

HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

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



JANUARY 2022-2023

Thank You

Trinity Area Board of Directors



Jennifer Morgan, President
Frances Eates, Vice President
Penelope Caleffe, Treasurer
Sean Dobich
Molly Hott
Gordon Lowry
Amy Neel
Greg Rudman
J.R. Slagle

Each year, the Pennsylvania School Boards Association designates January as School Director Recognition Month. Trinity Area would like to extend gratitude to our Board of Directors for all their hard work, commitment, and always putting our students first! On behalf of the board members, the district has donated books to all Trinity elementary school libraries.

Each board member chose the following book:

Mrs. Morgan - *Pay It Forward*
Mrs. Eates - *Stranger In The Woods*
Mrs. Caleffe - *Taco*
Mr. Dobich - *The Hero Two Doors Down*
Mrs. Hott - *Smile*
Mr. Lowry - *Homesick: My Own Story*
Mrs. Neel - *Wonderful Wizard of Oz*
Mr. Rudman - *Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle*
Mr. Slagle - *Llama Llama Misses Mama*



Congratulations!

January

Students of the Month



Kelsey Vanderhoof
HIGH SCHOOL



Brynn Tomey



Maddox Ho

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Trinity's Pride

Trinity's own Distinguished Alumni,
Miss Ferralli, is turning 105.
Congratulations and happy birthday!



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Congrats!



The 2023 Regional FBLA Leadership Conference Awards Ceremony was held this month. Of Trinity's 71 attendees, 53 members qualified for States, which will be held in Hershey in April.

First Place-

Accounting 2 - Ben Papson
Advertising - Nicholas Hrabik
Economics - Austin Matthews
Hospitality & Event Management -
Owen Baker, Kristina Bozek & Emily Wickham
Insurance/Risk Management - Kaylyn Weichel
Intro to Marketing Concepts - Andrew Ciampa
Intro to Parliamentary Procedure -
Rebekah Jones
Marketing - Jaysea Herbstsomer
Organizational Leadership - Sydney Wahl
Publication Design - Morgan Bonnell, Grace Coyle
Spreadsheet Application - Mirranda Rinehart
Database Design & Application - Malachi Anikienko

Second Place-

Accounting 1 - Hailey Carpenter
Agribusiness - Jason Hartley
Business Calculations - Joshua Stitler
Business Communications - Abigail Bodart
Business Law - Thomas Wickham
Cyber Security - Brian Rice
Intro to Parliamentary Procedure -
Abby Stolfer
Network Design - Carrie Proudfit & Olivia Sikora
Personal Finance - Izzy Priest
Securities & Investments - Raymond Wang
Sports & Entertainment Management -
AJ Allison, Cael Nicolella, Blake Reihner
Sales Presentation - Christian Bober &
Tyler Burt
Spreadsheet Application - Ryan Slagle

Third Place-

Accounting 2 - (Tie) Cameron Minnick &
Kaylee Foringer
Economics - Hai Le
Hospitality & Event Management -
Malayah Matthews
International Business - Gibson Havanis
& Jack Pan
Intro to Financial Math - Joe Thornburg
Organizational Leadership - Julia Luzar
Personal Finance - Owen Wayman
Sports & Entertainment Management -
Sean Craft, Brett Gombita, Scott Cooper

Fourth Place-

Entrepreneurship - George Coyle &
Seamus Coyle
Intro to Financial Math - Anthony Zimmerman
Marketing - Bella Muraco & Julia Umshares
Political Science - Maria Giorgi

Public Service Announcement State

Finalists: Rayne Elling & Rylee Elling

Thank you to:
Mrs. Husk, Mrs. Migyanko,
and Mr. Nikolopoulos

Trinity's Own - Sharing Their Heart With Others.



Junior Maria Giorgi shown with Principal Craig Uram, holds a \$1000 check granted to an adult female who has shown great strength and courage. Maria applied for this grant through Archewell, a nonprofit organization created by the Duke and Duchess of Sussex Foundation (Prince Harry and Megan Markle) in partnership with VING, a national giving movement. Essays, videos and a follow-up reflection with the presentation video are all part of the application process. The recipient, who will remain anonymous, was not involved in the secretive application and was completely surprised with the presentation. VING and ARCHEWELL wish to empower young females with the idea of philanthropy.

