

HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

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



October 2022-2023

Congratulations Distinguished Alumni 2022!



Dr. Andrew Goudy - Class of '61

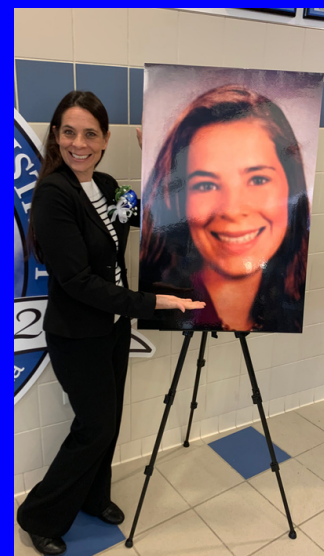
Dr. Andrew Goudy, Mr. Edward Romanoff, Dr. Michael Faust, and Dr. Beth Gardner were honored and celebrated on Friday, October 14, 2022 as the Distinguished Alumni Class of 2022!



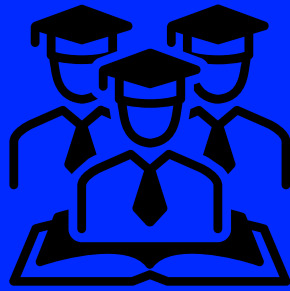
Mr. Edward Romanoff - Class of '63



Dr. Michael Faust - Class of '86



Dr. Beth Gardner - Class of '95



WALL OF HONOR



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

The Trinity Area School District is accepting nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Presentation: High School Awards Assembly

Nomination Deadline Date: January 15 of Each Year

CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION

A nominee must be an alumnus/alumna of the Trinity Area High School who graduated a minimum of fifteen (15) years prior to the date of the presentation.

Distinguished Alumni will be honored for outstanding contributions made in their chosen profession and include areas such as business, education, journalism, law, medicine, science, performing or visual arts, and public service. Characteristics given primary consideration are a record of academic achievement, as well as professional and/or business achievements and accomplishments, and community or civic consciousness.

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nominee's Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Maiden)

Nominee's Current Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Nominee's Former Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Nominee's Current Telephone Number: () _____

Nominee's Profession/Occupation: _____

Nominee's Place of Employment: _____

NOMINEE ACHIEVEMENTS

(Attach current photo, résumé, letters of recommendation, newspaper articles, to support the nomination.)

Attachment #1: Exceptional Academic Achievements: High School/College/Postgraduate

Attachment #2: Outstanding Contributions to Profession

Attachment #3: Community/Civic Contributions of Note

Nominee's Year of Graduation: _____ Name of Nominator: _____

Address of Nominator: _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone Number of Nominator: () _____

Please return to: Dr. Michael P. Lucas, Superintendent
Trinity Area School District
231 Park Avenue, Washington, PA 15301
lucasm@trinitypride.org

Homecoming 2022!

CONGRATULATIONS

Abby Drezewski

Abby is the daughter of Anthony and Maggie Drezewski. She is the assistant drum major for the Trinity High School marching band and she also plays the mellophone and the French horn. Abby is in concert band and chamber choir, and she participates in the school musical every year. She is an active member of the National Honor Society and the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Abby is a member of the Friends of Rachel Club and she is the co-founder and president of Trinity's newest club, The Shirley Tempos Acapella Troupe. Upon graduation, Abby will attend a four-year university and pursue her love of music and performing.



Congratulations October Students of the Month



**Mason Kraeer
High School**



**Paige Schott and Jesse Jimenez
Middle School**

Congrats

WACTC

Western Area Career & Technology Center

October 2022 Cosmetology
Student of the Month for
Western Area Career &
Technology Center!



CONGRATULATIONS
**CHLOE
CROWE**
WACTC STUDENT
OF THE MONTH

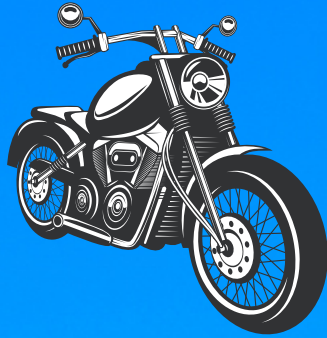


WACTC

Checking in with our
WACTC Rock Stars.
Training and lessons
for a fantastic career.



Thank you!



STEEL CITY HARLEY- DAVIDSON donated two beautiful bikes for Trinity's Power Motorsports Program! Do you want to work on Harleys? Talk to your guidance counselor today. Only at Trinity Area!

2023 National Merit Scholarship Program



Emma Riddell, Rayne Elling, and Brett Phillips received a Letter of Commendation for exceptional academic promise as demonstrated by their outstanding performance on the qualifying test.

