HILLER HIGHLIGHTS



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

MAY 2022-2023

That's A Wrap...

Dear Parents / Guardians and Students,

As the 2022-2023 school year closes, I want to thank you sincerely for your contributions to our wonderful Hiller community. Your hard work and commitment to excellence has once again resulted in another successful school year filled with exciting changes, new construction projects, and numerous opportunities for learning. Working together with you, the District has closed learning gaps, overcome challenges, and made a positive difference for all students, teachers, and staff.

Since August, we have initiated a large-scale construction project on campus. Currently, Trinity Middle School is being renovated, and a wing for students in grades 4 and 5 is being built. This new Intermediate School will be ready for the 2024-2025 school year, and students and teachers are looking forward to working in a space that is fully equipped for 21st Century learning. The modernized Media Center is already being used for collaborations and presentations. Once all technologies are in place, the Center will be open for students to explore, create, and innovate. Additionally, we are excited to report that the new athletic complex will be built in the fall! Coaches and students are ready to practice and work out in a place that houses state-of-the-art equipment. Lastly, the District has launched a number of business-sponsored beautification projects, including constructing a new stage for graduation, designing new signs, and enhancing the landscaping around campus.

Our teachers have been especially busy this school year. As an extension of their day-to-day teaching responsibilities, all engaged in extremely rigorous training on how to help students develop problem-solving and critical thinking skills. By taking a graduate course, offered through ISTE U, teachers learned to instruct in a way that requires students to decompose complex problems, recognize patterns, visualize the intangible, and create algorithms for solutions. Now, teachers will be able to revamp their curricula to include opportunities for students to build essential skills. I am so proud of our teachers for diving deep into this learning opportunity, and modeling for students what it means to be life-long learners.

We will continue to provide an outstanding education and build a safe, secure learning environment for students and staff. I feel confident that we are on the right path to forge ahead in the best interest of our Hillers. To those returning to campus in September, know that we look forward to working with you again as we learn, grow, and strengthen relationships. To our graduating seniors, we are cheering you on as you begin the next chapter of your lives and do great things! May you all have a safe, relaxing, and happy summer. I hope you find time to slow down, spend time with friends and family, and resume the activities that energize you and bring you joy.

In Partnership,

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Dr. Michael P. Lucas Superintendent





In May, 45 high schoolers traveled to Penn State University with their science teachers for the state round of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science competition (PJAS). The PJAS competition is quite rigorous; students are required to practice as scientists by designing and performing an experiment in one of several categories like biology, behavioral psychology, and chemistry, for example. Students reflect upon the strengths and limitations of their work, and share their findings and reflections with judges. Teachers Mrs. Welsh, Mr. Smith, and Mrs. Walk are so proud of their students, who collectively won 26 first place awards, 15 second place awards, 1 third place award, and 2 perfect scores (Students' names are listed below.). Additionally, senior Emma Riddell was presented with the Outstanding Microbiology Award, and senior Sophia Misner was awarded a scholarship to Penn State's College of Agriculture. We are so proud of our Hillers!

Perfect Scores: Rayne Elling & Emma Riddell

1st Place Awards: Alexander Berry, Abigail Bodart, Andrew Ciampa, Samnath Ciampa, Rayne Elling, Rylee Elling, Aaron Hunsberger, JW Jobes, Nathan Jones, Sarah Losko, Emma Riddell, Eden Williamson, Sophia Zaragoza, Ivy Zheng, Riley Corrins, Grace Coyle, Natalie Ewbank, Timberly Gardner, Maggie Goodish, Braeden Helmkamp, Cameron Minnick, Sophia Misner, Cael Nicolella, Carolyn Proudfit, Cameron Schofield, and Sydney Wahl

2nd Place Awards: Grace Buckner, Seamus Coyle, Allison Ewbank, Kelsey Flynn, Isabella Jobes, Rebekah Jones, Jordan Keener, Micha Mariana, Ava Richter, Cameron Street, Matthew Heffner, Agatha Niccolai, Benjamin Papson, Olivia Sikora, and Nicolas Stiehler

3rd Place Award: Sydney Klick





May's Students of the Month!

