

HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

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



MARCH 2023-2024

STEAM



Mr. Columbus and Mrs. Welsh took two teams to the Shaler High School STEAM Competition. Trinity's senior team took first overall and first at the Lunar Challenge. Our junior team took third overall and second in the Stretchy Car Challenge. These students competed against 24 other teams in several different challenges within the STEAM curriculum and they performed very well. It's a great day to be a Hiller!



Outstanding Gold Chapter Award- Trinity High School

State Competition Individual Awards:

Chapter in Review Portfolio- Emily Winters, Emma Renne, and Ryan Slagle - Silver Medalists and Making National Team

Chapter Review in Display Gold Medalists and Making National Team- Kelsey Bishop and Finley Hohn

Teach and Train Level 3- Quinn Kumpfmiller - Silver Medalist

Teach and Train Level 2- Mady Hall- Gold Medalist and Making National Team

Power of One Individual Awards:

Kelsey Bishop, Finley Hohn, Chloe Prowitt, Jayden Engle, Emma Renne, Emily Winters, Ryan Slagle, Mady Hall, Franco Canali, Natalie Hartmann, Olivia Hernberger, Victoria Jacobs, Melina Vitale, Payton Wright, Zane Gardner, Isabella Mann, and Erica Miller



Mrs. Brittany Aliveto- 2024 Advisor of the Year

Mrs. Brittany Aliveto- 6 Years of Service - FCCLA Advisor Award

Mrs. Jessica Tsangaris recognized for 1 Year of Service Award

Mrs. Jessica Tsangaris 2024 New Advisor of the Year

Local Administrator Service Award- Mr. Zack Zebrasky - 2nd Year in a row



Congratulations!
March
Students of the Month



Dresden Bouman
HIGH SCHOOL



Daniel Oyedemi



McKenzi Thomas

MIDDLE SCHOOL

2024 Pennsylvania Athletic Director of the Year, Mr. Ricci Rich



CONGRATULATIONS

**Mrs. Kathy McConnell Miller was named
Section Coach of the Year!**





To Eclipse or Not to Eclipse?

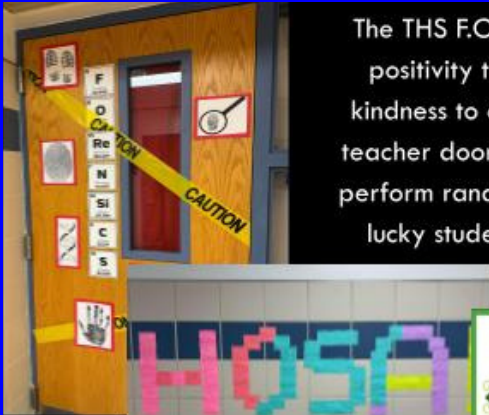
Monday, April 8, 2024, Trinity students and staff will have a Flexible Instruction Day.

Friends of Rachel

The THS F.O.R. (Friends of Rachel) Club was busy spreading positivity this month with a variety of initiatives to extend kindness to our students and staff! Club members decorated teacher doors with themed designs, challenged homerooms to perform random acts of kindness to earn bingo, and surprised lucky students and staff with surprise treats on March 17.



We also initiated a 'chain reaction of kindness' in our building by delivering a top-secret kindness mission to HOSA, who posted a hallway display with positive messages; HOSA then challenged the FBLA, who treated our main office administration and staff with sweet treats; the FBLA then passed on the mission to the National Honor Society. We look forward to many clubs and organizations taking on this mission before the end of the year!



Trinity East celebrated World Down Syndrome Day!



Trinity's Own... Serving With Their Heart



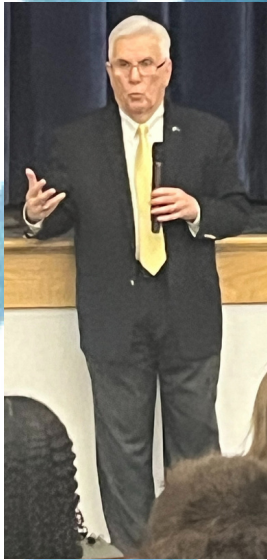
Cassidy Arthur, Ava Campman, Anthony Giorgi, and Braeden Helmkamp nominated deserving members of our Trinity family and won! The recipients received \$1,000 for being an inspiration to others. Congratulations to all!

