

PRINCIPAL'S PAGE May 2017 The Month of Mary



The Blessed Mother Mary spent nearly every day of her life just like millions of other women who look after their families, raising their children, and taking care of their houses. Mary sanctifies the ordinary, everyday things like looking after those in need, and visiting friends and relatives. Those blessed ordinariness that can be so full of the love of God.

The Queen of Heaven is so revered for her relationship with Christ and her love and guidance of her earthly children. The Catholic Church has dedicated the month of May in her honor. Plan time to say the rosary as a family, and pray a novena, but the best way to honor the Blessed Mother is to honor, love and worship her Son.



“Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.” unknown I want to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all of our Holy Trinity Mothers and Grandmothers! Enjoy your special day.

Retirement: Well-wishes, go out to Mrs. Catanzarite who is retiring after 31 years of teaching at Holy Trinity Catholic School. She has taught over 925 students, mentored 6 teachers and worked under 5 Principals, 3 Pastors, and 2 Bishops. Mrs. Catanzarite was the 10th full time faculty member hired at HTS. She was instrumental in developing the Preschool program. In her years at Holy Trinity Mrs. Catanzarite taught Preschool for 7 years, 1st grade for 7 years and 3rd grade for 17 years. Mrs. Catanzarite served as the Assistant Director of the school musical for 9 years. She is the published author of a workbook titled *“Meet the Mantee.”* and had two lessons published by the Sophia Institute for Teachers. Mrs. Catanzarite had the honor of receiving the Diocesan Golden Apple Award.

“I have been blessed to be called by God to teach in a Catholic School.” “I will always be grateful for all the little hearts and minds that He put in my care over all these years.” “I am doubly blessed to have been part of this amazing faculty,” said Mrs. Catanzarite.

Mrs. Catanzarite is an inspirational teacher and role model. We wish her much happiness and continued good health in the years to come. Relax and enjoy your retirement, you deserve it.

Holy Communion: Congratulations to our second graders who will be making their First Holy Communion. May the Lord bless each one of you. Always know the Lord will be with you all the days of your life. The following second grade students will receive the gift of the Eucharist on Saturday, May 6th & 7th. Please remember the following students in your prayers: Lindsay Bressler, Ryan Bridge, Kaylie Butts, Marco Buzzard, Aiden Curry, Maria DelFiandra, Christian Gill, Reece Hoffman, Alexandra Horr, Brooklynn Horr, Owen Ireland, Ava Jamiolkowski, Isaac Jones, Jordan Jones, Sydney Ligashesky, Sydney Loehlein, Kate Lucas, MJ Martella, Dominic Michnowicz, Jude Miller, Danica Nauman, Alexander Smith, Lindsey Sperandeo, Anntonella Sueiras, Andrew Taylor, Jack Turina, Piper White, Malley Woynar, and Dalton Young.



May Crowning: During the month of May, Holy Trinity Catholic School will honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will hold our annual May Crowning ceremony on Friday, May 12th, immediately following mass. The May Crowning will include a church procession involving second graders dressed in their First Communion dresses and suits, and 2 representatives from each grade. All students are to dress up or wear their mass uniform. Remember it is a mass day and clothing must be appropriate.

Second grade parents the photographer will be here to take individual communion pictures of your child. Additional information will be sent home.

Chairperson Needed: I am looking for a parent to chair the Dine In events for the 2017 – 2018 school year. The responsibilities would include contacting and setting up dates at the restaurants and submitting communication for the event to the school office. Most of the places create the flyers for the school. We like to have an event each month. This is a great way to volunteer if you are a working parent or have little ones. Please contact me if you are interested by May 9th.

EITC: Do you or someone you know own a business? What is EITC, Earned Income Tax Credit? Do you want to learn more about this program and how by participating you can bring more tuition assistance to the families at Holy Trinity Catholic School? Contact BJ Osso at bjosso@holytrinityrobinson.org

Volunteer Program: Attention all volunteers: Holy Trinity Catholic School would not be what it is today without the involvement and dedication of our volunteers. The students and staff would like to honor you on Tuesday, May 23rd at 8:30 AM in the gym. It is important for all of us to express our appreciation for the time you gave to our school. You play such a big part in our school, let us thank you. Please do not be shy. Please call the school office to reserve your spot by May 10th so that I can make the appropriate preparations.

Summer Reading Assignments: The school will be accepting orders for the students' summer reading assignments. We felt that it may be easier to order all of the books at one time. You do not have to purchase the book through the school. The books will be ordered at Barnes and Noble. Book orders need to be turned into the office by May 12th and will be delivered to students by May 30th. Please see the attachment for the order form.

