



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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It has been five years since Holy Trinity Clifton Campus opened its doors to begin educating students as part of Holy Trinity Catholic Community. As we begin to wrap up our 5th year, I often think back to the start of this “idea” and how much we have grown and developed in this short amount of time. Many new families have joined Holy Trinity, enrolling their first child in the school, and for this reason, you may not have a full understanding of what we are doing over here at 2117 Payne Street, the “other” Holy Trinity!

In 2017, Bishop Mark Spalding (our former pastor) gathered several members of the church and school community together to dialogue about how to create an opportunity for students with learning differences to receive a Catholic education. While there are some children who can utilize an accommodation plan and be successful in their home school, there are many who need a more prescriptive and diagnostic approach to their instruction. Because of this, those families had no Catholic options from which to choose. Bishop Spalding was determined to change the academic and spiritual trajectory of many future students and their families.

Holy Trinity Clifton School serves students in grades K-8 who have been diagnosed with a learning difference, primarily in reading (often referred to as dyslexia). While we do have students who have more global differences, our expertise is in the science of reading. All teachers and staff are trained at varying levels in the Orton Gillingham method of instruction.

Within the classrooms, students experience a low student-to-teacher ratio of 1:5 and are explicitly taught reading/spelling skills with the expectation of generalizing this knowledge across all academic disciplines. Students and teachers also work collaboratively with speech-language therapy and occupational therapy. Transitioning our students to our Catholic High Schools, with learning gaps decreased and/or learned tools of success, is the goal. We are currently serving 83 students, and at full capacity, we will serve 100.

Collaboration and integration of campuses, students, and teachers have always been part of our mission. After opening our doors in August 2019, this mission was paused as we were sent into NTI due to Covid in March 2020. Our new mission changed as we concentrated on educating our students during this time and keeping them safe in the process. When we came out of Covid, the administration at Holy Trinity Catholic Church and School began to set goals and make decisions that included intentional ways of bringing our two campuses together. Currently, teachers plan field trips/co-curricular activities together and participate in staff meetings hosted at both campuses. We have one School Advisory Council and PTA that includes representation of parents from both campuses; our students play sports and participate in extracurricular activities together, and we attend mass as an ENTIRE school every Wednesday. Sacramental offerings, class mission trips, and for the first time this year, 8th-grade graduation, are representative of both campuses.

Being the Principal of the Clifton Campus and part of the Holy Trinity community has been a great blessing in my life! How many people can say that after 28 years in a career that they absolutely LOVE their job? I can! I am blessed to come to work every day with talented and gifted special educators, students who are growing in confidence and skill, and parents who trust us with their most precious gifts. None of this is possible without the support of the entire Holy Trinity community at large, so I want to say THANK YOU! Thank you for believing in this mission, praying for this mission, and supporting this mission! Because of you, we are serving more students who are learning to "Pray, Study and Serve."

Many Blessings,

Mrs. Paula Watkins
Principal - Clifton
Holy Trinity Catholic School

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

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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.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 6 - All School Mass at 8:15 AM

March 6 - Everybody Counts (Church) - 9:15 AM to 11:30 AM

March 6 - 1st Communion Parent/Child Meeting (Church) - 5 PM to 6:30 PM or 7 PM to 8:30 PM

March 6 - Jr. High Youth Group (6th-8th) Youth Center - 7 PM to 8 PM

March 8 - Stations of the Cross - 5 PM to 5:30 PM

March 8 - Fish Fry - 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

March 9 & 10 - Anointing of the Sick At All Masses

March 11 - 15 - Teacher Appreciation Week

March 12 - Flik Tastings - 10:45 AM to 1 PM

March 13 - All School Mass - 8:15 AM

March 13 - Confirmation Retreat

March 13 - Jr. High Youth Group (Youth Center) - 7 PM to 8 PM

CALENDAR

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



Jr. High Musical

Join us for an enchanting performance of Mary Poppins Jr. brought to you by our talented Jr. High students! Get ready to be swept away on a magical journey at our newly renovated Eyrie Theater.

Show Dates:

- March 22nd at 7:00 PM
- March 23rd at 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM
- March 24th at 2:00 PM

Our dedicated students have poured their hearts and souls into this production, rehearsing tirelessly to bring you a show you won't forget! Tickets are on sale now! Reserve your seats by clicking the link below. Don't miss out on this unforgettable experience! Should you have any questions, please email Mandi McNeal at mandimcneal@gmail.com.

[BUY TICKETS](#)



Special Thanks!

A special word of thanks to Emmett and Antoinette Clancy, grandparents of Juliet Sterner, for their amazing \$50,000 donation towards our security and safety initiatives.

This year they celebrate 50 years of marriage and we cannot thank them enough for their support.

ALUMNI CELEBRATION

Congratulations to alum **Bridget Egan ('21)**. She has accepted an offer to attend Harvard and play volleyball there. We are proud of her!

PTA NEWS & EVENTS

Father/Daughter Dance

Please come to a planning meeting for our 2024 Father or Special Friend/Daughter Dance.

May 14th at 6:30

Heather Capstick's Home | 6001 Wagram Way

Email Hsexton1025@gmail.com or call 317-902-8429 to RSVP

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teachers Make the World Go 'Round! The PTA is celebrating the teachers and staff March 11-15th, with meals, desserts, a coffee truck, and a gift card raffle! We are filled with gratitude for all that they do!

Encourage your children to send in thank you notes and cards to their teachers on Friday!

Teacher Appreciation Week - Clifton Campus Signups Only

TEACHERS MAKE THE WORLD GO 'ROUND! For Teacher Appreciation Week this year, PTA is asking for some help from YOU, our AWESOME families, to show our TEACHERS and STAFF lots of LOVE! On Monday, March 11, and Wednesday, March 13, we are asking that you send in treats for our staff!

Please sign up here for a treat, or VENMO (@LeeAnn-Ross-3 last four 9950), and I will shop for you. We want to make this week as special for our amazing teachers and staff as possible! Lastly, on Friday, March 15, please have your child write a special "THANK YOU" to their favorite staff member(s)!!

HOLY TRINITY ATHLETICS

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).

Holy Trinity Athletics

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Track and field sign-ups

The track and field season is here. The sign-ups are still open and the season will begin in the next few weeks.

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)

Help in the gym for boys' volleyball

The boys' volleyball season is winding down.

We are hosting games on Monday nights and Saturday mornings. We still need help at the gate and at the concession stand.

If you can help here's the link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4BAEA82BA2FF2-holy2#/>