

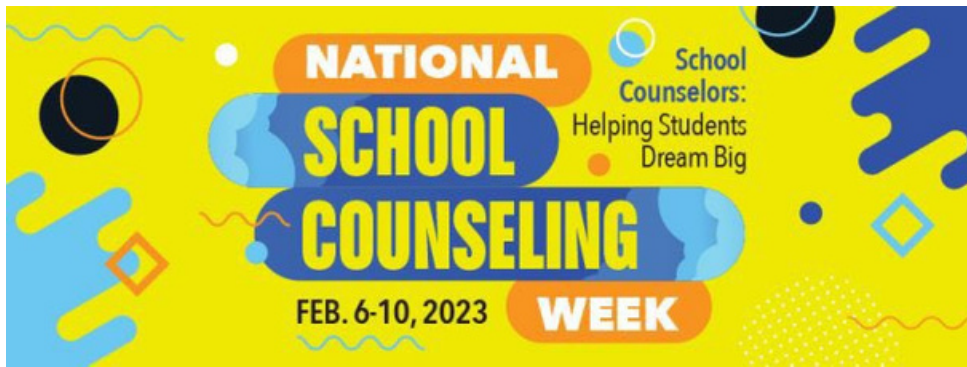
# HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

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



FEBRUARY 2022-2023

## National School Counselor's Week



National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve academic success and plan for a career. Trinity Area students are so fortunate to have outstanding school counselors. Thank your counselor today!



Mrs. Gallagher



Ms. Pellicano



Mrs. Coughlin-Lemmon



Mr. Hughes



Ms. Watson



Mrs. Amaismeier



Mr. Poletti



Ms. Burns



Mr. Nikolopoulos

## 9 Years and Counting for the LSA Grant!

Trinity Area School District was awarded the 2023 LSA Grant in the amount of \$90,000.00. Representatives from the LSA Committee and the Washington County Commissioners have continued to support our academic and vocational course offerings. We would like to thank our special partners for nearly a decade – the LSA Committee, Washington County Commissioners, Jeff Kotula, Senator Bartolotta, Representative O’Neal and IU#1. The \$90,000.00 grant will be earmarked for the purchase of an anatomage table and digital imaging ultrasound machine, which will benefit the Trinity High School Rehab Aide/Athletic Training and Veterinarian Tech programs.

# **Congratulations!**

## **February**

### **Students of the Month**



**Zachary Losko**  
**HIGH SCHOOL**



**Sutton Williamson**



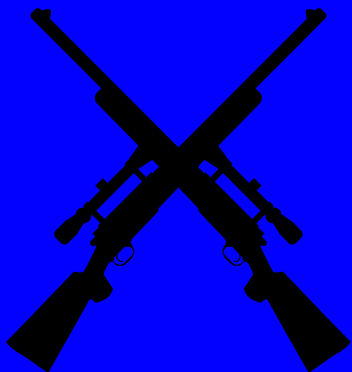
**Ian Migyanko**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

*Congrats!*



# Trinity Rifle Team Back to Back Section Champions!



Congratulations to Bria Bruce, Elizabeth Engle, and Parker Miller for placing 3rd, 4th, and 7th at the rifle WPIAL individual championships. Great job, girls. We are proud of you!

# Coming Soon!

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



Playoff Bound!  
Congratulations and  
good luck to the  
girls & boys  
basketball teams!

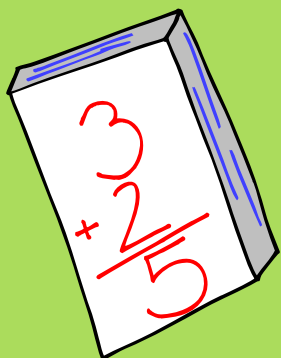
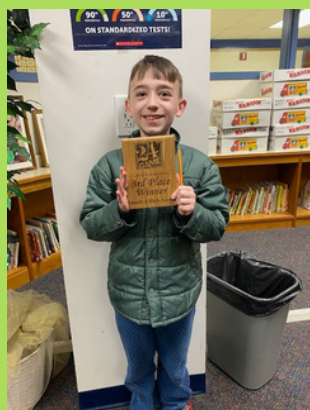


We are proud to share the first place award earned by the 2021-2022 literary journal staff from the American Scholastic Press Association. Here with Principal Uram, Riley Dunn and Hannah Eisiminger are representing their awesome staff.



