

Holy Trinity Catholic School Newsletter

Empowering Students to Serve, Lead, and Succeed
2016 Governor's Achievement Award Winners!

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Message from the Principal

I love Holy Trinity because we have a chance to pray in every class and subject. Another reason I love Holy Trinity is that we have a chance to go to Mass every week. One last reason I love Holy Trinity is that we have a chance of being more like Jesus Christ because our teachers encourage us to pray every day.

These are words from the true heart of one of our students when asked about what they would communicate to incoming kindergarten and other prospective students. What a beautiful example of our Catholic faith and a wonderful introduction to our Catholic Schools Week!

The week begins with HTS Open House and Art Show this coming Sunday after the 11:30 am Mass. We encourage all our families to stop by the school and invite a friend, neighbor or acquaintance who you feel may benefit from a Catholic education. The event runs from 12:30-2:00 pm at the school. Stop by, meet the teachers, visit classrooms and check out some of the great things that make HTS excellent!

Thursday, February 2 we invite parents to come eat lunch as a family. Bring a sack lunch find a table in the cafeteria or gym or bring a blanket and picnic lunch on the gym floor. No school lunches will be served. Look for more details in the schedule below and in upcoming communications next week.

On Friday to conclude the week ALL are invited to celebrate Mass with the Archbishop at 8:15 am. We are blessed that he will be joining us for Mass and a short visit of the school.

Please pray for our school this coming week as we focus on the HTS community.

For the Kids,

Mr. Merfen

Upcoming events:

Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, January 29

Open House after 11:30 Mass 12:30p

Monday, January 30

All School Rosary 2:25p

Tuesday, January 31

3rd-5th Grade Spelling Bee 10:00a

6th-8th Grade Spelling Bee 1:30p

Potbelly Sandwich Night 4-7p

Sponsor/Confirmation Meeting 7:00p

Wednesday, February 1

6th-8th Assembly 1:00p

K-5th Assembly 2:00p

Thursday, February 2

Family Lunch (see attached schedule)

SAC Meeting 6:30p

Friday, February 3

All School Mass 8:15a

Talent Show 1:00p

Saturday, February 4

Science Olympiad in Warrensburg, MO

Trivia Night

Monday, February 6

Tuesday, February 7

SVL Meeting 6:30p

Wednesday, February 8

Thursday, February 9

All School Mass 8:15a

Friday, February 10

No School - Conferences

**Catholic Schools Week
January 29 – February 3**

Sunday 1/29

Mass	11:30 am
Open House at HTS	12:30 - 2:00pm

Monday 1/30

All School Rosary (Church)	2:25 pm
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Tuesday 1/31

HTS Spelling Bee	10:00 am & 1:30 pm
Potbelly Sandwich Food Night	4:00 – 7:00 pm

Wednesday 2/1

Randy Nadler Presents Greece	1:00 & 2:00 pm
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Thursday 2/2

Out of Uniform Day

*Family Lunch Day	A-H 11:00 am
	I-M 11:30 am
	N-Z 12:00 pm

Friday 2/3

All School Mass (Archbishop attending)	8:15 am
Talent Show	1:00 pm

Service Project – Bring canned food items for Catholic Charities. See if we can line the halls of HTS!!!

***Family Lunch Day – Bring your lunch. No lunch will be served. Families/siblings eat together by last name. Choose tables in the cafeteria, limited tables in the gym or bring a blanket to picnic in the gym. Encourage parents, a relative or a friend of the students to join us. Students without family or siblings in attendance may eat with another family or friends. There will be staff to assist.**

HTS Fundraiser Night! Join us Tuesday, Jan. 31st from 4-7pm at Potbelly Sandwich Shop ! It is at the Potbelly location by Oak Park Mall: 11780 West 95th St. in Overland Park. You must mention Holy Trinity Catholic School for the school to receive credit.

Please come and enjoy a great dinner while supporting HTS! Thank you.

Registration

To register, please log in to your educonnect account and click on the link **Complete Family and Student Registration Information for next year.**

The registration fee remains unchanged from prior years.

1 Student - \$125

2 Students - \$250

3 or more Students - \$375

In order to guarantee your spot for next year the fee must be paid in full.

You can either pay online or via check.

Checks should be made out to Holy Trinity School and can be dropped off or sent to the school office.

A late fee of \$25 per student will be assessed after February 15.

Questions or concerns, please call the school office at 913-888-3250

Referral Incentive Program

If current HTS families refer a new family who is not already enrolled, they can earn a \$150 tuition coupon for the 2017-18 school year.

In order to get the referral incentive, the family must fill out the form in the enrollment packet and be officially registered. Call the office if you have questions.

Family Bingo Night

Join us for food, fun and great CASH prizes!

Saturday, January 28th – Holy Trinity School Gym

Doors open at 5 pm

Bingo begins at 6 pm

The Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts will be selling delicious, home-made desserts, warm dinner and drinks.

Fun for the whole family!

(Cash only, please!)

Volunteer opportunities available at:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/409094aa9ab2ea13-htswinter>

If you haven't taken our parish feasibility survey yet, please take 5 minutes and go to our website, www.htlenexa.org, this weekend and click on the link on the homepage to take the survey! Your input is confidential and will help us determine the level of financial support within the parish to eliminate the \$3.9 million debt through Operation Debt Reduction. Thank you!"

