



# PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

October 2018

## Growth Mindset Saying for October –I refuse to sink!

*“Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale.” – Lauren DeStefano*

What a beautiful season God has created! Autumn is undeniably one of the prettiest times of the year. The autumn season brings many changes, but none are more spectacular than when the leaves are turning from green to red and gold. This season is perfect for spending time outdoors. Spend some time as a family raking the leaves and jumping in them, taking walks, and carving pumpkins.



**Blessed Mother:** During the month of October, we celebrate our Blessed Mother through the recitation of the rosary. As Catholics, we recite the Rosary during October, meditating on Christ's life and praying for peace in our world. I would like to invite you to come and pray the rosary with us on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 in the church. The teachers will be praying a decade of the rosary with the children each day this month in religion class. Perhaps as a family, you might also take a day during the month, or once a week to pray the Rosary together. The power of prayer is tremendous.

**Iowa Testing:** The students have finished their Iowa testing. The test results should be available for Parent Teacher Conferences in November. The data from the Iowa test will be used to drive our instruction and provide reinforcement and enrichment skills to individual students.

**Appalachian Coat and Clothing Drive:** This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year that Holy Trinity Catholic School will once again be collecting winter clothing and coats for needy families in the Appalachian Region of West Virginia. The drive begins on October 1st and ends on October 31st. Please drop off your used items in the hallway by the office. We are collecting coats, hats, scarves, boots, gloves, blankets, sweaters, and toys. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions contact Barb Angelo at 412-787-3655.

**Dress Code Changes Coming Soon:** As fall weather approaches, remember the winter dress code takes effect on November 1st. Shorts and skirts are no longer permitted. Girls must wear, plaid jumpers, and skirts or navy pants. Please see the Parent – Student Handbook on our website for the details. Please be sure all clothing articles are marked with your child's name.

Our policy is to go outside for recess unless the temperature is below 32 degrees. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Also, periodically we receive requests for children to stay inside at recess and lunch due to colds. I will honor these requests for a period of two consecutive days, after which time a doctor's slip will be needed to remain in doors.

**Robots Coming to HTS:** In today's technology-driven world, it's important to prepare students for the future. Teaching robotics to students throughout their education can increase their ability to be creative and innovative thinkers. By teaching our students the basics of robotics, we can open a whole new world to them and exciting opportunities that they wouldn't have access to otherwise. We will be adding the robotics component in computer class in grades 1<sup>st</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>. We will also be able to use the robot in art class. We will be purchasing Edison Robots, Code and Go Robot Mouse and Sphero SPRK robots.

**Edison Robots** are programmable robots designed to be a complete STEM teaching resource for coding and robotics education for students. The Edison robot is a powerful, engaging tool for teaching kids computational thinking and computer programming in a hands-on way. With more built-in sensors than any robot in its class

as well as lights, sounds and autonomous behavior capabilities, Edison makes true robotics education accessible to students of all ages. This is not just a remote-controlled robot, it can respond to light and sound, follow lines and avoid obstacles, communicate with other Edison robots and connect to other Edison robots and LEGO brick.

**Code and Go Robot Mouse** is a great robot for younger students. Students use the coding cards to create a step-by-step path for Colby, the Programmable Robot Mouse. Program the sequence of steps to help Colby to find the cheese! The set includes 30 double-sided coding cards, 10 double-sided activity cards, cheese wedge, and Activity Guide to provide a hands-on introduction to coding concepts. Create your path with 16 maze grids to create a 20" x 20" maze board, 22 maze walls, and 3 tunnels for endless possibilities. Colby lights-up, makes sounds, and features 2 speeds along with colorful buttons to match coding cards for easy programming and sequencing.

**Sphero SPRK** is designed to inspire curiosity, creativity, and invention through connected play and coding, SPRK+ is far more than just a robot. Powered by the Sphero Edu app, it can easily learn programming, complete hands-on activities, and share student creations with the community. It can navigate a maze, program a painting, mimic the solar system, swim across the water and almost anything they can imagine.



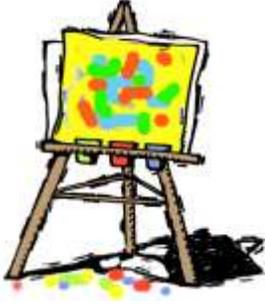
**Halloween Party:** We will celebrate Halloween with parties and a parade on Wednesday, October 31st. Students in grades K-3 may come to school dressed in a costume. Students in grades 4-8 may dress down and wear Halloween shirts and colors with jeans. **At no time are jeans with holes acceptable.** The parties will begin at 1:30PM and the parade will take place at 1:15PM in the upper parking lot, weather permitting. If the weather is inclement the parade will be cancelled. Parents are welcome to attend the parade. Please remember that children are not permitted to bring any type of toy weapons and costumes must be appropriate for school. No fake blood or scary masks are permitted. All treats must be healthy and nutritious.