Playoff selection Monday -  
boys & girls basketball watching the  
unveiling on the brackets.

## Math 24 Competition

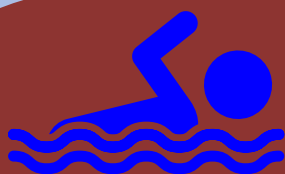


Congratulations to Drake for coming in 3rd place at the competition!

## Preparing for Pen Tech Academy Competition



Good luck to our CIP Accounting seniors!



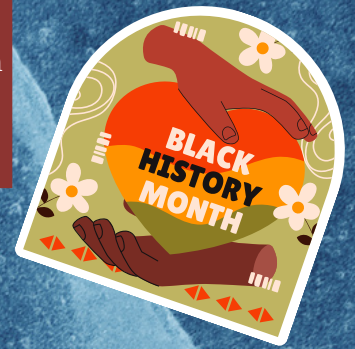
Congratulations and good luck to our 12 seniors on the swim team!



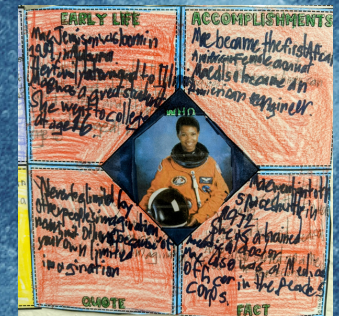
# Celebrating Black History Month



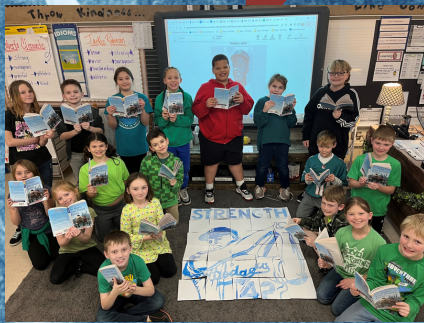
Lila Young, a fifth grader from Trinity North, noticing Ruby Bridges's picture on the wall display. She has been learning about people who have made a difference for February's Black History Month.



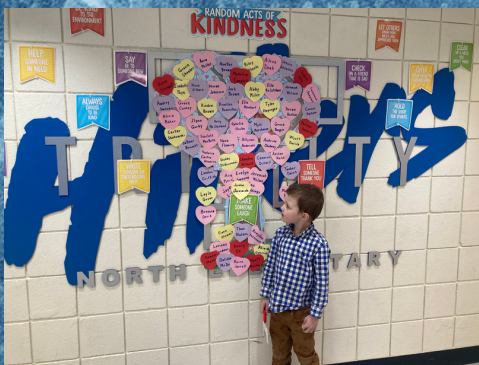
Mrs. Swart's 4th grade students at Trinity South learned about famous African-Americans by conducting research on individuals. Students selected people they found to be interesting, gathered information, and developed timelines to reinforce their sequencing skills.



Third Grade has been working hard through the chapter book, *The Hero Two Doors Down*. This chapter book is paired with the MyView Series and discusses not only Jackie Robinson's life, but his struggle to overcome discrimination and segregation. With the help of Power Library, the students are almost finished with our informational writing and collaboration poster!



## Random Acts of Kindness



The students at Trinity North Elementary celebrated Random Acts of Kindness Week. They performed various acts of kindness throughout the school to bring compassion and respect to one another. Each day, students were chosen to have their acts of kindness announced to the school, as well as having their names put on the Kindness Tree. At the end of the week, each student was given mementos for being kind. Even though the RAK Week is over, we hope the students continue to be kind every day. Pictured are some of the kindest students at Trinity North Elementary with their kind leader, Dr. Demian. Also shown is the Kindness Tree with the names of all the kind students who celebrated this week.



Trinity High School students had a dominating performance at Saturday's Region 8 meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) at Penn West- California University. Trinity had 63 students compete and brought home 46 first place awards, which qualify students to attend the state competition at Penn State in May. Many Trinity students also won a variety of special awards. Congratulations to all the students who participated and represented Trinity in such an impressive manner.

