



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Remembering 9/11

Last week we remembered the 23rd anniversary of 9/11. For most of us, we will all remember exactly where we were when the news and footage of the planes hitting the World Trade Towers were shown on TV. For me, I was teaching Theology at Our Lady of Providence High School. I had students in my room when another teacher informed me about the first plane hitting the tower. I had a study hall following and I, along with some students, watched as the second plane struck the other tower. It was a surreal experience to know

the amount of death and suffering that was taking place in front of me as the cameras caught every detail, including people jumping to their deaths to avoid the fire and suffering inside. I could feel my own anger and outrage build throughout the days, as news came in about the Pentagon and the crashed plane in Pennsylvania.

A lot of people felt that same anger and outrage across our nation. The question that I had was, as a Catholic high school teacher, what to do with the anger that I had, that my students had, and how should we express those hard emotions in a way that was real but also remained within our Catholic belief system.

As we discussed these events in class for the following weeks, I found it difficult to navigate my students away from stereotyping an entire religion or ethnic group. At their young age, it was easier for my students to process their grief and anger by lumping and naming an entire group instead of looking at the actual individuals and militia groups behind these attacks.

As a Catholic teacher, it was important for me to shape the minds and hearts of my students during this time in a way that didn't diminish what occurred, but allowed them to continue to trust and see God in people no matter the color of their skin or religion.

Since 2001, I often reflect on how easy it is for people to stereotype entire cultures and religions when there is a major world event, even when a vast majority of those people had absolutely nothing to do with it. This would include the Ebola outbreak and the Global Pandemic. In my prayers, I often pray that I don't let any experiences or world events prevent me from finding and seeing goodness in each person I meet.

May we all take time this week to pray for the souls of those who lost their lives on 9/11. May we pray for their families and friends who still grieve the loss of such an important person in their lives. We also pray for all first responders, especially those who are suffering physical and mental health challenges as a result of their job. May God heal them, as we remember and thank them for their bravery and sacrifice.

Respectfully,
Jack Richards
Head of Schools

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Sat. : 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
11:00 am
6:30 pm

Confession:
Every Sat. : 3:30-4:30 pm

Parish Bulletin

Vision Statement of Holy Trinity Catholic School

To be a school of excellence that encompasses the whole child by modeling Jesus through our Catholic teachings, commitment to academics, service to the community, and devotion as life-long servants of God.

SHARING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL



Hello again, parents!

This month's **Sharing the Joy of the Gospel** focus on compassion can be a challenge! Busyness, exhaustion, overwhelm, anxiety, and more can keep us from truly going beyond ourselves to “suffer with” others– especially our children! St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was a mother, too, and she knew the obstacles to compassion. Trust in the Lord’s grace as you try some of the suggestions in our resources like **practicing active listening and presence**

Try to dedicate time each day for family members to share about their day, ensuring everyone listens without interrupting. Highlight the virtue of patience and the significance of giving someone your full attention, illustrating how these actions demonstrate respect and care.

We will be praying for you and with you as we all strive to grow in compassion this month!

<http://htparish.org/joy>

With prayers,
Nathan Hadsall
Interim Communications Manager

IMPORTANT DATES

Please see the school calendar at the button below for the most up-to-date information regarding upcoming meetings and events.

CALENDAR

SCHOOL NEWS

Service Learning Kick-Offs

During September, we focus on starting our annual service learning efforts within each grade level and at both campuses. We're grateful to all of our coordinating parents and religion teachers who make our service learning program possible, as well as our community partners joining us this month to meet with students and tell us about the great work we can accomplish together.

We're especially grateful to Catholic Charities, who joined our 6th graders on Friday, Sept. 13 for our Immigration Simulation to help them learn more about who they'll be serving at Migration and Refugee Services.

Please also keep in your prayers this week our 7th and 8th graders who are participating in service days. Our 7th graders will be volunteering here in Louisville at Golden Arrow, Schuhmann Center, St. Vincent DePaul Louisville, Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services, Catholic Charities Clothing Closet, and St. Matthews Area Ministries on Wednesday, Sept. 18. Throughout the week, our 8th graders will be in Appalachia to repair homes and update a Paintsville Food Pantry while working alongside Good Neighbor from Monday - Wednesday (boys) and Wednesday - Friday (girls). We're extremely grateful to all of our parent and teacher chaperones who make these opportunities possible!

