



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Mrs. Paula Watkins
Clifton Principal

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Dear Holy Trinity Community:

At the most recent Eagle Soiree "Night at the Palm Royale" Event, I had the pleasure of speaking to several families as we enjoyed a night of FUNdraising for Holy Trinity. Many of the conversations lead to questions about the status of the playground on the Clifton campus. I appreciated the opportunity to speak with them directly but also realized that I needed to share this information with the entire community!

As I reflected on my message to you, I kept thinking about our most recent Clifton "family meeting" (all school assembly). Students in Grade 6 introduced us to the value for the month of February. They described that patience helps us to endure hardships and challenges us to have a calm and steady spirit, trusting in God's timing and plan for our lives. It is not a blind trust, but one based on faith and love. The playground journey has been one where I have had to exercise patience and trust that God has a plan.

In 2022, there were two houses located on the property. After purchasing the first house for \$105,000, we began the arduous process of getting permission from the historical society to raze the home. This took about one year but with the help of Potter and Associates Architectural firm, a geotechnical evaluation and several planning & design meetings, we were granted permission. The cost for that was about \$9000. The demolition of the home was \$10,000. While it was costly, we knew that expanding the landscape of the property would allow for a larger playground area. We also removed and disposed of two trees on the property, totaling \$20,400. Much to our surprise, the second home was deemed to be unstable and ordered to be demolished. We were offered the vacant lot for the purchase price of \$110,000. Father Shayne jumped at the chance to have that property as well. The expenses were taken from our Holy Trinity Parish savings account. What you see now is a large area that will be the home of an amazing all accessible playground for Holy Trinity and neighborhood children and their families to enjoy for years to come.

In 2022-2023, fundraising money from the VIP FUNdraiser event was allocated to the playground. To date, we have \$60,000 in the playground account. So what has been happening since 2023 regarding the playground? Father Shayne, Bruce Hines and I have been working with the Dream Foundation to write grants to Kosair Charities and Crusade for Children. We will defend the Crusade for Children grant to the committee in March. Father Shayne has worked tirelessly to procure donations from families and foundations that can support the playground. His next step is to obtain official permission from Archbishop Fabre and to receive his blessing to proceed with this project.

The total cost of the project, not including the work to prepare the ground and deal with slope and grade of the property, is \$599,500. This includes a Bluegrass Recreational Special Assistance Grant for \$64,612.00. All in, we are estimating that this could be an \$800,000 project. The Dream Foundation has had great success in raising funds to build 17 all accessible playgrounds throughout our city and surrounding areas. It has been a joy working with them.

The past 7 years that Holy Trinity Clifton has been open have been nothing but remarkable to witness. We have grown from 13 to 83 students and 8 staff members to 25. The first two years, we occupied just the second floor of the building and now we occupy all three floors as well as the alcove area of the reception hall which recently became our new school library. I share the enthusiasm of the families and students in the desire for a playground for our school. I also know how important it is to do it the right way and to make sure that we create a space that will stand the test of time for future children in our Holy Trinity community.

Please know that we are working as diligently and effectively as we can to make the playground a reality. No grant is too small, no donation is insignificant and in kind gifts get us closer to our goal. Should you wish to support our fundraising and grant writing efforts, please contact me.

Blessings,
Mrs. Paula Watkins
Clifton Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

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

CALENDAR

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.

Joy of the Gospel in Action!

Our Student Council members have created a special video about **St. John Bosco, our Saint of the Month for February!** This student-led project highlights his inspiring life and message. **Please note** that since the video was created on an HT account, you must be logged into your HT Google account to access it. Enjoy and be inspired by St. John Bosco's example of faith, joy, and patience!

WATCH THE VIDEO

SCHOOL NEWS

Change in School Calendar

Due to the snow day we had this week, school will now be in session on Easter Monday, April 21st. As of right now, we will still be off on Good Friday, April 18th.

Rice Bowls

Tomorrow at Mass, we'll bless our Rice Bowls and be reminded of our call as Catholics to assist Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international Catholic relief and development agency of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB), through this annual Lenten drive. Students will then put the bowls together in religion class before Ash Wednesday and bring them home to use throughout Lent. The Rice Bowl comes with a Lenten calendar to assist families in conversations, reflections, and prayers regarding the work CRS does globally and locally, as well as an invitation to donate in whatever way your family can.

From CRS: "CRS Rice Bowl is celebrating 50 years of helping Catholic faith communities bring Lent to life and encounter God through our global family. During the 40 days of Lent, let us journey together through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Nigeria, Guatemala, and Bangladesh who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Visit crsricebowl.org/join to share your Lenten prayer intentions and join people around the world in prayer together."

We'll collect the Rice Bowls and included donations during our Holy Thursday school prayer service. Families can also bring them to any Triduum prayer service or liturgy within the parish or donate online at the HT website under Give and 2nd Collections. Questions and suggestions should be directed to [Mrs. Davenport](#) and the Student Council Rice Bowl Committee. Thanks for your support.

Important Carpool Reminders

Dear Parents,

As the weather turns slightly warmer, I wanted to remind all of our parents and other caregivers about the procedure for Afternoon Dismissal.