Summer Simple Solutions: The Simple Solutions Summer books are a great way to review math, language, reading comprehension, Phonics, and problem solving with your children over summer vacation. Please see the attached flyer to place your online order. The deadline for orders which must be completed online is Sunday, May 7, 2017. To order go to www.summersolutions.net and enter HTR15136.

Fundraising Updates: **Tigerthon Continues to Grow:** It is amazing how much fun and how profitable the Tigerthon continues to be. This year we had 67% participation rate. We had 196 students who participated in this fundraiser. Just imagine what we could do if every family participated! The total donations were \$36,785. All of the students enjoyed the Danceathon! Thank you to our amazing chairs, Diane Iacchetti and Char Osso, who continue to add exciting incentives and activities every year. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped in any way and a special thanks for our preschool

Barnes & Noble – Blaze Pizza Night: Thank you for supporting our Barnes & Noble – Blaze Pizza Night on April 5th. It was a wonderful evening. The school profited \$623.04 from Barnes and Noble which will be used to download books on the Nooks and \$206.88 from Blaze Pizza which will be added to our fundraising total. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Jones did an awesome job organizing this event.

Sarris Easter Candy: Our Sarris Candy sale was extremely profitable bringing in \$6,876.85. The following students' names were drawn for prizes. Joey Leininger received a Drone, Kara Bridge received a Go Pro Camera and Sophia Colosimo received a Fit Bit. Miss Castello's class won a dress down day and so did Ava DePace for being the highest in sales. Thank you Mrs. Ohrn for continuing to chair this fundraiser.

Upcoming Events

If you still need volunteer hours, fundraising credit or just want to have fun by participating in the HTS community, why not check out these activities?

Men's Night: Holy Trinity School's 2nd annual Men's Night will be held Friday May 19th at 6:00PM in the school cafeteria. The evening will be open to all Men 21 years of age and older. The evening will include great food from the Cooked Goose Catering, beer, card games and cigars. It is a great opportunity for a night out with family, friends, neighbors and coworkers, so invite them all! Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Non attending tickets are \$5. Tickets will be sold after select masses and at the HTS school office and parish rectory. All tickets will be entered into a \$2,500 drawing off of the PA pick 3.

HTS 5K: Holy Trinity School will hold our 2nd Annual 5K on Sunday, May 28th. This year our event is called the Honor Run 5K. Come out and run to honor those who have served or are currently serving our country. The race will be held at Settler's Cabin Park, Algonquin Grove with registration at 8:00 AM. The race begins at 9:00 AM with awards for the top 3 male and female runners in each age group. Pro Bike and Run will manage the race. For additional information contact Nancy Baker at nancy.baker@medtronic.com.

McDonalds: Join us for McTeacher's Night on Wednesday, May 17th from 5:00 – 7:00PM and see the teachers and I as we join the McDonald's crew. Holy Trinity will receive 20% of all orders placed during the 2 hours we work. So stop in and enjoy a great meal

School Musical Alice in Wonderland: Travel to the world of "Wonderland" at Holy Trinity School's performance of Alice in Wonderland! When Alice, a curious girl, finds herself falling down a rabbit hole and into the magical world of "Wonderland", she has quite the adventure! Alice encounters an odd assortment of characters while in Wonderland such as a talking cat, an angry queen, and even dancing lobsters! Wonderland is nothing like Alice has experienced before and is soon to be something she will never forget! Will Alice ever escape Wonderland to return home? Only by purchasing an enchanted ticket to the show on May 11th, 12th and 13th will YOU be able find out the answer!

Alice in Wonderland tickets are available through the school office for pre-sale (\$3.00-students, \$5.00-adults) or they may be purchased at the door (\$4.00-students and \$6.00 for adults). Come and enjoy the show on May 11th, 12th and 13th with performances beginning each night at 7:00 PM.

Prior to the show, enjoy a trip through the Mad Hatter's Tea Party Garden as well, where fun items will be sold such as pin wheels and stuffed animals!

Good luck to the cast and crew and thanks to Mr. Swauger, Mrs. Lecker, Miss Sutton, Mrs. Addison, Mrs.Thiry, Mrs. Brown, "Uncle Norman" and all of our parent volunteers for all they do for the Fine Arts Program.

