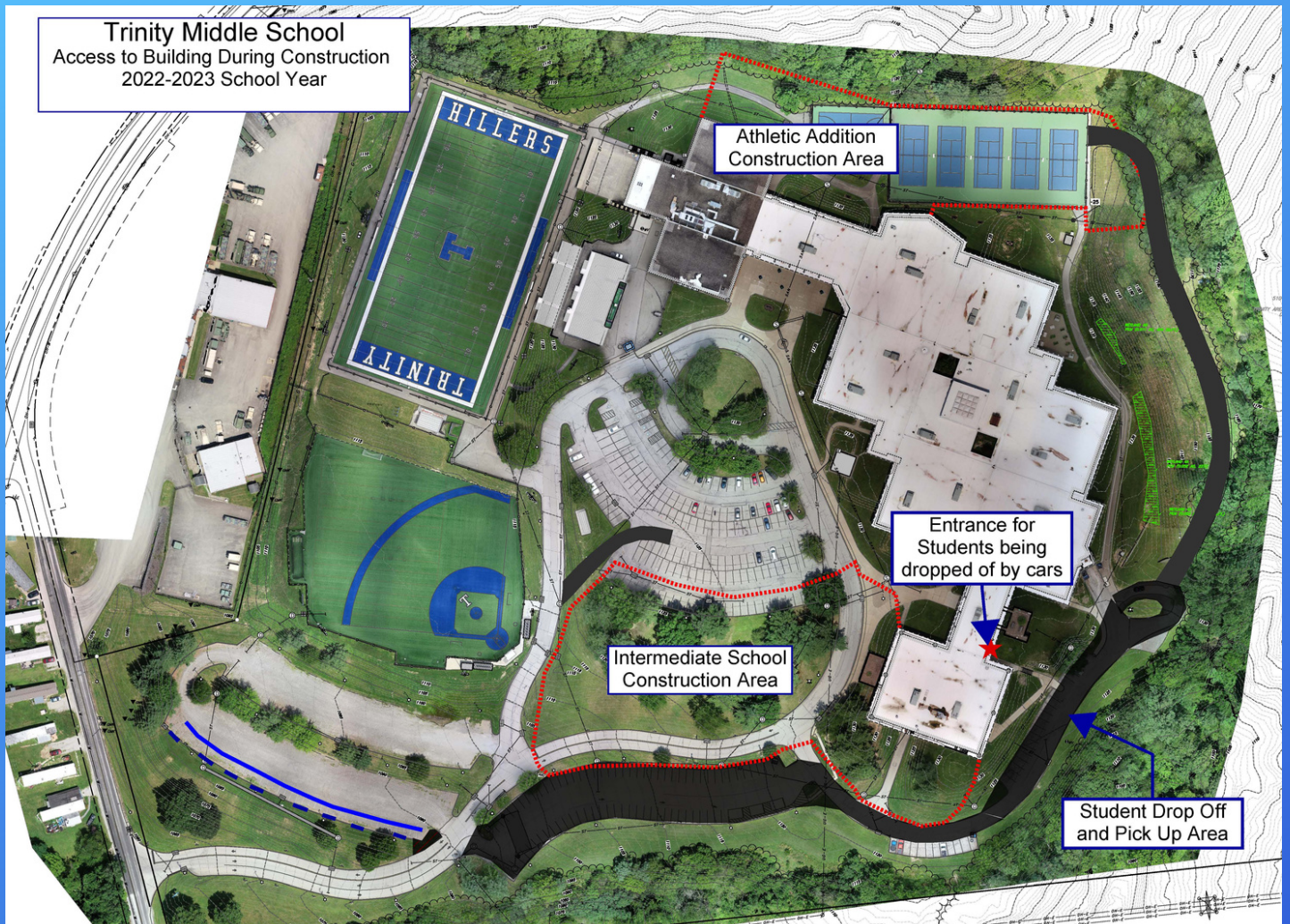


Potential Home Development Sites



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Trinity Middle School
Access to Building During Construction
2022-2023 School Year



Groundbreaking Event!!!



