President's Report
1st Quarter
November 1, 2025

Greetings

Dear Holy Trinity Families and Friends,

As we conclude the first quarter, I would like to express my gratitude for the joy, faith, and dedication that fill our campus every day. It is a blessing to witness your children growing in knowledge, confidence, and love of Christ.

Our mission—to form students who live their faith, pursue excellence, and serve others—has been evident across campus. Students have prayed together, challenged themselves academically, supported classmates, and represented Holy Trinity with integrity in athletics and the arts. Their enthusiasm reminds us that Catholic education forms both mind and heart.

I am grateful for our exceptional faculty and staff, who guide students with skill and genuine care, and for our families and parish partners who walk with us in trust and support. Your involvement strengthens our school and builds the vibrant community we cherish.

This quarter, we've seen students discover new gifts, build friendships, and show kindness in big and small moments. As we move into the second quarter and continue key initiatives—including the co-divisional academic model phase-in, facility improvements, and expanded support services—we look forward to building on this strong start.

Thank you for being part of the Holy Trinity family. It is a privilege to serve alongside you as we form young people who will lead, serve, and shine as disciples of Christ.

With gratitude,

Kevin Parks

President, Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School

Celebrating Our $3 Million Administration Building Transformation

We are thrilled to share that our Administration bulding renovation was completed this summer, welcoming students back to a beautifully refreshed learning environment on the first day of school!

The $3 million project transformed our building, originally constructed in the early 1950s and last updated in the early 1980s. Our science labs received a complete refresh with new cabinetry, wash stations, ceilings, flooring and an additional classroom - all furnished with modern furniture and technology for 21st-century learning.

Faith and Spiritual Life on Campus

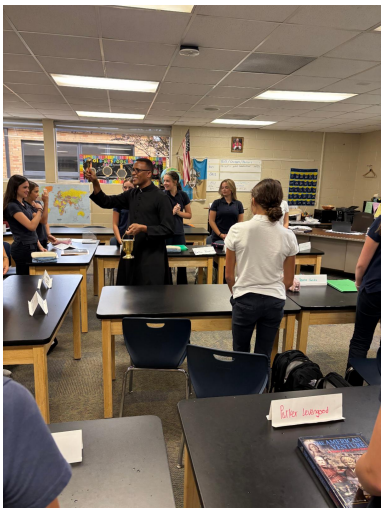
Holy Trinity continues to be richly blessed by the spiritual support of our local pastors and our part-time chaplain, Fr. Michael Debesay. Through their ministry, our students, faculty, and staff are able to participate in the sacraments each week. Daily Mass is offered in our chapel at 7:00 AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These days have become a beautiful time of grace on campus, as students and staff frequently visit the chapel during lunch and recess for Confession and Adoration.

Our All-School Masses in the gym have been a special opportunity to welcome priests from across the area, uniting our entire community in prayer and worship. This fall, our eighth-grade students will travel to Belmont Abbey College for their annual retreat, joining the universal Church as “Pilgrims of Hope” in celebration of the 2025 Jubilee Year and reflecting on the Theological Virtue of Hope.

Our Campus Ministry team remains committed to nurturing the faith life of every member of our community by offering prayer resources, encouraging servant

leadership, and fostering an environment where each person is invited to encounter Christ in a personal and meaningful way. As we continue our Education in Virtue curriculum, we look forward to gathering for our upcoming Recreation in Virtue Day (November 14), a joyful opportunity to celebrate and put virtue into practice as a school community.

Patriotic Rosary, Sept. 11



Blessing of the School, Sept. 26 with Father Debesay

All School Mass

Parent Engagement

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Our school community has enjoyed a wonderful fall season of parent connection and partnership. In September, we hosted both a morning event, “Coffee with Conrad/Perkin' with Parks,” at Amélie’s, and an evening event, “Pourin' with Parks/Cocktails with Conrad,” at OpenTap. These informal gatherings offer parents a relaxed setting to meet with school leadership, connect with other parents, and engage in meaningful conversations. Please keep an eye out for upcoming dates.