Cheshire Cat 1 Nicholas Paluso	Tweedle Dum Victoria Wegrzynowicz	Ensemble Gabriele Gerbino	Carrie Betten
Cheshire Cat 2 Bianca Golomb	Rose Kara Bridge	Ensemble Kaia Douglass	Gianna Kennelly
Cheshire Cat 3 Melaina Merlo	Petunia Renee LaGrosse	Ensemble Julia Seng	Ava Tournay
Mathilda Chiara Golomb	Lily Reighan Bean	Ensemble Natalie Krulac	Mia Crofford
Alice Lily Barbisch	Violet Cheyenne Gorsuch	Ensemble Hunter Gorsuch	Rachael Lucas
Tall Alice Savanah Abbott	March Hare Kyle Janas	Ensemble Isabelle Kulak	Natalie Paluso Noelle Miller
Small Alice Kate Mickle	Queen of Hearts Sophia Wegrzynowicz	Ensemble Clare Mulvay	Hannah Zurbola Ashlyn Gill
White Rabbit Ethan Minzer	King of Hearts Collin Milko	Ensemble Olivia Mulvay	Riley Lecker
Doorknob Karolina Lucas	Dancers Captain Izzy Seibel	Ensemble Corinne Ludwick	Angelina Osso
Daisy Vanessa Betten	Dancers Captain Averil Ludwick	Ensemble Contessa Tripodi	Joelle Ludwick
Caterpillar Braehm Brown	Dancer Sofia Davoli	Ensemble Luciana Thompson	Lily Ireland
Mad Hatter Ian Lecker	Dancer McKinley Walsh	Ensemble Maddie Ashbaugh	Tanner Gorsuch
DoDo Bird Isabella Cardimen	Dancer Maria Cicchino	Royal Cardsmen and Rock Lobsters	Ally Taylor
Tweedle Dee Olivia Wegrzynowicz	Dancer Evie Minzer	Madilyn McClain	Alexandra Loehlein

Break a leg Alice In Wonderland Cast!

Camp Invention comes to Holy Trinity Catholic School: Imaginations get their rocket fuel at Camp Invention! An exciting, weeklong summer adventure awaits children entering grades **K-6th** with activities that explore connections between science, technology, engineering, and innovation while sharpening their 21st century learning skills. Camp Invention allows children to experience real-world problem solving, creative thinking, invention, and teamwork while rotating through several fascinating modules inspired by the Inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame. **Holy Trinity Catholic School** is pleased to offer the nationally acclaimed program beginning on **June 12, 2017**. I will be serving as Director of the **Launch** program!. Mrs. LaGrosse, Mrs. Addison, and Mrs. Jablonski will facilitate program modules and enthusiastic Middle and High school students will serve as Leadership Interns.

Young innovators will: **Invent** their own duct tape creations and pitch them to mock investors, **Explore** a distant new exoplanet and **Design** inventions to create the next Earth, **Launch** water rockets, **Build** Bubble Blasters, and **Engineer** giant castles, **Create** their own personal, ultimate Spy Gadget Alarm Box by taking apart and upcycling everyday machines.

All activities give participants the opportunity to explore, discover, and achieve while having fun! There is still time to register. **Receive \$15 OFF the base price of \$225 by registering on or before May 1, 2017 using promo code Discover15.** Registration, without a discount, is still available after May 1 until the first day of camp. The sibling discount is always valid. Every registration includes a complimentary Camp Invention t-shirt. Availability is limited, so visit www.campinvention.org or call 800.968.4332 to secure your child's spot today!

Vacation Bible Camp: Deacon Lee Miles will hold a Vacation Bible Camp the week of June 19th – 23rd from 9:00AM – 12:00PM for children going into Kindergarten – 5th grade. The theme is “Created By God, Built for a “Purpose” Living the Fullness of Our Catholic Faith. Join us for Bible Adventures & Discoveries, Games, Crafts, Kid-Vid Cinema, and Build-a-Snack. Registration forms will be blasted soon. If you have any questions or wish to help contact Deacon Lee @ lmiles@holytrinityrobinson.org Middle school students can earn volunteer hours.

Our Amazing Kids:



Diocesan Spelling Bee: HTS held a spelling bee to determine our representative for the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The Spelling Bee will be held on May 16th at St. Louise de Marillac School. Ten students participated from grades 4th-6th. The students from 4th grade were Josie Einloth, Joelle Ludwick, Alexandra Loehlein, and John Haseleu. The 5th graders were Contessa Tripodi and Ryan Saginaw. The 6th graders were Collin Cimino, Clare Mulvay, Lily Barbisch, and Nate Schmid. The bee lasted 19 rounds with Joelle, Contessa and Lily spelling for the last 10 rounds. Lily was the winner spelling the words SACRIFICE and SEMESTER correctly. Good Luck, Lily! We will be cheering for you!

Honor Roll: Holy Trinity Catholic School is pleased to announce the Middle school students who have earned a spot on the Honor Roll for the third nine weeks.

8A High Honor: Mara Fryer, Luca Iacchetti, Alexis Moran, Sasha Planinsic, and Natalie Zurbola
8A Honor Roll: Savannah Abbott, Herbert Ashbaugh, Ryan Gehring, Clara Lucas, Charle Moore and Marissa Trizzino

8B High Honor: Lydia Bell, Ross Gardner, Alexa Santucci, Sophia Wegrzynowicz
8B Honor Roll: Jacob Boyd, Nathan Chezosky, Casimir Friend, Michael Leininger, and Reagan Walsh.

