



# Holy Trinity School Newsletter

November 15, 2009

## NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 17

Mass 8:30am

Wednesday, November 18

Protecting God's Children  
Workshop 1pm Cafeteria  
Market Day Pick up 6-7pm

Friday, November 20

Bingo 7pm School Cafeteria

Sunday, November 22

Turkey Bingo 2-6pm  
School Cafeteria

Tuesday, November 24

Mass 8:30am  
Non-perishable food drive

Wednesday, November 25

11:45am Dismissal



Thursday-Monday, Nov. 26-30

No School

Thanksgiving Break

## DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 9

Violin Concert 7:00pm gym

Saturday, December 12

Breakfast with Santa 10-12

Sat.-Tues., Dec 12-15

Santa Workshop

Thursday, December 17

Band and School Choral  
Concert

December 21-January 1

Christmas Break

## Holy Trinity Students Partner in Prayer



*Prayer partners Nathan Jancosko and Casimir Friend*

In a new program launched in October, Holy Trinity teachers are pairing younger students with older students in a Prayer Partner activity that will serve to enhance their spirituality in school and daily life and gain a better appreciation for the power of prayer.

The students were randomly assigned partners that they will get to know throughout the year. They began by sharing personal information about themselves with their new partner during their first meeting by completing "All About Me" worksheets.

During November they will spend time being thankful for their partners as they think about Thanksgiving and remember their partners in their daily prayers. In December, the pairs will meet again and work on a special project together to celebrate the birth of our Lord at Christmas time. The monthly activities will continue to reflect the season and happenings in the Catholic Church at the time, including Catholic Schools Week, Lent, and May Crowning, and will also revolve around the student's new friend, teaching the students to gain an appreciation for others.

The Prayer Partners will have a lot to share with each other throughout the year. They will learn that prayer is a powerful resource for them as students and friends as they learn to reflect on daily activities in a new light, as well as make a new special friend that will surely remain in their personal prayers for years to come.



# Holy Trinity Honor Roll

## HIGH HONORS

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Gianna Boburka  
Brendan Connolly  
Andrew Krivan  
Cayenne Morinville  
Teodora Sciulli  
Emilie VanDyke

Daniel Bechek  
Caitlin Davis  
Michelle McGuire  
Marissa Palarino  
Kyle Seamon  
Melissa Zegeer

Brandon Britt  
Nicholas DiSanti  
Giuseppe Michelone  
Jenna Reilly  
Kayla Skelly

Dominic Bullotta  
Jennifer Haseleu  
Emma Minsinger  
Catherine Roberts  
Ryan Theobald

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sean Airesman  
Amy Kayser  
Sarah Maslakowski  
Michael Roberts  
Matt Zenk

Jillian Chezosky  
Jonathan Kosol  
Dominique Murray  
Chase Virgi

Noah Dawgiello  
Zack Lander  
Santino Platt  
Aidan White

Ryan Durbin  
Simone Lardieri  
Nathan Quince  
Meghan Witcop

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Caroline Clarke  
Andrew Iezzi  
John Rutkowski  
Aleya Yilmaz

Riana Conway  
Joseph Kuchnicki  
Karissa Shaner  
Paige Zilner

Nicole Evanovich  
Joseph Mammarelli  
Christine Shine  
Benjamin Zimmer

David Haseleu  
Leah Narkovic  
Thomas Sylvester

## HONORS

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Daniel Christenson

JaShawn Smith

Derek McMonagle

Jensen Toole

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Aaron Alke  
Jackie Mathews  
Nick Trizzino

A.J. Bedway  
Christy Morgan  
Michael Zegeer

Rocco Giglio  
Paige O'Neil  
Braylon Zilner

Julia Martin  
Dominique Servati

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Jay Batch  
John Karabinos

Danielle Chwilka  
Genevieve Kastronis

Shawn Finn  
Chad LeMasters

Zachary Jablonski

## All Saints Football Team Undefeated, Wins Championship



*Daniel Christenson, Michael Zegeer, Ryan Theobald, Alex Ritter, Aaron Alke, Stephen Vasko, Matt Zenk*

In the 2009 Diocese of Pittsburgh Varsity Grade School Football Championship played on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, the All Saints team, including students from Holy Trinity, claimed victory over St. Bartholomew's Bruins in a game held at Duquesne University's Rooney Field. The score was 24-6, concluding the season with an undefeated record for the Saints!

The All Saints team includes students from Catholic elementary schools in the Diocese, including Holy Trinity School. Students from 7-8th grades comprise the Varsity team, which includes seven boys from Holy Trinity: Alex Ritter, Ryan Theobald, Stephen Vasko, Mike Zegeer, Aaron Alke, Matt Zenk, and Daniel Christenson.

## Holy Trinity's 2009 Academic Team Begins a New Season

The Holy Trinity Academic Team has chosen new members for their 2009 season. Coached by 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Alan Betten, the 5th-8th grade students participate in a wide variety of academic challenges with other schools that vary from year to year. This year the team will participate in the Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl, an online competition held in January, as well as the Sweet 16 online quiz competition in Spring 2010. Students needed to pass a timed, written test in order to be eligible to compete.

This year's team will gather to practice once a week on Thursdays during lunchtime. They'll eat lunch together and play trivia games to challenge themselves and their teammates in preparation for the upcoming competitions. In past years, Holy Trinity's Academic Team was a four-time Bishop Canevin Quiz Bowl Champion. They have also gone on to place 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state of Pennsylvania in online trivia competitions, being awarded trophies, certificates, and even scholarship money.

