

Holy Trinity School
Where Faith, Education and Values Unite
5720 Steubenville Pike McKees, Rocks, PA 15136
Phone 412-787-2656 Fax 412-787-9487
www.Holy-Trinity-School.org.

September 4, 2009

Dear Parents,

I have received several e-mails and phone calls concerning the Presidential speech on education which will be given on September 8, 2009, at 12:00 pm.

The following information on the speech was sent to the schools by the US Department of Education. President Barack Obama will deliver a national address to the students of America. During this special address, the president will speak directly to the nation's children and youth about persisting and succeeding in school. The president will challenge students to work hard, set educational goals, and take responsibility for their learning.

On Monday, the US Department of Education will send the President's speech to the schools to preview. After reviewing the speech I will decide if the **educational message** is appropriate for our students in **grades 5-8** to view. I can assure you that the students will not be exposed to any political agendas.

The Holy Trinity School Goal for 2009-2010 is: The Holy Trinity School faculty, staff and administration will work together to create a positive and challenging school environment where all students will be motivated and strive to reach their full academic and social potentials. The speech appears to offer the same message that we are hoping to instill in our students.

This is an opportunity for our students to have the President of the United States speak to them about the importance of working hard, setting educational goals, and taking responsibility for their learning. It will reinforce the importance our schools place on teaching good citizenship and being part of the democratic process.

If your child is not permitted to participate in this event, please submit a letter to the school office on Tuesday September 8, 2009 by 8:30 am. The students not attending will be given an assignment to complete during the duration of the speech. They will be monitored by several faculty members.

Your continued cooperation and support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kimberly N. Stevenson
Principal