Pet Blessing

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our annual Pet Blessing, to honor St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day. This year, we'll have the blessings on Thursday, Oct. 3 (as our Walk is on his feast day, Oct. 4). St. Matthews will gather in their large parking lot at 8 am, while Clifton will gather at 2 pm in their parking lot. Parents can bring pets in carriers or on short leashes only (no extendable leashes). All pet owners are expected to pick up their pet's waste, so please bring bags.

Fall After-School Enrichment

Our Fall PEP After-School Enrichment Classes have been announced and the registration is now open! Please review the classes offered in the flyer that came home in our students' Tuesday folders on Sept. 10 and register your child online by Sept. 20 for any classes they'd like to attend. Payments and questions should be sent to the teacher(s) offering each class.

- [Flyer Available Here](#)
- [Register Here](#)

Early Registration for 2025/26 School Year

Our Early Online Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open and runs through January 31st. (This is only for new students who will be enrolling. Instructions for re-enrolling current students will be communicated in early January.) To enroll new students online, simply log on to our website (www.ht-school.org) and follow the admissions procedures. For applications submitted by January 31st, priorities for admission to Holy Trinity Catholic School shall be 1) Parishioners with children already enrolled in Holy Trinity; 2) Parishioners with children not yet in school; 3) Non-parishioners, including non-Catholics. After January 31st, applications will be considered on an as-received basis. The status of applications submitted by January 31st will be communicated by mid-February.

Picture Day

Picture Day is Friday, September 27th. Ordering is done online (before and after Picture Day) at inter-state.com/order using order code 86940GB. You can pay online with your electronic check, debit card, credit card, PayPal, Apple Pay, or Google Pay.

Picture Day is a Non-uniform Day. Below is an excerpt from the Parent/Student Handbook regarding Dress for Non-uniform Days and School Picture Day.

"On special occasions, students will be given a Non-uniform Day. On those days, students may ONLY wear:

- Long jeans, resource day sweatpants - (joggers and track pants)
- If shorts are worn, they must be their resource day or uniform shorts.
- Shirts must have sleeves. No tank tops/spaghetti straps should be worn.
- Shoes must have closed backs and closed toes. No cleats, boots, crocs, clogs, mules, roller skate shoes, moccasins, slippers, sandals, or flip-flops are permitted.
- All items must be neat and clean.
- Clothing must not be torn/ripped, be too revealing, or have inappropriate messages.
- On Picture Day, girls may wear dresses for their pictures. They may not wear spaghetti-strap dresses. The Administration will make the final decision as to the appropriateness of dress items.

Declining Balances - Flik

Earlier this week declining balance letters were inadvertently sent out to a number of families. Please disregard these letters. Our cafeteria and technology staff are working to correct the issue. Thank you for your patience.

PTA News

Annual Fund

The 2024 Holy Trinity Eagle Walk is less than a month away and we are bringing back the Color Walk. Read below to be up-to-date with the latest on Eagle Walk and how you can join in the fun on October 4!

The race for the first class to reach 100% donation participation and receive the Chick-fil-A lunch is on! Here are the latest standings. The last day to donate and get a trip to the Hyland Candy Cart is Friday, September 20 (one donation per family covers all kiddos!). Contribute to the annual fund here: <https://ht-school.org/give-now/>

If we reach our Annual Fund goal, there will be no school on March 28, 2025 - the Friday before Spring Break!

We need volunteers to help sort t-shirts ahead of the Walk. Sort is on Monday, September 30. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA9AA29A1F8CF8-51131223-eagle#/>

Volunteer on Eagle Walk day via this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044FABAD2BA6FC1-51336192-eagle>

Check out the video in which past co-chair, Lori Orr, shares what the Annual Fund is and how the funds raised have positively impacted Holy Trinity Catholic school campuses.

[WATCH THE VIDEO!](#)

Grandparents Day!

Save the date! Grandparent Day is November 3, 2024. Mass times are 8:30 or 11 am with the open house in between at both campuses. Please add our grandparents to MYHTCS today so we can send them an invitation.