

Titan News #6

Parent Newsletter for Holy Trinity Catholic School

Editor: Principal Michael Oslance

Date: September 24



My Sincere Thanks...

My family thanks you for your prayers and condolences. My mother passed away on Sunday September 14 after a long battle with cancer. Everyone's love and concern has made the difficult time much more manageable.

Mid-Quarter Grade Reports: Wednesday September 24

A teacher may choose to send your child a progress report during the fourth or fifth week of the quarter (see school calendar for exact dates). These reports serve to inform the parents of student progress at this point. They may indicate a lack of effort and achievement as well as improvement in studies. Teachers are required to send progress reports to any student with an average below a C- at mid-term. If a student falls below a C- after this time and a D or F will be earned for a particular quarter, a teacher is required to inform the parent as soon as possible by another means e.g. telephone. Progress reports will typically be sent home in the weekly packet and are to be returned along with the packet on Thursday.

Parent Meeting: Will be Rescheduled

We will announce the new date for our rescheduled Parent Meeting in next week's Titan News.

Playground: Progress

Rain may have slowed down the work force for one week...but our crew of workers (coordinated by the Parents and Friends organization) took a huge step forward on Saturday September 20. Huge amounts of dirt were moved, equipment was assembled, cement foundations were installed...and the project is well underway. Our thanks to the many volunteers (under the direction of Tim Werner) who are (literally) moving heaven and earth to get the job done for our children!

Gratitude Expressed for Our Students Effort

The Emergency Food Pantry of Caseyville tells us: "We would like to thank you very much for all the food items that were donated...You picked a very good time to hold your drive. We were getting very low on all the different items. This summer we have had more new families coming to the pantry for help."

Barbara McCann/ speaking for the pantry workers

October Liturgical Events: Update

We will be having a number of special liturgies and events...

Friday October 3: Guardian Angels & St. Francis/ Mass & Blessing of pets follows mass; please be aware of extra time that is needed, Mass will be held outside/ weather permitting/ beginning at 8.10 am.

Tuesday October 7: Mass for upper grades in the morning; Living Rosary for all at 2.15 (guests are welcome!!)

Tuesday October 14: Grandparents & Friends Day/ All-school mass and special schedule. Please see special "reservation form" provided by Parents & Friends organization (included with the Wednesday folder). Reminder: students may invite a grandparent, other relative, or a friend of the family. They may also "pair up" with another student. Mass: 8.10-9.10 am; Continental breakfast: 9.10-10 am. Please call the school office (628-7395) and let us know if any special seating accommodations are needed.

Wednesday October 15: Diocesan respect Life Mass/ Hosted by HT; Grades 5-8 will attend (note: this is a change from the usual order of who attends mass!)

More details on these liturgies will be forthcoming!

→ Titan News continues on reverse side →

TITAN NEWS #6/ Page 2

=====

Box Top Contest

We have some very good results after only the first 2 days of the contest. Four teachers turned in the labels their class collected. The 6th grade is by far leading the contest, with Mrs. Kauling's kindergarten class in second place. The details are below. (Thanks to Phyllis Schneider for coordinating this drive!)

→Reminders:

- We need ALL the other classes to get excited about this contest!
- Please use the Box Top bonus submission form - we can submit 2 per address and Mrs. O'Neill has extra forms available. This bonus submission form doubles the value of the Box Tops – so it is really great for the school (30 Box Tops are worth \$6.00 when the form is used).

→Here are the details:

6 th grade	200 Box Tops 47 labels	worth \$23.12 and products from the Campbell's book
K – Kauling	139 Box Tops	Worth \$13.90
K – Hodap	60 Box Tops	Worth \$6.00
4 th grade	5 Box Tops	Worth\$0.50

In the first 2 days of the contest we have earned \$43.52. We hope the excitement continues and all our students keep sending them in!! We also hope everyone turns in several of the \$6.00 submission forms – they add up really fast!!! They can send in 2 for their home address, 2 for each grandparent, aunt, uncle, or even a neighbor that would be willing to put their address on it.

Tutor Program

Holy Trinity school has initiated an after school tutoring program. At this time, it is open to students who have been recommended by their respective teacher(s) and who have parent approval. Our thanks to Pat and Mary Prindable who have volunteered to supervise this project. We are hoping to expand the program with other parent volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mr. Oslance (htschoolp@sbcglobal.net or call 618-628-7395).

Library Saints

Cynthia Feldt has graciously accepted the role of volunteer library coordinator---she has supervised the shelving of our books. In addition, she has helped to organize the library and check in/ check out process. Phyllis Schneider has coordinated the moms who are helping to be library moderators----they assist students during their library sessions. We extend our thanks to Cynthia, Phyllis, and all who are making our library a wonderful center for reading, learning, and study.

Abel's Angels

The dress code has added a special option for 7th/ 8th graders: the privilege to wear wrist bands which support the Abel family who continue to face mounting medical costs. Our prayers are with Brett (former student at St. Albert) and his family.

Fire Prevention Week

As has been the custom in the past, the fire department will visit Holy Trinity and give students a special look at emergency equipment. This will occur on Wednesday October 8 and the following schedule has been drawn up:

8-8.45	Grade 6
8.45-9.30	Grades 7 & 8
9.45-10.30	Grades 3, 4, and 5
10.45-11.15	Pre-K, Grades 1 & 2

“Open Line”

Please feel free to send your questions and/ or comments to Mr. Oslance. Your opinions are very important! Sometimes, a question will be directed to another staff member who is in a better position to respond to the message...but we will make every effort to communicate with you! Please contact Mr. Oslance (htschoolp@sbcglobal.net or call 618-628-7395).