

# Titan News

**Parent Newsletter for Holy Trinity Catholic School**

**Editor: Principal Michael Oslance**

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## Schedule Note

Please remember that September 17 is an 11.30 AM dismissal day (due to a faculty in-service day). Students attending ECP: bring sack lunch and drink (no lunch is provided)

## Volunteers Needed!

My thanks to Phyllis Schneider; she has coordinated our volunteers for café/ recess duty and library supervision. If you would still like to sign up, please e-mail Phyllis at [tonyschneider@charter.net](mailto:tonyschneider@charter.net) .

## A Tremendous Response!

The bake sale to help defray costs for the 7<sup>th</sup>/ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade field trip to Springfield produced SPECTACULAR results. Over \$1000 was raised! We thank everyone who supported this project on the weekend of September 6-7 at the Holy Trinity weekend liturgies.

## Parent Meeting/ Sept. 17/ 7 PM in Cafeteria

**Babysitting will be provided!**

We hope to see you at our special meeting. You will have a chance to meet the new Principal, hear about standardized test results, learn more about the art curriculum, sign up for volunteer opportunities, and enjoy some refreshments!

## Art Curriculum

Each student has received an updated version of the art curriculum in this week's Wednesday folder. (Note: the 8<sup>th</sup> grade did not receive an update; they will all be taking the shop/ carpentry class.)

## Family Life Curriculum

Our students in grades 1-8 will be completing the Family Life portion of their Catholic education. We use the Benziger *Family Life* curriculum (approved and recommended by the diocese) as it reflects and reinforces a major priority in the Church today; the preservation of the fundamental importance and sacredness of the family. A letter with other details is included in the Wednesday folder. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Starr (628-8825) or Mr. Oslance (628-7395) should you need any other information.

## Our Mission...

Father Joe passes along this important reminder to us all:

The things we forgot we had that we find when looking for something else. I rediscovered this quote stored on my computer this evening when looking for another quote...

“The ultimate purpose for providing any child with Catholic education is not simply a preparation for doing good in the secular world – although we certainly hope that it accomplishes that as well. A Catholic education is not just moral, ethical and sound doctrinal preparation for life – but that too, is one of its goals. A Catholic education is first and foremost a formation in faith so that young people begin to see the world with the eyes of Christ and to love other with the heart of Christ and to serve others in the image of Christ. A Catholic education is intended to fashion young people into the very likeness of Christ Jesus.”

*Bishop Wilton Gregory, S.L.D. – previous Bishop of Belleville* [Titan News → continued on page 2]

### **More from Fr. Joe...**

Please, pass on my huge thanks for all parents, students, staff and school board members who assisted or attended our Parish Fall Festival at St. Stephen. The help was greatly appreciated. The picnic seems to have done quite well for attendance and gross income.

### **Student Council**

Elections for the officers will be happening soon! Speeches will be conducted by the candidates following mass on Friday September 12.

### **Book Fair**

Norma McQuade, Marcia Mees, and Martha Sullivan met with me concerning the upcoming Book Fair. Bless their hearts for all their work on this project! The Book Fair will: have a "spare change" event beginning Sept. 17; will set up on Friday September 19/ preview and pizza party (6-8 pm ); be open during Holy Trinity masses on Sept. 20-21. We will have a special "Book Fair" schedule at school on Monday September 22 and Tuesday September 23...providing students the opportunity to shop for books.

### **Dress Code Reminder: PE Shorts**

Coach Bajorek reminds our female students that gym shorts must be dark blue (or black) and must extend to almost touching the knee or longer.

### **A Special Note from a Parent...**

Dear Mr. Oslance,

My son, Gabriel is a student in Mrs. Lisa Jackson's pre-k class. He really enjoys attending school at Holy Trinity and he loves Mrs. Jackson (and so do we!). He has expressed to us how going to computer class and the library are some highlights of his week. His father and I both work on computers for a living and he has showed much interest in wanting to do the same. Gaining independence and knowledge in the classroom are important lessons that will help all children grow. Thank you for including this in the curriculum of the pre-k class. / Best Regards, Chanda Hesselbach

### **Special Drive to Assist Those in Need**

Please see details on flyer that is included in the Wednesday folder. Donations must be turned in by Friday September 12.

### **Spirit Day**

Holy Trinity Catholic School's first "Spirit Day" of the year will be on Wednesday September 17. We will be having a short assembly and an 11.30 am dismissal on this day. Dress code:

#### Spirit Day Dress Code

- Spirit Wear-purchased through HTCS (includes HTCS wrist bands)
- Solid color: blue or orange shirt; (exception: if writing pertains to Holy Trinity school)
- Jeans (not frayed or ripped)
- Skirt length: no higher than 2" above the knee
- (Students are not required to participate; they may wear regular uniform attire)
- Full details: see handbook/ page 22

### **Playground: Work Begins**

Our "Parents & Friends" group is coordinating the installation of the playground equipment. They begin work on Saturday September 13 (and every Saturday until completion).