Parents attending the parade should park in the front of the school, near the Preschool. Please do not park in the back of the school because it will interfere with the buses.



## Our Amazing Kids

**Budding Young Artists:** Holy Trinity will once again have our students' art work featured in this year's Student Art Exhibit. The Student Art Exhibit sponsored by Holy Trinity Grade School, Saint Philip Grade School, Bishop Canevin High School and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School will be held on Friday, October 12th, Saturday, October 13th, and Sunday, October 14th, 2018, at Father Kelty Hall, in the basement of St. Philip Church. The exhibit will be open to the public on Saturday, October 12, 2018 from 12 noon - 7:00 pm and on Sunday from 9:30 - 3:00 pm.



The following Holy Trinity students will be featured in the exhibit: Lydia Bartlett, Isabelle Cardimen, Sofia Davoli, Brayden Douglass, Jillian Frosell, Jenna Gardner, Christopher Ireland, Renee LaGrosse, Andrew Ludwick, Averil Ludwick, Corinne Ludwick, Joelle Ludwick, Karolina Lucas, Kate Lucas, Corinna Martella,

Liam McAndrews, Kate Mickle, Olivia Mulvay, Aric Rigler, Samantha Sawayda, Madi Schiavo, Sarah Sellman, Sage Sonnett, Kaylee Tamburino, Victoria Wegrzynowicz, Bailey Ye, and Alexis Zurbola.

4th Grade Paper Sculpture Cats being featured were created by: James Baker, Ava Domenico, Natalia Gonzalez, Ella Hoffman, Elise Hornyak, Alexis Kolocouris, Kailee Kunchick, Kailyn Lach, Elias Latouf, Jr., Norah Latouf, Helene Ludwick, Mackenzie Mars, Owen Minzer, Richard Murray III, Marina Nickolas, Lidia Oldak, Michael Pigoni, Sophia Saginaw, Lydia Wegrzynowicz, and Zoe Woessner  
I hope you can stop by and see the amazing art work created by our budding artists.

The Holy Trinity Robotics team is gearing up for their competition on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at Grove City College. The challenge is titled, "Crossfire". The team is building a robot for use in Fire and Rescue. During the competition, the team will use their robot to rescue a victim ("Manny"), remove cans of hazardous materials, and put out a fire. (All simulated, of course, because safety first!) The demonstration fair is this Saturday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> at Ross Park Mall from 10am-12pm. The team will do a trial run on the actual course. The marketing presentation is Friday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup>. The student have a very busy schedule over the next few weeks. Spectators are welcome to attend the Mall day as well as the competition,

Our team make up of boys 23 boys and girls from the Middle school. This year's team is working very hard! The Robotics team has designed a fantastic robot, visited several local Fire Departments, and will be meeting with the Allegheny County Bomb Squad to learn how they use the robot. The team also developed the concept for the exhibit booth all while documenting everything in the engineering notebook. The team is working on their marketing presentation. The Robotics team has put a lot of time and effort into preparing for the competition.

Now STEM has been turned into STEAM by having Mrs. Boehm and the art classes helping with signs for the competition. The team can't wait to show off the robot and their presentation at the school Pep Rally on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am. We wish our team the best of luck!

**Best Robotics Team Competition:** The Holy Trinity Robotics team is gearing up for their competition on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at Grove City College. The challenge is titled, "Current Events". The team is building a robot for use in cleaning up the ocean garbage. During the competition, the team will use their robot to retrieve ocean garbage and sea life from the ocean dyers. The demonstration fair is Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at Ross Park Mall from 10am-12pm. The team will do trial runs on the actual course. The marketing presentation will be held on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Spectators are welcome to attend the Mall day as well as the competition and cheer on our team.

Our team is made up of 27 students from the Middle School. The students have a grueling schedule over the next few weeks. They will be designing the robot. Researching ocean clean up to gain more insight into this project. Students have contacted several ocean clean up companies, and will hopefully be making a trip to one of the companies to learn more. The team will chose a theme and design an exhibit booth. All of the steps

competed to prepare for this competition must be documented in an engineering notebook. Another aspect of the competition is creating a marketing presentation to sell the robot.