HIGH SCHOOL Emily Wickham



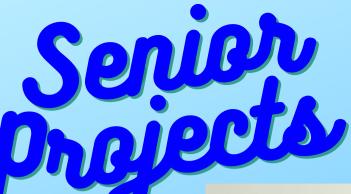
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MIDDLE SCHOOL







Providence King

Will Siersdale



This year, seniors in English 12 participated in a 20Time research project for the first time ever. They devoted 20% of their learning over an eight-week period to independently pursuing a passion project that would extend beyond the walls of the classroom. Students began the research process with a 'Shark Tank' project pitch and ended with a final reflection in a 'Ted Talk' format. Some students learned to sew and designed their own prom dress, others created a family cookbook and learned more about their family traditions and customs, and others created new inventions like an all-purpose survival tool. At the end of the presentations, children's books were written, volunteering was completed at the Washington Humane Society, engines were rebuilt, and fitness goals were reached. One student even gained notoriety for his skill in cornhole and earned a sponsorship through the project! Through the process, seniors set and implemented goals, adjusted as needed, and reflected on their growth as they showcased what they learned. Dr. DeMore, Ms. Shaw, and Mr. Swarrow eagerly look forward to continuing this senior experience in the future!



Easton Morris

Mason Kraeer





Christian Bober

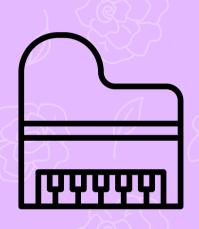




Congratulations.

Congratulations to Trinity South's school nurse, Mrs. Bea Bebout, for receiving the 2023 President's Award from the Academy for Adolescent Health, Inc. in recognition of Nurse Bebout's outstanding support of their mission and exceptional commitment to youth! Congratulations, Nurse Bea!







Junior Maggie Goodish received the honor of being named the 2023 Young Artist Competition winner by the Washington Symphony Orchestra. She performed a very challenging piece, Frederic Chopin's *Piano Concerto no. 1 in E Minor, 3 mvt. Rondo*, with skill and poise during the WSO concerts held on May 26 & 27 at the Olin Fine Arts Center on the campus of Washington and Jefferson College. Goodish studies privately with Vicki Sisson. Bravo, Maggie! Your Trinity family is proud of you!

Congratulations to the THS 2023 Americanism Essay Contest Winners! Autistic Support History 1st Place locally and 2nd Place at the state level: Haylee Roupe (not pictured)



Grades 9th and 10th (pictured left to right) 1st Place: Xzavier Kahkonen 2nd Place: Sylvia Stoy 3rd Place: - Stephen Bryant

Grades 11th and 12th 3rd Place: Dylan Leonard (not pictured)

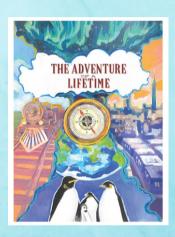




A Joint Venture!



On Friday, May 26, a group of students volunteered to plant flowers at Donnell House-Concordia Hospice of Washington. The students were part of Trinity High School's FFA organization and/or AP environmental science class. They planted, watered, trimmed existing plants, and cleaned the courtyard area so families can enjoy time outside in a beautiful space. Everyone did a wonderful job and enjoyed being outside on a beautiful day to work for a great cause. Thank you to Roxanne Sweany, Bereavement Volunteer Coordinator, and Trinity teachers, Mrs. Durila and Mrs. Monteleone, for giving students this opportunity.





Ms. Kristen Shaw and the THS Literary Journal staff are proud to announce the publication of this year's journal with the selected theme: "Adventure of a Lifetime". This 184-page student magazine is a compilation of original poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and artwork from students in grades 9 - 12. Thank you to our student leaders who oversaw production from start to finish, as well as to our student contributors who filled the pages with their writing and artistic talent. Stay tuned for the journal to be available as a digital copy on our district website.

Happy Chinese New Year!

Mr. and Mrs. Tecklenberg recently stopped by Trinity West to share their experience about living in China for 5 years. The first and second graders watched with excitement as fifth graders maneuvered the 20 foot dragon to a musical beat.







Graduation at a Preschool Level!