We were also delighted to welcome hundreds of parents to campus for our Second Annual PTO Oktoberfest on October 6. Parents enjoyed fellowship, fall food favorites, college football, and beverages generously provided by parent-owned Sugar Creek Brewing. Thank you to our PTO for another joyful community celebration.

Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on October 30–31, offering families the opportunity to meet individually with teachers and discuss their students’ academic growth and social-emotional development. We appreciate the strong attendance and shared commitment to partnership. As always, families are encouraged to reach out directly to teachers throughout the school year with any questions or needs.

Looking ahead, our counseling team will host a Counselor's Coffee on Wednesday, November 12, at 8:30 a.m. in the library. Guest therapists from Carawell Counseling will lead a presentation titled *“Navigating the Ups and Downs of Middle School.”* Parents are encouraged to RSVP and join us for this timely and supportive

discussion.

Together, we continue to build a vibrant, engaged, and faith-filled community. Thank you for your partnership and presence at Holy Trinity!

Co-Divisional Update

As we continue to move toward our Co-Divisional model (single-gender core classes with shared campus life), here's a brief look at our current progress:

1.Campus Improvements

Adminstration Building - Completed August, 2025

- Renovated science and general classrooms
- Updated nurse's office, reception and administrative areas
- Added a conference room and one additional classroom

Begley Building - Renovation begins Winter, 2026

- 8-9 additional classrooms to reduce teacher travel and class sizes
- New stair access for safer student movement
- Complete upgrade of classrooms, restrooms and hallways

Looking Ahead

- Continued long-term facility planning
- Exploring opportunities for future campus expansion

2.Growing Our Team

- President-Principal model launched (Mr. Conrad as Principal)
- Dean of Students added (Mr. Stewart) for student relationships and accountability
- New Theology teachers added for 7th and 8th grade (2025-26 school year)
- New 6th grade Theology teacher to be hired for 2026-27 to enable smaller class sizes and more subject-concentrated teachers

3.Advancing Teacher Excellence

- Gurian Institute training for all faculty
- 5 staff members certified as Gurian trainers
- Summer reading and ongoing training focused on adolescent development
- Lead teachers attended intensive development at a Catholic school in Chicago
- Leadership visiting single-gender Catholic schools in Washington D.C. (Nov. 2025)

4.Co-Divisional Phase-In

- Continuing single-gender Social Studies, Theology, and PE (2025-26)
- Continued planning for future phases
- Branding and logo refresh in progress with parent and teacher input
- Ongoing analysis, reflection and adjustment are built into the process to ensure the model best supports student growth and the school's mission

Looking Ahead

- Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Together, we are strengthening our Catholic mission, academic excellence, and student experience as we build a bright future for Holy Trinity.

Bulldog Athletics - First Quarter Highlights

Our Bulldogs came out strong this fall, competing with heart, discipline and tremendous school pride across all programs. From packed sidelines to breakthrough wins and championship-level performances, our student-athletes represented Holy Trinity with excellence on and off the filed.

From first whistles to championship finishes, our young men and women embody teamwork perseverance, and faith-filled sportsmanship. Thank you to our athletes, coaches and supportive families.

Go Bulldogs - the best is yet to come!

Football
8th Grade: Record 2-5 - Highlight wins over Covenant Day and Providence Day.
7th Grade: Record 3-5 - Wins over Covenant Day, Marvin Ridge and Weddington.
6th Grade: Record 5-4 (including playoffs) - Three striatght early wins and a playoff victory. The team finished 4th in the Conference.

Boys Soccer
8th Grade: Conference Champions - Outstanding run to secure the title.
7th Grade: Competitive season with strong play across the board.

Volleyball
Record 13-4 - finished 2nd in Conference with multiple win streaks.

Cross Country
Both the girls' and boys' teams finished 2nd in Conference with consistent top-tier performances across meets.

Field Hockey
8th Grade: Record 5-2-1 - Major wins over top conference opponents.
7th Grade: Record 2-5-1 - Strong effort and competitive growth.

