

# PRINCIPAL'S PAGE



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Happy New Year!!

Welcome to the New Year! It is time for change, renewal, and celebration. The great thing about today is that yesterday is gone. You can't go back and undo things you have done, but you can embrace today and look toward the future with hope.

**New Music Teacher:** Michael Timcheck is the newly appointed music teacher at Holy Trinity Catholic School. Michael recently graduated with magna cum laude honors from Slippery Rock University with a degree in Music Education, specializing in piano and voice studies. He was highly involved in many ensembles and organizations while at Slippery Rock, such as the Chamber Singers, Marching Band, PCMEA, and Mu Phi Epsilon, an honorary music fraternity. Michael has been seen on stage in many theater productions in the area, most recently performing as Ken Gorman in the Butler Little Theatre production of "Rumors" by Neil Simon. Michael is currently the accompanist for the Mon Yough Community Singers in White Oak, PA and an active member in the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh.

**Tigerthon:** Here is an update on the Tigerthon. The total money raised on our first Tigerthon was \$ 33,460.00.

Winners:

- Most Sponsor Labels by September 11<sup>th</sup>: Mrs. Finn's Class Reward Popcorn and Movie Party
- Highest Dollars Raised : Mrs. LaGrosse's class: Pizza Party
- Turning in 10 or more labels by a 9/11/09: Alexandra Rutenis and Christian Murray: \$50 scrip cards
- Raising more than \$300.00: Drawing Pivirotto and Seamon Families: a \$100.00 Scrip Card
- Met \$25,000 goal: Entire School Ice Cream Party: January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Expenses: Our expenses to date are \$1,072.41. The school ice cream party, popcorn and movie party, and \$300 in gift cards are still outstanding.

The money has been allocated to go to:

- \$1,000 to the Pre School. Each teacher will receive \$500.00 to purchase classroom, materials.

\$6,000 for Technology; Wireless routers, wireless cards for the teacher's laptops and student "portable lab" laptops, cart for the "portable lab" laptops to be stored and moved from classroom to classroom, SmartBoard for classrooms on the lower level (7th & 8th grades) to share, SYNC software to monitor student computers in the computer lab, and will also display student's monitors on the front SmartBoard in computer lab.

There are also various other technology ideas we are currently checking into and I will let you know the results as to what will be purchased. The remaining money will be credited to our fundraising assessment.

- All participating families received an envelope with letters of the people who made a donation to the Tigerthon. Please have your children send a thank you to everyone who supported your child in this fundraising event.
- I want to thank Mrs. Chezosky and Mrs. Mathews for organizing this wonderful fundraising event. Thanks also to Sue Leininger for organizing the Tigerthon activities for the school and both Pre-School classes. Everyone had a great time.

**Catholic Schools Week:** Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> and ends on Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup>. Due to the Erie Basketball Tournament we will celebrate by holding a closing mass. Information for all Catholic Schools Week activities will be sent home around the middle of January.

**WTAE Weather Assembly:** Stephen Cropper from WTAE did an assembly on weather at the school on December 16<sup>th</sup>. The assembly was very interesting. Please go to WTAE.com and click on the weather bar, click on School Visits and then scroll down under School Visits by Weather Watch 4 and locate Holy Trinity School. The station did a great job in promoting our school.

**Campbell's Labels, Box Tops for Education, and Shop n Save Receipts:** Please remember to save Campbell's Labels, Box Tops and Shop n Save receipts for the school. Ask your family and friends to save them too. We are able to purchase materials for the school and have assemblies brought to the school because of these programs.

**Campbell Label Contest:** Beginning on January 4<sup>th</sup> and ending on January 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a contest to see which classroom brings in the most labels. The winning class will have a popsicle party. Send in those Campbell's Labels.