



Catholic Schools Week

## PRINCIPAL'S PAGE January 2012

Happy New Year to Everyone!!

Hope everyone is refreshed, rejuvenated and ready for an exciting second semester. I would like to begin by acknowledging our students for their hard work and dedication during this first semester of the 2011-2012 school year. The accomplishments of our student body are something that all of us should recognize and be very proud to witness! Thank you everyone for all you've done to make the first half of the year so successful. Let's continue to strive for excellence as we move full speed ahead and take learning to a higher level.

**Welcome to HTS:** Welcome to the newest members of the Holy Trinity School Family the Sommers. The Sommers moved here from Indianapolis, Indiana. They have 4 children and 3 of them will be attending our school. Jackson will be joining the 4 year old preschool class, Benjamin will be in Mrs. Petro's second grade class and Marshall will be in Mrs. Leininger's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class.

**Tigerton for Technology Meeting:** There will be a meeting for anyone interested in learning more about volunteering for the Tigerthon. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11th at 8:30am in the cafeteria. This is a very important fundraiser for the school. This year 15% of the profit will go to purchase technology materials such as wireless hubs, Smart boards, projectors, and software.

**Modified Kindergarten Schedule:** When Holy Trinity School has a two hour delay all half and full day students will report to school by 10:00 A.M. At 12:30 PM the half day students will be dismissed. You will pick up your child at the car rider doors as usual. The full day students will report to the cafeteria at 12:35 PM for lunch and be dismissed at the regular time.

**Catholic Schools Week:** America's Catholic schools observe Catholic Schools Week from January 29<sup>th</sup> through February 4, 2012, celebrating the national theme, "Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service." Holy Trinity School is one of the 100 schools of the six-county Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. They enroll almost 20,000 students, constituting the fourth largest school district in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Catholic Schools Week is also a time of celebration. A complete schedule will be sent home at a later date.

**Morning Drop Off:** Remember the school doors do not open until 7:50am. Please keep your children in your car until the doors are opened. It is very important to have your children in school no later than 8:00am. Every morning there are a large number of children who are tardy. Also all parents should simply drop their children off at the car rider door. Thank you working to make the morning arrival a smooth process.

**Winter Dress:** With the winter temperatures upon us it is extremely important to dress your children appropriately. If the temperature is 32 degrees or above, the children will be going out for recess. It is important to allow time for the students to run off their pent up energy after sitting in class all morning even in colder temperatures. Recess is twenty minutes long so the children must be dressed in winter coats, hats, and gloves. If your child does not wear a winter coat, they will have to remain indoors. Your cooperation on this matter is greatly appreciated.

**Holy Trinity Students Celebrate Service:** Before kids can internalize education as important, they need to feel they are important. They need to know they are valued in every way and the world needs them to make things better. As educators, we should not only tell them “they can do great things,” but we must also lead them to see examples of what they are capable of doing. The students at Holy Trinity School are doing just that. Service Learning Projects are the perfect opportunity to empower children and move them towards a better world.

- The Student Council organized the Toys for Tots Program.
- On December 16th, the 4<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents went Christmas caroling to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The children collect \$200.00! In addition they partnered with Macy's and had students in grades preschool -5<sup>th</sup> grade write a letter to Santa. The students wrote 195 letters for a total of \$390.00.
- Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students visited Marian Manor Nursing Facility after school on December 13th. They participated in the Presents for Patients. The students delivered beautiful snowflakes for 54 patients. It was a very heartwarming experience for students and parents.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders worked hard to make Christmas door hangers for the 50 Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God.
- The school raised \$645.00 for Chimbote on our Candy Cane sale. Thanks go out to the candy cane elves for giving up their recess to fill the orders, Anneliese Balog, Tresslyn Froehlich, Cara Gregorius, Genna Kastronis, Leah Narkevic, Jenni Riley, Christine Shine, Aleyna Yilmaz, and Paige Zilner.

**Scholastic Book Fair:** The book fair was very successful. The school will receive \$307.00 in books for our library. I would like to thank Mrs. Blake and Mrs. Dulac for chairing the Scholastic Book Fair as well as all the parents who volunteered. They have organized this event for many years but have decided not to do it next year. If anyone is interested in chairing the book fair next year contact the school office. Thank you ladies for making the Book Fair such a great school experience.

**Santa Shop:** The students have completed their Christmas shopping at the Santa Shop and had a wonderful time choosing the perfect gift for their loved ones. Thank you, LeShonda Roberts for chairing this event and all of the parents who served as Santa's helpers. This is a wonderful experience for the children.

## Great Fundraising Opportunity

### Holy Trinity Catholic School Super Bowl XLVI Football Pool

HTS will once again be having a Super Bowl Pool. Hopefully our Steelers will be contending for the title. Squares will sell for \$20 each. We will try to fill as many pools as possible. Squares will be filled on a first come basis. All un-sold squares will be assigned to the school. You will receive \$10.00 for each square sold toward your fundraising assessment. Numbers will be drawn on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. Half of the proceeds will go to Holy Trinity School and the other half will be distributed as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Qtr- \$125 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr - \$250 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr - \$125 Final score - \$500

### Holy Trinity Catholic School Super Bowl Pool

Seller's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Name to appear on square \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Squares X \$20 = Total Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Family to receive credit: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: Holy Trinity School. Return this section to the school office c/o Danielle Chwilka 8<sup>th</sup> Grade or Mail to: Karen Chwilka 205 Clubside Drive Moon Township, Pa 15108

Thank you for your continued support.