

HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

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



DECEMBER 2022-2023

A Holiday Greeting from The Superintendent

Dear Students, Parents, and Community Members,

On behalf of our school directors, administrators, and teachers, I want to wish you a joyful holiday season filled with many blessings. As we head towards winter break, I hope you look forward to sharing time with family and friends, and celebrating our wonderful community that rallies to do great things. Last school year was transformational, and we have finally returned to the comforts of routine. We are so fortunate to have incredible faculty and staff, who continually work hard to create a safe and healthy educational environment where our students can thrive. We are also privileged to have students, parents, and community members who support our schools and each other. I am honored to lead the Trinity Area School District, and grateful for the opportunity to serve our Hillers. May your holidays be merry and bright, and may you have a healthy, happy 2023!

Dr. Michael P. Lucas
Superintendent





Hiller Helpers



Hiller Helpers (HH) is an organization that helps Trinity families in need during the holiday season and all year round. This year, TMS students and staff raised over \$10,000 to support the cause by participating in an annual kickball tournament. In addition, our amazing Trinity employees also contributed their dress down donation money to the cause and our Hiller community made extremely generous monetary and Amazon wishlist donations, allowing HH to fulfill the wishlists of over 150 kids district-wide. Students will be gifted clothing, shoes, winter necessities, a full holiday meal including ham and pantry items, a stocking full of toiletries, and many holiday wish items. Hiller Helpers was established 6 years ago by Mrs. Muschick, Ms. Kovacicek, and Mrs. Benz and has been an important part of Trinity's holiday season for the last 7 years. We are proud to continue the tradition!



Addisyn and Alivia Baker's family donated a whole box full of toys to Toys for Tots. Addisyn said, "We just like to do the right thing." Addisyn is in third grade and Alivia is in first grade at Trinity North Elementary.



Congratulations!

December

Students of the Month



Abby Drezewski
HIGH SCHOOL



Tessa Wright



R.J. Stolfer

MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Magic of Music at Trinity This Holiday Season



Heinz History Bowl



FIRST PLACE

Makayla Bradley, Charlotte DiGiacomo,
Becky Farley, Emery Kelley, & Sofia Lowden

4th & 5th-grade gifted students traveled to the Heinz History Center for the History Bowl competition on November 30th. They worked together to find answers to questions, think and write creatively, and practice problem-solving as they explored the exhibits.



THIRD PLACE

Declan Clancy, Owen Clancy, Elliott
Edenhofer, & Drake Jones



Kasen Herr, 3rd-grade student at Trinity East, visited WJPA to record a holiday greeting that will be featured on the air from Dec. 20th-28th. Be sure to listen for Kasen on the radio!



Spreading Christmas Cheer!



TY BANCO

JASE BANCO



ALL CONFERENCE HONORS

Ty Banco 1st Team Offensive Line & 1st Team Defense Line, Jase Banco 1st Team Offense Line



ALL CONFERENCE HM HONORS

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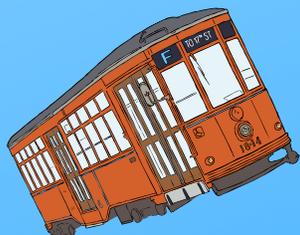
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HONORABLE MENTION



Trinity Boys Soccer volunteered at the Trolley Museum. They assisted with the Santa's Trolley where they rode the trolley, showed visitors the toy train display and assisted in collecting letters to Santa from the kids that attended.



Trinity Girls Basketball helping with the Angel Tree Project at the Salvation Army



Trinity hosted a Math24 competition for gifted students in grades 1 - 3 on December 13th at Trinity East. Students from Trinity, Avella, Burgettstown, Canon-Mac, Chartiers-Houston, and McGuffey participated in the competition. Congratulations to Team Trinity (Guy G., Kasen H., Antonio O., and Graham S.) for coming in 3rd place at the event!



Trinity alumnus, Kyle Fetcho, spoke to Trinity's JROTC classes about his experience and participation in ROTC at Liberty University.



