

PRINCIPAL'S PAGE



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"Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others." 1 Corinthians 10:24

Our time seems to be flying by at Holy Trinity School. The first quarter of instruction will end on October 26th. Everything has been going great at Holy Trinity School. I have spent time in all the classrooms and have just about mastered the names of our new students.

MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED: The school office is looking for 2 people to count money every Wednesday morning for 1 -2 hours for the remainder of the school year. The business manager will train you for the first two weeks. If you are interested in this position please call the school office by Wednesday, October 7th.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

The Diocese and Holy Trinity School wants to insure the safety of the children in our school therefore a Safe Environment for Children Policy has been established. In order to volunteer as a coach, club chair, Athletic Board Member, field trip chaperone, PTG Board Member, and a volunteer who is at the school more then just once or twice must complete the follow items. These 4 steps must be completed by October 25th or your application will be deleted from the data base.

1. Register on the Diocesan website: www.diopitt.org Be sure to list Holy Trinity School as your primary site. The password is Protect
2. You must attend a three hour Protecting God's Children Workshop. Locations and dates are posted on the Diocesan website.
3. You must read and complete the form in the Pastoral Code of Conduct Book. It is available in the school office.
4. Complete the Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance.

EMERGENCY HOMEROOM PARENTS

During and following an emergency situation, school officials must act quickly to secure schools, safeguard students and staff, and communicate appropriately. Parents can assist greatly by helping with preparation before the emergency and by volunteering as an emergency homeroom parent. In the event of an emergency the office will contact you to begin calling the parents in your child's class. I would like to have 1 parent from each homeroom. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

ENVELOPES NEEDED

The office is in need of legal sized envelopes. If you know of a company who has changed their letter head we would appreciate their envelopes.

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will begin on Tuesday, November 3rd. You can shop while you are waiting for your teacher conference. The students will shop on November 4 - 6th.

CHIMBOTE FUNDRAISERS: More than forty years ago the Diocese of Pittsburgh started a mission in Chimbote, Peru. Chimbote is a desert town located about 250 miles north of Lima. It is home to about 350,000 people who live in poverty. Holy Trinity School will be sponsoring special days and events to raise money for this mission. Our first special day will be a Steeler Day on October 9th. Students can pay \$1.00 to wear a Steeler shirt. All proceeds will be sent to the mission in the spring. Your support for this project is greatly appreciated.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES will be held on Tuesday November 3rd from 12-7pm for grades Kindergarten - 8th grade. Please call the school office to make an appointment. These conferences are mandatory. It is important to meet with the teacher to check on your child's adjustment to school, progress and social skills. Each conference will last for 10 minutes. It is extremely important that the teachers remain on schedule so that the waiting parents are not inconvenienced. Increased communication between home and school has been proven to increase academic achievement and Holy Trinity School is committed to doing this.

You must call the school office @ 412.787.2656 beginning on Monday October 23rd to set up an appointment. Parents with more than one child are encouraged to call as soon as possible in order to get back to back appointments.

PRE-SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES The conferences for the Four Year Old and Three Year Old classes will be held on Tuesday Nov. 3 and Thursday Nov. 5. Mrs. D'Itri and Mrs. Koch will provide you with scheduling information.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Holy Trinity School will celebrate Halloween with parties on Friday, October 30th in the morning. Your child's teacher will let you know when their party will begin. The parade for the kindergarten – 4th grade will begin at 10:30am.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL PARTIES

This year we will be implementing a new party procedure in all grades. Each parent is asked to send in \$5.00 per child for the school parties. If you have three children then you would send in \$5.00 to each of your children's teachers. This money will then be used for the 5 school parties. The parties are Halloween, Christmas, Tailgate, Valentines Day, and End of the Year Party. The parents organizing the party will be given \$1.00 per child for the party. This money will be enough for a small treat. Please do not spend any additional money on the party. The students are still permitted to send in healthy treats for their classmates.

TIGERTHON

The donations for the Tigerthon have begun rolling in. On Friday, October 16th the students will participate in a day of mental and physical challenges. All students should wear their gym clothes. We are in need of volunteers to help with the activities. Please call the school office if you are interested in helping out.