Trinity Pride

Brett Phillips participated in the Pittsburgh Youth Philharmonic Orchestra for 8 years. This year, he won the Student Conductor Competition and made his conducting debut with the Philharmonic at the December concert. He will also conduct a piece at the spring concert.

PYPO
Congratulates
our 2022-23
Student
Conductor
Competition
Winner

Brett
Phillips





Bristol Joseph is a 10-year-old student, who is a steward of the Earth and passionate about monarch butterfly conservation. After discovering that monarch butterflies were classified as an endangered species, Bristol set out to educate her community on ways to save the butterflies. She started Magical Milkweed Market, a business where she grows and sells milkweed plants. She encourages community members to take action in their yards to plant milkweed and create butterfly habitats.

Bristol is also a vocal advocate of monarch butterfly conservation and the planet, giving public speeches on the importance of planting milkweed and tending to the Earth. She runs a YouTube channel where she documents her travels to educate people about animals and the planet. She posts and edits videos about monarch butterflies, whale watching and her trips to locations with flourishing wildlife. Bristol's actions will benefit the planet and the monarch butterfly population for years to come.



Trinity Pride!



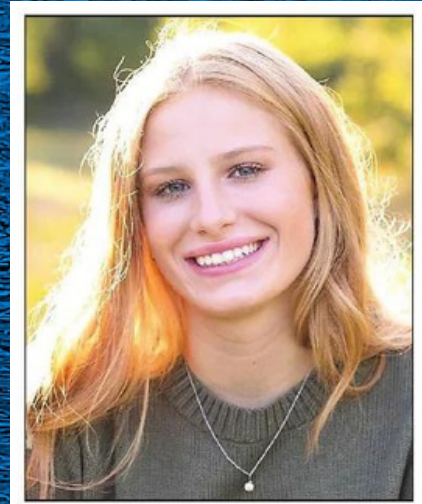
Sam Horne
volunteered at the
Salvation Army on
the coldest day of
the year during her
Christmas vacation.



Congratulations!

Observer-Reporter
Athlete of the Week

Eden Williamson



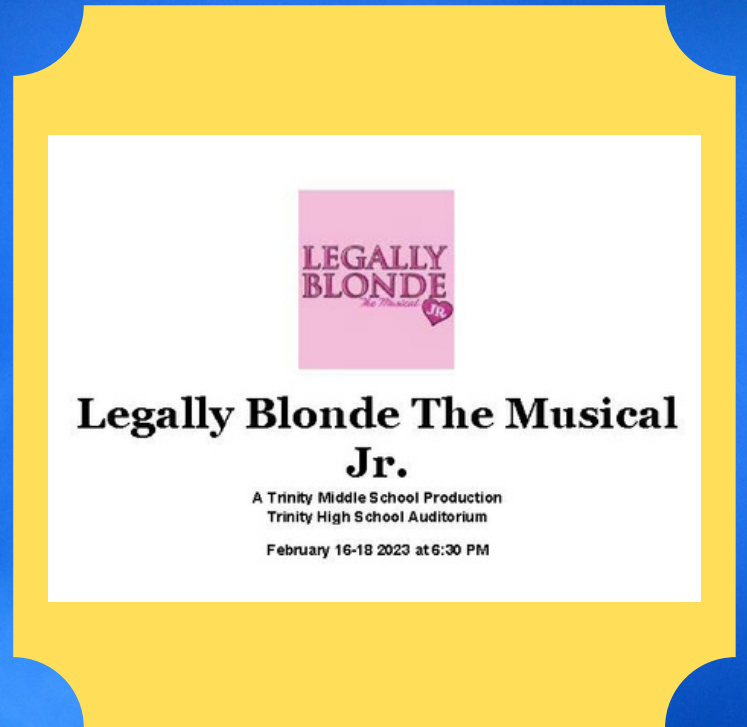
Trinity Middle School Art Club!

The Trinity Middle School Art Club is making a comeback this year participating in school projects, hands-on fundraisers, and helping to plan and run the Art Show in May! Ms. Guthrie meets with students weekly after school, and Mrs. Restaneo joins her to work with them during Exploratory. Please contact Ms. Guthrie if interested!





Trinity Middle School Musical
February 16, 17, & 18, 2023
6:30 PM



Coming Soon To An Auditorium Near You!



