

HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

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



END OF THE YEAR 2022-2023

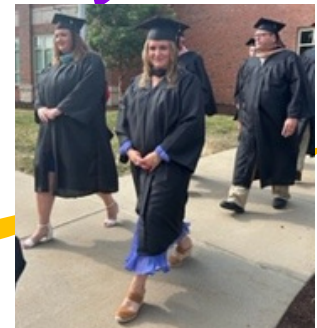
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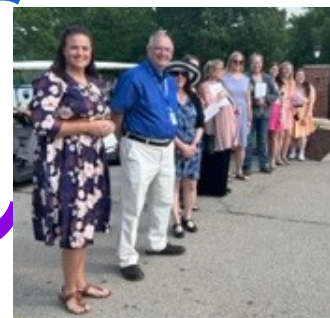
2023



Class of 2023



Congratulations!



TA&A Teachers of Distinction!

HS - Mrs. Laura Bennett



Mrs. Laura Bennett currently teaches Honors Algebra II and Advanced Algebra with Trigonometry teacher at Trinity High School. She is a graduate of Peters Township High School. Mrs. Bennett earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Mathematics Education from Penn State University. She was a member of Phi Eta Sigma National Honors Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Mrs. Bennett taught Pre-Algebra and Geometry at Seneca Valley School District before joining Trinity Area School District in 2012. During her tenure here at Trinity Area, she has taught a plethora of math courses. In addition, she served as a National Honors Society advisor for 4 years and is currently the advisor for the Future Teachers of America club. With her dynamic teaching style, Mrs. Bennett engages students in interactive and thought-provoking lessons. She encourages and empowers her students to reach their full potential. Mrs. Bennett's commitment to education and her students' success makes her an invaluable asset to Trinity High School.

CONGRATULATIONS

MS - Mrs. Katie Helinski

Mrs. Helinski joined the Trinity Area Music Department faculty in 2017 and currently teaches chorus, chamber choir, and orchestra. She also directs the Trinity Middle School musical. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Penn State University's Schreyer Honors College with degrees in both Vocal Performance and K-12 Music Education. She fell in love with music through performance at a young age and has been passionate about music performance and music education since. Some of her notable engagements were with the Philadelphia Orchestra, where she performed Beethoven's Symphony No. 9. She performed Stravinsky's "Symphony of Psalms" at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts and the Mann Center for the Performing Arts. Mrs. Helinski also made her Pittsburgh debut performing with The Rolling Stones on their Zip Code Tour at Heinz Field. She now performs locally in her church choir and enjoys spending time with her husband and two young children. Mrs. Helinski is very proud of her students and hopes to continue to encourage a passion for music and the arts through her teaching.



MS - Mr. John Walsh



Mr. John Walsh is currently a learning support teacher and gifted enrichment coordinator at Trinity Middle School. He is a 2010 Pine-Richland Graduate and a 2014 graduate of Slippery Rock University, where he earned Bachelor's Degrees in Elementary Education and Special Education. Mr. Walsh is passionate about helping students become lifelong learners. Growing up in Pittsburgh, Mr. Walsh is a fan of all things "Yinzer". He is an avid Pittsburgh sports fan, with the Steelers being his favorite team. In his free time, he enjoys hiking with his dog or playing golf. As a teacher and coach, he has helped his students win multiple awards/accomplishments. One of his favorite memories as a teacher is when his students won the Power Pittsburgh Competition. He will never forget standing on Heinz Field with his students during Sunday Night Football!

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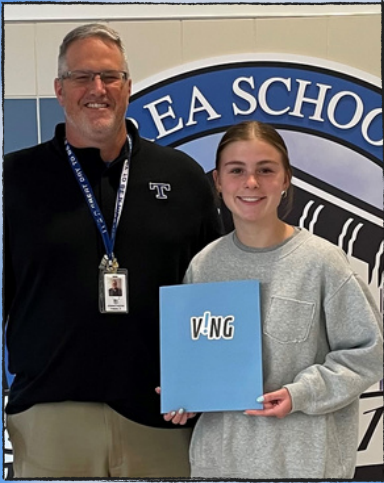
Trinity East - Mrs. Jessica Wachter

Mrs. Wachter's teaching career began in 2000 with a 4th grade position in Harford County Public Schools in Maryland. She taught for 7 years at William S. James Elementary School and worked to get her Reading Specialist Master's Degree at Loyola College in Maryland. In 2008, Mrs. Wachter accepted the literacy coach position at Trinity West. As literacy coach, she worked closely with teachers and students on best literacy practices. During her time at West, she also served as the reading/math support teacher for 3rd through 5th grades and spent half a year in a 5th grade classroom position. After spending 4 years at West, she moved to East when the reading specialist position was created. Mrs. Wachter loves working with younger students, and finds small group teaching to be very rewarding. She's truly enjoyed every school she has had the opportunity to be a part of, and all the amazing colleagues she's met along the way. Mrs. Wachter states, "The students are the BEST part of this job and I have learned how to be a better teacher because of them. I'm blessed to be a part of the Trinity family and honored to be recognized as a Teacher of Distinction."