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Dare to be Rare Honoring Trinity's Own, Brynn Evans



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



Trinity World Affairs Youth Council Forum!



Former PA State Rep. Leo Trich was the guest speaker at the Trinity World Affairs Youth Council Forum. Covered were topics on national and international matters, as well as the importance of community volunteering. Student questions ranged of topics from historical events to the current day. Senior Maria Giorgi was the moderator. The program was co-sponsored by Mr. Polansky and the Speech and Debate Team.

Mrs. McCarthy's AP Psychology - Egg Baby Activity

The goal of the activity was to provide students with a glimpse of what it is like to look after a child, mimicking the responsibility of being a parent. This activity also provided students with a creative way to review key concepts and the developmental stages discussed in the developmental psychology unit. Students had so much fun creating and designing their egg baby!

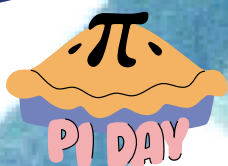


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Students in Ms. Cortese's 8th grade English classes recently used the District's new virtual reality headsets as part of an introduction to their studies on The Diary of Anne Frank. Students were able to use this technology to explore the "Secret Annex" where Anne Frank and her family hid during the Holocaust. Students were able to navigate through the different rooms and get a sense of the space where Anne Frank and her family spent two years hiding from the Nazis. In the future, students will explore other locations associated with the story of Anne Frank and the Holocaust. Ms. Cortese reported that students were highly engaged and excited to use the new technology.



Mr. Reihner's students had so much fun completing their Angry Birds parabola project.



Trinity East Celebrated "Pi" Day!



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



**Congratulations to the cast and crew of the Sound of Music on a
JOB WELL DONE!**



**Sydney Klick represented Trinity at
Mars High School for District PMEA!**



Trinity is Taking Pride in... Academics, Arts, and ATHLETICS

Four Trinity wrestlers, Robbie Allison, TJ Allison, Bodie Morgan, and Blake Reihner, qualified for the PIAA State Championships. Bodie Morgan placed 2nd in the State of PA.

Blake Reihner set a school record with 146 wins, surpassing his coach, Andy Migyanko with 141.

Congratulations



Trinity shines bright at the Big 56 First Team All-Section Banquet! Huge congrats to Ruby Morgan, Maddy Roberts, & Jacob Dunkle for dominating in girls' & boys' basketball.



eSports is Smashing It!

On February 24, 2024 Bethany College invited our Super Smash Bros. teams to Oglebay for an invitational. Trinity took 6 competitors: Anthony Rosati, Braiden Decker, Aidan Young, Aaron Beard, Nick Stiehler, and Jackson McAfee. There were over 40 competitors at the invitational with Trinity taking First, Second, and Third Place as well as fifth, seventh, and ninth. Trinity filled 6 of the top 10 positions. Nick Stiehler came in first, Aaron Beard in second, and Braiden Decker in third.



TRINITY @ BETHANY COLLEGE INVITATIONAL

PLACEMENTS (OUT OF 40 ENTRANTS):

- 1 NICK STIEHLER (1-0) 🏆🏆
- 2 AARON BEARD (6-2) 🏆🏆🏆
- 3 BRAIDEN DECKER (5-2) 🏆🏆🏆
- 5 ANTHONY ROSATI (4-2) 🏆🏆
- 7 AIDAN YOUNG (3-2) 🏆
- 9 JACKSON MCAFEE (3-2) 🏆🏆

Podium Sweep!!!



Trinity's JROTC Armed Squad Picture received first place at the Drill Competition this month! Congratulations!



Trinity senior, Nelson Pettigrew Jr., was at the latest house that will be flipped by N&C Construction LLC, his employer and WACTC Co-op program partner through WACTC's carpentry program.



Romen Simonelli, a senior, is seen here with the new technology in paintless dent repair tools, the Glue Pull Repair Equipment at Budd Baer Collision Center in Washington, through WACTC's Co-op and Collision Repair program.