Trinity High School Musical,
"The Addams Family" is scheduled for:
March 16-18, 2023 @ 7 p.m.
March 19, 2023 @ 2 p.m.

It's a great day to be a Hiller!

CONGRATS



Ty Banco won his 100th match as a wrestler.



Eden Williamson committed to NYU for hoops and studies to become a doctor as an NYU Violet! Congratulations, Eden!



CONGRATULATIONS!



Ruby Morgan is very excited and thankful to announce her verbal commitment to further her academic and athletic career at Eastern Kentucky University.



**The Trinity Sports Hall of Fame
is looking for nominations
for the 2023 induction.**

The nomination form can be found on
the Trinity Athletic page.



Nominations are due by March 15, 2023.

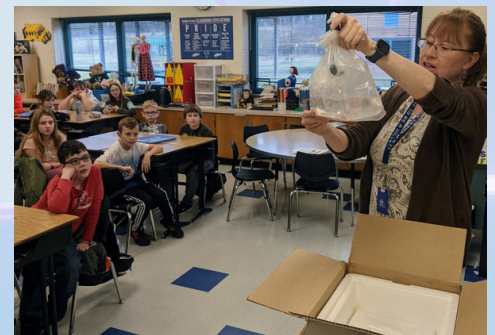
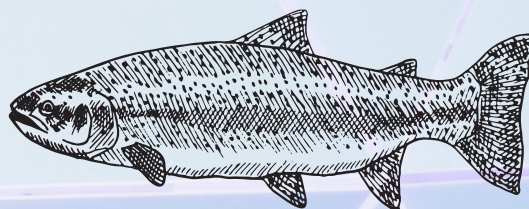
Any questions, please email Erin Helmkamp at ehelmkamp@trinityhillers.net

Trinity High School Christmas Swim Meet



Trout in the Classroom 2023

5th Graders from across Trinity Area received their trout eggs from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission as part of the "Trout in the Classroom" program. Students will be collecting and analyzing data on the trout until their release at Mingo Park in May.





FFA NEWS

Congratulations

FFA Keystone Degree Winners

Two members of the Trinity FFA Chapter earned their Keystone Degree this year. High school juniors and seniors, or graduates in their third year of membership, are eligible to apply for the Keystone Degree. The candidates must demonstrate leadership abilities, and earn at least \$1,000, and/or have worked productively for at least 300 hours in a supervised agricultural experience program.



Ashlynn Powell



Mason Kraeer



FFA Jacket Earners

Each year, the Pennsylvania FFA Alumni Association puts on a jacket campaign to put the blue corduroy jacket on the backs of first year PA FFA students. This year, seven of our first year Trinity FFA members received their very own FFA jacket by successfully writing and submitting an essay that was written in Mrs. Durila's Intro to Agriculture Science class. This jacket will be worn proudly and open many doors for these students.

Grayson Piatt, Kelsey Snow, Madison Wasalasky, Ashlynn Mankey, Ellyson Slesh, Caitlin McCullough, Elaina Ashby

Law Enforcement Day



The students and staff at Trinity North Elementary celebrated Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on January 9th. North School Officer, members of the sheriff's department, and PA state police officers were in attendance. Each was recognized with a certificate and bin of goodies. Dr. Demian, school principal, expressed his gratitude for their service to the school and community.

WHO WE ARE

#TRINITYFAMILY



Ms. Courtney Hrycko
Trinity High School

Ms. Courtney Hrycko is a 2016 graduate of Belle Vernon Area High School where she was an outstanding soccer player and captain of the team. She attended The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg where she received her bachelor's degree in biology with a minor in psychology. As a Bobcat, she was active in many organizations, such as the Science Club and the Outdoors Club. She was selected as vice president of the Psi Chi Student Honor Society. In 2022, Ms. Hrycko received her master's in education from California University of Pennsylvania. She was member of the Dean's List for eight consecutive semesters. At Trinity High School, Ms. Hrycko teaches biology, biology, and more biology! She that science relates to everything in our lives. One of her goals is to teach her students that biology can be fun. Ms. Hrycko is an assistant coach for the girls' soccer team at Trinity High School. She promotes that sports and extracurricular activities can teach many valuable life lessons about teamwork, responsibility, time management, and discipline. She has made an immediate impact in the THS Biology Department and on her students.

