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Letter from Mr. Jack Richards Head of Schools

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Reflection on the Life of St. Frances of Rome

I did not know much about the life of St. Frances of Rome prior to reading about her. Since acquiring the Clifton Campus, I felt compelled to know more about St. Frances of Rome and her amazing life. I wanted to provide you with a short bio about her.

St. Frances of Rome was born in 1384. She was born to a wealthy family and wanted to become a nun. However, her parents had other ideas and she was wed at the age of 12 in an arranged marriage.

Her marriage was a happy one, and soon after, she started to live out her calling from God by visiting and taking care of the sick and poor in Rome. It was reported that soon after she was wed, she became ill. Instead of trusting in a "magic man," St. Frances of Rome prayed to St. Alexis, and she was cured.

During a time of flood and famine, St. Frances of Rome used part of her family's estate and turned it into a hospital for those in need. There she also distributed food and clothing to those in need.

St. Frances of Rome saw a lot of turmoil in her life. She lost two of her own children to the plague. Rome was destroyed by invading armies, and there were wars involving the Pope and other anti-popes during the Western Schism. During these battles, her husband was severely injured and never fully recovered. St. Frances of Rome took care of him for the rest of his life.

Even with everything going on in her life, she still saw the bigger need to help other people. She opened her home as a hospital and drove a wagon to the countryside to collect firewood and herbs for medicine. At the time of her canonization, over 60 people came forward to attest to her gift of healing.

She died in 1440. Her feast day is March 9th. She is the patron saint of motorists and widows.

What I admire most about St. Frances of Rome is twofold. One is her perseverance. Life was not easy in the 1300s/1400s, and despite all the losses, wars, and conflicts, St. Frances of Rome kept believing in God and living out her calling. The second, which is related, is that despite the personal tragedy and grief, she didn't look inward, she continued to look outward to assist others in need. She saw the greater need and had the courage and faith to do something about it.

I must say, having Holy Trinity Catholic School–Clifton on St. Frances of Rome property is quite fitting. I am always amazed by the perseverance of the students we serve at our Clifton school. They have experienced a lot of academic challenges in their early life, yet they have persevered to accomplish amazing things. I also have always been impressed by how our Holy Trinity community is outward-looking. During the decision-making process to open Holy Trinity–Clifton, our Holy Trinity community didn't look inward and ask what do we need; we looked outward and asked what are the needs in our greater community. My prayers this week will center on the need for me to grow in my perseverance and my growth to look outward instead of inward.

Respectfully, Jack Richards Head of Schools

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Weekend Mass Schedule:

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

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

CALENDAR

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Beginning this month, we will run an article once a month to recognize a Holy Trinity alumnus who has achieved an outstanding accomplishment. If you know of anyone who should be recognized, please contact Jack Richards, Head of Schools, at jrichards@ht-school.org.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LIFETIME EAGLE WILSON YORK!



Competing at the National Club Swimming Association Championship Meet in Indianapolis in July, Wilson broke the USA Swimming National Age Group Record (13-14 age group) in the 200 meter Breastroke with a time of 2:15.11.

Wilson commented "I am thankful for the teachers and staff at Holy Trinity for being kind and supportive of my swimming and for my friends who motivated and encouraged me. My educational experience at Holy Trinity helped me form the discipline required of a competitive.

student-athlete. I learned many valuable life lessons in my years at Holy Trinity including that being a Believer in Christ will help me handle any situation no matter what comes my way. "For with God, nothing shall be impossible." Luke 1:37"

SCHOOL NEWS

Thanksgiving Break/Early Dismissal

There will be a 1:00pm dismissal on Friday, November 22nd. There is no school the week of November 25th for Thanksgiving. We wish everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Orton-Gillingham at Clifton Campus

Holy Trinity Clifton will be hosting a presentation on "The Orton-Gillingham Method at HT Clifton". Come join us to learn more about this powerful approach to the teaching of reading. Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 6PM, Eifler Theater, 2117 Payne Street, Louisville, KY 40206

Musical Theatre Christmas Program

The bugz are back and ready for the annual Christmas program infestation! The carpenter bees have built the sets, and the silk worms have made the costumes. OH, NO! The termites have come uninvited!

Join our 1st - 3rd grade Musical Theatre students on Dec. 4 or Dec. 5 at 7:00 pm (Clifton theater) to see these adorable bugz in a Bugz Christmas! We guarantee you will leave filled with some Christmas Cheer!

8th Grade Poinsettia Sale – Benefitting the Washington D.C. Trip

The 8th Grade Poinsettia Sale Fundraiser is underway! Students in the 8th grade will receive approximately 50% of the cost of each Poinsettia sold. This will help alleviate a portion of their expenses. Order forms and payment must be turned in to the office by Thursday, November 21st. (Click here for order form.) Pick up will be at the Holy Trinity Multi-Purpose Building on Saturday, December 7th between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., rain or shine. If you would like more information, contact Somer Neff at somersetneff@gmail.com, 502-794-5710 or Kimberly Sternberg at kgsternberg@gmail.com, 502-386-8720.

