HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

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

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PJAS - Trinity's Winning Tradition

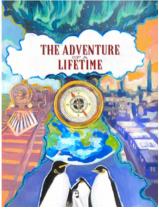
In February, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Walk, and Mrs. Welsh sponsored 6I students at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science at PennWest-California. THS students did outstanding by earning 52 first place awards, 9 second place awards, 10 perfect scores, and 7 special awards. Special thanks go out to our administration for supporting us and allowing our students to have this experience, and a special thanks to the several science department members and their spouses who traveled to judge projects: Mrs. Helmkamp and her husband, Mr. Columbus and his wife, and Miss Finley. The students who received a first place award will present in May at the state competition at Penn State University.

Perfect score awards: Olivia Angelo, Alexander Berry, Abigail Bodart, Connor Bradley, Rogan Cavanaugh, Vittoria Emerich, Isabella Jobes, Carter Jobes, Morgan Layhue, and Leah Wall

Istoria: Literary Journal of Trinity High School Earns 1st Place!



The 2022-2023 edition of Istoria: Literary Journal of Trinity High School earned a First Place Award from the American Scholastic Press Association! The Literary Journal is a student-run literary magazine, highlighting both original writing and artwork from students in grades 9-12, staff members, and alumni. Congratulations to advisor, Ms. Kristen Shaw, and her talented staff on their impressive recognition!



Congratulations! February Students of the Month





Payton Wright HIGH SCHOOL



Wesley Shumaker

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Braxtyn Simmons

National School Counselor's Week





SCHOOL COUNSELING: STANDARDS-BASED, STUDENT-FOCUSED

A heartfelt thank you to all the dedicated school counselors who guide, inspire, and support Trinity students on their journey. A big shoutout to Mrs. Amaismeier, Ms. Burns, Mrs. Coughlin-Lemmon, Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Nikolopoulos, Mrs. Opferman, Mr. Poletti, and Ms. Watson. Your impact is immeasurable! Let's recognize and appreciate these unsung heroes.

10 Years and Counting for the ZSA Grant!

This year, Trinity Area was again awarded a generous sum of money from the LSA Grant: \$61,425.00. The money will be used for equipment to incorporate 3D printing with lithography, 3D printing with metal, a CNC woodworking machine, and an additional epilog laser. With this grant, Trinity will continue to build the career and technology programs so high schoolers can train for real jobs and positively influence the economic development of the region. Currently, Trinity has partnered with approximately 120 local businesses, industries, and organizations that help the District map practical curriculum, which invites students to learn and practice 21st Century skills, begin their post-secondary training, and obtain industry certifications. With the assistance of the LSA Grant and input from community leaders, Trinity will continue to expand opportunities for students and adult community members to utilize technology and prepare for careers. We sincerely thank the community leaders, LSA Committee, Washington County Commissioners, Jeff Kotula, Senator Bartolotta, and Representative O'Neal, who have entrusted the District with \$795,523.00 over the past 10 years! Their generosity and excitement for Trinity's vision have helped to carve pathways to success.

Congratulations to Mrs. Nicolle Bazant-Pleil and Trinity Food Service! HUNGER HUNGER

A resounding TRINITY "congratulations" echoes through the air as we celebrate our exceptional Food Service Heroes!!! Their unwavering commitment to providing nourishment for both minds and communities in Southwestern Pennsylvania has garnered them the prestigious Child Hunger Hero Award. In the daily hustle, the hard work and dedication of these unsung heroes often go unnoticed, but their impact is immeasurable. Thanks to their tireless efforts, our students and community not only receive sustenance but also the opportunity to learn and grow. We extend our heartfelt appreciation and kudos to these remarkable individuals, who go above and beyond to embody the true spirit of community champions.

