HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Over the last six weekends, I have been traveling with my daughter on college visits. The ironic thing is that I have seen a lot of Holy Trinity parents at the airports and on planes during these visits. My daughter, Molly, is a junior in high school. The current plan for her is to play soccer in college. These visits and the experience of meeting with college coaches and spending the night with college players in their dorm rooms have highlighted the lessons that sports have taught her throughout her life. The confidence and composure that she shows on these visits always impresses me, and I attribute that to her ability to handle the pressure and adversity that sports have taught her.

Molly has had to overcome a lot of obstacles in her life. She was diagnosed with Type I diabetes when she was 4 and Celiac when she was 10. Despite all these obstacles she never let them slow her down or used them as an excuse for not reaching her dreams both in the sports world and in the classroom.

These college visits also highlighted how much I am going to miss watching her play. While I am sure I will go to a game here and there, the colleges she is currently considering are more than 6 hours away from our home. I won't have what many of you have right now, the opportunity and pure joy of watching your son or daughter compete at something they love. I am truly going to miss the conversations we have when she is looking for advice about a certain play or decision. I will miss the conversations in the car and at meals after games as we either celebrate a victory or console each other about a loss. Those moments are special times for us, and I know they are fading away rapidly. I know a lot of you are currently experiencing the similar joys of watching your children play sports and having those similar conversations with your children, whether that be here at Holy Trinity or in a club atmosphere. I must say that while I have met some pretty intense parents throughout my children's sports career, I would say I feel blessed to have had them on the teams that they were a part of throughout their young lives. Most noticeably during my daughter's time playing soccer, I have met some amazing parents that I look forward to seeing and spending time with on every road trip. We all share a common approach to parenting when it comes to our daughters, and that has led to some genuine friendships. We never yell at them or the officials, as we want to make it as fun and positive of an experience for our daughters as possible. We all know that our daughters are all ultra-competitive and they are working as hard as possible to be successful and to win. We realize that there is nothing we can do as parents that will truly motivate them in the long run, so it is important to be positive and supportive of them throughout their journey.

I hope that through your own child's activities - sports, drama, academic teams, etc., that you have had similar experiences with your children. My wife and I were reflecting that we have one more big decision to help our daughter make and then we are just there on the sideline cheering her on throughout her life. It is our hope that throughout her life we continue to have those conversations about challenges and decisions she is experiencing, just like we did when she was playing sports. However, we know because of the lessons she learned growing up from sports, teachers, and coaches, she is armed with all she needs to be successful.

Mr. Jack Richards Head of Schools

IMPORTANT DATES

March 27 - Spirit Day
March 27 - All School Mass - 8:15 AM
March 27 - Jr. High Youth Group (YC) - 7 PM to 8 PM
March 28 - Holy Thursday Para Liturgy - 9 AM
March 28 - Early Dismissal at 1 PM
March 29 - 7 Spring Break

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.

FORMATION FOCUS - MARCH

Fruit of the Holy Spirit Self-Control:

Self-control is a difficult fruit to cultivate. Whether we struggle with controlling our anger or controlling our appetite, most of us have at least one area in our lives where we succumb to our desires. By controlling our emotions when we are provoked to anger, we are able to demonstrate Christ's love to those around us and live peaceably with them.

St. Joseph Feast Day: March 19 **Patron Saint:** unborn children, fathers, workers, travelers, immigrants



Spring Break!

We will have a 1:00 pm dismissal on Holy Thursday. There will be no school starting Good Friday, March 29th through Friday, April 5th. School will resume on Monday, April 8th. Have a blessed Easter and a good Spring Break.

Rice Bowl Collection

On Wednesday, March 27, we will collect all <u>Rice Bowl</u> donations from school families at our school Mass. Families are asked to count all their coin/cash donations in their family's Lenten Rice Bowls and write a check (to Holy Trinity, with "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo line) or put the cash in the bowl to return to school. Each student was given a Rice Bowl, but families are welcome to combine efforts to submit one family donation if they prefer to do so. Donations can also be sent in an envelope or <u>made online</u> on the parish website (choose Rice Bowl in 2nd Collections). Parish families are invited to bring their donations to Triduum prayer services. Thank you for your support of this annual Lenten Service Project that raises money to support both Kentucky initiatives and international humanitarian efforts, as 25% of the funds stay here in Kentucky to support various organizations and projects, while 75% will be used by <u>CRS for international goals.</u>

Spring PEP - 3 Week Mini-Session

Our teachers are excited to offer Spring PEP classes during the weeks of April 15, 22, & 29. A make-up week for Oaks Day classes, and any other canceled classes, will be the week of May 6. Lots of offerings this go around, including many new offerings! <u>Check the classes out here</u>, and <u>register online here</u>.