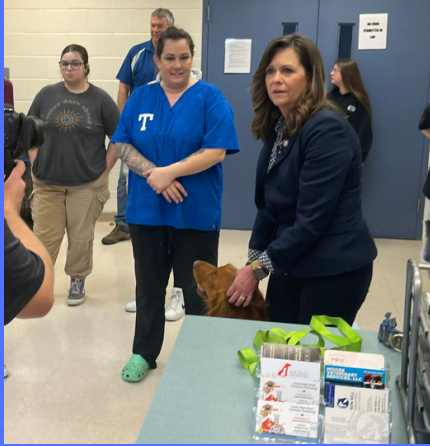


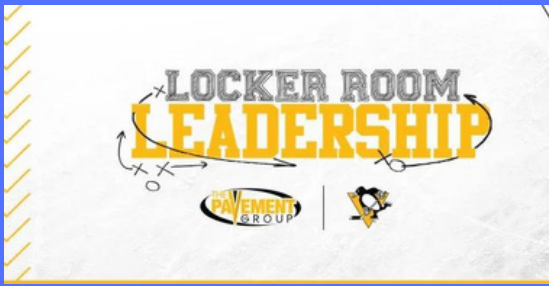
Trinity celebrated National School Breakfast Week by giving away gift cards donated by The Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank.

Collaboration in Partnership



Trinity was thrilled to welcome Senator Bartolotta and Representative O'Neal back to visit Trinity's nine, cutting-edge career programs! Thanks to both of them for their unwavering support with funding, resources, and partnerships. Our students are equipped with a top-notch education, job certifications, and credentials, setting them on the path to career success. Thank you for inspiring our students and staff with your visits!





Trinity Area School District is proud to announce that 9 Accounting CIP students placed in the Top 25 for the Locker Room Leadership Program, sponsored by the Pittsburgh Penguins and The Pavement Group. The program offered high school students the opportunity to learn about leadership from various leaders of organizations across the region. During the 5-week program, students watched videos to gain leaders' insights into different aspects of leadership. After watching the weekly video, the students had a written leadership assignment to complete and turn in for a chance to qualify for the Top 25. Trinity's winners are: Sylvia Stoy (who won 1st place for week #3 and week #5), Assaad Nassar, Blake Reihner, Kaylee Foringer, Joe Thornburg, Marcus Kline, TJ Allison, Ben Papon, and Taylor Kulla

Trinity Middle Science Bowl team competed at the Western PA Science Bowl competition. Trinity competed against some tough competition.

Trinity Science Bowl competition teams consisted of Captain Wesley Shumaker, Captain Amelia Veltri, Tara Ashby, Ella Berry, Brody Golna, Hayden McIntyre, Jude Nassar, Madalyn Nickel, Cameron Rockwell with alternates Scarlett Ho, Deborah Oyedemi and Max Rosati. Thank you to the sponsors, Mrs. Coyle and Mrs. Gandy. Congratulations to all!



HOSA & Vet Tech

Hiller 's won the following awards for HOSA & Veterinary Services:
100% Affiliated Members
Top 10 in the state 100+ Membership
Lillian Chadwick - Silver Medal - Veterinary Sciences - 1st medalist in school history!



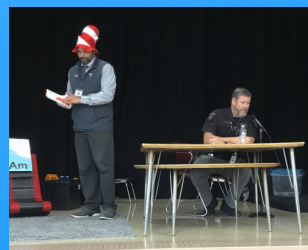
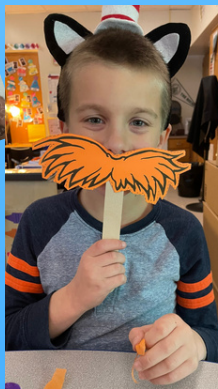
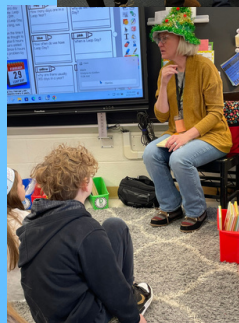
WACTC

Board Director, Mr. Lowry & Dr. Lucas were blown away by our students' passion, progress, & future career plans. From mastering trades to securing exciting job opportunities, our Hillers are unstoppable





READ ACROSS AMERICA March 2024



WHO WE ARE



Chloe Brendle
Trinity Middle School

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Ms. Chloe Brendle's academic journey reflects her dedication to music and education. Graduating from Hanover High School, she continued her pursuit of knowledge at Duquesne University, where she earned a degree in Pre-K - 12 Music Education with the distinction of Magna Cum Laude. Throughout high school and college, Ms. Brendle actively participated in symphonic bands and orchestras, showcasing her passion for music. Before embarking on her teaching career, she gained valuable work experience as a barista at various coffee shops. Ms. Brendle's diverse background adds depth to her teaching role at Trinity Middle School, where she passionately instructs 7-8 choir, 6-7 band, 6-8 orchestra, and advanced orchestra. Her genuine enjoyment of teaching and sharing the joy of music is evident, making her first year of teaching a fulfilling experience.