2023

- 2024 Region 4 Leadership Conference
- DoubleTree Hotel, Meadowlands
- 82 FBLA members competed in categories ranging from accounting to job interviewing
- **A FBLA** 63 members placed 1st through 3rd
 - 45 members (Ist and 2nd place) will be attending the State Leadership Conference in Hershey - April 7 - 10

2024 Regional Leadership

Trinity is Taking Pride in... ACADEMICS, Arts, and Athletics





The Spanish and German clubs at the high school prepared for the celebration of "Carnaval" in Spanish and "Karneval" in German by decorating the hallways between the foreign language classrooms. These decorations will be posted through National Foreign Language Week, which takes place during the first week of March. Students will participate in various cultural activities during this time.

MathCounts



Several TMS students competed during exploratory time for the chance to represent Trinity at the annual MathCounts Competition. Caleb Angelo, Ella Berry, Gillian Bissett, Kaylee Fortney, Kallie Georgalas, Ella Hunsberger, Madalyn Nickel, McKenna Nonack, Hadley Schreyer, Jenna Simpson, Kalina Sten, and Bianca Sunseri challenged their peers and earned the honor to compete as part of the TMS MathCounts team. In addition, Maddie Nickel (Captain), Kaylee Fortney, Ella Hunsberger, and Ella Berry earned a spot in the top four and competed together as a team. Maddie Nickel finished in the top ten and the team finished third overall. Mr. White coached the students and found great success. Our mathematicians made it a great day to be a Hiller!



Students in grades 1-3 traveled to Fort Cherry Elementary Center to compete in the America Bowl in February. Prior to the competition, students studied the states and capitals, state locations, state nicknames, and fun facts about the states. At the competition, students earned points by building a puzzle of the USA, playing state Pictionary, placing state capitals on the correct states, and answering trivia questions about the states. Team Trinity put forth a lot of effort preparing for the competition, and had exceptional teamwork at the competition. Congratulations to Team Trinity for coming in 1st place!



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The Trinity High School Mock Trial Team returned this year to compete against Connellsville and Peters Township's "A" team. Students who competed for Trinity included Olivia Angelo, Collin Berry, Lauren Bliss, Zach Dames, Natalie Ewbank, Maria Giorgi, Caden Miller, Jack Pan, and Cadence Wright. Assaad Nassar served as a timekeeper. In the first trial, Maria Giorgi was named best witness and Jack Pan was named best attorney. In the second competition, Lauren Bliss was deemed the best witness and Maria Giorgi was named best attorney.





Washington County FFA Milk Quality and Product Career Development Event!

Trinity FFA hosted the Washington County FFA Milk Quality and Product Career Development Event. The schools that participated in the contest were Avella, Fort Cherry, McGuffey and our very own Trinity FFA.

Trinity FFA placed 1st out of 11 teams. Team members: Isabella Jobes, Isabella Hull, Alexa Melendez and Miranda Schury.

The contest consisted of cheese identification, quality of milk, milk fat and team scenario presentations.







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Students in grades 4 and 5 traveled to the Carnegie Museum of Natural History for the Science Bowl. At the academic competition, students moved between three stations: Fossil Exploration, Dinosaur Discovery, and a Mammal Inquiry Scavenger Hunt. A huge congratulations to Brice, Nicholas, Drake, and Kasen for coming in 1st place out of 30+ teams! Excellent job!









SCIENCE

Mrs. Lape's first grade at Trinity East, along with Ms. Shaw's third grade classes, participated in a Valentine exchange with schools across the continental United States. Each class sent out 24 letters highlighting their school's population, classes, and favorite activities. The letters also shared about the history and uniqueness of Southwestern PA. A special piece of art created by students was also included in the special delivery. As each letter was received, students found the school on the map and read about each school and the area where it is located. It was so exciting to receive the letters and artwork and learn about schools from all over!

Kindergarten Had Their Annual QU Wedding This Month!







Trinity is Taking Pride in... Academics, ARTS, and Athletics



These awesome students are beautifully representing the choir/music program and the talent at Trinity Area. We are beyond proud of them!



McKenna Nonack, Maria Paletta, and Addison Wagers

Noah Jahn and Stephanie Drezewski

Trinity Students Representing at the Washington County Chorus Festival



Need Tickets?



