

# HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

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



APRIL 2023 - 2024

## Welcome to Our Hiller Family!



**Mr. Charles (C.J.) Chairge**

Hello! My name is Charles (C.J.) Chairge, and I am thrilled to be stepping into my new role as the Principal at Trinity West Elementary. Before joining Trinity Area School District, I served as the Assistant Middle School Principal at Elizabeth Forward School District. I earned my Bachelor of Science degree from Misericordia University, along with Teaching Certifications in Elementary K-6 and Special Education PK-12. I also hold a Master of Science in Educational Leadership from Western Governors' University.

I have had a diverse career in education. I served as a K-12 Principal and Supervisor of Special Education at the Intermediate Unit 1 Campus at Waynesburg, a Middle School Life Skills Support Teacher, and a paraprofessional at Norwin School District. My family is an integral part of my life, and we reside in Washington. My wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Sophia, who attends Trinity South Elementary, are my pillars of support. We share our home with three dogs and one cat. In my leisure time, I enjoy helping my daughter's softball team, supporting the Steelers, Penguins, and Pirates, and playing golf.

My vision is firmly grounded in collaboration with families and the wider community. I firmly believe that by working together, we can foster an environment that empowers every child to reach their full potential. My unwavering commitment to the well-being and growth of every student guides my leadership, and I strive to translate this vision into reality every day in my role as Principal at Trinity West Elementary.

Hello Hillers! I am thrilled to be joining the Trinity School District as the new principal at Trinity East Elementary and am eager to bring my passion and dedication to this wonderful school. With 17 years of experience in elementary education within the Washington School District, where I served as both a teacher and principal, I have developed a deep commitment to creating an environment that nurtures both the academic and personal growth of our students.

I hold an Early Childhood Education degree from Washington and Jefferson College, a Master's degree in Special Education from Waynesburg University, and I completed my principal certification at Point Park University. My academic and professional journeys have been driven by a belief in continuous learning and the importance of mastering foundational skills, both academically and socially, in the early elementary grades.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my husband, Brooks, and our two sons, Braxton (10) and Coleson (7). I love being their biggest fan, even if they sometimes tell me too loud! When not at sporting events, I enjoy photography, focusing on high school senior portraits. It brings me joy to see a child's educational journey come full circle.

As I begin this new chapter at Trinity East, I am excited about the opportunity to collaborate with the teachers, staff, and parents to provide a dynamic and enriching learning experience for all students. I look forward to building lasting relationships with each of you and exploring all the wonderful opportunities that our school has to offer.

Thank you for welcoming me into this incredible community. I am excited to get started and look forward to a fantastic year ahead!



**Ms. Courtney LeViere**

# 73rd Annual Pennsylvania FBLA State Leadership Conference

## “Together We Achieve”

*Congratulations*

Forty-three Trinity students attended the 73rd annual Pennsylvania FBLA State Leadership Conference, an educational experience complete with college & career expos. The winners are:

- **State Leadership Awards Winner** – Ryan Slagle – 10th place
- **Open Competitive Event** – Calvin White – 4th place, Keira Roddy – 6th place, Jayden Engle – 7th place, and Abigail Bodart – 10th place
- **Business National Honor Society Recipients** – Thomas Allison, Rylie Armstrong, Nila Bland, Abigail Bodart, Hailey Carpenter, Andrew Durig, Emily Frazier, Timberly Gardner, Braeden Knight, Taylor Kulla, Cameron Miller, Jack Pan, Haley Reed, Abigail Stolfer, Sylvia Stoy, Joe Thornburg, and Melina Vitale

A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Husk, Mrs. Migyanko, and Dr. Killen!



*It's a Great Day to be a Hiller!*

# CONGRATULATIONS!

## April Students of the Month



**Braeden Helmkamp**  
**HIGH SCHOOL**



**Kenzie Bailes**



**MIDDLE SCHOOL**



**Easton Dulaney**

thank you



Happy  
Teacher  
Appreciation week  
to all of our  
amazing teachers!

