



Holy Trinity School Newsletter

October 18, 2009

OCTOBER

Monday, October 19

School Rosary 1:55pm – Church

Tuesday, October 20

Preschool 4 picture day

Wednesday, October 21

Market Day Pick Up 6-7 cafeteria
2nd Grade Field Trip

Thursday, October 22

Picture Day K-8th grade
And Preschool 3

Friday, October 23

PTG Halloween Movie Night
7:00pm – gym
Bingo 7pm school cafeteria

Saturday, October 24

Halloween Dance grades 7 & 8
7:00-10:00pm Cafeteria

Monday, October 26

End of First 9 weeks

Friday, October 30

Halloween Parties
Parade at 10:30am
11:45am Dismissal
Bingo 7pm school cafeteria

NOVEMBER

Monday, November 2

No School

Tuesday, November 3

No School

Parent/Teacher Conference

Book Fair 11:30am-8:00pm
Library

Wednesday, November 4

Book Fair 8:00am-2:30pm
Library

Thursday, November 5

Book Fair 8:00am -2:30pm
Library

Holy Trinity First Graders Visit Apple Orchard



First Grade Students listen as Soergel's apple expert explains how apples grow and get their nutrients.

Holy Trinity First Grade classes enjoyed a field trip to Soergel Orchards in Wexford, PA on Wednesday, October 14th. Teachers Josette Bruno and Kelli DiPaolo expanded a seasonal lesson on apple harvesting to this visit to a nearby orchard to meet some "apple experts."

The children explored the biological make-up of apples, in addition to the agricultural processes of picking, handling, storing, washing, selling, and cider-making. They concluded the autumn trip with a festive run through Soergel's famous corn stalk mazes as well as some play time on the farm.

Upon returning to school the students enjoyed apple cider they brought back from the orchard!

Holy Trinity Students Make Music...in Science Class!



Holy Trinity School 6th grade students recently completed a science activity that challenged their imaginations and thinking of traditional musical instruments. The students invented homemade musical instruments and experimented with different ways to modify the sounds that they make that may not be used in a conventional instrument.

The project involved brainstorming ways that traditional, familiar instruments make and modify sounds and moved on to explore new ways to change the sounds created in their own musical inventions. In a hands-on project in the school's science lab, the students detailed the description of their instruments, drew diagrams of their proposed instruments, instructed the class on how to play them, outlined what materials will be needed, and finally constructed them.

Left: Anneliese Balog with her homemade instrument

Holy Trinity Cross Country Finishes Strong

Holy Trinity's Cross Country team competed in the Diocesan Championship on Saturday, October 10 with over 1000 runners from 45 different schools. The Varsity Boys team claimed 6th Place, Varsity Girls took 7th Place, and Junior Varsity Boys were awarded 10th Place.

"We were pleased to have all three teams finish in the Top 10," said Coach Ken Durbin.

Individual metals were awarded to Guiseppe Michelone for 9th place on the Varsity Boys team, to Ryan Clarke for 11th place on the JV Boys team, and to Emma Minsinger for 25th place on the Varsity Girls team.

Cross Country is open to Holy Trinity students in grades 4 through 8, consisting of both Junior Varsity and Varsity races. Holy Trinity competes in the South Hills section in 10 to 12 meets each year, including the South Hills Invitational and the Diocesan Championship.



Ryan Clarke with his medal at the Diocesan Championship



Sarris Candy Christmas Fundraiser

Our Christmas Sarris candy sale is on - and runs from now until **Friday, November 13th** - when all orders must be returned to the school. Sarris Candy is the perfect holiday gift and great to have for your Christmas entertaining - buy now so you don't have to shop later! This is great fundraiser and Holy Trinity receives 35% of all orders.

Sarris Candy seems to sell itself especially around the holidays, so be sure to show your brochure to your friends, family and co-workers and start taking those orders. See the letter that was sent home with the color brochure for information on ordering, payments, and prizes.

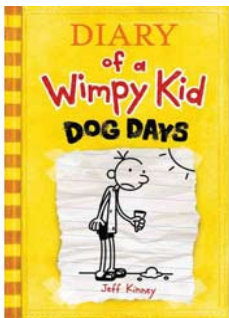
Pick up of the candy will be on **Tuesday, December 8th** from 8:00am to 3:00pm in the school cafeteria.

Thank you for your continued support of this important fundraiser for our school. If you have any questions about the Sarris Candy sale, please contact Mary Buckley at 412-299-9293.



Scholastic Book Fair

Just two more weeks until you can purchase some of the hottest books at our Holy Trinity Scholastic book fair. Get the latest titles for kids of all ages and at *reduced prices!* Here are just a few of the books we will have available -



The new "*Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Dog Days*" This book retails in bookstores for \$12.95 but we will have it at the Holy Trinity Book Fair for \$6.99! We have requested 100 copies, so be sure to get your copy at the fair!!