Trinity High School proudly invites you to experience the enchanting melodies of "The Sound of Music"! Join us for a musical journey on:

- Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 6:30 PM
- Friday, March 1, 2024, at 6:30 PM
- Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 6:30 PM
 - Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 2:00 PM

Secure your seats now for a captivating evening of timeless music and storytelling. <u>Click here to purchase tickets.</u>

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CONGRATULATIONS

Trinity Rifle Team 3 Years in a Row for Section Champions!

Congratulations to the Trinity Area High School Rifle Team for being undefeated this season and becoming section champions.



Rifle Individuals





Trinity had 3 individuals in the top 15! Bria Bruce - 5th place Ryan Walther - 11th place Bo Schury - 14th place

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Observer Reporter Athletes of the Week!

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Ruby Morgan

Basketball All-Section

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GIRLS

Jake Wright



ALL-SECTION HONORS



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The indoor track team had 16 athletes compete at the TSTCA Championships at Edinboro University in February. Jake Phillips medalled in 3 events placing 7th in the 60m and 200m as well as 2nd in the 400m. Zach Noble placed 2nd in the pole vault. We also saw 8 indoor school records fall this season. On the boys side, Jake Phillips broke the school record in the 60m, 200m and 400m dashes. Andrew Durig broke the school record in the 55m dash. Zach Noble broke the school record in the pole vault. On the girls side, Kaylee Foringer broke the school record in the mile, 1600m, and 3000m runs.

WPIAL Swimming

AAA WPIAL Championships: Paige Schott: 100-yard breaststroke and 100-yard butterfly AA WPIAL Championships: Corbin Likar: 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle Stephen Bryant, Corbin Liker, Lucas Dzikowski, and Austin Hancher: 200-yard medley relay

Trinity's Own...Sharing Their Heart With Others!









Dakota Lloyd, Vittoria Emerich, Micha Mariana, and Sarah Losko nominated deserving people from the community for V!ng grants, and won! Their recipients each received a gift of \$1,000. We are Trinity proud!

> The Trinity Area Education Association is now accepting nominations for this year's Teacher of the Year. If you know a teacher who demonstrates "HILLER" pride and is deserving of this honor, please complete the Google Form attached below. All nominations will be accepted through February 29, 2024.

Teacher of the Year Nomination Form

2024 Biggest Loser Competition and the winners are... Nick West and Susan Crawford!

Always ready to help students and adults develop healthy habits, Trinity Area nurses organized and facilitated this year's Biggest Loser competition for teachers and staff. They shared an important message: Maintaining a healthy weight and BMI lowers the risk for Type 2 Diabetes and heart disease, levels cholesterol and blood pressure, and links to a more positive mental outlook. The first place winners were Mr. Nick West, health/PE teacher at Trinity Middle School, and Mrs. Susan Crawford, first grade teacher at Trinity North. With Mrs. Crawford leading the group, teachers at Trinity North lost the biggest percentage of weight, district-wide. The top three winners in both men's and women's weight loss categories were awarded a cash prize, and the remaining money from the pot was donated to the Hiller Holiday Helpers fund. Congratulations to everyone who participated in this contest for a great cause!





Trinity's own Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. DeMore Savine, stopped by Trinity North and helped with the Valentine's Day morning announcements!

Virtual Reality



Exciting news! This spring, Trinity classrooms will be transformed with Virtual Reality equipment! Join Curriculum Director, Dr. DeMore, and Board Director, Mrs. Eates, as they embark on an immersive journey to Mars. Get ready for an out-of-thisworld learning experience!

Combining School Work with Employment!



Mrs. Bazant-Pleil, Director of Food Services, is mom to Holly, a four-month-old puppy who was recently groomed by professionals for the first time. While Holly was enjoying a spa day at Pawleashed in McMurray, she managed to escape from the facility. Lillian Chadwick, Trinity senior and vet tech student who happened to be shadowing groomers at Pawleashed, sprung into action and rescued Holly from the street. Extremely grateful, Mrs. Bazant-Pleil explained, "Lillian was our angel, and her quick thinking helped save Holly from being injured!" Lillian was happy to assist and communicated that she thoroughly enjoys the vet tech program, which provides her with real-life experience that she can draw upon should she wish to work as a dog groomer after graduation. Thank you, Lillian, for your quick attention and kindness!