Congratulations to our KYA Delegation





Congratulations to our KYA delegation on an outstanding performance at their recent conference! A few accolades to celebrate:

- Lt. Governor Bob E. shined as he led assemblies for 600 people.
- 8th graders, Lincoln W. and Calvin V. were ranked highly as Chairpersons on Day 1 and asked to lead Day 2 Debate.
- 8th grader, Lillian S. was Senate Doorkeeper on Day 2 and named Outstanding Delegate.
- Our Gr. 6/7 Bluegrass bill regarding Speech Services in Schools, sponsored by Amelia W., Alex R., and Sophia F., was ranked the Top Bill in Committee, as well as Passed by the House and Senate, Passed into Law, and Endorsed by the Lt. Governor.
- Our Gr. 8 Commonwealth bill regarding monthly intruder drills, sponsored by Eden S., Leila L., Lucy G., and Chloe P., passed both the House and Senate and Signed into Law.
- 7th grader, Ellie S., and 6th grader, Amelia W. were named Outstanding Speakers.
- HT was named a Premiere Delegation and awarded the Conference Life Award trophy.
- For the first time in HT history, our presiding officer candidate, 7th grader, Ellie S. was elected Governor for next year's conference!

Help Design This Year's Yearbook Cover

Help design this year's yearbook covers! All entries are due in paper form to the school office by Thursday, November 21st. The organization and design of the yearbook this year will be led by Ms. Miedaner, Mrs. Brown, and Ms. Graham. If you have any questions you can contact us at smiedaner@ht-school.org, hbrown@ht-school.org, hgraham@ht-school.org, hbrown@ht-school.org, hgraham@ht-school.org,

Requirements for Yearbook Cover:

- Must be completed in black ink (no pencil)
- Submitted on 8 1/2 x 11 white printer paper only, design up/down to fit on the cover of our yearbook (don't turn the paper sideways)
- Must include Holy Trinity Catholic School and 2024 2025 on the cover in some way
- Make your design unique include ideas and images of what you love about HTCS
- Include the artist's name on it in the lower right-hand corner (can be done with a friend, if you want)
- Know this yearbook includes Clifton & St. Matthews campus classes

PTA NEWS

2025 Eagle Soiree Raffle Tickets - We Need YOU!

We need your help, Eagles! If all 700 raffle tickets are sold by December 15, 2024, we will earn Friday, March 28, 2025 off school. We have had a great start, but still have over 370 tickets to sell.

Raffle tickets are \$50 for a chance to win a \$10,000 cash prize! A maximum of 700 tickets will be sold. If we do not sell at least 400 tickets, the raffle reverts to a 50/50 split the pot. The winner will be drawn live at the 2025 Eagle Soiree on Saturday, February 8, 2025.

NEW this year...we will have a \$2,500 Early Bird drawing before Christmas! For all tickets purchased by midnight on December 15, 2024, the purchaser has a chance to win a \$2,500 cash prize on December 16, 2024, and all tickets will be returned to the February 8, 2025 drawing. By purchasing a raffle ticket by December 15, 2024, the purchaser will have two chances to WIN!

Winners do not need to be present to win, so this is the perfect opportunity to ask family and friends to purchase tickets and support our school. Use the link below to purchase your tickets and send to supporters: https://one.bidpal.net/2025raffle/browse/featured

Take the flyer from this week's Tuesday folder and ask family members to purchase a ticket to support our schools over Thanksgiving Break!

Supporters will receive an email within 24-48 hours of purchase with their raffle ticket number(s) and confirmation of their student seller name(s). Due to limitations in the BidPal software, we cannot track student seller(s) at the time of raffle ticket purchase. When the Holy Trinity volunteer emails the buyer their raffle ticket number, they will confirm/ask for the student seller name(s) at that time.

Holy Trinity Parish School – Lic # ORG0827

The Candy Cart is Back!!

We had 209 students from both campuses earn a trip to the first Candy Cart!

Did your student miss the first Candy Cart? If your family buys/sells TWO raffle tickets, by midnight on Wednesday, your child(ren) can earn a visit to this week's Candy Cart!

Does your student want to make a second trip to the Candy Cart? For every TWO raffle tickets sold, your children will earn a trip to the Candy Cart. Some students have sold 6 tickets, so they have earned 3 trips!

The two raffle tickets do not need to be purchased by the same person or on the same day. Grandma can purchase one today and Uncle John can purchase one tomorrow and your child(ren) can earn a visit to the Candy Cart. Also, all children in a family will receive credit for each raffle ticket sold.

The Candy Cart visits will be on Fridays from November 15th – December 20th. The 2nd raffle ticket needs to be bought/sold by midnight the Wednesday before Candy Cart Friday to give volunteers time to organize the data.

Questions? Email Molly Willer at mwiller@ht-school.org or Jennifer Kuerzi at Jennifer.Thomas@cbh.com

Art to Remember

Parents,

The artwork for Art to Remember is coming home with your student this week!

If you would still like to order artwork or need additional pieces, use the following link to do so, https://arttoremember.com/school/u4wxzu

Questions?- Michelle Frisbie - <u>michcarr16@yahoo.com</u> Have a great Holiday Season!

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