HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Student Activities: A Year In Review

As Ms. Bacigalupi alluded to in last week's letter, we are in the home stretch of this school year. Spring is very busy - a time when we celebrate all we've accomplished and completed this year, while also already preparing for next school year. Here at Holy Trinity, we're fortunate to have the student interest, as well as parent and teacher leadership to offer a variety of student activities that truly support and challenge our students outside the classroom. 2023 - 2024 was an amazing year in terms

of accomplishments for our student activity participants!

- By the end of this month, 299 students will have been involved in and performed five different musicals through our Eyrie Musical Theatre program for K 8 students.
- 52 students participated in 4th through 8th Grade Quick Recall teams this year, during which we brought home the CSAL (Catholic Schools Academic League) Archdiocese Championship trophies in both the 7th & 8th grade league, as well as the 4th & 5th grade league.
- An amazing first in the Archdiocese all three teams (max # of teams allowed) competing in the 4/5 league advanced to the Academic Final 4. Two of our three teams remained undefeated all season long until the Championship game, earning them Regular-Season Champion trophies, too.
- 24 Students qualified to participate in KAAC (Kentucky Association for Academic Competition) 6th Grade Showcase and Governor's Cup events.
- Our Quick Recall team in the middle school division won District and Regional Championships, advancing them to State competition for the first time in more than 15 years!

- Three students earned a combined six individual medals at the 6th Grade Showcase in Essay Writing, Language Arts, Social Studies, and Arts & Humanities.
- Seven students individually earned 19 different medals between District and Regional middle-school competitions in Arts & Humanities, Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Essay Writing to advance them to the State competition this year, as well.
- In May, 10 of our students will compete in the annual Book Bee competition.
- 70 Student Council members from grades 6 through 8 at both campuses have participated in, planned, and led over 30 different activities this year, including Catholic Schools Week, Pet Blessing, Holiday Readers, Recycling program, Derby activities, Rice Bowl, WaterStep shoe drive, School Supply Drive, New Student Orientation, among others.
- 23 middle school students participated in Y Club, specifically their KYA and KUNA mockgovernment conferences. At KYA, our delegation had bills signed into law, and then forwarded to actual Kentucky elected leaders, while at KUNA, one of our resolutions was passed by students and affirmed by the Secretary-General. At both conferences, HT was named a Premiere Delegation and individual students brought home awards for Oustanding Delegate and Outstanding Speaker.
- 65 girls in K 6 from both campuses participated in Girl Scouts this year.
- Finally, our PEP classes (Pupil Enrichment Program) allowed 810 students to be involved in fun after-school extra-curricular activities between our Fall, Holiday, Winter, and Spring sessions.

Applications are out for next school year's middle school activities already. Last week after Mass, middle school leaders spoke to all current 5th through 7th graders on both campuses to encourage them to apply for <u>Quick Recall</u>, <u>Student Council</u>, and/or <u>Y Club (including KYA & KUNA)</u>. These applications are due this Friday, April 19, by 12 noon, so that we can hold our Leadership Board elections in May and plan summer and back-to-school activities before the last day of school. Information has also been shared on myHTPS parent and student homeroom pages, as well as later in this newsletter, too. (Know that Quick Recall applications for grades 4 - 5 next year will be released in November, along with Book Bee applications, as their season is later than the middle school season.)

Wondering what these opportunities could mean for your middle school child and if you should get them involved? Bring your questions to our Parent Information Night for Student Activities this Wednesday, April 17 in the Cafeteria from 7 - 8 pm (during Youth Group), which will also be offered online. You will hear from parents who have children involved in the activities and learn why they're so passionate about getting more students and families involved.

Thank you to all of our parent and teacher coaches and advisors who share their time to make all of these amazing opportunities possible for our students! I'm excited to see what next year brings.