Carpool - First Round

If you are arriving early and plan to be in the first round of carpool, please pull forward as far as you can in your row. If there is space available in our middle lanes, please do not block entry into our main parking lot by trying to squeeze into lanes 1 or 2. We ask that all of our parents who have children in Grades 1-8 please stay with your car. Parents and caregivers with children in Grades 1-8 can stand outside of your car, but we ask that you not gather under the Portico. It makes it difficult for us to dismiss our younger grades if we have too many parents gathered by these doors. Parents and caregivers with children in Grades Pre-K and K can come up to the Portico Doors/Covered Sidewalk and meet their child. We ask that once you have your child, you immediately head back to your car so that we can begin dismissing cars in a timely fashion.

Carpool - Second Round

If you are arriving later and are in our second round of carpool, please do not attempt to come to the dismissal area to pick up your child during the first carpool. Parents and caregivers need to stay in their cars and wait until the second carpool before picking up their children. There is a green sign that indicates whether or not you are in the first or second carpool. We ask all parents to follow this procedure. All Pre-K or K parents who park and pick up their child during the second carpool must wait for a teacher to dismiss them before going to their car. No children should be in the parking lot while cars are in motion, regardless if they are with a parent or caregiver.

Walkers

If you are arriving to pick up your child as a walker, we ask that parents and caregivers arrive no sooner than 2:55. In order to provide safety for our students who are walking, we wait until after our second round of carpool to dismiss walkers. Please do not take students off campus during either the first or second round of carpool. All walkers should wait until after the second carpool to begin their walk home.

Other

No parent should park outside of our normal carpool area to pick up students. This includes parking on the street (Brookfield, Elmwood, etc.) or in the Bus Parking Lot. All students who are being picked up at school by a parent or caregiver must be picked up through the normal carpool procedure.

We thank you in advance for following these procedures. We also ask that you share these procedures with anyone who will be picking up your children this school year.

Uniforms with New Logo

In speaking with parents and getting their feedback after the tuition letter went out in January, we have decided to push back the requirement that students wear uniforms with the new Holy Trinity logo starting in the 26/27 school year. We will wait a couple more years to put this requirement into effect. (This will not include new students to Holy Trinity. New students will be required to wear uniforms with the new logo beginning in the 26/27 school year.)

Group Yearbook Photos

Due to last week's snow day, we had to reschedule the group yearbook picture day. The new date for the photos will be this week, immediately following Mass on February 26th. We will start with the younger groups and work our way up, as previously planned.

Thank you for your understanding!



& **Eyrie Theatre
Company**



Holy Trinity Clifton Campus

Friday, March 14 @ 7 PM | Saturday, March 15 @ 2 & 7 PM | Sunday, March 16 @ 2 PM

Playbill Advertising Information:

By the Numbers:

- Over **1,500** attendees including parents, relatives and friends of performers
- **4** performances with over **60** student actors, designers, and technicians

Advertising Rates:

Half-page: \$350 | Full-page: \$550 | Inside Covers: \$650 | Back Cover: \$800

*Ads and payments due March 3

Ad Dimensions:

Full-page: 4.75 x 7.75 (with bleed: 5.75 x 8.75) | Half-page: 4.75 x 3.75

To place an ad or to request more information, please contact:

Doug Dreisbach | 502.777.3711 | ddreisbach@theaudiencegroup.com

PTA NEWS

Skating Party

Please join us for a Holy Trinity skating party at Champ's Rollerdrome Friday, February 28th from 5-7. \$5 Cash Admission.

Teacher Appreciate Week

Teacher Appreciation Week is March 10-14! We need help from you - our parents - to make this week a success. Please see the below schedule and sign up to send in items.

Roll out The Red Carpet.....Holy Trinity Teachers are Our Stars!!

Monday - And The Award Goes To....

Individual gift cards, treats and raffles provided by the PTA

Tuesday - Breakfast at Tiffany's

A continental breakfast donated by HT families

- St. Matthews Campus -
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Wednesday - Lady and the Tramp

An Italian lunch catered by the PTA

Thursday - Lights, Camera, Coffee

Coffee Truck service provided by the PTA

Friday - Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

A dessert bar donated by HT Families

- St. Matthews Campus -
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PARISH NEWS

Who should participate in the Stewardship Renewal?

All Holy Trinity parishioners are encouraged to participate in the stewardship renewal process, including those who joined as new parishioners through January 31, 2025.

Why do we conduct this renewal annually? We are an active and vibrant parish, and as life changes, we want to stay connected. One way to ensure this connection is through our stewardship renewal. Families may change addresses, welcome new babies, move out of state, or decide to change parishes. By completing your renewal each year, you help us maintain an accurate database for your family and express your desire to remain a part of our community.

To receive the parishioner tuition rate, you must complete the renewal and actively participate in Time, Talent, and Treasure. The deadline for return of the renewal is March 30th.

It is also important to update your volunteer ministries annually. Even if you have been volunteering for many years, we ask that you include your ministry in your renewal. Each year, we refresh the list of volunteers for each ministry, and if you do not include it in your renewal, your name will not appear on that list. Thank you for keeping us informed!



VBS Volunteers Needed!



Help our Young Church lift each other up!

**We need 9 more adult
volunteers per day of VBS
to open registration.**

Volunteer Here:

<https://holytrinitycatholicchu25.flocknote.com/signup/188979>

Lenten Faith Sharing Groups

We still have a few available spots left in our Faith Sharing Groups for Lent.
We have the following times available:

Sundays 11:30 am

Sunday evenings (Young Adults) 6:00 pm

Wednesdays 6:00 pm

Thursdays 7:00 pm

Please contact Jacqui Rapp at 502-897-5207 ext 1119 or jrapp@htparish.org
to sign up.