1-Time Solar Eclipse PEP Class

As requested by a few parents, Mrs. Davenport and Mrs. Hartlage are teaming up to offer a one-time after-school PEP class on Monday, April 8 from 3 - 4 pm for K - 8 students from either campus. The solar eclipse is expected to be at its max around 3:06 pm that day (partial eclipse is from around 1:50 - 4:20). While Louisville is not a totality viewing area, we plan to watch the celestial phenomenon occur outside (weather permitting, glasses included in class fee), before learning about eclipses while enjoying Oreos (demonstrating eclipses with our food) and making crafts. We won't have another visible eclipse in America until 2045. Fee is \$25 per student; <u>register here</u> by April 1 (minimum of 15 participants for class to be offered).

Summer PEP

Once again, HTCS teachers will offer Summer PEP opportunities on both campuses for incoming PreK through 8th grade students (students must be registered and enrolled to attend HT in Fall 2024 to attend summer classes). Weeks will vary based on teacher and campus preferences, so be sure to check what works with your family's schedule. Classes will be offered all 5 days of the week for 3 hours each, either in the morning or afternoon. <u>Classes are here; register here by May 10, please.</u>

8th Grade Parents

We know high schools have recently sent acceptance letters and scholarship offers! Given the high schools won't notify middle schools of high school recipients until May, we'd love to hear from you as their parents first. If your child was offered a high school scholarship or award and/or is part of a family legacy (meaning more than one generation has attended and/or graduated from HT), please contact <u>Mrs. Davenport</u> so we can plan to recognize them at our 8th Grade Awards Celebration.

PTA NEWS!

Father(Special Friend)/Daughter Dance

Anyone who wants to help plan the father or special friend/daughter dance please contact Heather Capstick at <u>hsexton1025@gmail.com</u>

PARISH NEWS!

Yearly Stewardship Renewal



Did you miss picking up your renewal packet on March 2nd or 3rd?

No worries, we mailed the packets out on Wednesday, March 6th to the address we have on file.

A reminder to our school families, the return of the Renewal by the due date is important to receive the parishioner tuition rate.

If you don't receive your renewal or have questions, please contact Betty Jean in the parish office at <u>bcobb@htparish.org</u> or (897-5207 x1100). Thank you!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

You are invited to participate in a **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level Formation Course** July 22-27, 2024, and July 21-26, 2025 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd developed over a fifty-year period in Rome, is the Montessori-based approach to faith formation for children ages 0 to 12, that we are currently using at Holy Trinity for Toddlers up to 4th grade. The philosophy of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program is that even the youngest children have a religious life. God is present to them in their deepest being and they are capable of developing both a conscious and intimate relationship with God. CGS is theologically sound, systematic, and rich in Scripture, Liturgy, and Sacred History. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd takes place in an atrium, a sacred, hands-on space in which both children and catechists can hear, ponder, and celebrate the essential mysteries of the Catholic faith as revealed in Scripture and the Liturgy.

At Holy Trinity we use the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd during the school day, after school, and on the weekend, to form school and parish children from 0-12. We are always looking for catechists and assistants. Please consider taking the training and help us to continue to form the children of Holy Trinity.

Full grants are available to all wishing to take part in this rich training and possible PD credit for teachers for the course. **Only 20 spots are available** and this is open to the entire Archdiocese and beyond and will fill up fast, so don't wait to sign up if you are interested.

If you are interested in registering for this training or need more information contact Leslie Genuis at <u>Igenuis@htparish.org</u> or Chris Allison at <u>callison@htparish.org</u>.

Holy Trinity Athletics Updates

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

FIELD HOCKEY SIGN-UPS

The field hockey season is set to begin soon. The sign ups are open and practice will begin soon.

Field hockey is for grades 3 through 8.

For information contact Nigale Reibel (*nigalereibel@gmail.com*).

GOLF SIGN-UPS

Sign ups are now open for Holy Trinity golf. We will be doing HT golf a little different in 2024.

We plan to have two groups: Beginners and Experienced.

The beginners program is targeted to casual players looking to improve their game by attending clinics taught by a PGA professional. The clinics will be capped off with a 9-hole round of golf to put their lessons to use.

We have five clinics scheduled at Seneca Golf Course with PGA golf professional Kevin Greenwell. The clinics will be from 4:00 - 5:15 p.m. on 4/8, 4/15 ,4/22, 4/29, and 5/6.

The experienced program is targeted to competitive golfers focused on the CSAA tournament and matches. The CSAA golf tournament is not a clinic for beginners. Each player must keep pace with the other players in their group. Prior experience playing golf on a regulation golf course is necessary. We hesitate to put a number out there but having the ability to shoot in the 40s on 9 holes is a good target.

Note: The CSAA Tournament will be played on June 3 at Seneca.

For information contact Daniel Johnson (daniel.johnson@riverroadam.