The 2009-2010 team consists of Emma Minsinger, Brendan Connolly, Catherine Roberts, Caitlin Davis, Jen Haseleu, C.J. Morinville, Meghan Witcop, Amy Kayser, Noah Dawgiello, Jonathan Kosol, Dani Chwilka, Nick DeLisio, Daniel Shaw, Andrew Buckley, Andrew Gabriel, Joey Connolly, Meredith Flanagan, Nicole Cardillo, and Christian Murray.

"I want to welcome the new team and wish them great success in the upcoming year," said Coach Alan Betten.

## Holy Trinity holds 2009-2010 Student Council Elections



Students in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades recently held elections for positions on the 2009-2010 Holy Trinity Student Council on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Students in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade ran for the positions of Student Council officers and were permitted to deliver speeches in the cafeteria to the 5th-8th grade student body prior to the elections. Students in 5<sup>th</sup>-8th also held individual elections in each homeroom to determine classroom representatives, including one boy and one girl for each homeroom.

The results are: President - Brendan Connolly; Vice President - Emilie VanDyke; Public Relations - Emma Minsinger; Treasurer - Catherine Roberts; Recording Secretary - Marissa Palarino. Homeroom Representatives are: Tia Sciulli, Nicky Bullotta, Caitlin Davis, Giuseppe Michelone, Taylor DiPerna, Ryan Durbin, Christy Morgan, Santino Platt, Aleyna Yilmaz, Shawn Finn, Michael Blake, Meredith Flanagan, Joseph Connolly, and Rachel Kuchnicki.

"We wish them all the best of luck in serving in these demanding positions and congratulate them on being awarded this honor by their fellow classmates," said Student Council Coordinator, Alan Betten.

These students have committed to become vital members of the Student Council organization, which holds a great responsibility to their fellow students and teachers. Through this experience, the students will be given an introduction to student government, including civic and community responsibility, and will gain leadership skills that will sure to become assets in the years after they graduate from Holy Trinity.

## Food Drive

Please send in non perishable food items on Tuesday, November 24th. The students will bring their donation to the altar at Offertory, during the 8:30am Mass. The collected food will be donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity!



## Save the Date for our Santa Breakfast

Get into that Christmas Spirit with our annual Santa Breakfast on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – noon in the School Cafeteria. There will be face painting, crafts, a balloon twister, raffle and much more with the highlight of the day - a special visit by Santa!

Cost is \$4 per person which includes a pancake breakfast.

Look for more details coming soon!

# **Turkey Bingo**

*(Pittsburgh Steelers Style!)*



Where: Holy Trinity Cafeteria

**When: This Sunday - November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009**

**Doors open at 1:00 - Games from 2-4pm**

**\*Family Fun      \*Food      \*50/50      \*Chinese Auction \*Prizes**

**Bring your family and have fun playing Bingo and “cheering” on our Pittsburgh Steelers!! The TV’s in the cafeteria will have the Steeler game on. Wear your “*black and gold*” to win a free game!**

**Hope to see you there!!**

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**Volunteers are needed to help with this fun event!! This includes serving already prepared food, working at the bingo card table, baked goods table or Chinese Auction table. (It will count toward your volunteer hours.)**

**I can help work the Turkey Bingo:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone # \_\_\_\_\_

My son/daughter (6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grader) can help:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_

I can donate a baked good: Name \_\_\_\_\_

(send to Sue Leininger c/o Rachael 5A)

# SCRIP Update

## **SCRIP NEWS ALERT**- NEW FROM SCRIP

**Do you want to do your entire Christmas gift card buying at one place at one time?** Please visit [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) and look at the **hundreds** of gift cards that are offered on the Retailer List. An order will be placed **December 10<sup>th</sup>** for any and all of the gift cards available through GLSCRIP.

If you would like to place an order, email Cheryl DiSanti at [cheryl.disanti@amwater.com](mailto:cheryl.disanti@amwater.com). When your cards are available, you will receive an e-mail to let you know to send a check to school and the cards will be sent home to you. Please remember to include your child's name and teacher on your email order. We will fill out the form for you so you receive your fundraising credit.

## **SCRIP GIFT CARDS INCENTIVE**

If you are not buying SCRIP gift cards yet, now may be the time to start!

- Each family that purchases **\$300-\$499** of SCRIP gift cards each month, will be granted **one (1) jeans day pass** per HT student in grades 1-8 and **one (1) Free Frosty Coupon** per HT student in Pre-School or Kindergarten!
- Each family that purchases **\$500 or more** of SCRIP gift cards each month, will be granted **two (2) jeans passes** per HT student in grades 1-8 and **two (2) Free Frosty Coupons** per HT student in Pre-School or Kindergarten!
- The incentive will run from November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 through May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

## **Remember to use SCRIP for your everyday and gift giving needs.**

- ❖ With Thanksgiving right around the corner, please remember to purchase your **Giant Eagle, Shop `n Save** or **Wal-Mart** gift cards as you start making purchases for your Thanksgiving Dinner!!
- ❖ Have you started shopping for your children's Christmas clothes? We have cards for many of the stores you shop. **Gap/Old Navy 9%, JCPenney 5%, Kohl's 5%, Macy's 10%, and The Children's Place 12%**
- ❖ SCRIP makes Christmas gift giving a breeze – purchase gift cards for all those "hard to buy for" people on your list.

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**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.

**Market Day** Pick-Up 6:00-7:00pm in the school cafeteria.

**Athletic Association Meeting** - Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the school cafeteria - all are welcome!

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

**Turkey Bingo** – *Pittsburgh Steelers Style* on Sunday, November 22 in the school cafeteria. Doors open at 1:00pm and games begin at 2:00pm. TV's in the cafeteria will be tuned to the Steelers game, so wear your **black** and **gold** and win a free game.

*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. Thank you!*

*Have a great week!*