AMBASSADORS OF KINDNESS





T CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TRINITY HILLERS NAMED
2022 CLASS AAA-SECTION 3
ALL SECTION



SENIOR
CONNOR SMITH
ALL SECTION



SOPHOMORE
RYAN TORBOLI
ALL SECTION



SENIOR
ZACH THORNBURG
HONORABLE MENTION

CONGRATULATIONS

2022 AAA SECTION 4



RUBY MORGAN



COURTNEY LOWE

T ALL SECTION HONORS



Trinity Boys
Soccer Pink
Out Night!



Dr. Lucas met with our Elementary PTA Presidents. Thank you for your leadership. Your work is appreciated!

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Mrs. Heather Gojmerac recently acquired a \$1,000 grant from Range Resources to help restock the TMS Food Pantry. The Food Pantry provides food to approximately 40 students in need each week. Thank you, Range Resources, for your community support!



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Mrs. Gojmerac's elementary students had a wonderful experience at Mingo thanks to local experts and helpers. Specialists shared their knowledge about trees and tree cutting, drones and technology used in conservation, macroinvertebrates, hydroponics, watershed pollutants, and archery.



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Middle school gifted students traveled to Phipps Conservatory to participate in an Eco Challenge event on 9/14. This event is the kickoff for the Fairchild Challenge, which consists of a series of environmental challenges that students will be working on during the school year. Students participated in hands-on water testing, worked in the edible garden, and conducted research on watersheds while at Phipps.

Fire Prevention Week at South!

Members of the Amwell and Lone Pine Volunteer Fire Companies visited Trinity South on Friday, October 14 during National Fire Prevention Week! Students went through a smokehouse, fired a water cannon, practiced using a fire extinguisher, and learned about fire fighter equipment.



Thank You

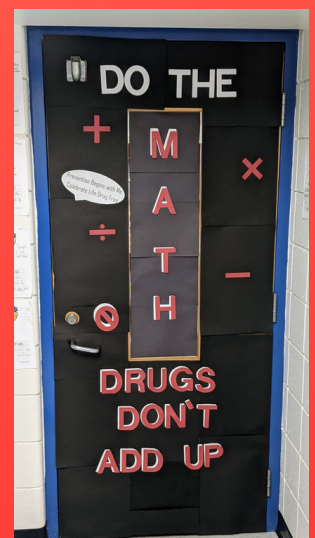
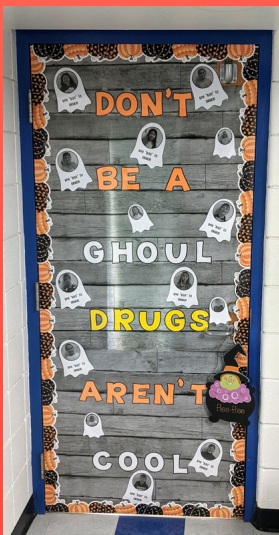


Students in each grade level who won the Fire Prevention Coloring Contest were brought to school in a fire truck!



Red Ribbon Week at Trinity South

Trinity South 3rd grade classrooms participated in the Washington Drug & Alcohol Commission's county-wide Red Ribbon Door Decorating Contest. The theme "Prevention Begins with Me, Celebrate Life Drug Free" will be depicted through art used in the creation of their classroom door project. All the doors looked awesome!



Trinity Cares Club had a great time volunteering at the Washington Food Bank packing food for families in need. Helping the community one step at a time!



Participants this year:
Isabella Priest, Madeline Clarke, Macie Justice, Hanna Stedman, Isabella Muraco



Range Resources and Dress For Success presented the "Power of Her". This was an interactive women's empowerment and workforce development event.



Trinity Dress for Success!



Trinity High School Marching Band earned first in its class by scoring a 72.45 for High Music and winning High Visual and High Effect in Class AA at the PIMBA band competition, held at Baldwin-Whitehall on Sept. 17. The band earned first place in visual and effect, and tied for first for music.



The National Honor Society welcomed 89 new members at the Induction Ceremony held on September 28th, 2022. Each member received their pin, membership card and certificate during the ceremony as well as recited the Trinity Chapter of the National Honor Society Pledge. The 2022-2023 officers were also installed during the ceremony: Julia Luzar (Historian), Treasurer (Emily Wickham), Secretary (Emma Riddell), Hannah Eisiminger (Vice-President) and Riley Dunn (President). It was an amazing night to celebrate the academic achievements of our Trinity High School students, including the 60 members that are starting their 2nd year as members.



MARK MAHETTA/for the Observer-Reporter

Congratulations to Kaylee Foringer for winning the girls' varsity race at the Washington County Cross Country Championship!