7A High Honor: James Haseleu, Ian Lecker, Ethan Minzer, and Joseph Rees

7A Honor Roll: Connor Bridges, Andrew Marcello, and Madi Schiavo

7B High Honor: Vanessa Betten, Audrey Flanagan, Chiara Golomb, Averil Ludwick, and Ethan Williams

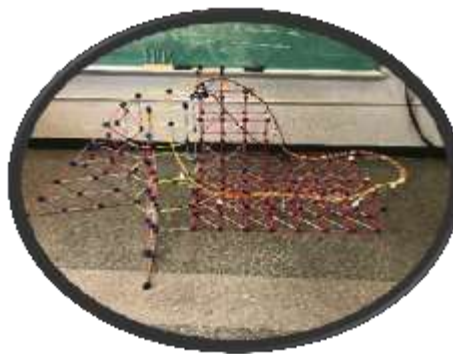
7B Honor Roll: Andrew Feeley, Jillian Frosell, Mason Moore, Alex Paluso, and Kennedy Walsh

6A High Honor: Alan Betten, Kara Bridge, Collin Cimino, Gianni Domenico, David Gallagher, Isaac Huang, Corinne Ludwick, Evie Minzer, Clare Mulvay, Olivia Mulvay, and Nick Walker

6A Honor Roll: Kyle Janas, Karolina Lucas, and Lexi Zurbola

6B High Honor: Stephen Baker, Sammy Gaffney, Luca Michnowicz, Kate Mickle, Danny Miller, Lorin Planinsic, Nate Schmid, Sage Sonnett, and Amanda Strub

6B Honor Roll: Lily Barbisch, Jimmy Gaffney, Tyler Gaffney, Marco Iacchetti, Joey Leininger, Olivia Wegrzynowicz, and Victoria Wegrzynowicz



Ryan Saginaw, Bianca Golomb, Michael Smith and Sofia Davoli

K'Nex Challenge: On March 27th several teams of 4th and 5th graders competed in the K'Nex STEM Competition at Duquesne University. The teams were challenged to design an amusement park ride and to create a blueprint and narrative for their design.. Great job future engineers!

Westinghouse Drawing Contest: Our 4th & 5th grader participated in the Westinghouse North American Young Generation in Nuclear (NA-YGN) Drawing Contest. NA-YGN unites professionals who promote nuclear science and technology. Members work together throughout North America to share their passion for nuclear science and technology with students and the community. The purpose of the drawing contest is to educate students about nuclear science and technology, while encouraging student's creativity. Several of our students placed in this contest. The drawings completed by each of these four students has been submitted to compete nationally.

Matthew Mickle placed 3rd overall out of all the local schools visited and received 1st place for Holy Trinity Catholic School. Matthew received a \$50 gift card to Target, a Westinghouse "swag bag" and a certificate.

An additional school prize of \$100.00 was given to Holy Trinity School for Matthew placing third out of 373 participants.

Carrie Betten placed 6th overall out of all the local schools visited and 2nd place for Holy Trinity Catholic School. She received a Westinghouse "swag bag" and a certificate.

Casie Yonker and Bailey Ye also placed in the overall local top 10. The HTS community is extremely proud of all of our 4th and 5th grade students for their hard work in in this contest.

Essay Contest Winner: The 4th and 5th grade classes participated in an essay contest sponsored by Fun Slides Carpet Skatepark & Party Center and 100.7 STAR Radio. Fifth grader **Anthony D’Orazio** wrote the winning essay and his class will receive a free STEM Field Trip to Fun Slide Park. The essay theme was “Why STEM Learning Is Important to My Future.” Awesome job, Anthony!

Anthony wrote: STEM is not only important for my future career, but it’s important for our future in the world. Someday there will be an end to pollution, sickness and disease because young students who took part in STEM will find a way.

HTS Track

Holy Trinity School competed in the Diocese of Pittsburgh South Track Meet at Bethel Park High School. This was the second meet of the year and Holy Trinity JV boys team took first place overall. Individual honors went to novice runners Mia Crofford in the 100M and Chloe Hornyak in the 200M who were both 1st place winners. JV 1st place winners were: Tyler Gaffney in the 100M & 400M, Luca Michnowicz in the long jump, and Evie Minzer in the girls 200M & 400M. The Varsity boy winners were Kai Roberts in the 100M & 200M and Joseph Rees in the 400M.

Team winners were the JV boys in the 4x100M, JV boys 4x400M, Varsity girls in the 4x400M and Varsity boys in the 4x400M. It was a great day for the HTS Track Team!

Kai Roberts 1st place winner

in 100M, 200M & 4x400M



Luca Michnowicz long jump JV win