



HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FORMING SAINTS AND SCHOLARS

January 17, 2018

We are two weeks “in” to this brand new year...so... how are you doing with your New Year’s Resolutions? I was recently intrigued when I read a brief article by Richard Reece, editor of Catholic Digest. He suggested that perhaps the only appropriate resolution in this season of possibility is “This year, I will change the world.” If at first glance this resolution seems impossible, then I would like to remind you that you and I do in fact keep this very resolution each and every day. In one way or another, we as members of the Holy Trinity Family share our time, talent, and treasure, in the name of God, and in doing so, we do indeed change the world.

At the end of this month Catholic Schools across our nation will celebrate National Catholic Schools Week. For all of us involved in Catholic education, the celebration of keeping our New Year’s resolution continues. We celebrate the fact that by providing a Catholic education to our children we will change their lives for the better.

We say that a Catholic Education is an advantage for life. We make that claim because we believe in the unique educational setting where faith and knowledge meet. At our parish school we offer far more than quality academics and religious instruction. We have an outstanding tradition of integral education – allowing our faith to permeate every aspect of the school environment including academics and religious instruction, but also extending to the very atmosphere in the offices and classrooms, on the playground and at school events. Our faith shines through all that we do every day. Being a Catholic school means that we are both a school community and a faith community. That sense of community and family is one of the most precious things about life here at Holy Trinity. Being a Catholic school means that we are mindful of the needs of all human beings and committed to social justice. We teach our students what it means to live lives of service for others, and we model our own commitment to social justice through our active involvement in service to our parish, our community, and our world. Finally, being a Catholic school means that we are dedicated to, as the documents of Vatican II state, “the completion of creation.” We are called to provide our students with the best possible academic instruction and religious values, preparing them for the world of work, and preparing them for full membership in the church, and active citizenship in our nation. We challenge them to go out and make a difference in the world, to take the gifts that they have received and share them with others. We want them to be caring, cooperating, contributing community builders, daily serving the Lord and one another. This is why we exist as a Catholic school: to keep our New Year’s resolution – to change the world, one child at a time.

Although we are proud of our school’s accomplishments every day, the annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week gives us a special time to celebrate. Each day, beginning Sunday, January 28 we will celebrate our school’s connection to parish, families, teachers, volunteers, students, community, and nation. We will kick off our celebration with a special liturgy at the 10:30am parish mass. I am so grateful to each and every one of you for your generous contributions of time and talent, for your ongoing prayers, and your financial support. Your generosity makes the dream of Catholic education a reality for our children. In closing, I pray that as you continue to celebrate the dawn of this new year you will continue to join with us in celebrating the good news of Catholic education, an advantage for life.

Love and Prayers, Ms. Lloyd

Calendar Reminders

- ✓ **Wednesday, January 17th – Happy Birthday Ms. Castillo! (6th Grade)**
- ✓ **Wednesday, January 17th – MANDATORY Parent Meeting 6:30pm in the Pavilion – Pick up Progress Reports!**
- ✓ **Friday, January 19th – AR Goal 50%! PJ Day, Cocoa and Donut for Shea contribution by January 10th!**
- ✓ **Monday, January 22nd – Mass 8am – Formal Uniform; 1:00pm Dismissal**
- ✓ **Tuesday, January 23rd – 8th Grade Parent Meeting 6:30pm in 8th Grade Classroom**
- ✓ **Sunday, January 28th – Scholastic Bookfair opens! It will be here through Friday February 2nd! See flyer!**
- ✓ **Sunday, January 28th – Catholic Schools Week begins! (see flyer) Family Mass 10:30am**
- ✓ **Sunday, January 28th – Open House! 8am – noon – Bring a friend or neighbor to share the HTS joy!**
- ✓ **Monday, January 29th – Celebrate Catholic Schools Week – Regular Uniform today! 1pm Dismissal**



Happy Birthday! This week we would like to wish a **very** happy birthday to...

Ms. Leslie Castillo (6th grade)!

Accelerated Reader

Have you met 50% of your goal yet? The halfway mark is on **January 19th!** Not sure how many points you have? Check in on your child’s goal and progress at <https://hosted380/renlearn.com/306665/HOMECONNECT>

Please remember in your prayers....

