

# WHAT'S IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE?

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# **Counting Down the Days**

As we approach the end of the school year we often are focused on the next best thing, summer break - counting down the days, making summer plans, some even wondering what their teachers will be like next year. Together, let's change that mindset to making the final days count.

One way to do this is to celebrate your students' learning and growth. Giving them time to reflect

on their learning journey this school year, what growth did they see academically, within their faith and personally. Together, look back at their projects throughout the year to showcase what they have accomplished. As well, celebrate the new friendships they have made, relationships they created with their teachers, and memories from this past year.

Countdowns can be a wonderful visual for students to comprehend how much time is actually left. Another way to make the final days count is to do an engaging countdown that incorporates fun activities to do on the way to school or after school, being intentional with this time and making it a time to laugh and share praises about their days. At times we can feel rushed in these final weeks. Being intentional with our quality time we have left can help shift that rushed feeling to taking time to pause and smile. I have created an <u>ABC countdown</u> that focuses on activities students can do together with you, allowing for time spent together.

Another way is to have a memory collage night, allowing time for your student to sit down and look at pictures, classwork, and even their interests throughout the year (music, hobbies, sayings, movies, etc.). Students can take these items and create a visual that represents their school year; having laughs over what they loved in August and how that has changed, or deepened. Visually seeing the progress they have made can be so beneficial - a little reminder of the memories and accomplishments of their year.

To make the final days count, allow time for your student to write a letter to future students, including words of advice for how to be successful in that grade as they are experiencing it now. As well, they can write a letter to their future self stating goals for the upcoming year. Having students re-read this letter at the start and throughout the next year would be a great way to continue those conversations as well.

Lastly, remind ourselves and our students the year is not over - let's do our best to keep routines, making sure our work is completed, getting to school on time, and putting the effort in our final days as we did in our beginning days. Make the final days count!

All the best, Rebecca Khoury Counselor, St. Matthews

## **CATHOLIC IDENTITY**

#### Weekend Mass Schedule:

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

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

<u>Parish Bulletin</u>

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

# **Final Unit on Friendzy**

We have reached the final unit of our Friendzy curriculum: Unit 8 Do the Next Right Thing! Click <u>here</u> to learn more about this unit and a summary of the friendship skills your child has learned throughout the year!

## **Festival of the Arts**

Everyone mark your calendar for our annual Festival of the Arts - April 24, 2025 - 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Holy Trinity's Clifton Campus!

Our Festival of the Arts provides an opportunity for our students to display their artistic talents and to share with everyone their gifts through various genres of the arts.

Art Fair Display – 6:00-8:00p.m. – Reception Hall Each of our students has selected his/her favorite piece of art. The artwork will be judged by art teachers from outside of our school, and each project will have a first, second and third place winner. The work will be displayed downstairs in the Reception Room.

"How Does Your Garden Groove" – 7:00 p.m. – Eifler Theater The Eifler Theater will be the stage for our first and second grade musical "How Does Your Garden Groove". Come see all of our talented students show off their impressive skills on stage! Doors open at 6:45.

# **Summer Camps & Opportunities**

Looking for a summer camp or activity for your child in the Louisville area? Check out a list of all <u>the opportunities shared with us here</u>.

## Saints for Kids Art Contest

Advertised in last week's Record newspaper. the Archdiocese is hosting a Saints for Kids Art Contest. This month, it focuses on Joan of Arc, who we're also studying here at HT in April. If you're interested in this opportunity for your child, please check out the <u>details here</u> and submit your child's artwork to the Archdiocese using the contacts in the Record article by May 8. Good luck, artists!

# **Derby Fun Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed at the St. Matthews Campus to assist with the distribution of these treats from 11 - 12:15 (Grades 6, 5, 3, 7, 8, & 4) and 12:15 - 1:30 (Grades PK, K, 1 & 2). To sign up, please <u>contact Mrs. Davenport.</u> Happy Derby!

# Catholic Schools Chess Championship

Congratulations to students, Henry J in 1st grade, who won 1st place in the K/1 division, and Alex R in 6th grade, who won 2nd place in the middle school division at the Catholic Schools Chess Championship hosted by our PEP Chess provider, Chess Education Foundation, last week. Their achievements helped HT earn 2nd place overall, too.





# **Student Expo**

A group of 15 students recently participated in the Student Expo at the University of Kentucky, hosted by the Kentucky World Language Association. During this exciting event, students showcased their Spanish language skills in a variety of creative and academic ways. They competed with other schools in the state of Kentucky.

Their performance reflects the ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) proficiency standards, demonstrating what learners CAN DO with the language in real-world contexts. According to these standards, students at their level are able to:

- Interpretive Communication: Understand basic spoken and written language on familiar topics.
- Interpersonal Communication: Participate in simple conversations, ask and answer questions, and express preferences and opinions.
- Presentational Communication: Present information, concepts, and ideas to an audience using practiced or memorized phrases, with some original language.

#### Winners:

Presentational writing:

First place: Bexley M. and Andrew E. Second place: Thomas S. and Libby M.

Third place: Tysen S.

Presentational writing advantaged student:

Third place: Salvador M.

Visual Arts:

First place: Libby M.; Third place: Abby P.

Timed speaking:

Third place: Bexley M.

Performance Art vocal:

First place: Jazmin A., Abby P., Charlotte M., and Harper W.