**Outstanding Senior Award:**

Emma Riddell (\$50 award)

**Penn West Scholarship Award:**

Grace Coyle

**Exemplary Awards (best project in their category):**

Behavioral Science - Ava Richter

Biology - Andrew Ciampa

Computer Science - Rayne Elling

Microbiology - Emma Riddell

Physics - Allison Ewbank

**Perfect Scores:**

Grace Coyle

Rayne Elling

Allison Ewbank

Braeden Helmkamp

Emma Riddell

Sydney Wahl

Eden Williamson

**Perseverance Awards (Seniors who participated 3+ years):**

5 years - Grace Coyle

4 years - Emma Riddell

3 years - Rayne Elling, Rylee Elling, Eden Williamson



The following Early Childhood Education students traveled to Penn West University to sit in Dr. Clover Wright's ECE class and tour the Rutledge Institute. The students were able to engage in and be part of the ECE class. The Rutledge Institute is where many of the Penn West students receive their clinical hours. This was an exciting and engaging day for the ECE students.

# Trinity Visits With New York Times Best-selling Author, Sara Shepard



Twelve Trinity High School students were given the opportunity to meet Sara Shepard, New York Times best-selling author of the Pretty Little Liars series, at the Carnegie Library on February 16, 2023. She was the keynote speaker for the Words & Pictures lecture series; Pittsburgh was the first stop on her book tour for her newest release, Wait for Me.

Students were given a historical and architectural tour of the Carnegie Library, they joined an exclusive meet and greet with Sara Shepard for an hour, before joining Shepard's public presentation in the Carnegie Library Lecture Hall.

THS English Teacher, Ms. Kristen Shaw, and sophomore, Addison McCoy, had the honor and privilege of introducing the author for her presentation. Ms. Shaw spoke about the power of books to help young adults navigate school and life, and Addison spoke from the perspective of a teen reader as she reacted to Shepard's latest book.

All of this was possible through a generous grant from Pittsburgh Arts and Lectures.

## Congratulations Cast and Crew!



Trinity Middle School presented Legally Blonde the Musical Jr. in the Trinity High School auditorium on February 16, 17, and 18, 2023. Over one hundred Trinity Area School District students came together to tell the story of Elle Woods, a Delta Nu sorority sister, chasing her love interest, Warner Huntington III, to Harvard Law School. Through her journey to find love, she finds friendship, a strong sense of self, and her new forever love. Under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Helinski, middle school students demonstrated humor, enthusiasm, professionalism, and a whole lot of passion for musical theater. The production was complete with professional backdrops and student-designed sets under the direction of Trinity Middle School art teacher, Mrs. Guthrie, and student-run lights and sound under the direction of Vincent Byrne Media. Miss Bumpus also assisted in producing the show. This production brought together the community in Washington and had thousands of people in attendance over the three nights. The arts are here and going strong at TMS!



# ***Student Advisory Committee Goes Back in Time.***

Trinity Hall Military Academy 1879. Students went back in time on a tour of TASD's original Civil War time classroom, Bell Tower, Trinity Museum, and President Grant's room. We also visited the Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame. Trinity has a rich history like no other school.



MUSEUM

# Trinity's Own McOlympics 2023



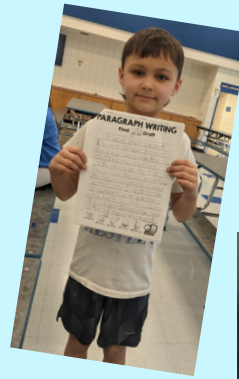
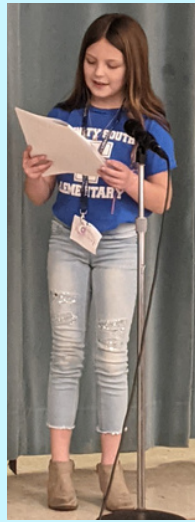
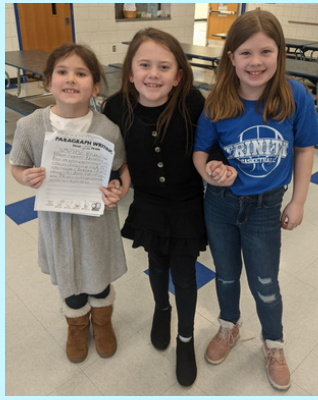
**#itsagreatdaytobeahiller**

*Trinity's Own - Sharing Their Heart With Others - Take 2*



Senior Emily Wickham applied for the VING x Archwell \$1000 grant. The nonprofit organization belongs to Prince Harry and Megan Markle. The national grant application was for women in the community who have shown great strength and courage. The recipient of Emily's grant will remain anonymous and was completely surprised by the money received.