Cool Facts: Ms. Brendle leads a vibrant life outside the classroom. She shares a home with her roommate from college, Julia, and her great dane, Albus. She likes to shop and finds joy in sampling coffee around town. Her favorite retail establishments include Dunkin, Starbucks, Marshall's, Target, and Barnes and Noble. She cherishes her vacation time, often heading to Cape May, New Jersey, where she indulges in beach activities and relaxation.

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Sydney Schultz

Trinity West Elementary

Mrs. Sydney Schultz, a graduate of Trinity High School class of 2018, pursued her academic journey at Washington & Jefferson College, where she earned her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, certified PreK-6. Excelling academically, she earned the distinction of Dean's List Scholar and graduated Cum Laude. Mrs. Schultz gained valuable teaching experience by student teaching in 4th grade at Washington Park Elementary before transitioning to a role as a building substitute at Trinity South. She currently serves as a dedicated kindergarten teacher at Trinity West, where she finds immense joy in nurturing young minds and fostering a passion for reading and writing. Alongside her teaching responsibilities, Mrs. Schultz also takes on the role of volleyball coach for Trinity Middle School girls, bringing her expertise from coaching positions at Wash High Middle School, Jefferson Morgan High School, and the Ohio Valley Volleyball Academy.

Cool Facts: Mrs. Schultz is married to her high school sweetheart, Stew, and they reside in the Trinity Area with their Italian greyhound puppy named Rossi. Outside of her professional endeavors, she finds joy in various activities. In addition to coaching, she is an avid reader, cherishes spending quality time with her extensive family, including her many nieces and nephews, and enjoys the company of her friends. Mrs. Schultz and her husband embrace adventure and eagerly explore new experiences. She is a passionate supporter of the Pittsburgh Steelers and can be found waving her Terrible Towel on Sundays. Mrs. Schultz supports all things Trinity, and she enthusiastically cheers on all of our teams.

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**TRINITY AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

PSSA Dates:

PSSA Information 2024 can be found on the district website under parent resources.

Middle School & Elementary School:

ELA - April 22, 23, & 24, 2024

Math - April 29 & 30, 2024

Science - May 1 & 2, 2024

Keystones for High School:

May 14, 15, & 16, 2024

Algebra - 8th Grade

May 20 & 21, 2024



Dates to Remember March

28-31 Spring Break - No School

April

- 1 Spring Break - No School
- 2 Staff Development/No School
- 4 End of 3rd 9 weeks
- 8 - Flexible Instruction Day

Concert Season!

May 2 - High School Ensembles - 6:30 p.m.

May 7 - MS Band & Orchestra - 6:30 p.m.

May 9 - Elementary Chorus - 5:45 p.m.
MS Chorus - 7:30 p.m.

May 14 - Elementary Orchestra and Band
Orchestra - 5:45 p.m.
Band - 7:30 p.m.

May 21 - Jazz Band & Percussion - 6:30 p.m.

May 22 - Tri-M Recital - 6:30 p.m.

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

To submit an article for consideration email:

tkrieger@trinityhillers.net

All articles are subject to final approval by the Superintendent.



IN A GALAXY NOT SO FAR, FAR AWAY...

COME JOIN US FOR A FREE

OUT OF THIS WORLD EXPERIENCE

AT THE TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MISSION TO MAKE ART SHOW!

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

11AM - 4PM

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL



WHAT THE COSMOS HAS IN STORE FOR YOU:

ART FROM STUDENTS GRADES K-12 WILL BE DISPLAYED!

FREE ART ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES WILL BE AVAILABLE!

ADDITIONAL ART EXPERIENCES CAN BE PURCHASED!

STUDENT ARTWORK WILL BE FOR SALE!

THE CONCESSION STAND WILL BE OPEN!



**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



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.

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