The Trinity High School Early Childhood Education (ECE) Program students hosted their annual preschool graduation celebration on May 25th. This year, the preschool program had 8 preschoolers and 50 high school ECE students, who learned and worked in the preschool lab. The celebration was a huge success, and was planned and presented to the preschoolers' families by students. ECE students had the preschoolers walk down to the graduation song, sing their preschool songs, and obtain their awards and certificates. The program is overseen by Mrs. Aliveto and Mrs. Tsangaris, Family and Consumer Science Teachers.









Chaz Norris is a junior at Trinity High School and in the Electrical Occupations program. Chaz is employed by PA Transformer through WACTC's co-op program.

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Western Area CTC



Several TMS gifted students qualified to compete in the state-level PA Media & Design Competition in Carlisle, PA on May 24, 2023. Congratulations to the following students for representing Trinity at the state competition. Mrs. Gojmerac, Mr. Walsh, and all of Hiller Nation are so proud of you!

- Nolan Elliott Programming
- Evan Klick, Ryan Lukas, & Zach Cholock -Website
- Daesha Plesko Logo & Graphic Design
- Vittoria Emerich & Ella Sammel Digital Movie

Celebrating Police Week 2023!

At Trinity East, Ms. G's class honored Officer Thomas and Officer McClay during Police Week 2023.











The students at Trinity North Elementary celebrated National Police Officers' Week as a culminating activity to end "Lunch with the Sherrif." Once each month officers talked with North students during their lunch times. The officers were presented a certificate of appreciation, along with a pizza pie (for each officer to take). The students enjoyed and appreciated these visits! Pictured from left to right:

North's Police Officer - Officer Jerry Allen; Corporal Brady Pascoe, Sheriff Tony Andronas, and Chief Tony Mosco from the Sheriff's Department.





Toni & Guy's CEO Meets Trinity's Own!



Two of Trinity's Toni & Guy students had their hair done by Mr. Zak Mascolo and team. There were great vibes and energy all around!





Trinity East hosted the Primary Literature Festival for students in grades K-3. Gifted students from Avella, Canon-Mac, Chartiers-Houston, Fort Cherry, and McGuffey joined the competition. Teams moved through five different stations, earning points along the way. The stations included trivia, a mystery item search, figurative language sorting, and a STEM challenge. Congratulations to Kasen, Graham, and Guy from our Trinity team for coming in 1st place!

Music Here, Music There, Music Everywhere!

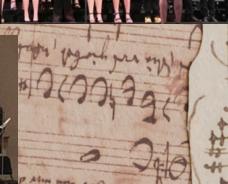


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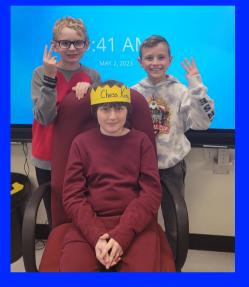






2022-2023 Chess Competition Has A Winner....Easton Efaw!

The 2022-2023 chess competition for fifth grade at Trinity South Elementary has a winner! Easton Efaw has won his final match with a checkmate. Easton's final competitor, Parker Gardner, is to be commended for putting up a strong battle. Easton was able to win despite losing his Queen early in the game. Fifth graders learned how to play during recess and continued their matches during recess. Many fifth graders gave it a try. Good job, fifth grade!





On March 31, 9th grade English teachers, Mrs. Child and Mrs. Siegman, celebrated the completion of their study of "The Odyssey" with a guest performer. Joshua Feinman presented his one-man interactive show, entitled "A Voyage With Odysseus", to the 9th grade classes, as well as members of the spring musical cast. After Mr. Feinman reenacted segments of the story with some help from a few students, he held a Q&A with the group. He answered questions about the story, his work as an actor and producer, and his 22-year career with the production company. Everyone had a great time!











Trinity East students enjoying their day old chicks and ducks!







Middle School gifted students traveled to Canon Mac High School's pool to participate in the SeaPerch Olympics on May 30th. Prior to the event, students constructed underwater robots using SeaPerch kits. At the event, students engaged in four different stations with their robots. Congratulations to Maddox Ho & Aaron Kline and Vittoria Emerich & Ella Sammel for tying for 3rd place at the competition! Mrs. Gojmerac and Mr. Walsh are so proud of your accomplishment!