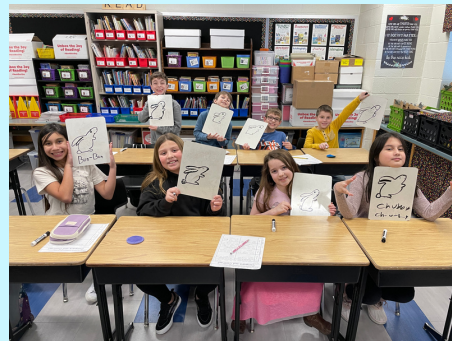
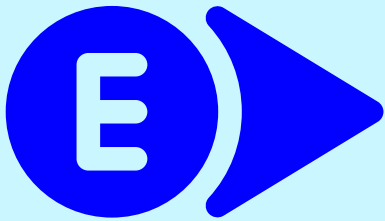
# Trinity South, Second Grade Speak on Traditions!



The 2nd graders at Trinity South wrote opinion pieces on new traditions they might begin at Trinity South, and then presented their work to their class and Mr. Keruskin. They did a fantastic job!

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## World Read Aloud Day at Trinity East

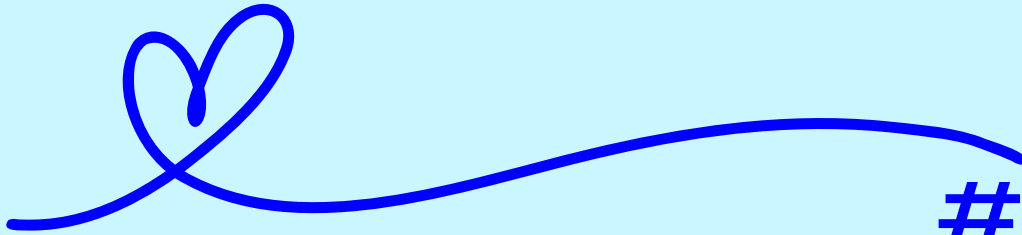


Trinity East celebrated World Read Aloud Day on February 1. World Read Aloud Day has called attention to the importance of sharing stories by challenging participants to grab a book, find an audience, and read aloud. The global effort, created by the non-profit, LitWorld, and sponsored by Scholastic, is celebrated annually in over 173 countries and is all about bringing people together through the shared connection of reading aloud in our communities. Students at Trinity East had the opportunity to hear stories read aloud by students in other classrooms, staff members, parents, and even authors during live-streaming events. What a wonderful way to celebrate reading!

# Special Family Night at Trinity North



Trinity North hosted a Special Family Night for Trinity West and North students. Families played literacy games and learned new and fun ways to help their children. The kids also enjoyed milk and cookies while Dr. Demain read them a bedtime story. Fun was had by all!



## #Izzystrong



# WPIAL BOUND!



Trinity's Elite 8 wrestlers headed to the WPIAL's are: Dom Canali, TJ Allison, Blake Reihner, Ty Banco, Bodie Morgan, Nick Fedorchak, Mason Kraeer, Frank Fedorchak



Trinity East's 5th graders are campaigning to recycle plastic lids, (8 inches or smaller) to turn into park benches for Washington Park. This recycling campaign was started by Mrs. Palefsky, and the fifth grade is counting on Trinity East to collect enough plastic lids for benches. After raising more than 17 pounds in less than a month, they hope to raise even more. The bucket, to collect the plastic lids is located directly outside of the cafeteria. If all of Trinity East works together, they can collect enough plastic lids and caps for multiple benches by the end of the year. We are helping to keep our landfills free of plastic!

# Our Students to Celebrate!





We would like to thank our longtime partners at Washington Financial for their generous donation to enhance technology at the elementary schools.