Student Advisory Committees Meet with Dr. Lucas!



Thank you to School Board Director, Mr. Greg Rudman, who shared his coin collection with second graders, as they were learning how to count money in math class. Students were very interested to learn about Mr. Rudman's collection, and to engage in this hands-on learning opportunity!







February Was Filled With Wonderful Events Across the District!























WHO WE ARE



Jacquelyn Vanderloos

Trinity High School

#TRINITYFAMILY

Mrs. Jacquelyn Vanderloos graduated from Fort Cherry High School and earned her bachelor's degree in liberal studies from California University of Pennsylvania. During her time there, she served as a peer advocate and resident assistant. She completed her master's degree in special education at Point Park University. Mrs. Vanderloos showcased her dedication during her student teaching at The Watson Institute South, where she developed the skills that make her an outstanding special education teacher at Trinity High School. Currently, she co-teaches Economics, Sociology, World History, and Emerging World. Mrs. Vanderloos is also a member of Kappa Delta Pi and the Council for Exceptional Children. Her educational journey demonstrates her passion for making a positive impact on the lives of students.

Cool Facts: Mrs. Vanderloos and her husband, a middle school science teacher for the Pittsburgh Public School District, have two children: a ten-year-old daughter and a six-year-old son. She often plays the role of chauffeur to her children, attending their after-school events and weekend activities. She finds joy in quality moments with her family, engaging in activities like camping, biking, hiking, swimming, and recently taking up skiing. Mrs. Vanderloos had the unique experience of living in Juneau, Alaska, for three years. She attended the University of Alaska Southeast and worked for the Juneau Alliance for Mental Health. She lived in the small Alaskan village of Point Lay, where she took on various roles, such as paraeducator, librarian, substitute, and even high school girls' basketball coach. The challenges she faced, including taking small planes to basketball games amidst blizzards, highlight her adventurous spirit and resilience in adapting to diverse environments.

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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.

Dates to Remember:

March 28, 29 & April 1 - Spring Break/No School

April 2 - Staff Development/No School March 12 - Choir Concert - Music in Our Schools Month - Grades 5, 8, & HS - 6:30 p.m. Spring Concert Schedule April 30 - High School Ensembles -6:30 p.m. May 7 - MS Band & Orchestra -6:30 p.m. May 9 - Elem/MS Chorus - Elem -5:45 p.m./MS - 7:30 p.m. May 14 - Elem Band & Orchestra -Orchestra - 5:45 p.m./Band -7:30 p.m. May 21 - Jazz Band & Percussion Ensemble

Kindergarten Registration

It's that time again! Trinity Area School District will be holding kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year via our Skyward system. Any child who will be age 5 before September 1, 2024 is eligible to enroll. In order to plan for staffing for our kindergarten classrooms, we are asking for registrations by March 15, 2024.

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



Kindergarten

Trinity Area School District Registration ENROLLMENT OPENS 3/1/24 FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Please go to our website, <u>www.TrinityPride.org</u> 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

Monday, March 4	Tuesday, March 5	Wednesday, March 6	Thursday, March 7
Trinity North	Trinity South	Trinity East	Trinity West
225 Midland Dr.	2500 S. Main St.	252 Cameron Rd.	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 OrientationKindercampFirst day of schoolAugust20 6:00-7:00PMAugust 21 & 22 10:00-1:00PMSeptember3