Sincerely, Ashley Davenport Director of Student Activities

IMPORTANT DATES

April 17 - All School Mass, 8:15 AM
April 17 - Jr. High Youth Group (YC), 7 PM to 8 PM
April 22 - \$2 Earth Day - Spirit Day
April 22 - Operation Parent (MPB), 7 PM to 8 PM
April 24 - All School Mass, 8:15 AM
April 24 - Jr. High Youth Group (YC), 7 PM to 8 PM
April 25 - PTA Coffee Talk (MPB), 8 AM
April 25 - Festival of the Arts (Clifton)
April 25 - Ist-2nd Grade Spring Musical (Clifton)
April 30 - Good Samaritan Lunch (MPB)
May 1 - May Crowning Mass - All School Mass, 8:15 AM
May 1 - Jr. High Youth Group (YC), 7 PM to 8 PM
May 2 - Derby Spirit Day
May 2 - Petasus Parade, 8:15 AM

May 3 - Oaks Day - No school

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

<u> Parish Bulletin</u>

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.



First Communion 2024

Olivia A. Bentley A. Chapman A. James B. Ryder B. Joseph B. Nolan B. Reed B. Pearson B. Finley B. Olivia B. James B. Holden C. Ava C. Amanda C. Rowan C. Harlowe C. Kevin C. Crew C. Landon D. Collins D. Elizabeth D. Dallas F. Luke F. Palmer F. Amelia "Millie" G. Kolbie G. Walsh H. Rees H. Alexis "Lexi" H. Rawley H.

Wells H. Robert "Quinn" H. Adilynne H. Grace H. Gabriella H. Harper H. Benjamin J. Miles J. Adam J. Carson J. Bailey J. Rex J. Tillman K. Kellan K. Landon L. Connor L. Violet L. August L. Charmaine L. Caroline L. Walker M. Benjamin M. Lucille M. Jacob M. Bennett M. Lucas M. Luke M. Remy M. Davis M. Elizabeth M. Molly M.

Raleigh M. Eliana M. Henry P. Lyla Q. Jasmine R. Karsyn R. John R. Margaret R. Leyton R. Cash R. Mary R. Sloan R. Molly S. Mallory S. Corbet S. Lucy S. Dylan S. Raleigh S. David (DT) S. George S. Quinn S. Charles S. Presley T. Finn T. Callie V. Laten W. Reese W. George W. Colton W.

Congratulations HS Scholar Recipients

Congratulations to our Holy Trinity Class of 2024 Scholars! These students recently received recognition from their chosen Catholic High Schools and earned merit scholarships for their High School Placement Test scores:

- Assumption High School Presidential Merit Award: Madison Baucco and Kaitlyn Sanders
- Sacred Heart Academy St. Angela Merici Scholarship: Cora Dyer, Eden Hoeslcher, Maggie Hugues, Mary Liz Koch, Hannah McBride, Abby Smith, Natalie Soucy, and Emery Wright
- Saint Xavier High School Brother Cornelius Hubbuch Merit Scholarship (Top 25): Jack Renda, Grayson Sayat, Fletcher Wallace, and Max Wintergerst
- Trinity High School Kelly Merit Scholarship (Top 3): Tyler Hennessey
- Trinity High School Steinhauser Merit Scholarship (Top 20): William Blackburn, Jacob Breit, Andrew Crane, and Elliott Redella









Derby Kona Ice Volunteers Needed

Annually, as part of our Derby week festivities, Student Council provides a treat (Kona Ice this year) to all students and faculty during recess/dancing time on Thursday, May 2 (Thurby). We need parent and grandparent volunteers to help us serve the treats. You must be an <u>approved parish</u> <u>volunteer</u> with current background checks and safe environment training records on file. To sign up, please contact <u>Mrs. Davenport (St. Matthews Campus)</u> or <u>Paula Watkins (Clifton Campus)</u>. Shifts are available 11 - 12:15 and 12:30 - 1:45 at St. Matthews and 1:30 - 2:15 at Clifton.

Summer PEP Classes

PEP Opportunities: Remember to sign up for Summer PEP classes if you're interested in these opportunities for your child.

