



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear Holy Trinity Community,

I cannot thank you enough for your generous support! This past weekend's VIP night was an outstanding and memorable night! One of our best ever! Congratulations to all of you. The theme for this year's VIP was, "All you need is love!" How true that is. In the world that we live in, all we need is love. I think many of us would agree that we are living in some dark and scary times. All we need is love. Your love for Holy Trinity was very apparent on Saturday night as we raised funds not only to help offset our school expenses but to also make sure that we do everything we can to ensure our school is as safe as it can be. In the next year or two we have plans to invest in our overall school safety initiatives. We know how important it is to make sure our students, faculty, and staff are kept safe. These safety and security measures will help our efforts. Thank you for your commitment and your support!

I also want to highlight the importance of Catholic education. This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The theme this year is, "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community." I am extremely proud of our community and I am thankful for the faith that we share. How blessed we are to have the responsibility to form your sons and daughters to become future saints of the church, future leaders in our communities, and future men and women who will do great things. It does take all of us, and together, we can make a difference. On behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and parishioners of Holy Trinity, thank you for trusting us, thank you for believing in us, and for helping us each and every day. May God bless you and your loved ones now and forever. Amen.

Fr. Shayne

IMPORTANT DATES

January 27 - February 2 - Catholic Schools Week

January 31 - All School Mass - 8:15 AM

January 31 - Teacher/Staff/Volunteer Awards (Church) - 9:00 AM

January 31 - 8th Grade vs. Faculty/Staff Volleyball Game - 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

February 5 - Governor's Cup: Composition Competition

February 7 - All School Mass - 8:15 AM

February 12 - 1:00 PM Dismissal

February 12 - PTS Conferences - 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

February 13 - Flik Tastings - 10:45 AM to 1:00 PM

February 13 - 1:00 PM Dismissal

February 13 - PTS Conferences - 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

February 14 - Ash Wednesday

February 14 - All School Mass - 8:15 A

CALENDAR

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am

11:00 am

6:30 pm

Confession:

Every Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm

Parish Bulletin

Vision Statement of Holy Trinity Catholic School

To be a school of excellence that encompasses the whole child by modeling Jesus through our Catholic teachings, commitment to academics, service to the community, and devotion as life-long servants of God.

Carpool Issues

Parents, if your child is a walker, please do not park along the road to pick up your child. It creates an unsafe environment for our other walkers as they either have to walk around cars or have cars maneuver their way around them.

Secondly, in the morning, please do not turn left into our main parking lot coming from Brookfield. This has the potential to create a traffic issue. Please use Cherrywood via Elmwood or Massie to enter our main parking lot.

Formation Focus - January

Fruit of the Holy Spirit Patience:

As Christians, we are called to be patient, especially with our brothers and sisters in the Church. Living in peace with those around us can be a challenge, but we must respond in love, not anger, when differences arise between us.

Read Colossians 3:12-13

St. Francis de Sales

Feast Day: January 24

Patron Saint: Catholic writers, Catholic press, death, journalist, and adult education



Service Learning Program Drive

Please join us in celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2024 by participating in the Service Learning Program drive. Both campuses will be collecting for their grade-level community partners beginning Monday, January 29th through Friday, February 2nd. St. Matthews campus students may drop off donations in their respective grade bins in the morning before 7:55 in the Church Gathering Space. Clifton campus students may bring donations to Clifton and drop off in bins located near the front office.

How your family can participate:

1. Donate an item! Look for a flyer and teacher communication about items being collected for each community partner.
2. We are in need of adult volunteers to assist students in the morning with turning in donations.

Lend a hand here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49A8AD2FAAF8C25-47259107-catholic>

1. We are in need of adult volunteers who can pick up donations from Holy Trinity and deliver to community partners.

Lend a hand here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49A8AD2FAAF8C25-47262296-catholic>

Our goal is for 90% of school families to participate by donating at least one item! If we reach this goal, all students will have a free dress day Thursday, February 15th!