Trinity's Own....Serving With Their Hearts!

Seven more Trinity students/females were granted Ving awards of \$1000 each to present to inspirational women who have shown strength and courage. Without the candidates' knowledge, the applicants created videos, which were then evaluated by the Archewell and Ving grant committees to identify worthy recipients.



Ashleigh Tuite



Addison Paul



Cadence Wright



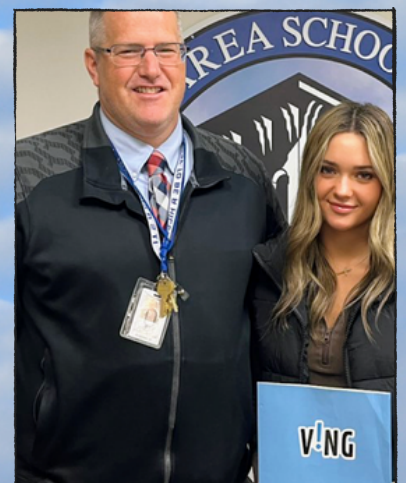
Eden Williamson



Abigail Bodart



Cicely Sunseri



Gracie Buckner

V!NG

Student Advisory Committees

Dr. Lucas met with Student Advisory Councils three times throughout the 22-23 school year. Each of the four councils is comprised of high schoolers from the same grade level; council members look forward to gathering in the Board Room at Trinity Hall to share their experiences and feedback with school leaders. Dr. Lucas is always interested to learn the students' perspectives on important matters like safety, curriculum, and school spirit, and students are grateful to have their voices heard. Because of the information learned during these meetings, changes have been made to the curriculum to make it more meaningful, and extracurricular activity suggestions have been addressed. As Dr. Lucas stated, "Educators need to make numerous decisions for students each day, so it's essential that we give our students the opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns. Knowing how they feel about their experience as Hillers helps us to make smart decisions on their behalf. Working with the kids is the best part of the job!"



Class of 2023



Class of 2024



Class of 2025



Class of 2026

CHROME

FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Thank you to Chrome Federal Credit Union for their partnership with Trinity's CIP accounting program.



Trinity Leadership Committee



Pictured from left to right are Tom Wickham, Addison Paul, Bella Muraco, Emily Wickham, Maria Giorgi, Ian Migyanko, and Owen Gardner.

The student Trinity Leadership Committee won the 2023 Washington County Citizenship Award. Their entry was "The Trinity Family", a documentation of the volunteer work done by the students, faculty and staff at Trinity HS this year. Included were the holiday veterans' cards made by the TMS social studies classes of Mrs. Bristor and Mrs. Richey. TLC donated their \$250 prize money to the Hiller Holiday Helpers. The club is sponsored by Mrs. Giorgi and Mrs. Berty.



2023 Art Show!



Trinity's talent is alive and evident. Plan on attending the Art Show next year to have a wonderful experience!



Hiller Newspaper Online and in Print!

Congratulations to the following high school newspaper staff members for receiving editor positions for the 2023-2024 school year!

Addison Paul - Editor-in-Chief and Opinion Editor

Zoe Neelen - Assistant Editor-in-Chief and News Editor

Leah Kubacka - Copy Editor and Feature Editor

Dresden Bouman - Media Editor and Arts & Entertainment Editor

This year, in addition to our online website, thehillernewspaper.org, the students created a special senior print edition of the newspaper that was handed out to seniors before graduation practice on June 5, 2023. Anyone interested can find the senior issue, as well as all articles and podcasts, on the website: thehillernewspaper.org. Follow on Twitter @HillerNewspaper.

End of the Year "Funtivities"





The students in kindergarten through third grade were able to read once per month to some furry friends during the Reading With Rover Program at Trinity North.