Students from Trinity North were treated to free tickets to a Wild Things Game on May 26 for reaching the school's reading goal. This group was able to walk the bases as the announcer called out the Trinity North Reading Club. It was a fun time for all!



The fifth grade students learned about the dangers of drugs by listening to a presentation by Deputy Elizabeth Davidson from the Washington County Sheriff's Department. She presented the DARE Program in Mr.Pat Frey's classroom.







Trinity North Elementary students collected pop tabs yearlong in hopes of winning a contest to benefit the school. The entire school collected 657 pounds of pop tabs! The winning classroom was Mrs. Davis's with a collection of 158.2 pounds. They were given a special treat for winning this contest. Way to go, students!

Autism Awareness

During April, Trinity West students shined a light on autism in honor of Autism Awareness Month and individuals who are on the Autism spectrum. Autistic support teachers, Ms. Kristi Kubatka, Mrs. Kristi Lowden, and Ms. Chase Hoobler, worked alongside parents and staff to promote awareness, kindness to all, and acceptance of differences. Trinity West was decorated with colorful messages, and true/false interactive facts were displayed throughout the building. Students who demonstrated acts of kindness were awarded puzzle pieces that contributed to a building-wide "kindness tree." To promote awareness of Autism, students also participated in a door decorating contest and enjoyed a spirit week during which everyone proudly wore stickers, ribbons, and buttons. Lastly, Trinity West worked hard to support Spectrum Fudge, a small business that employs adults with disabilities and creates job opportunities for adults with Autism.

















Our 4th and 5th-grade gifted students traveled to Avella Elementary Center for the annual Literature Festival. At the competition, the students worked in teams to earn points at different stations, including trivia, sequencing, STEM challenge, Pictionary, and crossword puzzles. Congratulations to the team consisting of Drake Jones, Owen Clancy, Declan Clancy, and Elliott Edenhoffer for coming in 1st place!

Middle School eSports Computer Build

















Trinity High School students worked together to build 25 custom, high-end gaming PCs for our new Middle School eSports Arena.





Annual Trout Release

Fifth graders from Trinity North, South, East, and West Elementaries participated in our annual trout release program on May 11-12, 2023 at Mingo Creek County Park. Students have been raising their trout from eggs since January, 2023 as part of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's "Trout in the Classroom" program. Students released their trout into Mingo Creek and then rotated through a series of stations that included macroinvertebrates, geocaching, electrofishing, fly rod casting, and invertebrates. In addition, students explored fly tying and trout anatomy. . It was a Great Day to be a Hiller at Mingo County Park!



























Food Helpers

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On Tuesday, May 9, Maria Fetock, who is a Program Coordinator from Food Helpers and the Greater Washington County Food Bank, spoke to Ms. Cortese and Mr. Sherry's Honors English 8 students about food insecurity and the mission and operation of the Food Bank. Honors English 8 students donated \$500 to the Food Bank from their Hunger Games fundraiser, which will provide 2,500 meals to Washington County families. Students also packed sample "Moochi" bags, which is a new nutrition initiative of the food pantry.

Annual Food Service Dance-off!





And the winners are: Trinity South: Bradley Zatta THS: Emma Bowman TMS: Nora Miller East: Maylin Barr West: Carter Mergen North: Scarlett MacBeth







Each winner received a bike donated from General Mills!

The Great Gatsby...Prom 2023!

























Back 2 Back!

The 2023 Trinity softball team is headed to the WPIAL Championship! The Hillers are ranked #4 in the State with a record of 18-2. They are Class 5A WPIAL back-to-back section champs. Riley Hoy, Taylor Dunn, and Finley Hohn were named 1st team all-section. Amber Morgan, Madison Argo, and Addison Agnew were named to the 2nd team. Hanna Suhoski received honorable mention. Coach Shawn Gray was selected as Coach of the Year. Good luck HILLERS!