Welcome **TO HILLER NATION!**



Officer Ranalli & Hiller

New Teachers



Christian Daviduk
District Orchestra



Courtney Hrycko
High School Biology



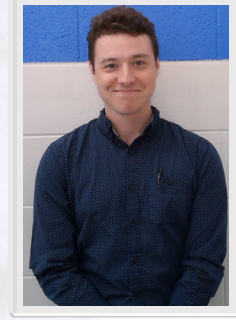
Kelly (Wagner) Siegman
High School English



Kristi Lowden
West Autistic Support



Ashley Koval
High School Learning Support



Brett Eckstrom
High School Learning Support



Jay Murphy
Middle School
Business Computers
Informational Technology



Alexa Harris
Middle School
Business Computers
Informational Technology



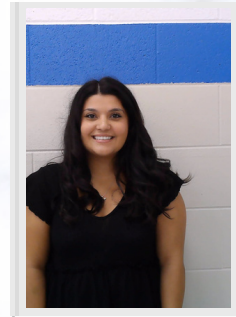
Cally Fleming
High School Industrial Tech



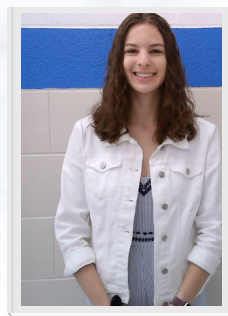
Sarah Finley
High School Chemistry



Alex Nikolopoulos
High School Guidance



Beatrice Kossel
South Emotional Support



Chase Hoobler
West Autistic Support



Dana Ewing
Middle School Learning
Support



Maci Caster
East Learning Support

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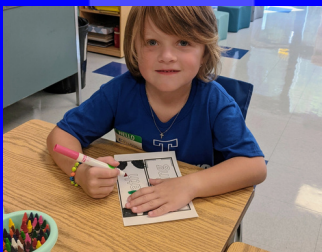
Congratulations Dr. Deems!



Trinity Area congratulates Dr. Saundra Deems! Dr. Saundra Deems successfully defended her research: Perceptions of Parents and Educators on the Preschool Experience.

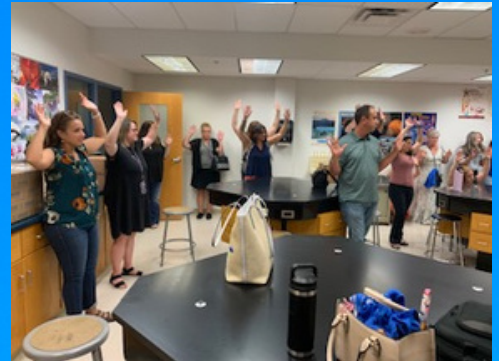
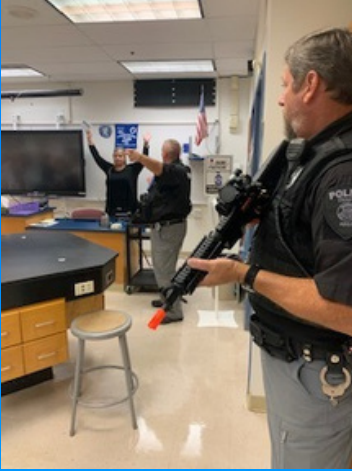
KinderCamp 2022

Trinity welcomed the Class of 2035 on August 25th and 26th for KinderCamp. The orientation for incoming kindergarten students is held each year in all four elementary schools.





Active Shooter Training



On Monday, August 29, Trinity staff members participated in a simulation conducted by the Trinity Police Department. The purpose of the realistic scenario was to train staff on how to react appropriately during an active shooter situation. Chief Scott, Sergeant Thomas, and the team facilitated various live drills, and debriefed the experiences afterwards during breakout sessions when staff members were encouraged to ask questions. Following this event, staff will continue to participate in emergency drills and practices throughout the school year to remain sharp and stay prepared to keep our students safe.

Congratulations



Hillers Dominick Canali, L.J. Zidek, Hayden Stack, Anthony Giorgi, Zach Schrader, and Ian Migyanko represented Trinity in this year's Pony League World Series.



**Custodians
Maintenance
Computer Technicians
Secretaries
Food Service
and all who helped us
get ready for this school
year!**

#trinitystrong

Shark in the Park!!!



Trinity's own Logan Spencer and Jason Engle participated in Shark in the Park cardboard boat races held at Washington Park Pool.