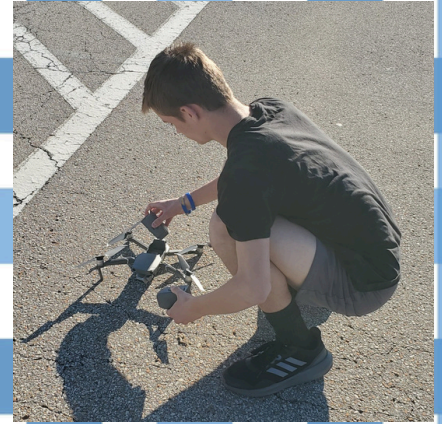
May 6-10, 2024

## *Congratulations!*

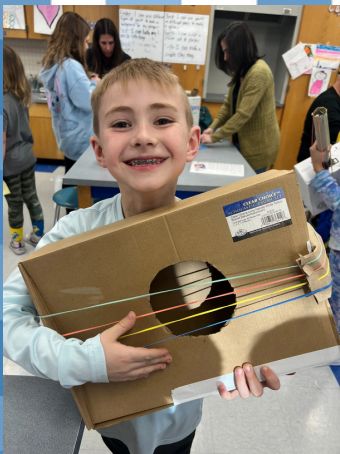
Trinity Area High School,  
Middle School, East and South  
Elementary Schools have  
been recognized as among  
the best in the nation and  
region by U.S. News & World  
Report. Congratulations to  
our hard working students  
and teachers!



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



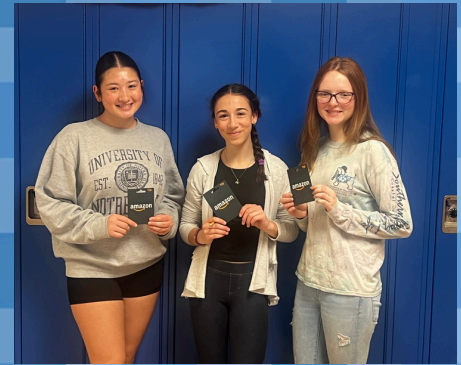
Mr. Prentice's video production class using the most updated equipment and curriculum.



Thanks to the wonderful East staff who planned an amazing evening with the help of WQED.  
SO MUCH FUN coding, inventing, and creating!

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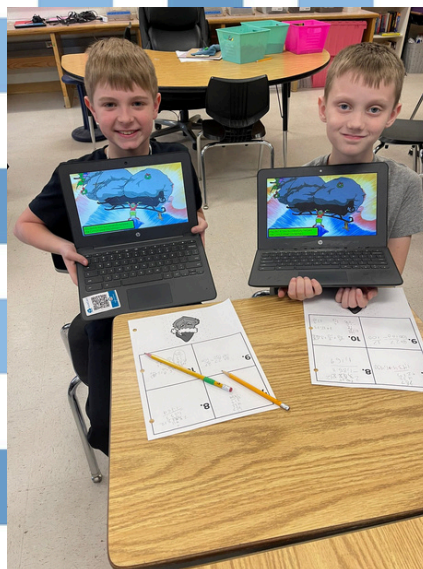
## National World Foreign Language Week Poster Winners!



**Congratulations!**

**First place - Jayden Caltumo  
Second place - Micha Mariana  
Third place - Olivia Angelo and  
Paige Schott (not pictured).**

**Fourth graders at Trinity West have been very busy! They completed their Land and Water Unit with some hands on learning and even built their very own anemometers to test.**



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



Trinity Area School District has been recognized as a "Best Communities for Music Education!"

Congratulations to our dedicated students, teachers, administrators, and community members! Let's celebrate the district's dedication to music education for all students.



Mrs. Graham and Mr. Daviduk rocked their presentation to the PMEA State Development Conference!



Trinity Middle School's advanced performance ensembles visited all four elementary schools on March 26 and 27 to recruit for the TMS music programs. They played song selections and spoke with 3rd-5th grade students about the wonderful music opportunities at TMS.



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**TASD 2024 ART SHOW**

**MISSION TO MAKE**

**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!



Ceiling tile painting is in full swing at Trinity West. So proud of these 5th graders!!



Mr. Daviduk and Mrs. Kline integrated their love of music with their love of physical education in the classroom. What a way to provide a learning experience that combined music and movement.





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

**Congratulations to Coach Shawn Gray (Softball '23), Coach Ron Tarquinio (Wrestling '24), and Mr. Ricci Rich on being winners of the Coach and Athletic Director of Year Awards at the Tri-County AD's Banquet. Coach Erin Helmkamp (Volleyball '23) was also a finalist for her sport.**

*Congratulations!*



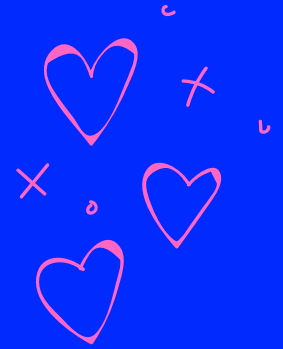
## Spring Intramurals Are Up and Running!



