

HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

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



November 2022-2023

Setting the "tune" for the holidays!

Come and witness all the student talent Trinity Area has to offer.



Holiday Concert Schedule

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



The Trinity Area High School Local Advisory Committee met in the High School media center. Many thanks to all the local businesses and community leaders who made time to support our students at THS.

Congratulations November Students of the Month



Ashleigh Tuite
High School



Vittoria Emerich



Devin Junko
Middle School



Mrs. Smith and her 3rd grade class at West won the Washington Drug and Alcohol Commission 2022 "Prevention Begins with Me, Live Life Drug Free" Red Ribbon Door Contest with over 1,000 votes! The class won Red Ribbon swag and a \$200 Amazon gift card to be used on supplies for the classroom!



Trinity West 2nd graders read *Mercy Watson to the Rescue* with Ms. Paluda in a hybrid book club during Library class. Then they were treated to a visit from Newbery Award-winning author, Kate DiCamillo, who spoke about her writing process and about being a writer, in general. Each student received a copy of her book. Since the visit, students have been enjoying checking out this series as much as *Mercy Watson loves hot buttered toast!* Many thanks to the Trinity West PTA for funding this enriching experience.

The second grade classrooms at Trinity South were transformed into a hospital and the students were the doctors! They performed many surgeries while reviewing contractions, sentence structure, parts of speech, addition strategies, and arrays. The students had a wonderful time reviewing, role playing, and learning. It's a great day to be a Hiller!





4th Graders at Trinity South are testing their structures on the NoRILLA Learning table in Mrs. Paluda's class!



WQED SmartSchools received a grant to offer TEAMology themed puppet show assemblies for 20 schools in the Pittsburgh area. All four Trinity Area elementary schools were selected for the Pittsburgh Puppet Works TEAMology Puppet Show Assembly!



The Friends of Rachel Club created a "Tree of Thanks" for the High School main foyer this fall. Each leaf represents an act of kindness performed by a student, or a positive message.





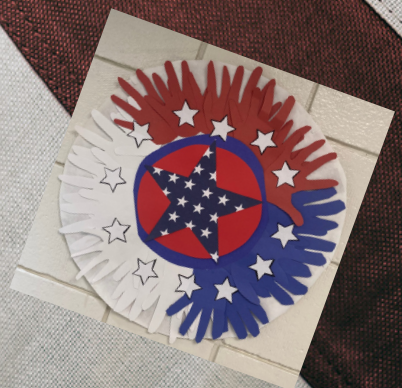
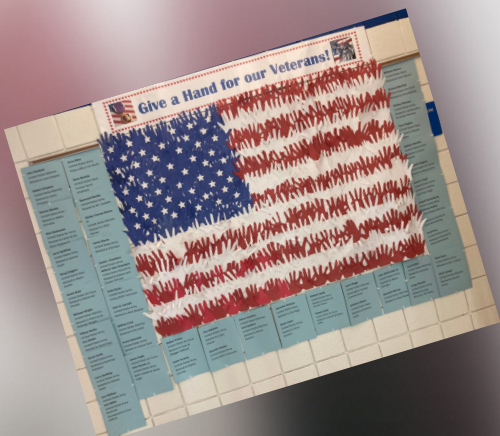
VETERANS DAY



"Thank yous" go out to Mrs. Ostrosky for letting us bring this assembly back to West, Mrs. Buri's kindergarten class for their poem, and Mrs. Graham & Mr. Daviduk for the musical performances. Also, our Boy Scout Troop, 5th Grade Students for readings of the branches, Haily Scott and Steven Bane for flag folding ceremony, Trinity JROTC, and the Trinity High School's acapella troop, The Shirley Tempos. We were excited to honor all our West Veterans and to celebrate them for their sacrifice for our country's freedom.



Trinity North Elementary celebrated their veterans by having its ninth assembly. The fifth graders presented, discussed the meaning of Veterans Day, and performed The White Table Skit. They presented each veteran with a certificate and gift. The JROTC cadets (with Sergeant Major Quinten Harper) and the Boy/Girl Scouts also participated by carrying the flags. Each grade level sang a patriotic song, and the band students played some tunes. The students also wrote cards for the veterans at the VA Hospital in Pittsburgh, and for the current servicemen and women by Operation Gratitude. They also made an American flag and wreath, and created a Veteran Wall of Honor. Trinity North loves veterans!





RAYNELLING

1st Team



MADDY ROBERTS

1st Team



ALL SECTION HONORS



CONGRATULATIONS



SYDNEY ALLEN

2nd Team



SARAH HARTMANN

2nd Team



RILEY CORRINS

3rd Team



RYLEE ELLING

3rd Team



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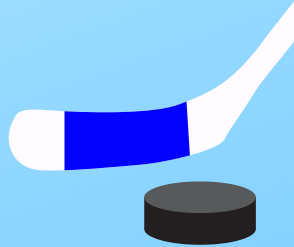


National Letter of Intent Day!



Marley Webster - Post University - Ice Hockey

Trinity High School Senior, Marley Webster, signed a National Letter of Intent on November 9 to continue her academic and athletic career at Post University. Webster plans on majoring in biology.



Amber Morgan - Southern Illinois University - Softball

Senior Amber Morgan signed a National Letter of Intent on November 9 to continue her academic and athletic career at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. Morgan plans on majoring in nursing.



Congratulations



Kristina Bozek - Central Connecticut State - Softball

Senior Kristina Bozek signed a National Letter of Intent on November 9 to continue her academic and athletic career at Central Connecticut State University. She will major in human biology to become a dentist.