### Groundhog Day at Trinity South

*Trinity Pride!*

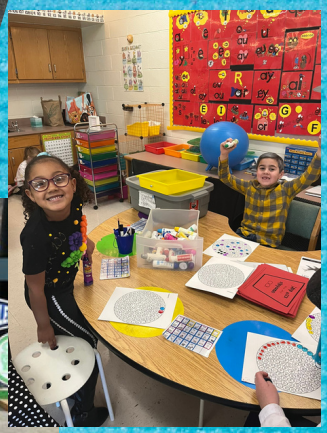
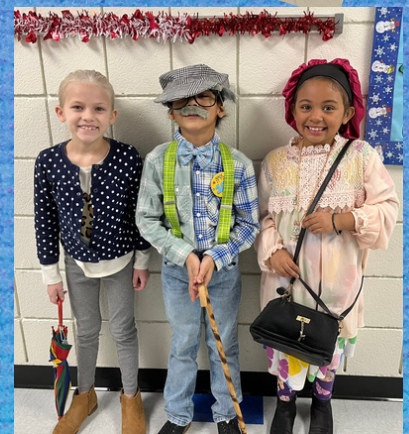
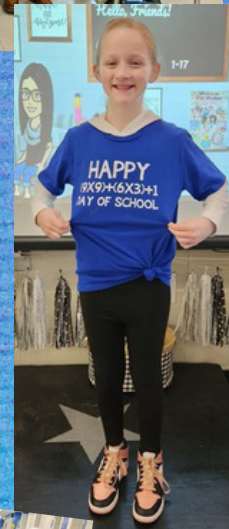


### Where are they now?

Over the weekend, Jade Miller, Class of 2021, won two Individual MEC Championships for Wheeling University: one in 100 yard backstroke and one in the 200 yard backstroke.



# 100 Days of School!!





# WHO WE ARE

## #TRINITYFAMILY



**Maci Caster**

**Trinity East**

Ms. Maci Caster is presently the learning support teacher for grades 2 and 3 at Trinity East. Ms. Caster is a 2010 graduate of Trinity High School. She played soccer for the Hillers, and was a member of the French Club and the Future Teachers Club. She participated in many high school plays: The Wizard of Oz, The King and I, Hello Dolly, Crazy for you, and Our Town. Ms Caster graduated Cum Laude from Bethany College, where she earned her degree in early childhood education. She was a member of the Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society and served as the treasurer. Ms. Caster has her certification in elementary education and special education grades K-8. She began her teaching career as a Title 1 reading teacher in Wheeling, WV in 2016. While at Wheeling, she was part of the group of teachers that decided on the new reading series and served as Faculty Senate Secretary.

**Cool Facts:** In her free time, Ms. Caster trains for and competes in the Pittsburgh Marathon. She prioritizes her health and fitness as she runs all the local 5k's. She attends and finds that karate classes provide a beneficial skill set, mentally and physically. She is a youth soccer coach for the Soccer Shots, an organization in which she participated. She enjoys bringing the joy and excitement she has for soccer to the kids in the community.



Make sure to keep current on construction updates by visiting <https://www.trinitypride.org/construction-project>

To submit an article for publication in

*Hiller Highlights* email:  
[tkrieger@trinityhillers.net](mailto: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.

### Spring Concert Schedule

**May 8** - Grades 4-6 Chorus - 6:00 p.m.  
Grades 7-8 & Chamber Choir - 7:00 p.m.

**May 10** - MS Band & Orchestra - 6:30 p.m.

**May 15** - Elem Orchestra - 6:00p.m.  
Elem. Band - 7:00 p.m.

**May 17** - HS Band, Orchestra & Chorus - 6:30 p.m.

### Kindergarten Registration

It's that time again! Trinity Area School District will be holding kindergarten registration for the 2022-23 school year via our Skyward system.

Any child who will be age 5 before September 1, 2023 is eligible to enroll. In order to plan for staffing for our kindergarten classrooms, we are asking for registrations by March 15, 2023.

**March 8 - 8th Grade Move Up Night 6-8 PM @ Trinity High School**

**March 17 - Staff Development/No School**

### 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](mailto:tkrieger@trinityhillers.net)



# 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Come and see all  
the talent Trinity has!**

**TRINITY AREA  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**ART SHOW:**



**CONSTRUCTING A  
CREATIVE FUTURE**

**MAY 20  
2023**

**Trinity High School**

**11 am - 4pm**

**STUDENT & STAFF**

**ARTWORK,**

**FREE ART ACTIVITIES,**

**FOOD, AND MORE**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**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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FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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