

# Titan News #9

**Parent Newsletter for Holy Trinity Catholic School**

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## **No School/ Friday October 17**

The faculty will have an in-service day on Friday October 17. As a result, school will not be held on this day. ECP WILL NOT be in session on this day.

## **Parent Meeting/ October 22 at 7 PM in Cafeteria**

The Parent Meeting is rescheduled for Wednesday October 22 at 7 pm in the cafeteria. BABY SITTING WILL BE PROVIDED. Topics will include: meet the principal, test score results from 07-08, art-library comments, volunteer sign up, a presentation by Althoff High School, and comments about the proposed "chronic tardiness" policy.

## **Tardiness: Proposal**

Please remember to review the preliminary proposal and return the form that indicates you have read the recommendation. Your comments are also most welcome! Here are some additional thoughts concerning this matter.

- **WHY IS THIS POLICY NEEDED?** This policy is being put in place as a result of the trend we are seeing with increasing tardiness and the subsequent classroom disruptions that are a direct result.
- **HOW WILL THE MONEY PAID IN FINES BE ALLOCATED?** General consensus: the money could be donated to Holy Trinity and/or St Stephen Parish social outreach programs, such as food pantry assistance or St. Vincent de Paul outreach ministries. The School Board would make a definite decision to finalize this matter if/ when they accept the tardiness policy.

## **Grandparents' and Friends: A Huge Success**

Thanks to all who organized and participated in our special day! In particular, we thank:

- Carolyn Starr and Diane Britton/ great liturgical organization!
- Mrs. Timko and Dianna Bickel/ wonderful musical assistance
- Thursday Crew/ special guests of honor
- Parents' and Friends organization/ Sharon Buckley (President) had a huge number of volunteers who prepared and paid for wonderful refreshments. (They even came in on Monday to set up!)
- Fr. Joe/ the presider and homilist at the mass

## **Diocesan Convention**

Holy Trinity School sponsored the diocesan convention on October 10. Bishop Braxton was in attendance along with elementary/ secondary educators. My personal thanks to members of our School Board who coordinated parking and to our faculty/ staff who coordinated registration and a mini-Open House!

Finally, we are most appreciative of the many parents who did so much extra landscaping work and made our beautiful facility even more beautiful!

## **First Quarter Draws to a Close**

The first quarter ends on October 21. Please make sure that your son/ daughter is making the BIG PUSH as we near the first grading period.

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### **=====Santa's Cottage/ Bake Sale**

A bake sale will be held on Thursday October 16 in order to support the "Santa's Cottage" program. Items will be available before school and during lunch time.

### **Dress Code: Summer Options End on Oct. 21**

Although summer ended some time ago, the warm weather has persisted! However, as of October 21 (end of quarter), the dress code will no longer allow the "summer" options.

### **Oct. 20/ New Lunch Period Begins**

We will begin a third lunch period beginning on October 20 (Monday). The first and second graders will eat from 11.30-11.50 with recess to follow. As Principal, I feel this arrangement will make for better order both during lunch and at recess time.

### **"Trunk-or-Treat"**

Plans call for the annual "Trunk-or-Treat" event to take place after the 5 PM mass at Holy Trinity on October 25.

### **Box Top Contest**

*Thanks to Phyllis Schneider---who coordinates this effort! Thanks to all who are participating! Her reminder note and update...* Every class has responded wonderfully to the Box Top/Tyson/Campbell's label contest. Grades 1,2,3,5,6,and 7 have each submitted over 1,000 labels per grade. Our current leaders in the contest are Grade 6 with 78.4 labels per student, Grade 7 with 71.9 labels per student, and grade 3 with 70.1 labels per student. Three classes have already had 100% participation – they are Grade 3, grade 5, and grade 7. We have already earned over \$700!! Keep clipping. We only have a few days left - the contest ends Thursday 10/16/08.

### **Respect Life Mass at Holy Trinity**

Our 5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> graders joined with parishioners around the diocese to begin a day dedicated to Respect For Human Life. At the morning liturgy, all were joined in prayer as we once more affirm the sanctity for human life. Diocesan leadership was also in attendance at the Mass. Adults were encouraged to participate in other activities through out the day in order to emphasize our Catholic Church's commitment to the sanctity of all life. We are proud to assist the diocese in being a part of such an effort and hope that God's Holy Spirit will continue to shape and inspire the mind sets of our society and government.

### **Halloween Picture Contest**

The Fairview Heights Parks & Recreation recently held a Halloween Picture Contest. The following students have been chosen as part of the top 100 entries. Their winning picture will be displayed at the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 18 from 2-8p.m. and at the Fairview Heights Library from October 20 – October 25. Congratulations to our Holy Trinity winners:

- Grade 1 – Amelia Daniels, Paul Buol, Claire Franke
- Grade 3 – Ava Hipskind, Elyse Gottschall
- Grade 4 – Amy Kuehn, Emma Melichar, Emily Bumgarner
- Grade 5 – Sydney Krisher, Chase Enright
- Grade 6 – Kelli Konzen, Deva Randolph