



# Holy Trinity School Newsletter

March 21, 2010

## MARCH

Monday, March 22

Stations of the Cross 2pm  
Confessions 9:30am grades 3-5

Tuesday, March 23

Mass 8:30am – 7B  
Sarris Candy Pick up 8am-3pm  
Spelling Bee 12:40 grades 4-6  
Fine Arts Mtg 6:30 Science Lab  
Auction Meeting 7pm Library

Thursday, March 25

11:45 am Dismissal  
Fundraising and Volunteer  
information due

Friday, March 26

No School  
Clerical Day

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday  
Donut Fellowship after Sunday  
Masses

Monday, March 29

ACRE Tests 5 & 8  
Confessions 1:15 grades 6-8

Tuesday, March 30

End of 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks  
Seder Meal

Wednesday, March 31

No School  
Diocesan In-Service Day

## APRIL

Thursday, April 1

Holy Thursday

Friday, April 2

Good Friday

Saturday, April 3

Holy Saturday

## 7<sup>th</sup> Graders Represent HTS in Honors Band



*Nick Trizzino, Sister M. Serafina and Noah Dawgiello at Honors Band Program*

On Sunday, March 14, after a weekend of rehearsals, both Nick Trizzino, first chair saxophone, and Noah Dawgiello, first chair trombone, represented HTS in the Northwest Honors Band Program. Thirteen Catholic Schools participated in the program. They are featured in the photo with Sister M. Serafina, O.P., the Instrumental Music Coordinator for the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Both Nick and Noah were also selected to participate in the All Star Band program with all the Districts.

## First Grade Enjoys Dr. Seuss



*Casimir Friend, Cole Hufnagel, Joseph Palamides, Kai Roberts, and Michael Leininger proudly wear their handmade Dr. Seuss "cat" hats and display their favorite Dr. Seuss Books. The class celebrates Dr. Seuss during the entire month of March!*

Miss Bruno's first grade class celebrated reading during the National Education Association's (NEA) Read Across America Day – celebrated annually on Dr. Seuss's birthday - March 2. The program generates enthusiasm for reading nationwide and focuses the country's attention on how important it is to motivate children to read.

But March 2<sup>nd</sup> was only the beginning as the class kicked off their month long Dr. Seuss celebration by making the Cat's red and white striped hat. The students also made and wore red bow ties for the Cat and have been practicing rhyming activities in the classroom – a must to enjoy a Dr. Seuss book! On March 17<sup>th</sup> the students made and enjoyed green eggs after reading *Green Eggs and Ham*.

Dr. Seuss is the most beloved children's book author of all time. His use of rhyme makes his books an effective tool for teaching young children the basic skills they need to be successful and develop a life-long love of reading. Celebrating Dr. Seuss and reading sends a clear message to our children that reading is both fun and important.



*Marissa Trizzino cracks an egg for the green eggs while Anastasia Schang and Casimir Friend look on.*



*Joseph Palamides and Lydia Maggi try their "green eggs and ham".*

## Let's Meet the Cast of High School Musical, Jr.

It's springtime and that means our school's production of High School musical is right around the corner! Over the next seven weeks, we are going to introduce you to our talented students who make up our cast. These students have been working hard for months and will continue to do so right up until the play, so be sure to get your HSM tickets to support our students.



**Brooke Gallagher** (*Cheerleader*) is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader and happy to be performing in her first musical at Holy Trinity. In addition to the musical, Brooke is busy playing basketball, soccer and serving as a cantor. Outside of school she enjoys karate, reading, swimming, golfing, and running. Brooke says she is excited to be playing the part of a cheerleader because "I get to be peppy and fun, and cheer for my friends!" Brooke would like to thank Mr. Moser and Mrs. Catanzarite for taking the time to teach her the routines.



**Abby Glikes** (*Brainiac*) is returning for her second year in a Holy Trinity School Production. Abby sang "Beautiful City" in last year's performance of Godspell. A 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Holy Trinity, Abby loves horse back riding and reading. She also plays piano and sings in a children's choir. Abby is excited to be part of the musical not only because she loves to sing, but also because she gets to spend more time with her friends and "it (the musical) is very fun to be a part of". At home Abby likes to spend time playing with her four cats.

