



Holy Trinity School Newsletter

December 13, 2009

DECEMBER

Mon. -Thur., Dec 14-17
Santa Workshop

Monday December 14
Pre-School Christmas
Program

Tuesday, December 15
Mass 8:30am

Wednesday, December 16
Weather Assembly
Market Day Pick Up

Thursday, December 17
Band Concert 6:30pm

Friday December 18
Christmas Concert 9:30am
School gym
Classroom Christmas Parties
Wear Christmas Shirt and
Jeans

Saturday, December 19
School Dance –grades 7 & 8
7-10:00pm cafeteria

December 21-January 1
Christmas Break

Christmas Strings Concert 🎵



Braylon Zilner (right) with Mr. John Ott, performing Martini Gavotte

Sweet violin music filled the air on December 9th, as family and friends gathered to enjoy Holy Trinity students play in their *Strings Christmas Concert*. The concert was an opportunity for the students, ranging in age from Kindergarten through 7th grade, to showcase their musical talents.

The Program began with a demonstration by the beginning violin students of the material they have learned so far this year. Advanced students were featured in a number of solos and ensembles, and played classical and folk tunes as well as popular movie themes. Being the Christmas Season, the crowd favorites were the ever popular Christmas Carols, including Silent Night, Frosty the Snowman, Jolly Old St. Nicholas – just to name a few. The concert came to a close with “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”, followed by a cookie reception.

Most students have lessons in either Beginner or Advanced classes twice a week at school under leadership of Mr. John Ott, who has been teaching violin at Holy Trinity for more than six years. For additional information please contact John Ott at ott.johnq@gmail.com.

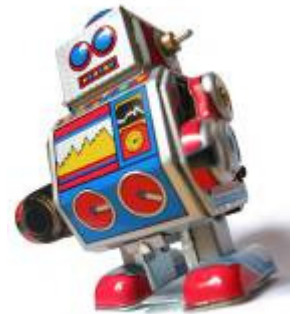
Holy Trinity Students Celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas

Students at Holy Trinity School were treated with shoes full of goodies on Friday, Dec. 4th, a tradition honoring the feast of St. Nicholas, sometimes called the "Advent Saint." Candy canes, new pencils and Christmas erasers are among the gifts that old St. Nick left this year.

Every year on or around December 6th, many children get their first taste of Christmas with this old tradition of leaving a shoe outside their door before they go to bed, only to find it filled with treats brought by St. Nicholas overnight. St. Nicholas was the bishop of a city called Myra in Turkey in the early part of the fourth century. He had a reputation for secret gift-giving, especially to children, and came to be known as Sinterklaas, meaning Santa Claus.

Robotic Test Groups

Kindergarten and second grade were part of a unique test group. Mr. Palmer (uncle of Sami and Maddie Schiavo), from Bossa Nova Robotics brought his robotic toys to Holy Trinity School. He demonstrated to the students various ways toys are chosen to sell to the public, and invited the children to share their ideas, (*which Mr. Palmer took back to his company*), for future inventions. Be it the Penbo Penguin or just a plain robot, the children unanimously agreed it was the best demonstration ever! Look for the children's ideas on future robotic toys at www.bnrobotics.com.



First Grade Learns to Shop Smart



Mrs. DiPaolo and Miss Bruno took their classes on a field trip to Giant Eagle this past Thursday for a store tour program that encouraged the children to eat healthy and make wise choices when selecting food to eat. During the tour the educator stopped at various departments within the store and talked with the children about the foods and the food groups to which they belong, further reinforcing what the children have been learning in school.

Student Council Salvation Army Toy Drive 2009 – Last Day Tomorrow!

Holy Trinity student council is collecting **new unwrapped** toys during December for the Salvation Army Treasures for Children program. The Salvation Army will distribute these toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community.

The last day to drop off a toy is Monday, December 14th. Toy drop off is located at the car rider door. Thank you for your continued generosity!



Sarris Candy Sale – A “Sweet” Success

Total sales for our Christmas Sarris Candy sale were approx. \$22,000 and Holy Trinity receives 35% of that in profit (approximately \$7700). For those who have not yet paid – please send in your check (*payable to Holy Trinity School*) by Tuesday, **December 15**. Thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser and a very special Thank You to Mary Buckley who organized the fundraiser and to Gina Palarino and Dave Haseleu for their help in distributing the candy on Dec 8!



Turkey Bingo Recap

A huge Thank You to all who attended volunteered or donated to Turkey bingo. It was a great success and a lot of fun! The PTG really appreciates your help and support!

A special Thank You to the following families who donated to the Chinese Auction:

The Seibel Family
The Flanagan Family
The Leininger Family
The Kayser Family
The Blake Family
The Dulac Family

The Cardillo Family
The Rutkowski Family
The Williams Family
The Moody Family
The Kuchnicki Family

Christmas Concert Rescheduled

The Christmas concert originally scheduled for Thursday evening, December 17, 2009 has been rescheduled to **Friday, December 18, 2009 at 9:30am** in the school gymnasium. The Band will still perform their concert on Thursday night, December 17 at 6:30pm, and will also join with the students on Friday morning to perform. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

HTS Athletic Association Meetings

The next Holy Trinity Athletic Association will be held on Thursday, January 21st at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria. Future meetings are scheduled for March 18th, & May 20th -so mark your calendars. Everyone is welcome to attend!

SCRIP Update

Scrip will be sold after all the masses the weekend before Christmas (December 19/20)
– A great time to pick up any last minute gifts or shopping cards to get you through the holidays!

If any one is interested in earning volunteer hours towards their major fundraising hours, you are welcome to help after any of the masses - no need to sign up just show up!

The **Jeans Day Pass** awards continue this month. Sales will be tallied every Friday and passes will be sent home on the following Monday.

Purchase \$300 - \$499 of scrip in one month to receive 1 Jeans Day Pass for each student in your family. Purchases of \$500 and over will receive 2 Jeans Day Passes for each student in your family. **NOTE: A Maximum of Two (2) Jeans Day Passes per month per student will be awarded.**

Inventory

We have several cards in our inventory that do not appear on our order form. If you would like to purchase one of these cards please make a note on the order form and send to school with your child, or you can stop in from 9-10:00am during the week when SCRIP is normally sold. Thank You!

Atria's	\$25	Qty 4
GNC	\$25	Qty 1
Napster	\$15	Qty 1

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Santa Workshop will be open Monday through Thursday, December 14th-17th. Please check the letter that was sent home for the specific day and time your child will be going.

Monday, December 14th - **Pre-School Christmas Program**

Market Day pick up is Wednesday, December 16th.

Band Concert is Thursday evening, December 17th at 6:30pm

The school **Christmas Choral Concert** is being held Friday, December 18th at 9:30am in the school gymnasium.

The Middle School **Christmas Dance** for grades 7 & 8 will be held on Saturday, December 19th from 7-10:00pm in the school cafeteria

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 of the newsletter reside on the Holy Trinity website. Thank you!

Have a great week!