Here's the actual link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HolyTrinityFS2017>

Are you planning for the support of a special needs child?

Join us Thursday, February 9, 2017 for an information night hosted by the Special Needs Ministry of the Archdiocese of Kansas City.

Meet financial advisors Christy Anderson and Kacy Steitz, who will share their guidance on how to plan for a person with special needs during all stages of life.

We look forward to seeing you from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church in the church hall located at 8311 W. 93rd Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66212.

Science Olympiad

Holy Trinity's Science Olympiad team competed at the Kearney Middle School (MO) Invitational over the weekend. The all-day event on Saturday was exciting with 17 of our 21 students competing in 23 STEM-rich events. Nearly 500 middle school students from 24 KS, MO and NE teams were at the event. Holy Trinity placed 17th place overall.

Highlights include:

3rd Place *Hovercraft*: Issac Koch and Ryan Pfeiffer

4th Place *Wright Stuff*: Nolan Hines and Isaac Koch

5th Place *Wind Power*: Isaac Koch and Nolan Hines

Thank you to all of the high school mentors this year, especially Jack Fritchie and Peter King who helped Dr. O. run the Wind Power event in Kearney on Saturday.

Do you have a 6th or 7th grader who would like to check out Science Olympiad? S.O. will meet next Monday and Wednesday after school in Dr. O's classroom if your student would like to see a practice lab in action. New members are always welcome!

There is a lot of competition in our NE KS region in STEM-rich Science Olympiad, which is a series of competitive events that culminate in a National Competition each year. SO has been going strong since 1976.

Our next invitational competition is in Warrensburg, MO on February 4. The regional competition will be at Johnson County Community College at the end of February, with the possibility of competing at the state competition in Wichita in April.



Baked Goods for Sale

6th, 7th and 8th grade Girl Scout Troops will be selling homemade baked goods this weekend after masses in the Church Social Room!

The Kindergarten Girl Scouts are collecting old, dried out markers, highlighters & dry erase markers (all brands) and recycling them through a program with Crayola. Collection boxes are located in each wing at school. Please recycle them instead of throwing them away.



Trash Bags!!!

Holy Trinity School trash bags can be purchased throughout the school year from the school office. You can choose from white, yellow, blue or paper bags for only \$10 a roll/bundle. For questions call the school office at [913-888-3250](tel:913-888-3250).

Help Support Holy Trinity's Destination Imagination Teams!



Wondering what to do for dinner?

Order a pizza kit today and have fresh baked Little Caesars Pizza at home!

Kids can make their own dinner, a great family activity for Faith and Family Fun Night!
Pizza kits come with everything you need to make fresh pizza in just minutes.
Stock up your freezer for after school snacks and quick delicious dinners!
Order some extra cheese pizzas for Lent!

Orders will be available for pick up on February 23, from 2:30 to 5:30 in the cafeteria.

Use this link to order online: <http://www.pizzakit.com/fundraising-products?shop=1&cont=1&t=lc&sf=1> Use Fundraiser code: **327741**

Watch for more info to come!



**We've Got Your Back
for Super Bowl
This Year!**

**It's a WIN / WIN
when you leave the cooking to us**

All proceeds go toward funding the
tuition assistance program at Holy Trinity School

Brisket - Ultra-thin sliced	\$29.00 per 2 lb. pack
Pork Spare Ribs by the slab.....	\$22.00 slab
Pulled Pork	\$24.00 per 2 lb. pack
Smoked Turkey Breast - Sliced	\$45.00 per 5 lb. pack

To place an order on-line, go to: <https://htlenexa.ejoinme.org/2017BBQ>

For more information or to place an order contact:
Ken Kleekamp at 913.748.6321 or landkkleekamp@sbcglobal.net

We will be taking orders after all Masses on Jan. 7-8th, Jan. 21-22nd and Jan. 28-29th

Your BBQ order will be available for pick-up before and after all Masses
on Super Bowl Weekend, Feb. 4-5th (until 1:00 pm-Sun.) in front of the Church

In-house delivery (before NOON) will be provided for an additional fee of \$5.00

S a i n t T h o m a s A q u i n a s
S A I N T S S O F T B A L L
2017 Instructional Spring Clinics

7th and 8th Graders
to train directly with current STA Players
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
March 6th, 7th and 8th
4:30-6:30 pm
Saints Field
\$25

K-6th Graders
Saturdays
March 25th and April 1st
10:00-NOON
Saints Field
\$25

Take this opportunity to brush up and fine tune your offensive and defensive skills with the 2017 Saints Softball squad and staff.

You are encouraged to bring your own equipment:
glove, bat, and batting helmet if you have one.

Register by February 23rd to receive 2017 Saints Softball t-shirt.

To reserve your spot contact Head Coach, Chris Orel,
at corel@stasaints.net. Send registration and payment to Saint Thomas
Aquinas High School, Saints Softball,
Attn: Coach Orel, 11411 Pflumm Road, Overland Park, KS 66215.
When registering by email please include the following information:

Name: _____ Grade: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Address/City/ST/Zip: _____
School: _____ Summer Team: _____
T-Shirt Size: Please *Circle* Adult or Youth *Check* Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XLarge _____
Payment Type: Cash _____ Check _____ Credit Card: _____

*To request information to be placed in future newsletters, please contact Mr. Merfen

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