Pie the Principal - Dr. Demian

Principal Demian and 30 of his staff members from Trinity North Elementary kept their promise to be "pied" by the students if they read a total of 6,500 books during March's National Reading Month. The students met this challenge by reading a total of 9,354 books! The Wild Things mascot came to draw the winning tickets and give prizes. Way to go students for going above and beyond the challenge!



Trinity North had its first safety committee this year. Fourth and fifth graders, who were chosen by their teachers, comprised this group. The committee members were responsible for promoting safety throughout the school in areas such as the hallways, cafeteria, playground, and during student arrival outside the school. They were recognized by their yellow vests. This committee met with Dr. Demian to discuss ways to ensure safety in the school and will be continued next year.

Arwen Hefner, a student in the Trinity Area School District, won the 25th District American Legion Oratorical Contest held at Edwin Scott Linton Post No. 175 in Washington. She advanced and won at the inter-district contest, and then competed at the western section contest in Zelienople, where she finished second among four contestants. Hefner is the daughter of the Rev. Jason and Dao Hefner. Pictured from left are David I. Blose, past commander of Post 175; Hefner, and Rob Doria, oratorical chairman.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Blake Reihner for being recognized by the National High School Coaches Association as an Academic All American for the second year!





**Congratulations
2023 WPIAL
champions on a job
well done!**

To submit an article for
consideration email:
tkrieger@trinityhillers.net

All articles are subject to final
approval by the
Superintendent.

Dates to Remember

**August 23 & 24 –
Kindercamp**

**September 5 – First
Student Day of School**

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.

INFORMATIONAL FLYERS:
All flyers are available on the
district website under Quick
Links – 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**

**MR. JACK MINNICK
HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

724-223-2000 EXT. 7121 OR 7114

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT | 2023-2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

AUGUST '23						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

23rd – 24th Kindercamp
21st – 25th New Teachers
28th – 29th, 31st Staff Development
30th Clerical Day

Teacher Days: 4
 Student Days: 0

FEBRUARY '24						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

12th Staff Development/No School
19th Presidents' Day/No School

Teacher Days: 20
 Student Days: 19

SEPTEMBER '23						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

1st Staff Development
4th Labor Day
5th First Student Day
12th & 13th Elementary Open House
19th & 20th MS Open House
26th HS Open House

Teacher Days: 20
 Student Days: 19

MARCH '24						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

28th – 29th Spring Break/No School

Teacher Days: 19
 Student Days: 19

OCTOBER '23						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

13th Two-Hour Student Early Dismissal/Staff Development
16th Staff Development/No School

Teacher Days: 22
 Student Days: 21

APRIL '24						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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1st Spring Break/No School
2nd Staff Development/No School
4th End of 3rd 9 weeks

Teacher Days: 21
 Student Days: 20

NOVEMBER '23						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

7th End of 1st 9 weeks
22nd Two-Hour Student Early Dismissal/Staff Development
23rd – 27th Fall Break

Teacher Days: 19
 Student Days: 19

MAY '24						
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

24th Two-Hour Student Early Dismissal/Staff Development
27th Memorial Day/No School

Teacher Days: 22
 Student Days: 22

DECEMBER '23						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

21st Two-Hour Student Early Dismissal/Staff Development
22nd – 31st Winter Break

Teacher Days: 15
 Student Days: 15

JUNE '24						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

7th Graduation/Last Student Day
10th Teacher Clerical

Teacher Days: 6
 Student Days: 5

JANUARY '24						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

1st New Year's Day/No School
12th Two-Hour Student Early Dismissal/Teacher Clerical
15th M.L. King Day/No School
24th End of 1st Semester

Teacher Days: 21
 Students Days: 21

Teacher Days: 189
 Student Days: 180

Board Approved: 2-16-2023

TENTATIVE FIRST STUDENT DAY
 FOR 2024-2025
 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024





Come fly with us!

FLIGHTFest

Saturday, August 12

Noon - 6:00PM

Washington County Airport



RAIN OR SHINE



AIRPLANE RIDES

LIVE MUSIC - BOUNCE HOUSES

EURO BUNGEE - TRACKLESS TRAIN - ROCK WALL

FOOD TRUCKS - ADULT BEVERAGES - VENDORS

TOUCH-A-FIRE TRUCK - CARNIVAL GAMES

Event is FREE to enter

Airplane ride and attraction tickets go on sale in July!

All proceeds benefit IzzyStrong and the Heather family



For More Info & To Purchase Tickets Visit:

FlightFest.org

Due to high demand, advance ticket sales are encouraged
Tickets purchased at event are non-refundable



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