- ✚ Ms. Melara (Joseph gr. 1 and Juliana gr. 7) who is ill
- ✚ The Amarin Family – Christian's (grade 7) grandfather passed away and his grandmother is seriously ill
- ✚ The grandfather of James Anguiano (grade 7) who is in the hospital
- ✚ Jessica Mendoza, cousin of Ms. Vargas and Ms. Rampone, who is ill
- ✚ Jose A. Perez, grandfather of Isabella Martinez (TK) who had a stroke
- ✚ Lillian Denise, sister of Ms. Torres, who is recovering from surgery
- ✚ Mr. Bernache, father of Gabrielle (grade 4) who is recovering
- ✚ Candy Perez, grandmother of Jacob (grade 2) and Nicolas (grade K) who is ill
- ✚ Mr. Gerson, grandfather of Eli (grade 2) who is ill
- ✚ All those affected by violence, illness, or natural disasters
- ✚ Our benefactors - especially the Shea Family and the Fr. Peacha Society for their donations to our school

If you have a special prayer request, please notify the office so that you can be added to our book of intentions.

General Parent Meeting

On **Wednesday, January 17th** there will be a very important meeting for **all parents** at 6:30pm. The meeting will cover general items of business, upcoming calendar events, and plans for the new year. AND – you can pick up your child's 2nd Trimester Progress Report! Mark your calendar and please plan on attending this very important meeting.

8th Grade Parent Meeting

On **Tuesday, January 23rd** there will be a very important meeting for **all 8th Grade parents** at 6:30pm. The meeting will cover GRADUATION and all of the surrounding activities! Mark your calendar and please plan on attending this very important meeting.

School Accreditation Update

Catholic Elementary Schools in the United States were founded essentially as parish schools after the Council of Baltimore in 1884. For over 100 years these schools were conducted by various Religious Orders of men and women. The purpose of the Catholic parish school was primarily to teach the Roman Catholic faith. The second purpose was to develop an academic curriculum that would be integrated with the values taught in the Roman Catholic Church. Over the years, it became more important to guarantee the parents and the parish that the elementary school was academically sound and spiritually formative for its students. School accreditation was a means to that end. In the late 1950s and early 1960s, the Western Catholic Educational Association came into being with its emphasis on the Catholic Identity of the school as well as its academic program. Today all Catholic elementary schools in California (both parish and private) are fully accredited by the WCEA. Like all schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Holy Trinity School is fully accredited by WCEA and by WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges). This year, we go through an intensive process to renew that Accreditation and to adopt an action plan of continuous improvement that is focused on student learning. We are excited as we come to the culmination of this study next month when the Visiting Team will gather at our school for three days to reaffirm our self-study findings and recommend our re-accreditation.



National Catholic Schools Week Is Coming

Mark your calendars – National Catholic Schools Week is coming at the end of this month! Our theme this year is **Catholic Schools – Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed**. Watch for further details about all of the wonderful events planned for this special week in the enclosed flyer. Then join us for the special activities throughout the week!

Scholastic Bookfair Is Coming

Looking for some good AR books? Stop by the book fair at HTS during Catholic Schools Week! We will kick off the fair at Open House on Sunday January 28th. You'll not only find some great deals, but you will help us put more books in our classroom libraries!



Calling All Artists! Fun Run T-Shirt Design Contest

Calling all student artists! We are looking for a design for our Fun Run T-Shirt for 2018! Drawings must include school name and year as well as the theme – **Superheroes Unite!** All drawings should be completed on standard 8 ½ x 11 or 9 x 12 white paper. Drawings should be in black ink (Black and White only please!). Please submit your drawing with your name and grade on the back to the school office by **Friday, January 26th**. Winner will be announced during Catholic Schools Week, and will have their design featured on this year's Fun Run T-Shirt for all students to wear!

Applications for 2018 - 2019

Holy Trinity School is now accepting applications for grades TK– 8 for the 2018 - 2019 school year. For applications and information, please contact the school office or stop by and pick up an information brochure and an application. Encourage family and friends who may be interested to come by and visit during our Open House on **Sunday, January 28th from 11:30 – 2:00pm**. Tours are also held by appointment. Remember – full classrooms help stabilize the budget and reduce the need for increased fundraisers and tuition.