Girls Tennis
Full competitive slate across the independent school conference; strong team participation and skill development throughout the season.

Cheerleading
Our cheerleading teams were our football teams' number one fans this fall! Our 8th Grade competition team placed 3rd in the Fall Piedmont Regional Competition.

Special Virtue Spotlight - A Touchdown Filled With Faith, Courage & Community

This quarter, our community was gifted a story that beautifully reflects the heart of Holy Trinity: a student-athlete's dream fulfilled on the football field. In case you missed it, the Catholic New Herald featured our Bulldogs in a powerful story: **"Touchdown Moment Melts Hearts, Fulfils Dream"**

In this moment, a 6th grade player was celebrated by teammates, coaches, and opposing players as he crossed the goal line for a touchdown - not simply as an athlete, but as a beloved child of God. This was more than a score. It was a living witness to the virtues we strive to form in every Bulldog.

Our Fine Arts Continue to Shine this Season

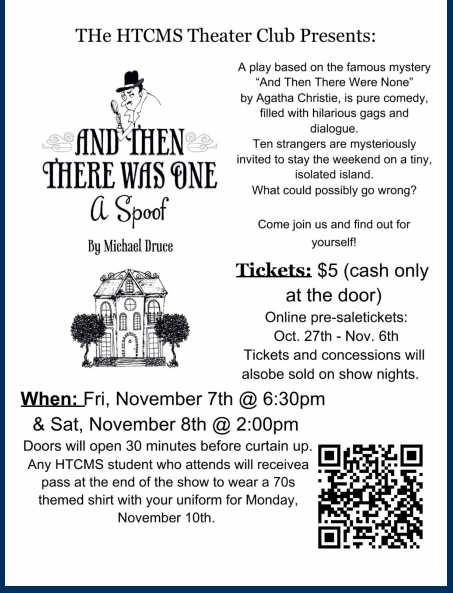
Band students performed beautifully at the MACS Fine Arts Center on October 13th, and we look forward to their next concert at the Holy Trinity Activity Center on December 11th at 7:00 p.m. In addition, our band students participated in gameday festivities with the CCHS Marching Band in September!

Our Choral program is preparing to celebrate the season with an Advent/Christmas Concert on Monday, December 15th, at 7:00 p.m. in the MACS Fine Arts Center. Students will also share their music during school assemblies on each concert day, bringing joy to the entire campus.

In Visual Arts, Ms. Bolick's students have completed Christmas card designs as part of our annual school contest. The winning design will be mailed home in December on our annual Christmas card.

The HTCMS Theater Club is excited to present *And Then There Was One — A Spoof* by Michael Druce, inspired by Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None*. Performances will take place in the Holy Trinity Activity Center on Friday, November 7th at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 8th, at 2:00 p.m. Advance tickets will be available online from October 27th to November 6th. Tickets will also be available for sale at the door for $5.00 (cash only). Concessions will be available, and doors open 30 minutes before showtime. We look forward to celebrating the gifts and creativity of our student performers and artists.

The band, conducted by Mrs. Shoff and Mr. Ranzinger performed at the MACS FAC for their Fall concert.



Advancement - Thank you!!!!

Our advancement efforts support many initiatives to enhance student enrichment, teacher retention and campus beautification. Here are some examples of where YOUR gifts went to help us work towards our mission:

Student Enrichment

- Supporting the Theatre and Drama Club
- Spring Musical *Frozen* performed by our students to include actors, actresses, stage hands, prop masters and audio techs
- Purchased musical play kit
- Purchased stage risers and props

Campus Beautification

- Our Annual Fund purchased 18 all weather benches to replace weathered wooden benches throughout campus.

Teacher Retention

- Inaugural Bulldog Teacher Awards for Outstanding Classroom Leadership
- Presented 4 - $2500 awards to teachers who were nominated by the Holy Trinity community
- These four teachers have 77 years of combined teaching experience.

Stay tuned to the Daily Announcements for the Kick-off of the 2025-26 Annual Bulldog Fund!!!!

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