

# Holy Trinity School Newsletter

Sunday, September 6, 2009

## SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 7  
Labor Day – No School

Tuesday, September 8  
Mass 8:30am  
Magazine Order Turn In  
Violin Meeting – 6:30pm  
School Library  
First Day Pre-4

Wednesday September 9  
Auction Meeting – 6:30pm  
School Library

Thursday, September 10  
First Day Pre-3  
Tigerthon Volunteer Training  
6:30pm School Library

Monday September 14  
Parent Information Night  
6:30pm Cafeteria

Tuesday, September 15  
Mass 8:30am  
Magazine Order Turn In

Thurs. – Fri., September 17-18  
Auditions for High School Musical  
3-5pm Mrs. Catanzarite's room

Tuesday, September 22  
Mass 8:30am  
Magazine Order Turn In

Wednesday, September 23  
Market Day Pick up  
Festival Wrap Up Mtg. 6:30pm  
School Library

Friday, September 25  
11:45am Dismissal

Saturday, September 26  
PTG Craft Show 10am-3pm

Tuesday, September 29  
Mass 8:30am

## Holy Trinity Cheerleading Program Growing



*Members of the newly formed pep squad learn a cheer. Front Row: Delaney Mangis, Lauren Zilner, Anna Rutkowski, Alexandra Rutenis, and Samantha Schiavo. Back Row: Reagan Walsh, Natalie Dixon, and Anastasia Schang*

Holy Trinity is kicking off a new cheerleading program for the 2009-2010 school year that includes all girls in 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades, offering a brand new Pep Squad, a Junior Varsity, and a Varsity group. So girls of all ages are gearing up for another year of shouting out their Tiger pride at this year's basketball games.

Coordinated by moderators Sue Leininger, a teacher at Holy Trinity, and Lisa Martin, a parent volunteer, the girls will be coached by Laura and Katie Christoff, cheerleaders from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School. Pep Squad is offered for girls in 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grades, Junior Varsity is offered for girls 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades, and the Varsity squad includes girls in 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Practices are beginning right away in September and will run every other week through December, switching to weekly practices through mid-March.

Girls in the lower grades who would like to try their hand at both cheerleading and basketball are able to do so with this new program. The Pep Squad will only be cheering at the Boys games, so cheerleading will not interfere with the Girls basketball practices – now that's something to cheer about!

## LIGHTS...CAMERA...ACTION...

Holy Trinity School Fine Arts Department under the direction of Mr. Rich Moser, has recently announced this year's Spring Musical - **Disney's HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL Jr.** The musical will be showcased May 14, 15 & 16<sup>th</sup>.

For those parents not familiar with our Fine Arts Department, we have been doing musicals for the past six years including; *Scrooge*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *Music Man*, *Guys and Dolls* and *Godspell*. We have so many very talented children here at Holy Trinity!



Lead Auditions for High School Musical Jr. will be held September 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> after school in Mrs. Catanzarite's homeroom.

Contract and Audition sheets are available in Mrs. Catanzarite's room, and will also be available on our school website - [www.holy-trinity-school.org](http://www.holy-trinity-school.org). Students must turn in the contract signed by the parents when they audition. In addition, students select which character or characters interest them from the Audition sheet and present this at time of audition. *And yes, a student may audition for more than one character!*

Being part of the musical is such an enriching experience, and we encourage all children in grades 4-8 to become involved! If your child is not interested in a lead role, we will have signups for the ensemble at a later date - and being part of the ensemble is just as rewarding! So grab some popcorn, pull out that High School Musical Movie and we'll see you at the Auditions!!



## TIGERTHON FOR TECHNOLOGY

On Friday, October 16, 2009, our entire school will be participating in our 1<sup>st</sup> annual **Tigertthon for Technology** to raise funds for school-wide technology upgrades and miscellaneous fundraising needs. Each participant will raise funds by asking sponsors to contribute a tax-deductible donation. Students will participate in a day of physical and mental challenges to earn sponsorship dollars. Students and classes will also have an opportunity to compete for a number of prizes and awards based on their participation. This event has the potential to be *extremely* profitable for the school; and some of the monies raised will be used for actual educational upgrades that will directly benefit your children. In addition **75%** of your sponsor donations will be credited toward your family's fundraising assessment.