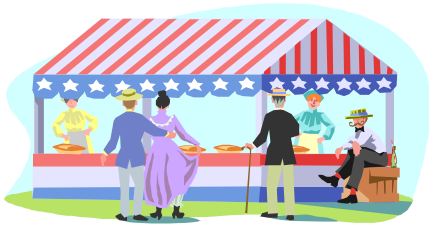


**Jordynn Miskow** (*Cheerleader*) is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader and will be performing in her second Holy Trinity musical after performing in Godspell in the spring of 2009. Jordynn plays basketball, participates in the band and serves as a cantor and altar server. Outside of school Jordynn likes to collect shells, golf, bowl and swim. Jordynn is glad to be playing a cheerleader because her character has "a lot of pep and attitude" and she gets to hang out with all her friends. She is really glad to be a part of the play and can't wait to do more!



**Francesca Rogers** (*Brainiac*) is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader performing in a Holy Trinity production for the first time. She is not a stranger to performing and has done several performances at a local dance centre, where she takes Musical Theatre Class. Outside of school Francesca enjoys reading and musical theatre. Francesca recently auditioned for the role of a munchkin in the upcoming performance of the Wizard of Oz coming to Pittsburgh.

## Holy Trinity Festival



Save the dates of August 4, 5, 6 & 7th. We have an exciting festival being planned for this year with great food, games, and fabulous live entertainment!

If you have any comments, ideas, or suggestions or would like to help, please contact Jennifer Minsinger at [htsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:htsfestival@gmail.com)

### ***A Note from Our Chairs***

Dear School Parents,

For those of you who we do not know us, our names are Tom and Jennifer Minsinger and we are happy to chair this year's festival. We currently have three children in Holy Trinity ranging from grades 3 – 8 and our oldest son, a sophomore at Canevin, also attended Holy Trinity. We have been parishioners at Holy Trinity for over eight years and look forward to the festival every August. This year we are even more excited to be making a positive impact on the festival and are eager to hear your suggestions to make this year's festival the best yet. We want to take the successes of the festivals past and add some new - putting a fresh and exciting face on our festival. Please feel free to contact us at [htsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:htsfestival@gmail.com) with any ideas or suggestions you may have. If you would like to help – we are happy to have you as part of the team and we look forward to working with each of you. Thank You.

Tom & Jennifer Minsinger

### ***New Chinese Auction***

After researching several other church festivals we are very excited to share with you our new format for the Chinese Auction at this year's festival. We would like to fill our booth with beautiful unique baskets that have something for everyone! These baskets will be made by our very own school and parish families! We kindly ask that our families make a basket of their choice to donate. The basket can be a "theme" of your choice, whether it is a children's themed basket (*Barbie, Pokémon, Dr. Seuss*), something for the ladies (*Baking, Spa Day,*) for the men (*Sports, Car, Tools,*) or the entire family.

Making and decorating the baskets can be so much fun especially if you involve the entire family. Don't forget to include a card with your family name attached to the basket, because half of the fun is everyone seeing the baskets and which family made them! Maybe your family loves the beach - put together "A Day at the Beach" basket, and don't forget our pets with a "Pampered Pooch" basket...the possibilities are endless. If you don't feel you can take this on yourself, team up with another family or two.

We would like the value of the baskets to be \$40 & up. This is a new trend for Chinese Auctions and a much better approach because the businesses in the area are donating fewer items due to the economy. Put on your thinking caps and let your creative juices flow. . . Baskets can be left in the school office during the week and in the church office after Mass on weekends. We have been blessed with a donated storage facility for the baskets from "Aunt Mini Self Storage". ***Start those baskets coming . . . spread the excitement . . . let's make it fun!*** As an added bonus – all families donating a basket will be entered into a drawing for a [reserved parking space](#) for all four days of the festival. If you have any questions or need an idea email [htsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:htsfestival@gmail.com) and we will be happy to help. Thank you!

**Please continue to watch the newsletter for our festival page with the latest information on this upcoming event!**

## School Publicity

We ask for your cooperation that no school information or photos be submitted to any paper or magazine without first being cleared through the publicity committee. There are certain guidelines that must be followed, the most important being that all **students in photographs must have a signed publicity release**. In addition we are trying to promote the school and the good work that is being done and extraneous submissions make this difficult. Publications have been informed that they are not to accept any material with regard to the school unless it comes from the publicity committee. Feel free to contact us at [htspublicity@comcast.net](mailto:htspublicity@comcast.net) with any information you feel is worthy for submission and we will be happy to review and submit. Thank you for your cooperation!

## A New Stage Curtain



It gives us great pleasure to announce that our school stage will now have a beautiful stage curtain! Words cannot express our appreciation to the **Glikes family** (Kevin, Kathy, & Abby grade 5) for donating the funds to make this dream a reality!! Your kindness will be remembered for years to come. May God Bless!