- Summer PEP Flyer
- <u>Summer PEP Registration</u> due Friday, May 10

Used Uniform Sale Planned

This year, the Student Council will host one Used Uniform Sale on Wednesday, May 29 from 9 - 11 am in the St. Matthews Campus Cafeteria. This is a fundraiser for Student Council to provide treats to all students during our Derby festivities annually. We will accept donations of uniforms and spirit wear for HT only the week of May 20 - 24 at both campus school offices to sell in the sale. (Remember, old HT logo uniform items can be worn through the 2025 - 2026 school year.) Thank you for your support!

Lemonade Stand Fundraiser

All proceeds benefit Father Jack Jones Food Pantry. On April 24th, lemonade pouches will be sold for \$1 and available for purchase to all Holy Trinity St Matthews and Clifton students. Please send cash with students to school if you would like to support this 3rd grade service learning project!

Earth Day Spirit Day

On Monday, April 22 students are invited to donate \$2 to the Kentucky Waterways Alliance (via a collection in homeroom) to participate in our *optional* earth-themed spirit day. Participating students will have the option to wear an HT spirit or earth-themed top with the required resource-day or uniform bottoms, if they choose to donate \$2 or more.

Student Council selected KWA as this year's Earth Day recipient because they are the official Kentucky partner for the National Wildlife Federation. With the Ohio River being named the 2nd most endangered waterway in 2023, they're continually working to not only support the Ohio River but all watersheds and waterways in Kentucky, as well as those that lead to the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. Learn more about the work they do and/or register your family to be involved in their upcoming clean-up efforts at Beargrass Creek on April 20 from 8:30 am - 12 pm by visiting <u>https://www.kwalliance.org/events.html</u>

PTA NEWS

Father (Special Friend) / Daughter Dance

We are so excited to announce that tickets are on sale now for our "BEJEWELED" Father (Special Friend) Daughter Dance on May 10th from 7-9 pm for Prek-4th Grades. This will be held at the St. Matthews Campus. You are encouraged to dress for the theme.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to work the event please contact hsexton1025@gmail.com <u>https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/8b38397f-a2da-404f-880d-6a8c94b6cc34</u>

Mother (Special Friend) Son event at Camp HiHo



Join us on Saturday, May 11th from 12-4pm for the Holy Trinity mother (special friend)/son (PreK-5th grades) day at Camp Hi-Ho! This will be a special time for mothers (special friends) to spend quality time with their son(s) and enjoy outdoor activities and competitions.

Mothers (special friends) and their son(s) will have the opportunity to fish, ride a canoe or kayak, play in the tree forts, take aim at their son in a mother vs son bazooka ball match, and participate in fun field-day themed games like potato sack races and tug-of-war! This is sure to be a special day for mothers (special friends), sons and classmates to engage in exciting activities, build stronger friendships and enjoy being together for a day at camp!

Lunch will consist of grilled chicken, hot dogs, salad, fruit and sparkling water/lemonade. Upon arrival we will gather everyone under the pavilion, eat lunch, and a representative from Camp Hi-Ho will go over the schedule for the day and locations of all activities. Mothers (special friends) and sons should wear outdoor/athletic clothing and dress for the weather! Our goal is to provide a time and space where mothers (special friends) and their sons can spend quality time together and have a fun-filled afternoon with classmates. Tickets are \$50 each. We hope you can join us! Any questions please contact Taylor Jackson at <u>tflorence12@gmail.com</u>

Seeking Girls on the Run Coaches



We'd love to restart our Girls on the Run, <u>https://www.gotrkentuckiana.org/</u>, program here at HT! Girls on the Run uses running and other physical activities as a platform for teaching life skills and promoting holistic health outcomes for girls of all abilities.

The curriculum includes lessons relevant for 3rd to 5th and 6th to 8th grade girls. Prior to the start of the program, volunteer

coaches participate in extensive coach training which prepares them to build relationships with girls, create a positive, inclusive environment, and support individual improvement.

Coaches also receive resources and training to ensure an inclusive experience for girls with physical, cognitive, and sensory disabilities. The program is delivered to small groups of approximately 16 girls twice per week for 10 weeks. Lessons are 90 minutes in length and specifically target helping girls improve in competence, confidence, caring, character, connection, and contribution, in addition to teaching critical life skills such as how to manage emotions, help others, make intentional decisions, and resolve conflict. At the end of the program, all Girls on the Run school teams from across the area come together for a celebratory 5K event held in the Kentuckiana area. Completing a 5K gives the girls a tangible sense of achievement as well as a framework for setting and achieving life goals.

