

# HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

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



END OF THE YEAR 2023-2024

## Congratulations!







# Class of 2024

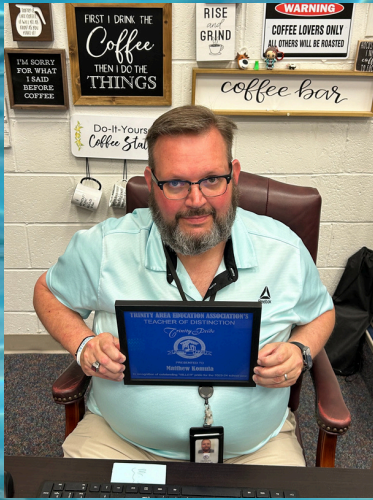








# TAEA 2024 Teachers of the Year!



## HS - Mr. Matt Komula

Mr. Komula is in his 32nd year of teaching, all at Trinity. He earned a BS in Music Education from Duquesne University, a Masters of Arts in Education from the University of Phoenix, and a Masters of Music in Music Education from Kent State University. Mr. Komula resides in Rices Landing, PA with his wife and enjoys playing with his grandson, Wynston!

# CONGRATULATIONS

## HS - Mrs. JoMarie Giorgi

Mrs. JoMarie Giorgi is the High School Autistic Support teacher at Trinity High School. She is a graduate of Charleroi Area High School. Mrs. Giorgi earned her Bachelor of Science in both Elementary and Special Education from Duquesne University, and a Master's Degree in High School Special Education from Point Park University. Before joining Trinity Area School District in 2013, she taught fifth grade, second grade, and piloted an inclusion program for fourth and fifth graders with special needs at Pine Meadow Elementary School, in Pensacola Florida. During her tenure here at Trinity Area, she taught Autistic Support at Trinity West, volunteered as a cross country coach, and was a Trailblazer advisor. Currently, she serves as the Trinity Leadership Committee advisor, co-developed the Hiller Cafe, and co-coached the inaugural Integrated Bocce team. She enjoys attending Trinity sporting events alongside her husband, Marc, and their two children Maria and Anthony who are current students at Trinity High School. Mrs. Giorgi is so proud to be a teacher at Trinity, where she revels in celebrating all of our students' successes.





### *MS - Mr. Michael Sherry*

Mr. Mike Sherry is an 8th grade ELA teacher at Trinity Middle School. He is a graduate of Chartiers Valley High School. Mr. Sherry earned his Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education from Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Before joining Trinity Area School District in 2015, Mr. Sherry worked as a sales rep for the Cintas Corporation before reentering the education arena as a day-to-day and long term substitute teacher. He also spent two years coaching Division III men's basketball at Chatham University. During his tenure at Trinity Middle School, he has given back to the community by chaperoning numerous school dances and student council sponsored events. Currently, he is directly involved with the food pantry program within the middle school. Mr. Sherry works side by side with Mrs. Marissa Bristor and Ms. Chessy Cortese to ensure that students in need have the necessary items to supplement food insecurities. His personal life consists of chasing around his two sons, Rowan (3) and Luka (1). That's it... there is no room for anything else! Mr. Sherry takes great pride in being a Hiller. This district provided him the opportunity to realize his dream of being a person who has a direct impact on the lives of children on a daily basis and he is forever grateful for that opportunity.



# CONGRATULATIONS

### *Trinity West - Mrs. Emily Pitzer*

Mrs. Emily Pitzer is a first grade teacher at Trinity West. She has been teaching first grade for 16 years. From the time she was school age until now she has been a Trinity Hiller. After graduating from Trinity High School, Mrs. Pitzer attended Mercyhurst College where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She is married to her husband, Tony, and together they have two children. Jaxon (12) who attends Trinity Middle School and Henry (10) who is at Trinity East. Mrs. Pitzer loves spending time with her family, hanging out with friends, going to the beach and of course watching her boys play sports!





# *A Big Thank You to Mr. Robin Winston, Class of '75, for His Generous Donation for the New Graduation Stage!*



Trinity is proud to celebrate its distinguished alumni, including Mr. Robin Winston, Class of 1975, who has generously funded a new graduation stage to commemorate our 100th graduation. The stage is now handicapped accessible, ensuring inclusivity for all. It is uniquely shaped like a Trinity "T," with a beautiful "T" illuminated in the evening, adding a stunning visual element to our campus. The stage is surrounded by beautiful landscape decor, enhancing its appeal. Beyond graduation ceremonies, students and staff may utilize the platform for outdoor classes, studying, gatherings, celebrations, pictures, and as a small concert venue. We are immensely thankful for Mr. Winston's donation, and students greatly enjoyed meeting and talking with him during his visit.



# Dedicated Teachers Working Hard Over Summer to Prepare for the Next School Year!

## Dedication

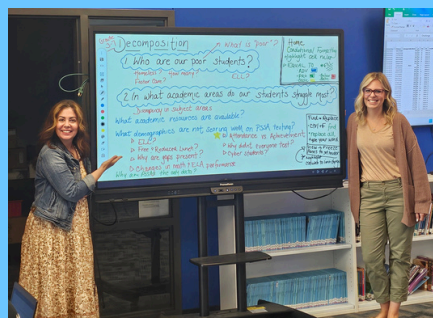


This past week, several teachers from Trinity Middle School and Trinity Intermediate School participated in an intensive week-long professional development program entitled Computational Thinking and Makerspace boot camp as part of our district's commitment to fostering innovative educational environments.

Throughout the week, participants delved into Makerspaces—embracing both the physical space and the mindset required to thrive in them. They also explored the depths of Computational Thinking, enhancing their skills to teach students the art of systematic problem-solving, critical analysis, and logical reasoning.

