

Subject: Campus Updates

Date: November 12, 2016

We have good news to share this week, with lots of exciting things happening. We've had more new families join our parish. As you've noticed all our Masses are full. Please consider moving towards the center of our chairs & pews. Please make our new members feel welcome. A warm smile & HI will go a long way to making our new members feel welcome.

Open Gym

We now have Open Gym on Sunday nights at HT Parish Center. Youth times are 6-7 pm (free). High school students & adults play from 7-9 pm. High school students & adults also play from 5-6 am on Wednesday mornings. Please come & join us in this wonderful facility.

Religious Education Program Updates

We are very pleased to report that we have 227 youth enrolled in our 2016/17 program. We have 147 students in our Kindergarten – 8th grade. These classes are held at HT School on Wed from 6-7:15 pm. We have 80 students enrolled in our High School (9-11th grade). These classes are held at St. Michaels on Wed from 6:15 – 7:30 pm. Our students represent 137 families from SM & HT parishes. We sincerely thank our 41 volunteers, and Mrs. Breuer, who share Jesus' teachings of Love & Respect with our youth each Wed evening.

Kringle Sale

We're taking orders until November 30th for Kringles after Masses. Thank you for your support.

Principal's Corner

I can scarcely believe that we're one-quarter of the way into the school year. I'm pleased to tell you that everyone seems to be settled in comfortably, and we're enjoying all our new students. We noticed the change in enrollment last week during our Grandparents' Day celebration. The school was full! Speaking of new students, this week we welcome the Rochon family with 5th grader Cole and 6th grader Grace. Their parents are Jim & Michelle. When you see them, be sure to extend a warm Holy Trinity welcome. We sincerely thank our teachers, staff & Mrs. Casetta for your dedication. We are happy to introduce our new teachers for this year:

- 3K – Mrs. Kriefall
- 5K – Miss Tillmann
- 3rd Grade – Miss Leitheiser
- 7th Grade – Miss Huiras
- Music – Mrs. Geydoshek

Due to larger class sizes, 3K and 4K will be in separate classrooms. Our 3K, 4K and 5K classes have been moved upstairs and 3rd & 4th grades are now on our first floor. Our library is now in the blue room downstairs. **Our Mission** is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to provide a high-quality education, and to guide children in living the Catholic faith.

They Served, Now We Serve

Holy Trinity students will collect the following items for The Wisconsin Veterans Home located in King, WI. Please bring enclosed to HT School office for collection from Nov. 7th-18th.

- Fun-size candy bars, bags of chocolate candy, Dove body wash, Old Spice body wash.
- Cans of coffee, small notebooks/notepads, puzzle books (large print, possibly Sudoku).
- Easy paint by number kits. Our Veterans appreciate your prayers & donations. Thanks

School Supplies & Needs

Our art teacher is looking for fabric ribbon. We're also looking for magnetic ABC's for use in our classrooms. Please bring to HT School office. Thank you.

Scholastic Book Fair

Please support our Book Fair, and get some early Christmas shopping done! Our Book Fair runs from November 14-18th here at HT School. Please stop at HT School office. Thank you.

Technology Updates

We've ordered and installed new Chrome Books for 5th-8th grades. We've purchased UNO Tablets from St. Mary's School. We've increased HT School's Bandwidth & updated our Server, installed 2 new Smart Boards, and set up Google classrooms for our students. We sincerely thank our donors and WE BELIEVE supporters for these upgrades. Thank you.

HT School Advisory Board

Our School Advisory Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from August through May. Members are: Heidi Butler, Chair, P Sebo, J Geidel, J Casetta, S Krautkramer, P Adelman, A Dahlberg, C Leister, BKurer, L Quissek & B Staehler. Thank you to these dedicated leaders.

Parish Facility Use & Parish Calendar Training

Come and learn how to schedule our beautiful new Parish Center, and review our usage guidelines. Parish Center Café on Thursday evening, November 17th from 6:30 -7:30 pm.

Question: What happened to money that was given for a specific item? **Answer:** Many donations were made for specific items, and we think all these requests have been honored. For instance, the painted name above HT school entrance, the portable stage, scoreboards, statues in reflection area, crucifix, cross, stained glass window, cherry-wood ceiling, kitchen equipment, school technologies, etc. These donations were fantastic and overwhelming. If you donated for a specific item, and you're not certain if it was addressed, please call HT office.

Question: Has Holy Trinity Parish taken out a Construction Loan? **Answer:** Yes we have. The current loan balance is \$760,494. This is a 5-year construction loan at 5% interest. Finance Council will decide at its November meeting how much to prepay now, and how much to pay monthly in the future. If you can pay your WE BELIEVE pledge early, this would help us to keep our interest on this construction loan to a minimum. Thank you.

Question: What is the long-term financial plan for HT School? **Answer:** Along with tuition & Angel Fund, we plan to create a Foundation. Many parishes have created a Foundation, with the proceeds from the Foundation providing financial assistance for HT School. We'll be discussing this more in 2017. Donations & estate planning will fund our Foundation.

“You'll learn more from your friends than the news or internet. Choose your friends wisely, and make Jesus your first & best friend.”