If you'd be interested in helping to lead our GOTR program here at HT, please reach out to Mrs. Davenport <u>adavenport@ht-school.org</u>.

Student Activity Parent Info Night

Student Activity Parent Information Night - Applications for Student Council, Quick Recall, and Y Club (including KYA and KUNA) were released last week for incoming 6th through 8th grade students (current 5th - 7th graders) to apply, and are due Friday, April 19th.

- Student Council: Student leaders lead our school in faith, academics, community, environment, and service projects. (Led by teachers, Mrs. Davenport & Mrs. Graham)
- Y Club: Students learn about civic engagement through participation in the Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA 3-day conference in December) writing bills they believe should be laws in Kentucky - and presenting them in Frankfort
- and/or Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA 3-day conference in March) when they adopt a country to represent and write U.N. resolutions after reviewing the UN's Global Goals. (Led by parent coaches, Ms. Haydon (teacher), and Mrs. Davenport (teacher)
- Quick Recall: Academic team focused on knowledge and speed, competing in a jeopardy-style game with teammates (led by parent coaches)

Not sure what each activity entails or why your child should be involved? Join Mrs. Davenport, Director of Student Activities, along with parent Y Club coaches for our Student Activities Informational Parent Night on Wednesday, April 17 from 7 - 8 pm in the Cafeteria at our St. Matthews Campus. Unable to join us in person, we'd love for you to join us online -- <u>https://meet.google.com/doi-hmdr-uof</u> or dial: (US) +1 402-704-6715 PIN: 438 821 468#. Questions can be directed to Ashley Davenport <u>adavenport@ht-school.org</u>.



Holy Trinity Athletics



Football Signups!

Sign ups for tackle football in the fall are now open.

We need a lot of lead time for football because of all of the equipment that we need to order. Plus, we are merged with Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Spirit, and Sacred Heart Model School and it just takes longer to organize. So, we need you to sign up ASAP.

Note: Please sign your son up for his current grade and the Game Day system will switch them into the correct grade for next fall on July 1. So, sign up for your current grade.

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

New Football Coordinators

First of all, a HUGE thanks to Paul Weis for his service as the tackle football coordinator and the girls' flag football coordinator over the past few years. Paul went above and beyond with his service.

Our programs have won multiple Toy Bowl titles because of Paul's leadership and we are grateful for it. I am happy to announce that Andy Hennessey will take over as the tackle football coordinator and Brett Mahle will take over as the girls' flag football coordinator.

Thanks to all! We can't have our sports without your volunteer hours.

Thanks Jody Demling Director of Sports Ministry

CHURCH NEWS Stewardship Renewals

We extend our sincere appreciation to all who have responded to the Stewardship Renewal. We have received over 660 responses thus far, which is 39% of the renewals distributed to our registered parishioners, and we are grateful for your participation. For those who have yet to complete the Stewardship Renewal Form, please be advised that it is available by <u>clicking here</u>.

We kindly request that you complete and return the form to the parish office without delay.

We wish to remind you that in order to qualify for the parishioner rate for tuition, you must complete the Stewardship Renewal Form with your commitment to Holy Trinity. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

VBS Volunteers Needed!



Calling all volunteers for our upcoming Vacation Bible School! Dive into a world of fun, faith, and fellowship as we create unforgettable memories for the kids. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or eager to start, your passion and energy are what we need to make this experience truly special. Register as a volunteer here: <u>https://ow.ly/wj0s50R9sHz</u>

Register for VBS!



June 10 - 14 9am - noon Potty-trained 3 yr. olds - 4th grade \$50/child Join us as we embark on a journey filled with exciting stories, games, and crafts. It's the perfect opportunity for your children to explore their faith in a fun and supportive environment. Don't miss out on this incredible chance to create lasting memories and strengthen their connection to faith. Register now at: <u>https://ow.ly/I3YQ50R9sRL</u>