Ryleigh Hoy - Mercyhurst University - Softball

Senior Ryleigh Hoy signed a National Letter of Intent on November 9 to continue her academic and athletic career at Mercyhurst University. She plans to major in physical therapy and business management.



Trinity Pride!



Winner will be announced at a breakfast on Dec 3rd!

Alumna, Mary Dunn

A former Trinity High School standout, Mary Dunn, is playing basketball for Brunell in the city of Cork, the second-largest city in Ireland.



Congratulations to our very own keeper, Ruby Morgan, for her selection to the ALL WPIAL TEAM!



On Saturday, November 19, 2022, the Trinity Youth Big Squad competed at the "Let's Rock" Cheer Competition at the EQT Rec Center in Waynesburg. The squad got the crowd going with their high-energy routine! By hitting every stunt and showing tons of personality, the girls were able to earn high marks from the judges for their cheer, dance, tumbling, and stunts. Trinity Big Squad earned Grand Champion in their division. In fact, the squad "rocked" so much, they won the Overall Grand Champion award too!!



The Trinity North staff worked at the Dairy Queen to support the school. Even though lopsided ice cream cones were made, along with overflowing blizzards, the night was fun with so many families and ice cream. This fundraiser was a successful community event.

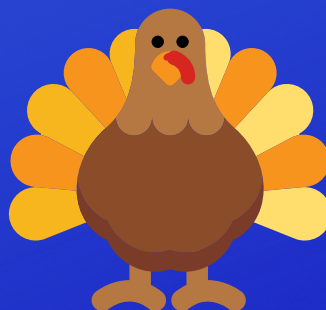


On Monday, November 14, Daisy Tuttle and Carter Weincek were wearing blue to celebrate World Diabetes Day at Trinity North. Carter brought in blue ribbons to share with his class.



Middle school gifted students, along with their teachers, Mrs. Gojmerac and Mr. Walsh, volunteered to help Range Resources with the "2000 Turkeys" fundraiser drive on November 16. Students hit the streets to elicit donations from cars and those passing through Downtown Washington. Over \$1,000 was raised by TMS students! 2000 Turkeys aims to provide a Thanksgiving meal to those individuals and families who are food insecure. Thank you to all who donated and helped with the fundraiser!

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WACTC

Western Area Career & Technology Center



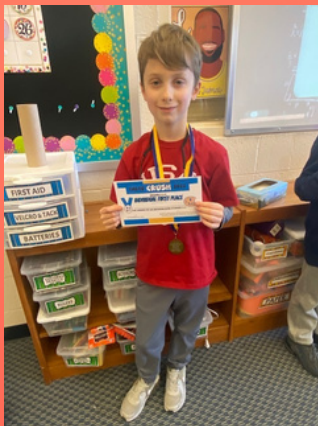
Madison Bright

Congratulations to Madison! She is a senior in our Cosmetology program and has completed her 1250 hour requirement. Make your appointment with her at Knot Just Hair in Washington (beside Scotty's Ice Cream).



Shawn Cumer

Shawn Cumer is employed at Lagonda Machine in Washington through the WACTC Co-Op program. Shawn is a senior in Machine Tool Technology at Western Area and attends Trinity High School.



$$2+2=4$$



Our 2nd, 3rd, and 4th-grade gifted students competed in the Calcu Crush competition at North Strabane Intermediate School on November 22nd. The event focused on mental calculations, problem-solving, and number sense. Congratulations to the Trinity South team for coming in 2nd place! Additional individual winners include Kasen Herr - coming in 1st place and Drake Jones - coming in 2nd place. What a great day to be a Hiller!

Trinity South's 5th Grade "Book Tasting"

5th Grade students in Ms. Huff's class at Trinity South had a "Book Tasting" of 7 different genres. Students tried each genre and read just a bit of each book. Students remarked that they liked different genres and were surprised that they liked mystery and poetry more than they thought they would.



WHO WE ARE

#TRINITYFAMILY



Mrs. Jen Restaneo
Trinity Middle School

Mrs. Restaneo is an art teacher at TMS. Her experience and creativity made it an easy transition from being our family and consumer science teacher. She inspires the creative side of our students in art, cooking, and sewing. Mrs. Restaneo is a Penn State University graduate where she earned her degree in Art Education. She entered the workforce by designing ads for local businesses. After her stint in the advertising field, she became a technician for a computer software company. Her experience in the real estate industry is extensive. She was a loan officer before she decided to remodel homes and acquire multiple rental properties. If that didn't keep her busy, she was accomplishing all of that while raising her 3 sons. As her sons aged, she returned to Robert Morris University for graduate school and earned her second certification in Family and Consumer Science.

Cool Facts: Mrs. Restaneo and her husband enjoy traveling and spending time with their 3 sons and 2 beautiful grandchildren. She loves reading, working in her garden, and playing board games. She credits the success of their remodeling business to her creative and artistic style. Her homes separate themselves from others with her unique wood shelving, dynamic tile patterns, and painted murals. She is an inspiration to the minds of our young artists at Trinity Middle School. Mrs. Restaneo loves teaching and is so pleased to be a part of the Trinity Family!



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.



Coming Soon – Winter Intramurals



After a successful fall intramural season of flag football and dodgeball, we are preparing for our upcoming winter season. Stay tuned for sign-up information.



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

hillerhighlights@trinityhillers.net

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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

All articles are subject to final approval by the Superintendent.



Important Dates in December/January

December

23-Jan. 2 – Winter Break/No School

January

3 – Students return

13 – 2 Hour Early Release/Staff Development

16 – M.L. King Day/No School

25 – End of First Semester

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

**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**

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HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR
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