# Trinity's Own - Sharing Their Hearts With Others!



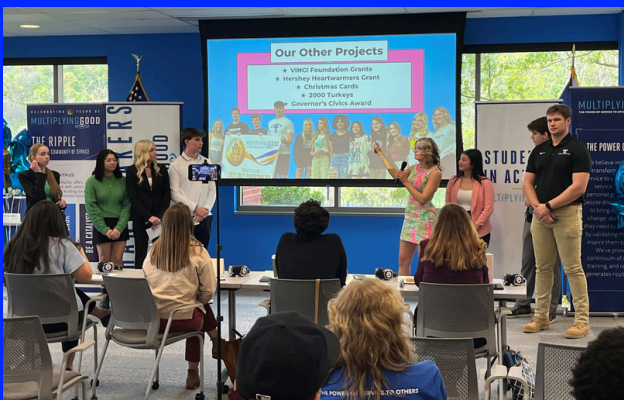
Maddy Tuttle is the newest V!NG participant. She wrote a grant for a deserving member of our community, and won. Congratulations, Maddy!



# Congratulations!

Trinity was recognized by V!NG for the school sponsoring the most grants in the country. Keep up the great work!

Trinity Leadership Committee competed at the Multiplying Good competition at Allegheny Intermediate Unit. Trinity won the GOLD BANNER.



# Welcome to the Miller Cafe!

Grand Opening



**Big shoutout to Washington Financial and Crazy Horse Coffee for fueling the excitement at Trinity Area's grand opening of the student-run Miller Cafe! Your support is helping students brew up success!**



# Students vs. Teachers Spring 2024



And the winner is.....



THS ESPORTS

ROCKET LEAGUE

APRIL 25 2024

TRINITY HILLERS VS MANCHESTER REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/@ESPORTSHILLERS  
WWW.TWITCH.TV/TASD\_HILLERS

On April 25, Rocket League Team Lightning won their Final 4 playoff match against Manchester Regional High School with a score of 4 games to 2 in a best of 7 tournament. On May 2, Team Lightning will play in the finals against Woodbury Jr-Sr High School. The match will be streamed on our Twitch channel: [twitch.tv/tasd\\_hillers](https://www.twitch.tv/tasd_hillers)  
Congratulations to Bobby Ballentyne, Sheldan Arroyo, and Ryan Torboli for making it to the finals!

# Trinity South Has Got Talent!

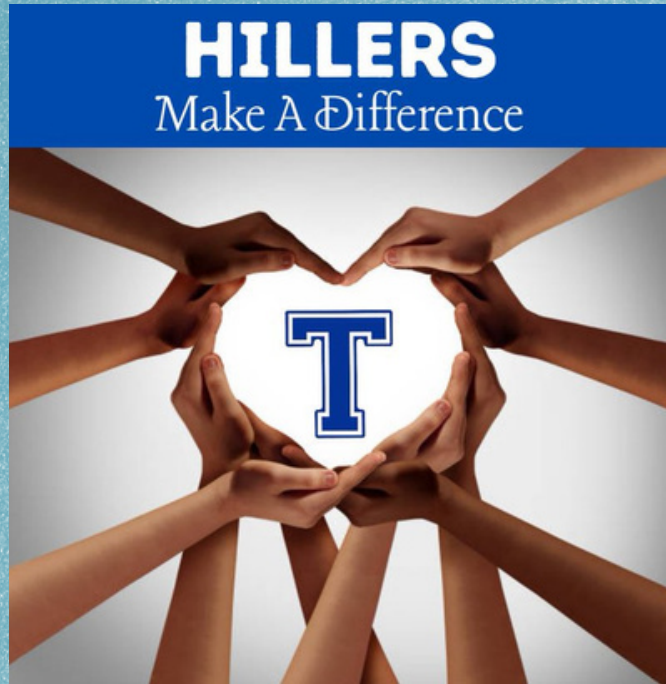


## Color Walk 4 Autism



Trinity West held the first annual Color Walk 4 Autism on April 14. The event was a huge success, bringing families and community organizations together for an amazing cause. The event had vendors, community tables, food trucks, raffle baskets, games, a DJ, characters, and more. Participants got covered in color, thanks to some Trinity teachers, staff, and their family members. Proceeds from the event will go to the Trinity West Autistic Support Classrooms for CBI field trips, social skills and life skills activities, and needed equipment and supplies for classrooms. Additionally, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Adaptive Sports of Washington County.

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Congratulations to junior, Eli Bonus! His Co-op experience is at Lagonda Machine and we wish him the best in his new adventure.