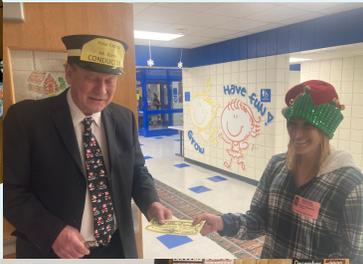
Mr. Sherry and Ms. Cortese's Honors English 8 students at Trinity Middle School recently completed a unit of study relating to the novel, *The Hunger Games*. As part of this unit, these three Honors English 8 classes competed in a "Quarter Quell" fundraiser to raise money to benefit the TMS Food Pantry and Washington County's Food Helpers.

Throughout the week of December 12, students and faculty were able to donate to each of these three "districts," with quarters and paper money counting toward a district's total and pennies, nickels, and dimes counting against it. After a week full of twists, turns, and challenges, the winning district was Mr. Sherry's fifth period class, District 5! All three districts raised over \$4,000 to support our TMS Food Pantry and Washington County's Food Helpers.

Mr. Sherry and Ms. Cortese would like to express their sincere appreciation to all those who participated. Because of the efforts of our TMS students and staff, we will be able to provide assistance to Trinity students and their families throughout the year.



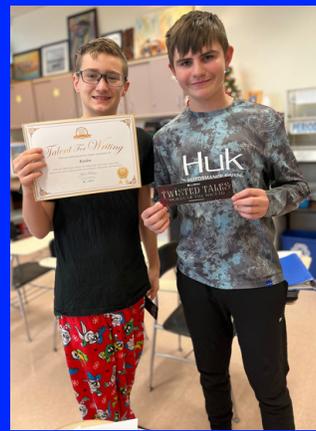
All Aboard the Polar Express with 4 Special Conductors...





Dr. Lucas had another great visit with all the Trinity students at WACTC

Trinity Middle School



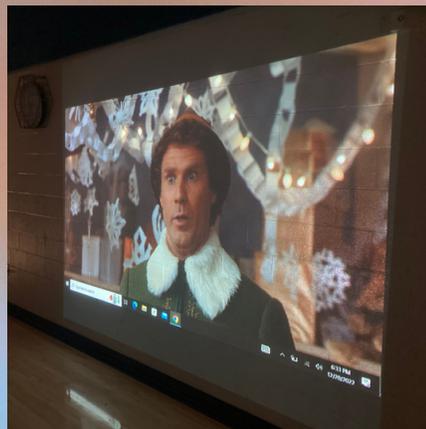
Students from Mrs. Elise Schilling's seventh grade English classes wrote mini-sagas for the Young Writers Twisted Tales contest this fall. Stories were selected based on perception, creativity, expression, originality, and use of language. Dexter Fry, Evan Klick, Keegan Mankey, Avriella Miller, Macksim Nonack, Kaiden Sickles, Kaycie Smith, and Garrett Stoy had their work selected for publication in *Twisted Tales - Villainous Voices*.

Spreading Holiday Cheer!

THS students and faculty generously donated gifts to brighten the holiday of local children in our community as they supported the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. Pictured from left: (top row) Lexi Coen, Lillah Clark, Ava Bowman (bottom row) Jayden Engle, Carrie Proudfit



TMS 8th grade student, Levi Held (future salesman, chef, or president), sold Dr. Lucas a truck last month. His sales techniques, personality, perseverance and follow-up emails pushed Dr. Lucas to buy his first truck. Nice job, Levi!



Trinity North held a movie night on December 20. Students had fun while parents had some free time to wrap presents. This was a win win for both students and parents!

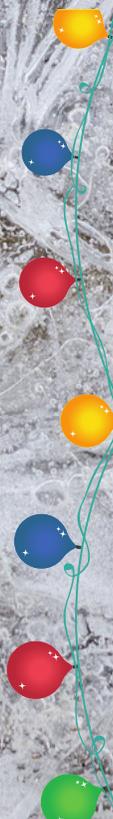


Ugly Sweater Day



Grinch Day at Trinity South!

Several fifth grade students from Trinity North Elementary spent their Friday night by spreading holiday spirit at Premier Health and Strabane Woods Assisted Center. The residents sang along to the carolers singing Christmas songs. The residents expressed their appreciation for the Christmas cheer and the handmade cards. Afterward, the carolers enjoyed some doughnuts at Krispy Krème to celebrate a job well done!





Food Helpers

Feeding • Training • Thrifting • Farming

Trinity Cares had a great time volunteering at the Washington Food Bank. Trinity continues to help the community as much as possible.