Congratulations



Trinity Middle girl's cross country team took 1st place in the Washington County Championships. Medalists Erica Evans, Olivia Angelo, Heidi Burnette, Brynn Tomey and Ava Terkay were among the top 15 runners. The girls dominated the season with a 7-1 record. Coach Gandy is very proud of the team's hard work. Congratulations, girls! Trinity Middle girl's cross country team: Olivia Angelo, Heidi Burnette, Brynn Tomey, Erica Evans, Ava Terkay, Kirra Schneider, Peyton Detrick, McKenzie Thomas, Camryn Baker, Brianna Wise, and Adale Yurinko



On October 20th, the TMS gifted students competed in a Double-Digit Math24 competition. Congratulations to Vittoria Emerich who came in 3rd place in the eighth-grade division! Great job to all who participated!

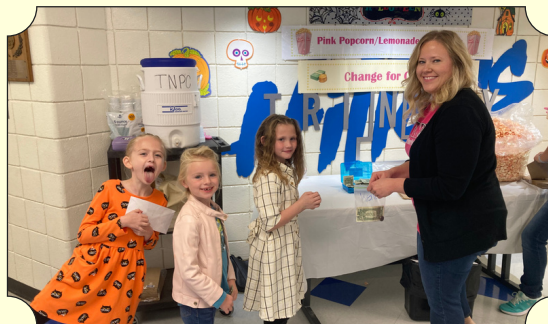


American Red Cross

The second and fifth grade students at Trinity North had an assembly held by The American Red Cross. They learned about what to do during a disaster. The fifth graders were given pillowcases to take home to decorate with items needed in case of a tragedy. They also learned about the services and events the Red Cross responds to such as home fires, flooding, tornadoes, wildfires, transportation disasters, hurricanes, earthquakes, and mass casualty incidents.

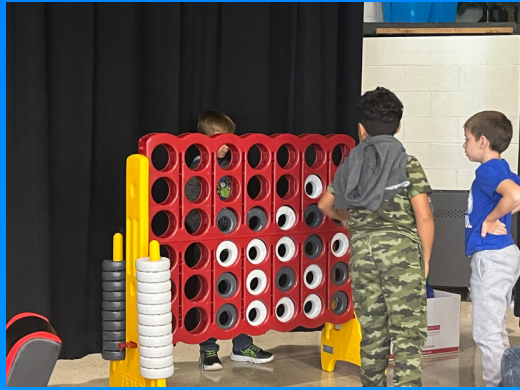


HOPE



The students and staff from Trinity North recognized Breast Cancer Awareness month by having a "pink out" Friday to support this cause. Also, they had a pink lemonade and pink popcorn sale to support The American Cancer Society – Making Strides. They raised a whopping \$1,098 during this three-day event! Way to go, Trinity North, for helping others!

Miller Hangout at Trinity North



Trinity North recently opened its Miller Hangout area, and it was a great success! Students who earn pink Teamwork Tickets from the Teamology Program have a chance to play some games or just hang out every Friday afternoon for a half hour. The reward tickets are collected each week from Monday through Friday. On Friday, Dr. Demian has a raffle and chooses four students from each grade level. These students are called to the Hangout as a reward for doing good deeds and earning tickets. The Miller Hangout idea came from North's secretary, Kelley Henck. The staff is still in the process of obtaining additional games and activities for the students.

Trinity Middle School Volleyball Supports Elaina's Blessings!





South Fall Festival!!



West Fall Festival

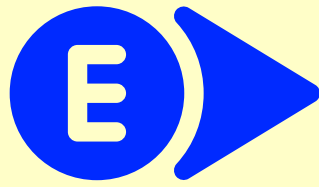


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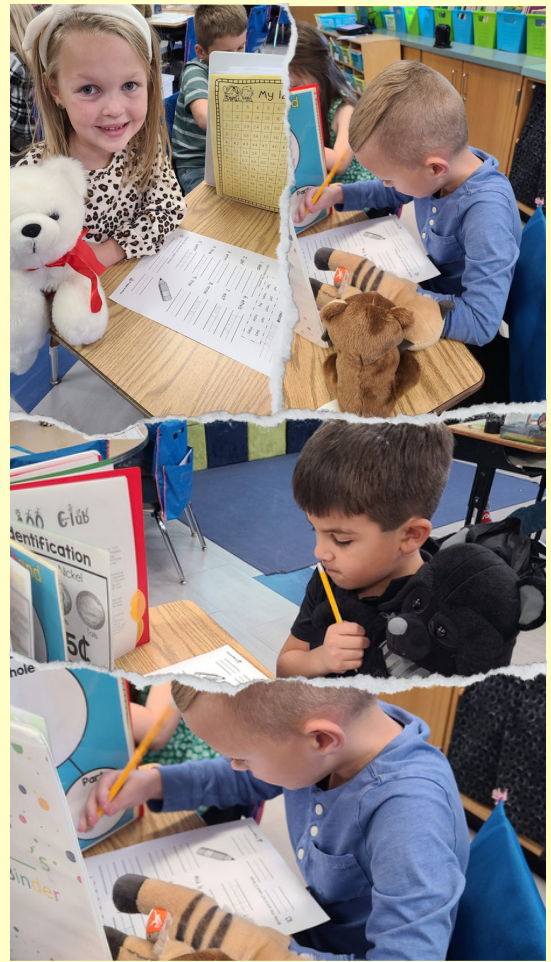