Cool Facts: Ms. Hrycko was born and raised in the Belle Vernon community. She has two dogs named Sammy and Gracie. She is 100% a dog person, but loves all animals. Some of her favorite things to do are working out, hiking, hanging out with friends, watching sports, and eating. Her favorite sports teams are her Hillers Soccer Team, the Pittsburgh Penguins and the Pittsburgh Steelers. The NFL is her passion. On Sunday and Monday nights she can be found watching as many NFL football games as possible. She prioritizes her health and fitness. She recently trained and ran in her first half marathon at Disney World! Her favorite time of the year is the fall.



WHO WE ARE

#TRINITYFAMILY



Alex Nikolopoulos

Trinity High School

This year was a great year for Hiller Nation. Not only did we hire an experienced school counselor but we gained a veteran soccer coach. Before making his impact at Trinity High School, Mr. Alex Nikolopoulos spent the last seven years as the 7-12 guidance counselor in the Avella Area School District. He is a Washington native. He received his BS in business marketing from Robert Morris University. Mr. Nikolopoulos was selected as an undergraduate intern in Operations Management with the United States Golf Association for the US Open Tournament in 2007 at Oakmont Country Club and at Torrey Pines in 2008. Upon graduation, he began his career as the broadcast media coordinator for Dicks Sporting Goods Corporation. After two years in the corporate world, he decided that his calling was to help shape his students and prepare them for their academic success and athletic goals. Mr. Nikolopoulos returned to the California University of Pennsylvania where he completed his graduate work with a master's in school counseling. Throughout graduate school, he served as the president of the School Counseling Association.

Cool Facts: Mr. Nikolopoulos has been impacting young men for over a decade. He is a Victory Soccer Club coach, as well as our varsity boys' soccer coach. He led his team to the WPIAL playoffs in his first season. While in his previous position at Chartiers Houston High School, he was named the 2019 Section Coach of the Year and was a finalist for the TRICADA Boys Soccer Coach of the Year. Mr. Nikolopoulos and his wife met in graduate school and share their passion for school counseling. Mrs. Nikolopoulos is a guidance counselor at Washington Elementary. They are currently buying 23 acres of land as part of a family farm on which they intend to raise their family. They are expecting their first child in May. It's a boy!

#trinitypride



**TRINITY AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

INFORMATIONAL FLYERS:

All flyers are available on the district website under About

<https://www.trinitypride.org/Content2/district-flyers>

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



Coming in March!
Kindergarten Registration will be both in person and on-line this year!
See flyer below.

Dates to Remember

February

13 - Staff Development/ No School

20 - President's Day/No School

To submit an article for publication in *Hiller Highlights* email:

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.

Articles are published pending review by the Superintendent.



Kindergarten

Trinity Area School District Registration

ENROLLMENT OPENS 3/1/23 FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Please go to our website, www.TrinityPride.org where you will find many details about Kindergarten, the registration process and loads of useful information!

In order to expedite your student's registration it is highly recommended that you start your On-Line Registration prior to attending our In-Person Registration event!

Enrollment:

If you currently have a Skyward Family Access Account you can access the online application from your account. If you do not have a Skyward account, click on the hyperlink below and complete the form. You will be emailed login credentials and a link to the Online Enrollment Application.

[Online Enrollment Login Credential Request Form](#)

We will be holding In-Person Registration events from 10am-1pm and 5pm-7pm at each of the elementary schools where you will be able to complete registrations, provide required documents, and schedule your student's Dial 4 testing time. For your convenience, please schedule your registration time on our Sign Up Genius. [Kindergarten Registration Sign Up Genius](#)

Monday, March 6

Trinity North

225 Midland Dr.

Tuesday, March 7

Trinity South

2500 S Main St.

Wednesday, March 8

Trinity East

252 Cameron Rd.

Thursday, March 9

Trinity West

1041 Gabby Ave.

REQUIREMENTS:

Any child who is five years old before September 1st may attend Kindergarten. The following documents are required for enrollment:

- Birth certificate
- Proof of residency
- Proof of immunizations or medical/religious exemption form
- Custody agreement, if applicable



IMPORTANT TENTATIVE DATES TO KNOW:

Kindergarten Parent Orientation

August 22, 2023

Kinder Camp

August 23&24, 2023

First Day of School

September 5, 2023

**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