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Lacrosse: WPIAL Playoffs 1st Team- Stephen Moschetta, Dominic DeRubbo, Jack Pan, Braeden McCullough 2nd Team-Tyler Day, Christian Bober

Boys Volleyball: WPIAL Playoffs 2nd Team- Josh Lent 3rd Ream- Tucker Proudfit and Sam Pearson



Trinity Baseball: WPIAL Playoffs 1st Team- Matt Robaugh and Gibson Havanis

Trinity's Talent is Overflowing!



Trinity High School senior, Madison Argo, signed a Letter of Commitment on May 26, 2023, to continue her academic and athletic career at Pitt Greensburg. She plans to major in Nursing.

Trinity High School senior, Ty Banco, signed a Letter of Intent on May 26, 2023, to continue his academic and athletic career at Texas A&M University. Ty will be majoring in Sports Management.



Trinity High School senior, Christian Bober, signed a National Letter of Intent on May 26, 2023, to continue his academic and athletic career at Washington and Jefferson College. He plans to double major in Computing and Information Studies and Business Administration.

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Trinity High School senior, Rebecca Cox, signed a May 26, 2023, to continue her academic and athletic career at LaRoche Universitycareer at Washington and She plans to study Biology and become a veterinarian.

Trinity High School senior, Taylor Dunn, signed a National Letter of Intent on National Letter of Intent on May 26, 2023, to continue her academic and athletic Jefferson College. She plans to major in Psychology.



Trinity High School senior, Mason Kraeer, signed a National Letter of Intent on May 26, 2023, to continue his academic and athletic career at Grove City College. He plans to major in Conservation Biology.

ACADEMICS - ARTS - ATHLETICS





Trinity High School senior, Courtney Lowe, signed a National Letter of Intent on May 26, 2023, to continue her academic and athletic career at Pitt Greensburg. She plans to major in Biology.



Trinity High School senior, Andrew Collins, signed a National Letter of Intent on May 26, 2023, to continue his academic and athletic career at Grove City College. He plans to major in Accounting.



Trinity High School senior, Julia Luzar, signed a National Letter of Intent on May 26, 2023, to continue her academic and athletic career at Waynesburg University. She plans to major in Criminal Justice. Trinity High School senior, Braeden McCullough, signed a Letter of Commitment on May 26, 2023, to continue his academic and athletic career at Madonna University. He plans to major in Exercise Science.

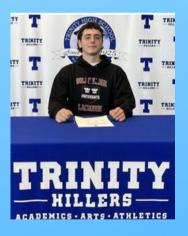


Trinity High School senior, Stephen Mochetta, signed a National Letter of Intent on May 26, 2023, to continue his academic and athletic career at Mount Union University. He plans to major in Business Management.





Trinity High School senior, Mirranda Rinehart, signed a National Letter of Intent on May 26, 2023, to continue her academic and athletic career at Washington and Jefferson College. She plans to major in Accounting.



Trinity High School senior, Logan Waychoff, signed a National Letter of Intent on May 26, 2023, to continue his academic and athletic career at Washington and Jefferson College. He plans to major in Business Management. Trinity High School senior, Eden Williamson, signed a National Letter of Intent on May 26, 2023, to continue her academic and athletic career at New York University. Eden is on a pre-med track.



TRINITY MIDDLE SCHO



Sixth graders at Trinity Middle School designed a township flag for South Strabane. Two hundred forty-six students contributed ideas and symbols recognizing the history of mining and farming in the region. Trinity teachers, Mr. Tarquinio and Ms. Biernesser, led the flag project to help introduce students to civics and local government. The flag will fly outside South Strabane's municipal building. Bianca Sunseri, Cece Bristor, Max Phillips, and Barron Sunseri are pictured holding the flag. Congratulations to all!

WHO WE ARE



Chase Hoobler Trinity West Elementary

#TRINITYFAMILY

Ms. Chase Hoobler graduated from Cedar Cliff High School, located in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. She attended California University of Pennsylvania where she received her bachelor's dual degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. At Cal U, she was active in student government, on the cheerleading team. and a sister of the Delta Zeta sorority. Upon graduation, Ms. Hoobler started as a long term substitute at Trinity West and East in learning support classrooms. Currently, she is one of Trinity West's autistic support teachers. She loves learning new things about her students and working on finding ways for them to be successful in the classroom. Most recently, Ms. Hoobler graduated with her master's degree in Applied Behavior Analysis with an Autism Spectrums Certification from Pennsylvania Western California.