Y-Club Collection

Y-Club will be collecting shoes for Waterstep next week as our service project leading up to KUNA.

Waterstep uses the funds from donated shoes to provide clean drinking water around the world. Bring in your new or gently-used shoes to donate!

There will be drop-off boxes stationed around both campuses next week. We will be collecting from Monday, February 5th to Friday, February 9th.

Catholic Schools Week Schedule!

Catholic Schools Week is Saturday, January 27th through Friday, February 2nd. Below are listed some of the activities planned for this special week.

Saturday, January 27 & Sunday, January 28

- Join us at your preferred Mass with your family.

Monday, January 29

- Decades Day: Holy Trinity School opened in 1885. We've been around a lot of decades - dress in your favorite decade style from 1883 to today! Modest and respectful attire is required. Clothing changes only, no wigs or accessories.
- Find the Patron Saint Game on the Cafeteria Wall - Submit your entry by Tuesday, 1/23

Tuesday, January 30

- Students can wear appropriate pajamas (no shorts, tank tops, or slippers). Athletic shoes should be worn for recess.
- All-School Bingo at 1:45 p.m. Buddies will work together.

Wednesday, January 31

- We'll celebrate our Faculty, Staff, and Volunteer of the Year at our weekly Mass.
- 8th Grade vs. Faculty/Staff Volleyball Games - Begin at 1 p.m. 8th-grade parent guests can attend; live-streamed on the school YouTube page. on livestream. Grades 5-7 are attending in the gym, along with 1st graders. Clifton and grades PreK-4 are watching in their classrooms via livestream.

Thursday, February 1

- Our education at HT is setting us up for success. Dress like the career you plan to work to achieve. (Clothing changes only, no wigs or accessories.)
- 8:05 AM Spelling Bee

Friday, February 2

- 1st Friday Adoration - All students PK - 8 will participate in Eucharistic Adoration in our Church.
- Spirit Day

Teacher, Staff & Volunteer of the Year

We are proud to announce our Teacher, Staff, and Volunteer of the Year at Holy Trinity for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Todd Collard has been selected as our Teacher of the Year. Mr. Collard teaches math and science in 6th grade at Holy Trinity Catholic School. Second, we are pleased to announce that Mrs. Kristen Wilkins has been selected as our Staff of the Year. Mrs. Wilkins is our office manager at Holy Trinity Catholic School. Finally, we are pleased to announce that Mrs. Donna Hanley has been selected as our Volunteer of the Year. Mrs. Hanley has volunteered in our library for many years at Holy Trinity Catholic School.

We will honor these three individuals at Mass during Catholic Schools Week.

VIP THANK YOU!!!

Because of YOU and the love you shared, we had an amazing VIP night. We will share our numbers with you soon. To Lauren Johnson and her incredible team of volunteers, you were critical to turning the vision of VIP 2024 into a reality, and we cannot thank you enough. If you are interested in joining the VIP fun for 2025 - please reach out to Molly Willer! Thanks again; We appreciate everyone so much in making this the best yet.

Lost & Found Overflowing

Our Lost & Found is overflowing! There are many winter coats, fleeces, sweatshirts, tons of water bottles, uniform items, as well as many other miscellaneous items. If your child is missing something, please take a few moments (maybe during carpool) to stop at the school office, sign in and go to the lost and found and look for lost items.



BOOK BEE!

It is time to start forming our Book Bee academic competition teams!

Each grade level team (3, 4, 5, 6, and a combined Jr. High team) works together to read and know 12 books (just 6 books for our 3rd graders this year) among up to 12 team members. **The book list is available here and is on myHTPS Parent Pages, as well.** On the day of the competition, the team sits together to answer 3 questions about each book per round. Teams in the top half after Round 1 advance to Round 2. After Round 2, the top 3 teams receive awards. There is no audience for the competition, as students are there to compete with all schools present and compete at the same time in a school's gym. Guests can join them for awards.