We have a lot of parent volunteers this year who are working diligently to assist the students with this project. Without these parents the robotics team would not be possible!

## WOO HOO!

**Car Raffle:** On Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> the winning ticket number 5007 was pulled for the blue Camaro. The winner of the car was Michel Fetterman. Parent sales were \$14,230 from 123 school families that participated and Booth sales were \$25,180. There were 320 volunteer hours used in the booth. The cost of the car was \$28,569. The estimated profit for this fundraiser is \$17,000. I want to thank chair persons, Cathy Lugaila and Heather Murray, data entry volunteers Jessica Luchini and Jessica Sellman for the time they dedicated to this fundraiser. I want to thank you all of the parents for your participation in this fundraiser. Your participation helped to make the Car Raffle successful.

## Did You Know?

**Facebook Page:** Have you checked out our Facebook page? If not take a look and “like” Holy Trinity Catholic School on Facebook you will love what you see. I want to thank Mary Ann Jones for maintaining our Facebook page for us. It is amazing!

**Website:** The school website is a great source of information for parents. The website address is [www.holytrinityelementary.org](http://www.holytrinityelementary.org). Sarah Smith is the web master and does an outstanding job keeping the website current.



### Apples for the Students Reward Program

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2. Enter your Giant Eagle Advantage Card<sup>®</sup> number (which appears under the bar code).
3. Enter the school code which is 0473.
4. Done! Please encourage your extended family and friends to register too.

## Up Coming Events

**Trot 5K / 50 Yard Dash Event:** The HTS Tiger Trot is a great family event to participate in or work as a volunteer. This event will be at 8am on Saturday, October 13 at North Park. Be sure to register at <https://www.athlinks.com/event/200936> by **September 28th** for an official 2018 Tiger Trot T-Shirt. Questions can be directed to Charlie and Stephanie Baker at 412-328-7693.



The Auction is a wonderful community event. It is a great way to meet other school families, earn fundraising credit and volunteers hours.

Preparations for this year's Auction Fundraiser are underway! The Auction is being held at the Airport Hyatt on Friday, November 2. Invitations will be out the first week of October. Gather some fellow parents, friends or family members and get a table together to enjoy an evening out while raising money for our school. The children are working on their Classroom Basket creations. We are asking for help securing items for Auction, selling the Auction's Grand Raffle tickets, and acquiring bottles of wine for the Wine Raffle. Please see below. Among the wide variety of items being auctioned are opportunities for your child to interact with their favorite teacher.

### Activities with teachers & Staff Up for Auction

- Basketball for you & 5 friends with Mr. Loftis
- Making Christmas ornaments for you & 3 friends with Miss Golden
- Mini-golf & ice cream at Scally's for you & 3 friends with Ms. Kugel & Mrs. Somma
- 5-on-5 basketball game for you & 8 friends with Mr. Betten
- Traditional Puerto Rican lunch for you & 3 friends with Señora Ojeda
- Making Christmas ornaments for you & 4 friends with Miss Folino and Mrs. Ringel

Look for additional teacher and staff activities to be added to bid on in the next week.

### Donations

Do you have tickets for sporting or cultural events?

Consider donating them for a game or show

Do you or someone you know own your own business? Consider donating a service or becoming a sponsor

Do you have a friend who works in hotel management? Consider asking them if the hotel would donate an overnight stay

Items aren't the only things ...consider donating a gift card to a favorite restaurant

For more information on donating, contact Sarah Smith at [smsmith3@outlook.com](mailto:smsmith3@outlook.com)

### Wine Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has donated to help us reach our goal of 50 bottles for the Wine Raffle There's still time to help; just bring your donation (worth at least \$15) to the School Office.

During the Auction, you select a wine cork for the number on your cork to the corresponding Wine wWall & you win that bottle.



EVERYONE'S A WINNER!!

### Grand Raffle

Each family will be asked to buy / sell 1 Grand Raffle ticket. The \$20 ticket gives you 3 chances to win one \$1,000 gift card to the Winner's Choice of Amazon, Giant Eagle or Target \$10 fundraising credit will be applied for each ticket sold. Tickets coming soon Remember, only 500 tickets will be sold so get ready to choose your lucky ticket

Father Ken has served as the Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish and School since 2009. Father Ken has been assigned to the grouping of Bellevue, Emsworth and Franklin Park, where he will serve as Parochial Vicar. The school students will be having a tribute to Father Ken on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend but are asked to RSVP by October 5<sup>th</sup> to be assured of a seat. Our new pastor will be Father Dave Poecking. Father Poecking is currently the pastor at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Carnegie.



Thank You!