Cool Facts: Ms. Hoobler and her boyfriend have a rescue German shepherd mix named Willow who loves to go on walks and play in the backyard of their new home. Ms. Hoobler was a cheerleader for 18 years, cheering in the All-Star Competition, and cheering during high school and college. She hopes to continue to be involved in cheerleading in the future.

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Sarah Finley Trinity High School

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Ms. Finley graduated from Trinity High School in 2016 where she served as a 3-year captain of the Hillers Tennis Team, and a member of the NHS and the Math League. She attended WVU for Chemical Engineering and was the Secretary of the Women in Science Chapter (SWE). She transferred to California University of Pennsylvania to pursue her B.S. in Chemistry and B.S. in Secondary Education. As a Vulcan, she was a supplemental instruction (SI) leader for CHEM101, CHEM102, Organic Chemistry 1, and Calculus 1. Her role was to tutor students in large groups several times each week. Ms. Finley was also a teaching assistant (TA) in General Chemistry 1 and 2 for multiple semesters. Upon graduation, she completed her student teaching at Charleroi High School. One of her special moments as a Cougar was guiding her students to a first place finish in the BotsIQ competition. Ms. Finley presently teaches Honors Chemistry and CP Chemistry at THS. She assists with the JROTC Robotics Team, as well as the girls tennis team. Her goal as a chemistry teacher is to introduce her students to real-world applications of science and teach them how chemistry can be applied to their future no matter what path they take after high school.

Cool Facts: Ms. Finley loves 70's, 80's, and 90's music and has been to over 100 rock concerts. She has seen the band KISS 25 times. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, as well as working at her part-time job at Kohl's. Ms. Finley volunteers her time coaching tennis and sharing her experiences on the courts.



INFORMATIONAL FLYERS: All flyers are available on the district website under <u>Quick</u> <u>Links - Flyers</u>

To request that a flyer be posted on the website, email: <u>tkrieger@trinityhillers.net</u> To submit an article for consideration email: <u>tkrieger@trinityhillers.net</u>

All articles are subject to final approval by the Superintendent.

Dates to Remember

June 9 - Last Student Day -Early Release

June 9 - Graduation

June 12 - Teacher Clerical Day

Summer Hours Trinity will operate on a summer schedule beginning Monday, June 12, through Thursday, August 17. The district will be closed Fridays. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, August 21.



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

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> MR. JACK MINNICK HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR FOR MORE INFORMATION

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2023 SCHOOL DISCOUNT OFFER

District Day: June 15, 2023

PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ON THE JUNE 15TH DISTRICT DAY FOR \$35.99:

- STEP 1: Go to www.kennywood.com/schools
- STEP 2: Click the 'Buy Now' button to advance to the next screen
- STEP 3: Enter your '2023 School Ticket' ticket quantity
- STEP 4: Enter Promo Code trinityarea in the 'Promotional Code' box, then click 'Apply'
- STEP 5: Click 'Continue' to advance to the ticket calendar. SELECT YOUR DISTRICT DAY DATE TO APPLY
 - DISCOUNT OFFER, then click 'Continue'
- STEP 6: SELECT [AGAIN] YOUR DISTRICT DAY DATE, then click 'Continue'
- STEP 7: Click 'Continue' to advance and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets!

PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ANY DATE OF CHOICE THROUGH JUNE 30TH FOR \$38.99:

- STEP 1: Go to www.kennywood.com/schools
- STEP 2: Click the 'Buy Now' button to advance to the next screen
- STEP 3: Enter your '2023 School Ticket' ticket quantity
- STEP 4: Enter Promo Code trinityareaflex in the 'Promotional Code' box, then click 'Apply'
- STEP 5: Click 'Continue' to advance to the ticket calendar. SELECT ANY VISIT DATE THROUGH

JUNE 30TH TO APPLY DISCOUNT OFFER, then click 'Continue'

- STEP 6: SELECT [AGAIN] YOUR VISIT DATE, then click 'Continue'
- STEP 7: Click 'Continue' to advance and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets!

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