## Auction Meeting

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Holy Trinity Auction Kickoff Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm** in the school library. Join us as we plan our theme, brainstorm ideas, and form committees. Remember hours spent on the Auction count toward the "big" 25 hour requirement. Everyone is welcome!

## Fine Art Meeting

Everyone is welcome to the Fine Arts Department meeting on **Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm** in the school science lab. Our spring musical—"High School Musical" is May 14, 15, & 16. If you don't have a child in the play, that's okay—we would love to have your help!

## Donut Social



Please join your fellow parishioners in the school cafeteria for coffee, juice, and donuts after all Palm Sunday masses on **March 28<sup>th</sup>**.

## Back by popular demand!

A Spaghetti dinner will be held on **Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>** from 12 noon to 6:00pm in the school cafeteria. The dinner will be catered by Spaghetti Warehouse of Pittsburgh. Best bake sale in town! Adults \$6.50, Children \$4.00 (ages 5-10) & Children under 5 eat free. Save the date and enjoy the afternoon with us!



## Car Raffle

Holy Trinity School is holding a fundraiser raffle with the winner taking home a brand new 2010 Chrysler Sebring. Costs of the tickets are \$20 each or buy 5 and get one free. Drawing will be held August 7, 2010. Please log onto [www.htscardrawing.com](http://www.htscardrawing.com) for more information including rules and eligibility. Seller of the Winning Ticket receives \$1000

Please make every effort to sell the tickets sent home this past week - your support of this new fundraiser is greatly appreciated!

# SCRIP Update

## SALES & PROFIT SUMMARY

SCRIP Profit thru March 6, 2010 is **\$19,522!** Our goal for this school year is \$20,000.

## SCRIP SALES

**SCRIP Sales after Mass** - Scrip is sold after weekend masses every 2nd and 4th weekend. If you can help sell Scrip after one of the masses, please contact Jane Dixon at [jdixon@mountwestinv.com](mailto:jdixon@mountwestinv.com)

**SCRIP** is sold **daily** from 9-10:00am at school. Orders may also be sent in with your child and they will be filled and returned the same day.

# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Holy Trinity Auction Kickoff Meeting!

It's that time of year! Time to start planning our 11<sup>th</sup> annual auction!

The Kickoff Meeting is scheduled for

**Tuesday, March 23 at 7pm in  
the Library.**

Do you have ideas for how the auction can be even better?

Bring them along ~ we want to hear them!

Join us as we plan our theme, brainstorm on how to improve on all our fantastic years past, and form our committees. Remember, hours spent on the auction count toward the 25-hour requirement, since this is one of our school's biggest fundraisers!

So bring your great ideas, hard work, and faithful spirit to help make this year's auction great! Auction Volunteers are always welcome!

**See you there!**

Chrissy Kuchnicki – Auction Chair



Order your tickets early and take advantage of the **Pre-Sale Pricing**. Pre-sale Adult Ticket: \$7 and pre-sale for Students: \$2. As of **April 1<sup>st</sup>** the regular pricing of \$8 for Adult and \$3 for Students will apply.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, May 14 (7 PM)      Number of Tickets: A: \_\_\_\_\_ S: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, May 15 (7 PM)      Number of Tickets: A: \_\_\_\_\_ S: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, May 16 (2 PM)      Number of Tickets: A: \_\_\_\_\_ S: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Ticket: \$7.00    Children: \$2.00      Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Holy Trinity School (Add "HS Musical" on your memo line)

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### **Program Booklet Advertising – High School Musical Jr.**

As a self-supporting event, your advertising is very important to the Fine Arts Department. Over 1000 people will have the opportunity to view your advertising. An advertising request booklet was sent home last week. In addition you can log onto our website [www.holy-trinity-school.org](http://www.holy-trinity-school.org) to find the form. From the home page click on **About HTS** and then **Fine Arts**

## Send in Your Shop 'n Save Receipts



Please remember to send in all your Shop 'n Save Receipts! The school collects the receipts and uses them to earn learning assemblies for our children from the Pittsburgh Zoo, Carnegie Science Center or the Museum of Natural History. The receipts can either be sent in with your child or dropped off at the school office. Encourage your family and friends to save the receipts as well. Thank You!!

## Labels for Education & Box Tops



Please save your Labels for Education and Box Tops for our school. Simply send the labels or box tops to school with your child. Thank You!

### **Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is Friday at noon.**

*Any comments, suggestions or questions about the newsletter or stories you would like to see covered please e-mail [htspublicity@comcast.net](mailto:htspublicity@comcast.net). This newsletter is published weekly by the communications committee. Current and past issues reside on the Holy Trinity website. Thank you!*

*Have a great week!*