The boot camp served a dual role, enabling teachers to experience the learning process from the perspectives of both teachers and students. This immersive approach aimed to equip our educators with the tools and knowledge to effectively leverage our new, cutting-edge Makerspaces. These innovative environments are designed to nurture student skills in critical thinking, problem-solving, collaboration, and hands-on learning, preparing them to tackle real-world challenges creatively and collaboratively. We are excited to see how these empowered educators will inspire and guide our students in transforming their ideas into tangible projects, fostering a vibrant culture of learning and innovation within our schools.

## Passion





# Prom 2024





# *A Walkthrough the Past*



**Congratulations to the 2024-2025 editors of  
The Hiller Newspaper!**

**Leah Kubacka: Editor-in-Chief and News Editor  
Katherine Drezewski: A&E and Media Editor  
Cameron Street: Copy and Feature Editor  
Cadi Wright: Assistant Editor-in-Chief and  
Sports Editor**



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



David Gill is the latest V!NG recipient. His deserving nominee received \$1,000. Congratulations!

V!NG

## PA Governor's Award

Zoe Neelen, Finley Hohn and Natalie Ewbank are the 3 Washington County winners of the PA Governor's Civics Award.



Thank you to Trinity Area's own Mr. Scott, Mr. Firestone, and the maintenance team for all their work to assist in the graduation festivities!





# *Trinity Leadership Committee*



The Trinity Leadership Committee hosted Trinity, Washington, and Fort Cherry at its spring Silent Disco. Multiplying Good area director, Courtney Stein presented the Pittsburgh region Gold Award banner to TLC. Adding to the fun, the German Club sponsored a craft booth. Friends of Rachel and Chick-fil-A Academy assisted TLC with all the activities. The disco was made possible by lunch donations from the Chick-fil-A Academy, delivered by their cow. In addition, students Dakota Lloyd and Maria Giorgi won a Hershey grant and the sponsors received a GBU Life grant. The next Silent Disco will be held in the fall.

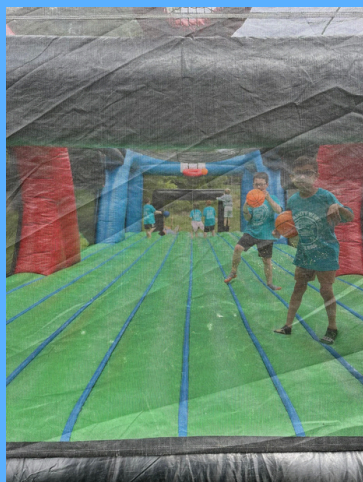


Anthony Giorgi, Ian Migyanko, David Gill, Cicily Sunseri, Addison Mercutio, David Lloyd, Cadence Wright and Erica Evans representing the TMS Hiller Helpers.

The Trinity Leadership Committee won the Washington County Citizenship Award. They are presenting their check for \$250 to the Trinity MS Hiller Helpers.



# End of the Year "Funtivities"







*TMS Chamber Choir  
sang the National  
Anthem at the Wild  
Things Game. Great  
job!*

To submit an article for  
consideration email:  
[tkrieger@trinityhillers.net](mailto:tkrieger@trinityhillers.net)

All articles are subject to final  
approval by the  
Superintendent.

### Dates to Remember

**August 21 & 22 –  
Kindercamp**

**September 3 – First  
Student Day of School**

### Summer Hours

Trinity will operate on a  
summer schedule  
beginning Monday, June  
10, through Thursday,  
August 15.

The district will be closed  
Fridays.

Regular office hours will  
resume on Monday,  
August 19.

### 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](mailto: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 | 2024-2025 CALENDAR

## AUGUST '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

19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> New Teachers  
 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Kindercamp  
 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Staff Development  
 30<sup>th</sup> Clerical Day

Teacher Days: 5  
 Student Days: 0

## FEBRUARY '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	

10<sup>th</sup> Staff Development/No School  
 17<sup>th</sup> President's Day/No School

Teacher Days: 19  
 Student Days: 18

## SEPTEMBER '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					

2<sup>nd</sup> Labor Day  
 3<sup>rd</sup> – First Student Day

Teacher Days: 20  
 Student Days: 20

## MARCH '25

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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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					

Teacher Days: 21  
 Student Days: 21

## OCTOBER '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		

11<sup>th</sup> Two-Hour Student Early Dismissal/Staff Development  
 14<sup>th</sup> Staff Development/No School

Teacher Days: 23  
 Student Days: 22

## APRIL '25

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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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			

1<sup>st</sup> – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks  
 17<sup>th</sup> – Staff Development/No School  
 18<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> – Spring Break/No School

Teacher Days: 20  
 Student Days: 19

## NOVEMBER '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

5<sup>th</sup> End of 1<sup>st</sup> 9 weeks  
 27<sup>th</sup> Two-Hour Student Early Dismissal/Staff Development  
 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Fall Break

Teacher Days: 19  
 Student Days: 19

## MAY '25

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

23<sup>rd</sup> Two-Hour Student Early Release/Staff Development  
 26<sup>th</sup> 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				

2<sup>nd</sup> – Fall Break  
 23<sup>rd</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> – 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<sup>th</sup> Graduation/Last Student Day  
 9<sup>th</sup> Teacher Clerical

Teacher Days: 6  
 Student Days: 5

## JANUARY '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	31	

1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day/No School  
 17<sup>th</sup> Two-Hour Student Early Release/Teacher Clerical  
 20<sup>th</sup> M.L. King Day/No School  
 24<sup>th</sup> End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

Teacher Days: 21  
 Student Days: 21

Teacher Days: 189  
 Student Days: 180

Board Approved:

TENTATIVE FIRST STUDENT DAY  
 FOR 2025-2026  
 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