2nd and 3rd graders - we will have a new Magic Tree House hardcover book, titled "*A Good Night for Ghosts*" and Scholastic's best seller "*Happy Birthday Bad Kitty*".

The very popular Scholastic titles - "*The Football Hero*", "*The Cupcake Queen*" and "*My Life in Pink and Green*", are great choices for our 7th and 8th graders.

This year's book fair kicks off on **Tuesday, November 3** and continues through Friday, November 6th. The Book Fair will be open from 11:30am-8:00pm on Tuesday, 8:00am-2:30pm Wednesday & Thursday, and 8:00am - 1:00pm on Friday. Mark the dates on your calendar and plan to stop in our Library and do some holiday shopping! Please see the flyer in this newsletter for additional information and consider helping with this important event.

Protecting God's Children Workshop

Holy Trinity School will be hosting a Protecting God's Children Workshop on Wednesday, November 18th at 1pm in the school cafeteria. The workshop is 3 hours long and for adults only. If you would like to register, please contact the office at 412-787-2656.

If you have not yet taken the PGC workshop it is recommended that you attend. The workshop is necessary for anyone who wishes to be involved with the students, including chaperoning class field trips, coaching a sport, working cafeteria and/or recess, and helping with after school activities.

To find additional workshops please visit

http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=15497&theme=0

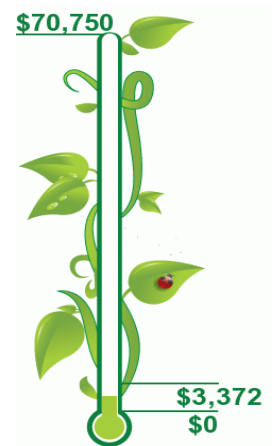
Tigerthon Postponed

Due to the cold and rainy weather the Tigerthon that was scheduled for this past Friday – October 16th was cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date. As soon as a new date has been finalized we will let you know. Thank You.

Shop `n Save SEED Program

Holy Trinity is participating in the Shop `n Save SEED Program, and would like to have The Carnegie Science Center's Fire & Ice assembly (for grades K-8), visit our school.

We need to collect \$250 worth of Shop `n Save Receipts per student for this assembly which is scheduled for early February. Start saving those receipts, and ask family, friends and neighbors to do the same. Let's watch our Shop `n Save receipts grow, and with a little effort our children will be treated to a special assembly this winter.



SCRIP – Sold Every Other Weekend after Mass

SCRIP is now being sold every other weekend after Mass. The next weekend SCRIP will be sold is October 24 & 25th. Please tell your family and friends and make every effort to use SCRIP whenever possible. It is the simplest fundraiser we have and has the potential to be very profitable for our school if we just all take the time to use the program.

SCRIP will continue to be sold daily from 9:00-10:00am at school and you can stop in or send an order in with your child that will be filled and returned the same day.

If you are interested in selling SCRIP after the weekend Masses, please contact Jane Dixon at jdixon@mountwestinv.com

Just in for the Auction...

A Tuition Voucher from Bishop Canevin High School and a \$1000 Tuition Voucher from Our Lady of Sacred Heart High School.

“The Auctioneer”

Our Decade of Dreams Auction & Dinner is less than a month away!

We want to remind everyone of the two raffles being held at this year’s auction. Tickets for both of these raffles can be purchased in advance and the winner need not be present at the auction to win. These are perfect tickets to sell to family, friends, and co-workers.

“Pens Night Out” Raffle: Pittsburghers love Crosby and Fleury and who wouldn’t want to see our Penguins take on the Washington Capitals on Thursday, January 21st, 2010. The winner of this raffle receives 2 Blue Line Seats to the game along with a parking pass and a \$100 dinner certificate.

The raffle tickets can be purchased for \$5 each or 3 for \$10, by contacting Cheryl DiSanti at 412 788-1272 or Cheryl.disanti@amwater.com, or by completing the form sent home this week and returning it to the school office. *(The form is also included in this week’s newsletter)*. You may also purchase the raffle tickets the night of the auction.

50/50 Raffle: We all could use some extra cash just in time for the holidays, and what better way than to take a chance on our 50/50 raffle, where the proceeds benefit our children. If all tickets are sold we will raise \$1500 for the auction and \$1500 for the lucky winner! Tickets are \$1.00 each for a total of \$10 per book.

Every family should have received one book of tickets. Please make sure to return ticket stubs, money and any unsold tickets to Cheryl DiSanti, c/o Alexa 7A, by October 23, 2009. All checks should be made payable to Holy Trinity Auction. If you need more tickets or have any questions concerning the raffle tickets please contact Cheryl DiSanti at 412 788-1272 or Cheryl.disanti@amwater.com

The night is shaping up to be a fun night for all. We have prizes rolling in for our **Monte Carlo** including a \$100 Best Buy gift card, a Lottery Tree, and a liquor basket. And don’t forget about our **live auction** with so many great items up for bid including the always popular classroom baskets, the Luxury Suite at a Penguins game, and trips to Lake Tahoe, Seven Springs, and Orlando. For details on these items please see the auction page of our school website. Great items are coming in; make sure you reserve your place for some pre-holiday shopping!