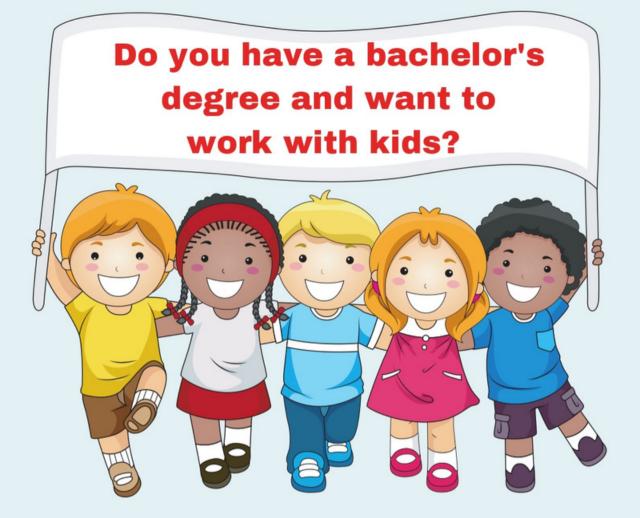


TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT | 2024-2025 CALENDAR

AUGUST '24 S M T W Th F S 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	19 th -23 rd New Teachers 21 st & 22 nd Kindercamp 26 th -29 th Staff Development 30 th Clerical Day Teacher Days: 5 Student Days: 0	FEBRUARY '25 S M T W Th F S u u u u u 1 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 u <th>10th Staff Development/No School 17th President's Day/No School Teacher Days: 19 Student Days: 18</th>	10 th Staff Development/No School 17 th President's Day/No School Teacher Days: 19 Student Days: 18
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NOVEMBER '24 S M T W Th F S a 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	5 th End of 1st 9 weeks 27 th Two-Hour Student Early Dismissal/Staff Development 28 th & 29 th Fall Break Teacher Days: 19 Student Days: 19	MAY '25 S M T W Th F S 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 4 5 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	23rd Two-Hour Student Early Release/Staff Development 26th Memorial Day Teacher Days: 21 Student Days: 21
DECEMBER '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 30 31	2nd – Fall Break 23rd-31st – Winter Break Teacher Days: 14 Student Days: 14	JUNE '25 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	6 th Graduation/Last Student Day 9 th Teacher Clerical Teacher Days: 6 Student Days: 5
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Student Days: 21

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025



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



2024 SCHOOL DAY DISCOUNT OFFER JUNE 13, 2024

EARLY BIRD OFFER FOR YOUR SCHOOL DAY TICKETS! TICKETS ONLY \$31.99 IF PURCHASED BY APRIL 30TH!

PRICE INCREASES TO \$35.99 WHEN PURCHASED MAY 1ST OR LATER

- PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ON JUNE 13th FOR AS LOW AS \$31.99:
- STEP 1: Go to www.kennywood.com/schools
- STEP 2: Enter your '2024 School Ticket' ticket quantity
- STEP 3: Enter Promo Code trinityarea in the 'Promotional Code' box, then click 'Apply'
- STEP 4: Click 'Continue' to advance to the ticket calendar. SELECT THE ABOVE SCHOOL DATE TO APPLY DISCOUNT OFFER, then click 'Continue'
- STEP 5: SELECT [AGAIN] THE ABOVE SCHOOL DATE, then click 'Continue'
- STEP 6: Click 'Continue' to advance and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets!

PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ANY DATE OF CHOICE THROUGH JULY 14TH FOR \$37.99: (if you are unable to visit on the date selected at time of purchase, you can visit any day through July 14th) STEP 1: Go to www.kennywood.com/schools

- STEP 2: Enter your '2024 School Ticket' ticket quantity
- STEP 3: Enter Promo Code trinityareaflex in the 'Promotional Code' box, then click 'Apply'
- STEP 4: Click 'Continue' to advance to the ticket calendar. SELECT ANY VISIT DATE THROUGH
 - JULY 14th TO APPLY DISCOUNT OFFER, then click 'Continue'
- STEP 5: SELECT [AGAIN] YOUR VISIT DATE, then click 'Continue'
- STEP 6: Click 'Continue' to advance and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets! *Good Any Day tickets will only be available for purchase March 1st – June 30th.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT CAPITALIZE ANY CHARACTERS OF THE PROMO CODE.

Visit KENNYWOOD.COM for up-to-date park operating dates and hours. Park operating dates, hours and prices are subject to change. Online offer only. No refunds or rainchecks for online purchases.