# Carlos Acutis: Roadmap to Reality

We thought parents might be interested in this faith documentary about Carlo Acutis playing at Cinemark Theatres on April 27th. In a world losing itself to screens, teenage mystic Carlo Acutis saw beyond our social media-addicted society and offered an answer – if we're willing to listen. Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality explores the life of the first millennial saint while following teens on a phone-free pilgrimage to his tomb. Immersing them in his story, his passion for Christ, and a search for meaning in a digital age. Added value includes experiencing the excitement and energy of the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress on the big screen, featuring powerful clips from inspiring talks and stunning visuals from this once in a generation event.

#### The literature says:

"The decision to frame the film through the lens of these high-school students links the narrative to the charism of Carlo. As such, Roadmap to Reality should be required viewing for every contemporary Catholic high-school student and their parents, grandparents and mentors. "Our primary audience is young people who face mental and spiritual challenges driven by excessive screen time and digital overload," Moriarty said.

Sunday April 27th at 4pm.

Buy tix online....<u>https://www.cinemark.com/movies/carlo-acutis-roadmap-to-reality?showDate=2025-04-11</u>



HOLY TRINITY'S EIFLER THEATER SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025 7 PM

PURCHASE TICKETS AT WWW.NEILMEDLEY.COM

## **PTA NEWS**

# Mother (Special Friend) Son event at Camp HiHo

Join us on Saturday, May 10th, from 12-4pm for the Holy Trinity mother/son (PreK-5th grades) day at Camp Hi-Ho!

This will be a special time for mothers to spend quality time with their son(s) and enjoy outdoor activities and competitions.

Mothers and their son(s) will have the opportunity to fish, ride a canoe or kayak, play in the tree forts, take aim at their son in a mother vs son bazooka ball match, and participate in fun field-day themed games like potato sack races and tug-of-war! This is sure to be a special day for mothers, sons and classmates to engage in exciting activities, build stronger friendships and enjoy being together for a day at camp!

Lunch will consist of grilled chicken, hot dogs, salad, fruit and sparkling water/lemonade. Upon arrival, we will gather everyone under the pavilion and eat lunch, and a representative from Camp Hi-Ho will go over the schedule for the day and locations of all activities. Mothers and sons should wear outdoor/athletic clothing and dress for the weather! Our goal is to provide a time and space where mothers and their sons can spend quality time together and have a fun-filled afternoon with classmates. Tickets are \$50 per child, Mom is free.

We hope you can join us!

For any questions, please contact Taylor Jackson at <a href="mailto:tflorence12@gmail.com">tflorence12@gmail.com</a>

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## **PTA NEWS**

# Handicapping with Jody Demling

We have some spots left with our 'Handicapping with Jody Demling'. On April 27th from 4-6 at Saint's Sky Bar. Tickets are \$50 and will include appetizers and there will be a cash bar. Jody will hold a handicapping seminar focused on the Kentucky Derby, Oaks and other big races on Derby Weekend! Bring yourself or bring some friends. Email Molly Willer if you are interested, <a href="Mwiller@ht-school.org">Mwiller@ht-school.org</a> <a href="http://bidpal.net/2025vip">http://bidpal.net/2025vip</a>

# Father / Daughter Dance

Tickets are now on sale now for our Luau Theme Father(Special Friend) Dance on May 9th from 7-9 pm for Prek-4th Grades. This will be held at the St. Matthews Campus.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to work the event please contact <a href="mailto:hsexton1025@gmail.com">hsexton1025@gmail.com</a>

https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/df94dada-6a27-4cc7-bf5d-0d7846841e21

## **PARISH NEWS**

# Holy Trinity Catholic Church's 25+ Adult Co-Ed Volleyball League

It's time to break out the knee pads and active ankles because Holy Trinity Catholic Church's 25+ Adult Co-Ed Volleyball League is back! Join us for what is sure to become one of your favorite Friday night activities. The league is open to parishioners and HT school families. We have two divisions offered: Competitive and Recreational. Games will be played Friday nights, May 16th - June 20th. A single elimination tournament will wrap up the season on Sunday, June 22nd.

Bring your own team or sign up as a single player who will be assigned to a roster. A submitted roster should have no more than 8-9 co-ed players, including the team captain. The league fee will be \$30/player, regardless of division or skill, and will be due from all players registering with the league no later than May 2nd, 2025.

HT Adult Co-Ed Volleyball League - <u>RULES HERE</u>

Registration and payment are due May 2nd, 2025. Sign up here: <a href="https://forms.gle/9cbustvEQYtGS4F38">https://forms.gle/9cbustvEQYtGS4F38</a>. Venmo payment to @jenmullins14, please include the registered player's name in the comment.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Mullins at 502-263-9254 or email <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/journal.com/">https://doi.org/10.2016/journal.com/</a>

## **PARISH NEWS**

## **Vacation Bible School**

Holy Trinity Vacation Bible School registration is open. The Great Jouney will take place June 9-13 2025 9 a.m.- noon. Cost is \$50 per child for incoming PreK-5th grades. Register here: <a href="https://bit.ly/4hSz4xc">bit.ly/4hSz4xc</a>





VBS is June 9-13, 9-noon, daily Registration by May 9th to first 125 kids. Incoming PreK-5th grades