You should have already received your invitation for this special evening. Get a group of your friends together, send in your response today, and be prepared to have a fun night out! If you did not receive an invitation or know of someone who would like to receive an invite please contact Mary Moody at the phone number below.

If you are interested in making a donation or purchasing an advertisement for the auction program, contact Mary Moody at (412) 299-7831 or marymoody@acmestamping.com . The auction committee greatly appreciates your support and generosity!

And remember “Together We Can”

"Pens Night Out" Raffle



Pittsburgh Penguins vs. Washington Capitals

Thursday, January 21st, 2010

Pittsburghers love their sports teams and who wouldn't want to see our Penguins take on the Washington Capitals on Thursday, January 21st, 2010. The winner of this raffle receives 2 Blue Line Seats to the game along with a parking pass and a \$100 dinner certificate.

The raffle tickets can be purchased for \$5 each or 3 for \$10, by completing the form below and sending to the school office in an envelope marked "Pens Raffle Tickets". Please include cash or check made payable to Holy Trinity Auction. Tickets will be returned via your child. The stub will be filled out for you and you will get back your portion with your ticket number on it. The stubs will be sent in for the auction drawing on the night of Nov. 7th, 2009.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Child's Name _____ Grade & Class _____

Qty Tickets _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Office Use

Ticket #'s Issued _____

Amount Received _____ Cash/Check # _____

Order Filled By _____



PTG Family Halloween Movie Night

**The PTG would like to invite all HTS families to a
Family Halloween Movie Night!**

When: Friday, October 23, 2009

Time: 6:30pm movie to start at 7:00 pm

Where: HTS Gym

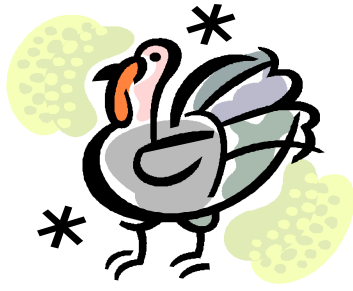
- Children may get dressed up if they would like (please no masks or weapons).
- All children are to be with an adult. If you are bringing another child please have a note from that child's parents that you are responsible for them.
- PTG will provide drinks and a surprise when you leave.

Our first feature movie is "Scary Godmother" based on the book by Jill Thompson. In this wonderfully unique Halloween special, little Hannah Marie is excited to be going trick-or-treating with the older kids. but when her rotten cousin Jimmy tries to ditch her in the dark basement of a spooky house, Hannah is rescued by her Scary Godmother and whisked away to the best Halloween party ever! It's a 'who's-boo' of monsters with Skully Pettibone, Harry The Werewolf, Orson, Bug-A-Boo and more, all in one unforgettable night of big screams, strange pizza and the ultimate plan for revenge on Jimmy and his friends.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 21, 2009 to Heidi Bioni c/o Sarah 5B.

FAMILY NAME _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____



SAVE THE DATE FOR TURKEY BINGO SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22!

**2:00-6P.M. IN THE CAFETERIA- DOORS OPEN AT 1:00
JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN, CHINESE AUCTION & MORE!!**

IF, YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER OR IF, YOU CAN DONATE TO THE CHINESE AUCTION, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND SEND THROUGH SCHOOL TO BARB DULAC, C/O MAGGIE DULAC 3B. (SUGGESTED ITEMS: LOTTERY TICKETS, GIFT CARDS, MOVIES, JEWELRY, HOLIDAY DECORATIONS, WII, DS, GAMES, ETC.)

BAKED GOODS ARE ALSO NEEDED. PLEASE DROP OFF AFTER 12:00P.M ON SUNDAY.

YES, I CAN VOLUNTEER FOR TURKEY BINGO!

NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

YES, I CAN DONATE A BASKET AND OR ITEMS (PLEASE LIST

ITEM(S): _____

The PTG sponsors Turkey Bingo and proceeds go to help fund school projects, such as the new robotics program. This year's Turkey Bingo Chairperson is Sue Leininger.

The school office email of holy-trinity-school@comcast.net has changed to: htsoffice@comcast.net

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

4yr old Preschool Picture Day – Tuesday, October 20

Market Day Pick-up will be Wednesday, October 21st from 6-7:00pm in the school cafeteria

Picture day for all students in grades K-8 and 3yr old preschoolers Thursday, October 22nd

PTG Halloween movie night will be Friday, October 23rd at 7:00pm in the gym

Bingo – this and every Friday at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria.

7th & 8th grade Halloween Dance Saturday, October 24th, 7-10:00pm in the cafeteria

Any comments, suggestions or questions about the newsletter or stories you would like to see covered please e-mail htspublicity@comcast.net. Thank you!

Have a great week!