



HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FORMING SAINTS AND SCHOLARS

January 23, 2018

Dear Parents,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! (Well... Almost!) Next week we join the 8000 Catholic schools across our nation in celebrating Catholic Schools as "Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service." National Catholic Schools Week was established by the National Catholic Education Association and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to put the spotlight on the contributions of Catholic education and its service to the Church and the country. Next week we will celebrate all of the members of the community who make Holy Trinity School so special. Our faculty community stands among the 167,000 teachers nationwide serving 2.6 million Catholic school students – helping them to grow in wisdom, age, and grace so that they may become outstanding lifelong learners in the service of Christ and all His people. We are very fortunate to have so many dedicated faith filled adults working with our children every day here at Holy Trinity – they serve in the classroom, the office, on the playground, in daycare, in the cafeteria, the parish office, the rectory, and throughout our school working each day for the growth of our children.

There is a sign in the front office that reads: Jesus Christ is the reason for this school – the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes, the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students. It's a short but simple reminder to me, every time I come through that door, of why we are here.

I realize that parents choose Catholic education, and particularly Catholic education at Holy Trinity for a variety of reasons. Some are attached to the school's rich history and drawn to its traditions. Some have fond memories regarding their own years in Catholic school, and want that same experience for their children. Others are seeking the kind of discipline and values that a Catholic education inculcates. Still others wish to obtain a Catholic education for its strong emphasis on academics coupled with catechetical instruction and faith formation. Many are drawn to the community and family atmosphere. Still more want an education for their children where they can be actively involved in partnership with the faculty. And all of these reasons are good reasons to choose Catholic education.

In the day to day rush and busyness of our lives it is easy to focus in on those reasons, or to get lost in the thousand and one little issues that call to our attention at school – rules, policies, infractions, detentions, teachers, fundraisers, service hours, sports, field trips, dress code, honor roll, hot lunch, homework, projects, tuition, fees, – the list could go on and on. Sometimes we even let the frustrations over these and other issues cloud our vision of that which is really important.

Jesus Christ is the reason for this school – the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes, the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students. We are here for Him. Our job as Catholic educators is to work in partnership with you, our families - and your call as families is to work in partnership with us, the school -- to assist in the total development of our children, helping them to grow to become saints and scholars. Every decision that we make, every policy that we set must keep this big picture in mind. This is why we can say with confidence that "a Catholic education is an advantage for life."

Thank you for joining with us in celebration of this mission. Thank you for being a part of this special ministry we call Catholic Education. Happy (Almost) Catholic School's Week!

Love and Prayers, Ms. Lloyd

Calendar Reminders

- ✓ **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
- ✓ **Tuesday, January 30th** - Teacher Appreciation Day!
- ✓ **Tuesday, January 30th** - Spelling Bee – 1pm in the Pavilion
- ✓ **Wednesday, January 31st** – Grandparents and Special Friends Appreciation Mass 1:30pm in Church; reception to follow in Pavilion
- ✓ **Thursday, February 1st** – Student Appreciation Day! Free Dress! Homework Free Night!
- ✓ **Friday, February 2nd** – Pep Rally at 10:30am followed by Taco Lunch! Families are invited to join us for rally and lunch!
- ✓ **Wednesday, February 7th** - PTO Monthly meeting 6:30pm in the 6th Grade Room
- ✓ **Thursday, February 8th** – **The 100th Day of School!**
- ✓ **Friday, February 9th** – Are you at 75% of total AR Goal for 2nd Trimester?



Happy Birthday! This week we would like to wish a **very** happy birthday to...
Robert Cavada and Jacob Vidrio

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 ill
- ✠ 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.

School Accreditation Update

Did you know...? Holy Trinity School is accredited by Western Catholic Educational Association *and* the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Not every school or district can or does complete the accreditation process. In addition to assessing the Catholic identity of the school (specific to the WCEA protocol), the process involves looking at multiple measures: test scores, student satisfaction, parent satisfaction, graduation rates, and acceptance rates at Catholic High Schools (or into honor programs in other high schools). Staff education level, experience, willingness to participate in ongoing professional development, assessment of students and the curriculum, teaching methods and resource management are also part of the evaluation that determines the next steps for the school and leads to a successful accreditation visit. We are looking forward to hosting the Visiting Committee in February. Holy Trinity School is a fantastic school with great teachers, students, parents, and support, and we will be proud to show it off. Happy Catholic School Week!



National Catholic Schools Week Is Coming

Mark your calendars – National Catholic Schools Week is almost here! 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 – LAST CALL!!

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.

Tuition Awards – due March 1, 2018

Applications for the Tuition Awards program sponsored by the Catholic Education Foundation of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are ENCLOSED for the 2018 - 2019 school year. **ALL FAMILIES** who need assistance in paying tuition for the 2018 - 2019 school year **MUST APPLY**. All applications are due by **MARCH 1st** with appropriate documentation. Contact the school office to set up your appointment with CEF at Sacred Heart HS.