Power Motorsports



Trinity Area's Power Motorsports' newest partner... Washington PA's STEEL CITY HARLEY- DAVIDSON! Do you want to work on Harleys? Talk to your guidance counselor today! Only at Trinity Area!



Important Contact Information

Trinity Area School District 724-223-2000

High School 724-225-6380

Principal - Mr. Craig Uram ext. 6501
curam@trinityhillers.net

Asst. Principal - Mr. Zachary Zebrasky ext. 6505
zzebrasky@trinityhillers.net

Asst. Principal - Mr. Daniel Knause ext. 6503
dknause@trinityhillers.net

Middle School 724-228-2112

Principal - Mr. Paul Kostelnik ext. 5503
pkostelnik@trinityhillers.net

Asst. Principal - Ms. Lindsay Benzenhoefer ext. 5501
lbenz@trinityhillers.net

East Elementary 724-225-8140

Principal - Mrs. Sandra Deems ext. 4501
sdeems@trinityhillers.net

North Elementary 724-222-5064

Principal - Dr. Sam Demian ext. 2501
sdemian@trinityhillers.net

South Elementary 724-225-7490

Principal - Mr. Peter Keruskin ext. 3501
pkeruskin@trinityhillers.net

West Elementary 724-222-4730

Principal - Mrs. Michelle Ostrosky ext. 1501
mostrosky@trinityhillers.net

The breakfast and lunch prices are listed below:

Breakfast - \$2.00

Lunch (Elem/MS) - \$3.15

Lunch (HS) - \$3.40

You are highly encouraged to fill out the free and reduced application at www.schoolcafe.com

schoolcafé

To submit an article for consideration please email:

hillerhighlights@trinityhillers.net or tkrieger@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.

All articles are subject to final approval by the Superintendent.



INFORMATIONAL FLYERS:

Flyers are available on the district website under **About**. To access, click on the link [DISTRICT FLYERS](#)

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



TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT | 2022-2023 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

AUGUST '22

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			

24, 25 & 26 New Teachers
25 & 26 Kindercamp
29, 30 & 31 Staff
Development

Teacher Days: 3
Student Days: 0

13 Staff Development/No
School
20 Presidents' Day/No School

Teacher Days: 19
Student Days: 18

FEBRUARY '23

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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SEPTEMBER '22

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1 Staff Development
2 Clerical Day
5 Labor Day
6 First Student Day
13 & 14 Elementary Open
House
20 MS Open House
21 HS Open House

Teacher Days: 21
Student Days: 19

17 Staff Development/No
School

Teacher Days: 23
Student Days: 22

MARCH '23

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OCTOBER '22

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

28 Two Hour Student Early
Release/Staff Development
31 Staff Development/No
School

Teacher Days: 21
Student Days: 20

3 End 3rd 9 weeks
6-10 Spring Break

Teacher Days: 17
Student Days: 17

APRIL '23

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NOVEMBER '22

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8 End 1st 9 weeks
24-28 Fall Break

Teacher Days: 19
Student Days: 19

26 Two Hour Student Early
Release/ Staff Development
29 Memorial Day/No School

Teacher Days: 22
Student Days: 22

MAY '23

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DECEMBER '22

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23-30 Winter Break

Teacher Days: 16
Student Days: 16

9 Graduation/Last Student Day
12 Teacher Clerical

Teacher Days: 8
Student Days: 7

JUNE '23

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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JANUARY '23

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2 Winter Break
13 Two Hour Student Early
Release
16 M.L. King Day/No School
25 End 1st Semester

Teacher Days: 20
Student Days: 20

Teacher Days: 189
Student Days: 180

BOARD APPROVED:
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TENTATIVE FIRST STUDENT DAY
FOR 2023-24:
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023



*Flexible Instruction Days may be used when school is cancelled.



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.

**Do you have a bachelor's
degree and want to
work with kids?**



THE HR DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS!

**THOSE WITH A TEACHING DEGREE, AS WELL AS THOSE WITH
"EMERGENCY STATUS", MAY APPLY
(FOUR YEAR DEGREE REQUIRED/NO TEACHING DEGREE NECESSARY)**

DAILY RATE IS \$125

**IF YOU ARE QUALIFIED AND INTERESTED
IN WORKING WITH OUR STUDENTS,
CONTACT**

**MR. JACK MINNICK
HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

724-223-2000 EXT. 7121 OR 7114