Trinity FCCLA students attended the Western Pennsylvania Regional Competition and Conference on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 with their Advisor, Brittany Aliveto. State Officers, Jayden Engle and Chloe Prowitt, presented the entire conference to the PA Southwestern Region FCCLA Chapters. The students participated in a variety of activities and listened to speakers to learn more about, FCS education programs, professional dress, mental health awareness, and the many opportunities students have from being a member of FCCLA. We had 4 students compete in the Regional Competition. FCCLA students will be headed to the State Competition in March 2023 at Seven Springs!





Trinity East first grade did some learning with their bears on National Bring Your Teddy Bear to School Day.



The fall intramural season is under way!



Happy Halloween



Thanks to T ASD Food Service for providing snacks for our Halloween activities!

WHO WE ARE

#TRINITYFAMILY



Alexa Harris
Trinity Middle School

Mrs. Alexa Harris is a proud 2012 graduate of Trinity High School. She attended Washington and Jefferson College, where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Business in 2016. Her experience in the business world was brief as she returned to Waynesburg University to pursue her Master's Degree in Education. In 2020, her passion for teaching became a reality. Mrs. Harris has returned to our Hiller halls as one of the BCIT teachers at Trinity Middle School. Now, she has the privilege of teaching all 3 grade levels in courses such as Project Lead the Way, Web Design, and Computational Thinking 6 and 7. Mrs. Harris believes these classes provide a wide variety of technological skills that students will perfect as they continue to mature and develop in an ever-changing 21st Century. In addition to teaching, her contributions go above and beyond the classroom. She volunteers at any school community events that promote the positive culture in the district. Coach Harris assists both the girls' soccer and softball teams at TMS.

Cool Facts: Mrs. Harris enjoys many different hobbies. She is a HUGE Pittsburgh Penguins fan! She and her husband, Ben, plan to visit every National Park in the US as a bucket list task. To date, their favorite is Grand Tetons National Park in Wyoming. They have an interest in so many activities like fishing, playing in adult soccer and kickball leagues, indoor bouldering, hiking with their Chow Chow puppy named Winnie, and working out in their home gym they built during the COVID-19 quarantine. When it's time to relax, Mrs. Harris loves cracking open a book about US history, hanging out with her family, soaking up the sun during the summer months, or watching a scary movie or TV show on Netflix.



For construction updates visit:

<https://www.trinitypride.org/construction-project>



Important Dates in NOVEMBER

8- End of 1st 9 weeks

3 - Board Meeting/6 p.m.

17 - Board Meeting/6 p.m.

24-28 Fall Break

To submit an article to be considered for publication in *Hiller Highlights*, 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

Holiday Concert Schedule December

December 5 - Band

December 7 - Elementary Band/Orchestra/Chorus - 6:00, 6:45, & 7:30 p.m.

December 12 - 7-12 Orchestra

December 14 - 6th Grade Concert

December 19 - 7-12 Chorus

All concerts are at Trinity High School at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium except on December 7, 2022

FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTION DAYS

The Trinity Area School District has been approved to utilize Flexible Instruction Days (FIDs). Trinity will move to remote instruction when schools are closed due to weather or other concerns. It is no longer a necessity to cancel instruction for weather or facility issues. When a FID is announced, teachers will teach from home and students will learn remotely from home. If it becomes necessary to cancel school, staff, parents, guardians, and students will receive notification via the Skylert System, local television, and radio sources. On FIDs the students will log onto their Chromebooks and attend school remotely as they have done during closures for the pandemic. Staff, parents/guardians, and students need to be prepared for short-term or sporadic closures due to weather related issues. Students should have their Chromebooks available daily at school and at home. Staff and students must be prepared to work from home at all times.

If you have any questions, please contact your respective building principal.

Donations:

- Please ensure donations are clearly labeled with "Clothing Pantry."
- Items can be dropped off in the TMS office or in Mrs. Gojmerac's room, B-107.

The TMS Clothing Pantry is in need of clothing donations to help support students in need.

Important Info:

- Clothing should be in "like new" or "gently used" condition please.
- Leggings, joggers, & hoodies are especially needed right now.
- Gently used shoes & new socks are also appreciated.
- Adult sizes XS, S, M, & XL are the most commonly used sizes.
- Trinity apparel is especially popular.
- Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks can be payable to TMS Activity Account with *Clothing Pantry* in the memo line.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Thank you for helping us to remove barriers in education!



**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**

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