Teams usually meet after school from 3 - 4 pm every other week in February and March, and then weekly in April for practices. The practice day of the week is chosen by the coach and team. The competition is just 1 Saturday on **May 11** and usually lasts around 2 hours for each grade. Book Bee includes minimal commitment compared to other activities.

To sign your child up for this competition, complete the online form by February 2. **<https://forms.gle/2Ad2jYpRTgWHJQVr9>**

To coach, contact Natalie Miller, **nhbmiller@gmail.com**, the parent coordinator this year until Mrs. Davenport returns from maternity leave. We need at least 1 coach per grade level to be able to have a team - and coaching is quite simple, as students read the book and write practice questions while reading to use during practices. To coach, you must be current on your background check and safe environment training (check with Jill Greer, **jgreer@htparish.org**, in the parish office if you're unsure of your current status).



Holy Trinity Athletics

Please note, once sign-ups are closed we will NOT be able to add anyone to these sports. For spring sports, it's a very quick turnaround and we have to turn in team numbers and won't be able to add. So please SIGN UP NOW!!!

All sign ups are on the Game Day site: <https://gameday.loucsaa.net>

BOY'S VOLLEYBALL

It's time to sign up for the boys volleyball season (grades 1 through 8)! It's a quick season with tryouts the first week of February and the city tournament set to be finished before spring break!

Games will begin on Feb. 20. Volleyball in the CSAA league is for grades 3 through 8.

We will put a team in the 1st and 2nd grade league at St. Agnes and those games will be on Sundays starting Feb. 25.

For information contact Julie McDonnell (jmmcdonnell@hotmail.com).

SOCCKER

Soccer sign ups are open for grades K through 8 on the Game Day site. The soccer season will begin in early March and run through the end of the school year.

For information contact Lee Weyland (lweyland@gmail.com) or Scott Cress (spcress@gmail.com)

TRACK AND FIELD

The track and field season is here. The sign-ups are open and the season will begin in early March.

We will run in several meets leading up to the CSAA Track Meet in late April.

For information contact Heidi Johnston (Hllusk2000@yahoo.com) or Natalie Butcher (natalieclairebutcher@gmail.com)

SOFTBALL

The CSAA is looking to host a softball league this spring.

According to the CSAA, they will look to create regional school models much like the football models to form teams per grade level (3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th, 7th & 8th) to ensure league viability. At that time we will look to define host schools, coaches, etc.

Practices can start 3/1. League games are to start on 4/14. Tournaments to conclude 5/26. Once the school mergers are put together you will be charged a sports fee to play.

If you are interested in softball please sign up (no fee at this time) on the Game Day site.

SWIMMING

Last call for swimming sign ups on the Game Day site (<https://gameday.loucsaa.net>).

CSAA Championship Meet: Saturday, March 2, 2024 at Mary T Meagher

Practices: Sunday afternoons in January and February at St. X High School

Parent volunteers are needed - please contact Jenniesyork@gmail.com to volunteer!

HELP IN THE GYM NEEDED

Holy Trinity will host a few nights of the CSAA Basketball Tournament in the next two weeks. We have 28 teams that will be competing in the tournament and many will play at HT.

In order to host, we need volunteers in the game. Please sign up if you can:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4baea82ba2ff2-holy2#/>

COORDINATORS NEEDED

Each sport at Holy Trinity has a parent volunteer coordinator in charge.

We are currently in the process of looking for a tackle football, basketball coordinator, and boys' volleyball coordinator for the 2023-24 school year. These are must positions for us to continue to have the programs we sponsor.

If you are interested please contact the Director of Sports Ministry, Jody Demling at jdemling@htparish.org.



FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Holy Trinity Fish Fry will be held Feb. 23, March 1, 8, and 15.

The kitchen will be open from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on all four of those nights.

If you want to volunteer please sign up here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4BAEA82BA2FF2-holy1#/>