Special Treat Delivery From THS Students!

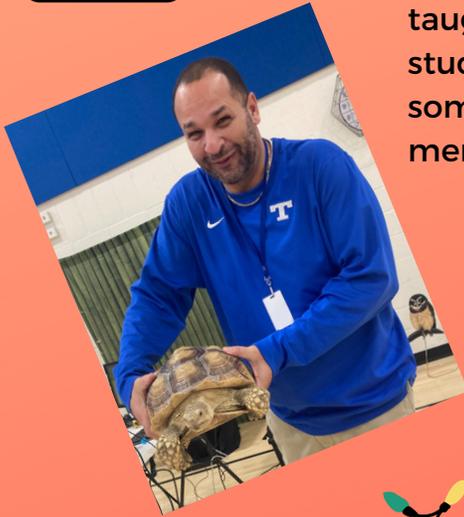


Trinity North students participated in a letter writing campaign to help Macy's Make a Wish Project. For every letter written to Santa, Macy's will give two dollars to help children with life-threatening illnesses have their dreams and wishes come true by the Make a Wish Foundation. Trinity North students came through with this task with flying colors. For two weeks, they wrote Santa many letters and earned \$3,414.00 (1,707 letters) for Macy's to give to Make a Wish. The fourth grade students wrote the most letters and won a movie afternoon. Santa will be busy reading all these letters! Way to go, Trinity North students!





The students at Trinity North Elementary were just wild about seeing the wild life animals from the Barn Hill Preserve Assembly. The animals came from Delaware, and the presenters taught a lot of cool animal facts. The students were able to take pictures with some of the animals to keep as a memento. This was a fun time for all!



Thank You

A big THANK YOU to Range Resources for donating a generous gift of 5K to purchase the gaming chairs for our new EA Sports room at the middle school.



Santa makes a visit to Trinity South!



Puzzle time at East!



WHO WE ARE

#TRINITYFAMILY



Mr. Christian Daviduk
Trinity Middle School

Mr. Christian Daviduk, a proud graduate of Trinity High School's Class of 2017, is the new elementary orchestra teacher. He also directs the elementary after-school choir program, and assists with the High School Marching Band. Mr. Daviduk was a member of the Trinity High School Marching Band and is eager to work with the teachers who inspired him to become a teacher. He attended Westminster College where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in music education and studied percussion. Mr. Daviduk completed his student teaching at Beaver Area School District, where he taught multiple levels of music across the district. As a new teacher, Mr. Daviduk hopes to provide what his teachers provided to him: a positive, safe, and encouraging learning environment that fosters a love of learning.

Cool Facts: As a student-athlete for the Titans, Mr. Daviduk served as drum major of the marching band, played percussion in the Westminster Wind Ensemble, sang in concert choir, and played in the college orchestra. In his spare time, Mr. Daviduk loves to cook and get together with his loved ones. He also enjoys spending time with his two cats, Baguette (That's what happens when you let students name your animals!) and Cleo.



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Ms. Beatrice Kossel
Trinity South Elementary

Ms. Beatrice Kossel is an emotional support teacher for grades 3-5 at Trinity South. She attended Bentworth High School where she was a multi-sport athlete in soccer and track. As a midfielder, Ms. Kossel was a 4-year starter and 3-year captain for the Bearcats. She was also a member of the ski club. She completed her undergraduate and teaching certification at California University of PA. At Cal U, Ms. Kossel graduated Cum Laude and was a member of KDP (a teaching sorority) and SPSEA (a teaching club). She currently holds certifications in preK-4 elementary and special education preK-8. She completed her student teaching as the kindergarten and fourth grade learning support teacher at Charleroi Elementary. She participates in Read Across America as well and encourages her students to be active readers.

Cool Facts: Ms. Kossel is a lover of all animals. She has two dogs and five cats. She spends her free time with family and friends. She enjoys going shopping especially around Christmas time. She gives back to the community she grew up in as a volunteer soccer coach for the Bentworth School District. She can be found in the summer working for her family business, Bentleyville Pizza. She boasts, "It's the best in town!"

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Dates to Remember

December

23-30 Winter Break

January

2 Winter Break

13 Two Hour Student Early Release/Staff
Development

16 M.L. King Day/No School

25 End of 1st Semester

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