For this event to be successful - we need 15-20 parents to help fold and stamp mailers after all grades complete their letters. We also need volunteers to help K-3 write and label their mailers. Letters will be written September 14-18 and prepared by the volunteers the following week for mailing on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Training for volunteers will take place Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the school library, and will last no longer than ½ hour. Please consider helping with this important fundraising event. If you would like to volunteer please contact: Kathie Mathews 412 337-6863 [kathiemath@comcast.net](mailto:kathiemath@comcast.net) or Joyce Chezosky 412 771-0192 [jchezosky@comcast.net](mailto:jchezosky@comcast.net)

Hours volunteered will be credited toward your volunteer hour assessment. Let's all work together and make this a successful event!

## **DECADE OF DREAMS – Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

The Holy Trinity Auction is an annual fundraising event that has proved to be very successful and popular over the years. It is one of the few events at school that is for adults-only. Parents, grandparents, and friends can get dressed up and enjoy a fun night out for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dancing, a DJ, and a live auction, all while raising money for the school. This marks the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the auction, and each year the theme, location, and specific festivities will vary, but the main events remain the same. This year's auction will be held at The Fez in Hopewell Township and include a live auctioneer, silent auction, Chinese Auction, Monte Carlo, and other miscellaneous games that coincide with the annual theme, which this year is "Decade of Dreams."

The event offers countless volunteer opportunities in addition to its fundraising potential. Soliciting donations and planning the event require a great deal of volunteer help and are just as important to the event as the bidding itself. During the live auction, you will have a chance to bid on many items, including baskets of homemade crafts put together by each Holy Trinity homeroom, such as cookie jars with children's thumbprints, platters or bowls with handprints, or painted pottery. It's a great chance to get a one of a kind keepsake. Volunteer parents will be needed to coordinate these baskets, as well as to donate and solicit other auction items. Past auction items have included signed sports memorabilia, vacations, and Steelers tickets.

More information about specific ways that you can help with this year's auction will be available soon. The auction is a great night of fun for our Holy Trinity Family and we look forward to sharing it this year with all of you!

### **Violin Classes and Lessons at Holy Trinity School**

Seton Center is pleased to offer violin classes and lessons at Holy Trinity School, taught by Mr. John Ott, who has been teaching violin at Holy Trinity for six years. Mr. Ott has a degree in Music from DePauw University and is certified to teach in Pennsylvania. He also has further studies in violin pedagogy at Northern Arizona University and through Suzuki summer institutes.

The violin classes are taught in a style that is known as the Suzuki Method or Mother Tongue Approach. This method of teaching was developed by Dr. Shinichi Suzuki in response to curiosity about his own struggle to learn the violin and the German language as an adult. What he came up with was a method to teach children music in the same way that children learn to speak their own language. Hallmarks of his approach are starting children at a young age, immersion through recordings at home, involving the parent as an active partner in the learning process and separating out the physical act of playing from the skill of reading music.

Students may start violin at any grade level and continue their lessons through eighth grade and beyond at Holy Trinity. The group classes cost \$35 a month plus the violin rental and some supplies. The classes meet during school two days a week on a rotating basis so that the students do not miss the same class more than once a month. Partner and private lessons are also available during the school day or after school on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

The Violin students perform twice a year at Holy Trinity – a Christmas concert in December and spring concert in May. The advanced students have also performed off campus for the Veterans at the VA Hospital in Oakland. This year Mr. Ott is also planning to have a group perform at a Kennywood festival in May.

For those interested, there will be a meeting on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the school library for parents and their children. If you would like more information about violin lessons or have questions, please contact John Ott at [ott.johng@gmail.com](mailto:ott.johng@gmail.com).



## QSP MAGAZINE DRIVE

Our annual magazine drive kicked off this past Wednesday and will run through Tuesday, September 22, with money & order turn in dates every Tuesday – September 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The magazine drive is a great way to help Holy Trinity School by purchasing a magazine subscription for yourself or someone else – you can also “renew” your current subscriptions.

Holy Trinity will receive 40% of each order and these funds will be used to support important goals and programs that benefit our children. Our school goal this year is to raise \$31, 009.



So **Renew** your favorite subscription, **Order** a new title, or **Give** a gift and support Holy Trinity!



Holy Trinity would like to have The Carnegie Science Center’s Fire & Ice assembly visit our school. The program is an audience participation game show which pits the Fire team against the Ice Team in a collection of exciting and explosive visual demonstrations of what happens to matter when it gets really hot and really cold. Students learn about combustion, the fire triangle and see what happens when items are frozen at a temperature of 320 degrees below zero in a liquid nitrogen demonstration. The program is for grades K-8.

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. With a little effort our children will be treated to a special assembly this winter.

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**Parent Awareness Night** will be held on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria. Come and meet the teachers, discuss grade level curriculum and school policies. Please make every effort to attend this very important and informative meeting.

*Have a great week!*