



Holy Trinity School Newsletter

March 28, 2010

MARCH

Monday, March 29
ACRE Tests 5 & 8
Confessions 1:15 grades 6-8

Tuesday, March 30
End of 3rd 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

Sunday, April 4
Easter Sunday

Monday, April 5
Snow Make up Day

Tuesday, April 6
Auction Meeting 6:30pm
Science Lab

Sunday, April 11
Spring Fling Dinner

Monday, April 12
Terra Nova Testing

Tuesday, April 13
Terra Nova Testing

Wednesday, April 14
Terra Nova Testing

Thursday, April 15
Terra Nova Testing

Friday, April 16
Terra Nova Testing

First Grade Celebrates Dr. Seuss



Miss Bruno's first graders dress up as their favorite Dr. Seuss character.

Miss Bruno's first grade class wrapped up their month long celebration of reading and Dr. Seuss, by dressing as their favorite Dr. Seuss character. The class was full of The Cat in the Hat, Sam I am, Yertle the Turtle, Daisy Head Mayzie, Thing 1, and Cindy-Lou Who.

The class started their celebration on March 2nd – Read across America Day – and continued through the month making various Dr. Seuss accessories like hats and bows for the Cat in the Hat. They practiced their rhyming skills and even had green eggs and ham on St. Patrick's Day. Finally each student read five Dr. Seuss books, rated them and completed a written and oral book report on their favorite.

The students developed a true appreciation for reading and had a lot of fun along the way!

Holy Trinity Spelling Bee



Holy Trinity held its Spelling Bee on Tuesday March 23rd under the leadership and direction of Mrs D'Itri. Six students in grades 4-6 participated in the bee. The following students represented their classes:

4th grade - Noah Suehr and McKenna Pasic

5th grade - Meredith Flanagan and Joey Connolly

6th grade - Danielle Chwilka and JT Kuchnicki

The winner of the Spelling Bee was JT Kuchnicki and he will go on to represent Holy Trinity in The Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Spelling Bee on Wednesday, May 12th at St. Paul's Auditorium. The first runner up was Joey Connolly.

Congratulations to all our participants!

Pictured left to right: Joseph Connolly, Joseph (J.T.) Kuchnicki, Meredith Flanagan, McKenna Pasic. Missing from photo: Noah Suehr and Dani Chwilka

To the Staff, Students and School Families,

I would like to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the love and support that I have received from you during this difficult time for my family with the death of my granddaughter. You can't begin to know how much it meant to me to know that my family and I were in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you also for the beautiful Spiritual Bouquet, both the flower arrangement and the beautiful Pieta will always have a special place in my home. Holy Trinity School certainly is someplace special.

My Love and Gratitude to All,

Mr. Moser



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! We are going to continue to introduce you to our talented students who make up our cast right. 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.



Nicole Cardillo (*Jock*) is a 5th grader and will be performing in her second Holy Trinity musical after performing in *Godspell* in the spring of 2009. Nicole is a cheerleader, a member of our soccer team, plays the snare drum in the band and participates on the academic team. Outside of school, Nicole also enjoys skateboarding. Nicole says she "loves being in the plays because it's fun to hang out with the others".



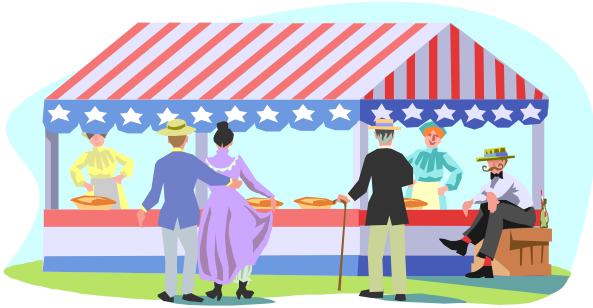
Jenna Reilly (*Basketball Player*) is an 8th grader returning for a second Holy Trinity production after performing in last year's *Godspell*. Jenna is a member of both the basketball and volleyball teams at Holy Trinity, and also enjoys softball. Jenna is excited to be playing a basketball player in the musical since she plays for the school.



Chance Roberts (*Thesbian*) is an 8th grader and excited to be performing in a Holy Trinity production for the first time. Chance currently is a member of the Forensics team at Holy Trinity and a member of the Sheradon Kiwanis. Outside of school, she likes to play basketball, dance, rap, and write lyrics. Chance's favorite part of being a Thesbian in the musical is that her character "gets to dance and sing a lot". Chance would like to dedicate this year's performance to honor her mom and dad.

Dani Chwilka (*Moderator/Brainiac*) is returning for her second year in a Holy Trinity production after performing in *Godspell* last spring. Dani is active as a member of the Forensics Team, Varsity Cheerleader, Altar server, cantor, and participant in the Battle of the Books. Outside of school Dani likes playing soccer, reading, writing, and photography. She finds her character in the play "kind of funny" and likes that she has speaking lines. While Dani loves acting, she hopes to become a Broadcast Journalist and a writer.

Holy Trinity Festival – August 4-7th, 2010



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

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 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!

Auction News!

The Auction Committee is in full swing, and we are still looking for committee members and chairs for just about everything! Please contact Chrissy Kuchnicki chrissyk2@comcast.net or 412-788-6685 if interested. Families who are newer to the school, who bring a whole new set of great ideas, are especially encouraged! Our next meeting is **Tuesday, April 6**, at 6:30pm in the Science Lab - please join us!

Everyone received a Quick Survey via email - please respond by Monday, April 5. We want to be sure we are 'on the pulse' of what our HTS families are looking for in the auction, so your response is very important to us!

SCRIP Update



WE DID IT!!

We have exceeded our SCRIP fundraising goal for this year. As of March 19th we raised \$20,252.

Thank you to all who have supported this great fundraiser – lets keep it going!

SALES & PROFIT SUMMARY

SCRIP Profit thru March 19, 2010 is **\$20,252!** 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

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.

Important Note: The cut off to earn fundraising dollars for this year is April 30, 2010. Beginning May 1, 2010, SCRIP purchases will count toward your 2010-2011 fundraising.

Back by popular demand!

A Spaghetti dinner will be held on **Sunday April 25th** 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 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!



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 1st** 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)

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 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. This newsletter is published weekly by the communications committee. Current and past issues reside on the Holy Trinity website. Thank you!

Have a Blessed Easter!