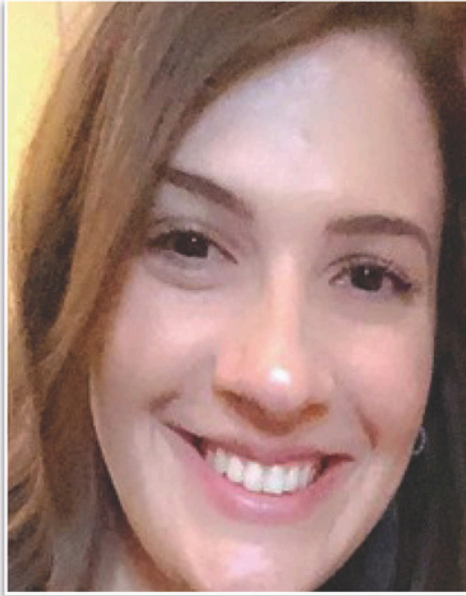
Novum Designs Rocks!

THANK YOU!



# WHO WE ARE

## #TRINITYFAMILY



**Kristina Mroz**

**Trinity South**

Mrs. Kristina Mroz, an alumna of the North Allegheny class of 2011, pursued her passion for supporting students with diverse needs by obtaining dual certification. She earned her certification in PreK-8 Special Education and PreK-4 General Education from Westminster College in 2015. Initially drawn to history, her journey took a transformative turn when her experiences working with young adults with special needs at a local grocery store inspired her to change her major. She completed her student-teaching in the Shaler Area School District. Currently serving as our special education teacher at Trinity South, Mrs. Mroz witnesses her students striving toward their goals, which instills a sense of pride and confirms her passion for her students. She was an active member of the music community, playing the viola both at North Allegheny and Westminster. She was a member of the bowling team for the Tigers.

**Cool Facts:** Mrs. Mroz, who met her husband at Westminster College, both share a passion for teaching. They recently celebrated the arrival of their baby girl on January 17th. Alongside their newest addition, they share their home with two cats, Loki and Freya. In her free time, Kristina enjoys bowling with friends and trips to Dewey and Rehoboth Beach for fun in the sun. A longtime fan of the Steelers and Penguins, her sports enthusiasm runs deep. As a middle child with two sisters, she cherishes family time.

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**Brittany Palfreyman**

**Trinity North**

Miss Brittany Palfreyman graduated from Chartiers Houston Jr./Sr. High School in 2019. She played volleyball for six years for the Buccaneers. She attended Waynesburg University and graduated Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in both Early Childhood Education and Special Education in 2023. At Waynesburg, she was a part of the KDP (Kappa Delta Pi), an Honor Society in Education. Before securing her current teaching position, she worked as a para with Trinity during the ESY program in the summer of 2019 & 2023. We were fortunate to have Miss Palfreyman as a student teacher at Trinity South. After graduation, she was a substitute in the Life Skills classroom at North for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. Currently, she teaches Intermediate Learning Support at Trinity North, which has been an incredible and unforgettable experience for her. For the 2024-2025 school year, Miss Palfreyman will be moving to Trinity East and will be teaching in the K-3 Life Skills Support classroom. She has always had a passion for teaching students with disabilities and dreamed of inspiring young children and helping them grow.

**Cool Facts:** Miss Palfreyman loves spending time with her family and friends. She finds joy in outdoor activities such as going on walks, playing golf, or simply sitting around a bonfire. A good cup of coffee, hot or iced, never fails to uplift her spirits. Her ideal vacation spot is the beach, where she can soak up the sun and listen to the soothing sounds of the waves. Shopping is another one of her favorite pastimes, along with indulging in episodes of the TV show Friends. Miss Palfreyman cherishes being herself and delights in putting a smile on everyone's face, finding fulfillment in spreading happiness every day.

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May 8, 2024 is Certified School Nurse Day nationwide!



Please make sure to thank your school Nurse!

## Dates to Remember

### May

24 - Two Hour Student Early Release/  
Staff Development

27 - Memorial Day Holiday/No School

### June

7 - Last Student Day

7 - Graduation

10 - Teacher Clerical Day



### 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)

To submit an article for consideration email:

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

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**THE HR DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS!**

**THOSE WITH A TEACHING DEGREE, AS WELL AS THOSE WITH  
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(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 30<sup>TH</sup>!**  
PRICE INCREASES TO \$35.99 WHEN PURCHASED MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OR LATER

**PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ON JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> FOR AS LOW AS \$31.99:**

**STEP 1:** Go to [www.kennywood.com/schools](http://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 14<sup>TH</sup> FOR \$37.99:**  
(if you are unable to visit on the date selected at time of purchase, you can visit any day through July 14<sup>th</sup>)

**STEP 1:** Go to [www.kennywood.com/schools](http://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 14<sup>TH</sup> TO APPLY DISCOUNT OFFER**, then click 'Continue'

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>.*

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

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