

The Trinity Tribune

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Principal's Message

Dear Holy Trinity Families,

As we approach the end of this calendar year, we reflect on the blessings of a vibrant and engaging fall season. Our school community has come together through recent fall events strengthening the bonds that make Holy Trinity such a special place. Thank you for your continued support and involvement, which brings our mission to life.

With Advent upon us, we are reminded to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. This sacred season calls us to pause, reflect, and grow in faith. Please join me in this prayer for Advent:

Heavenly Father, as we light the candles of the Advent wreath, may we be inspired by the hope, peace, joy, and love that this season represents. Help us to open our hearts to Your presence and guide us in sharing Your light with others. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

As we look ahead to the new year, may it bring continued growth, success, and blessings for our students and families. Thank you for choosing Holy Trinity as your partner in education and faith.

Wishing you a joyful Advent, a Merry Christmas, and a Blessed New Year!

Mrs. Anderson

DECEMBER Important Dates

- December 2 - NO SCHOOL - Bishop's Day Off
- December 3 - Faculty Prayer (Hosted by 5th Grade)
- December 5 - Early Dismissal at 12:30pm
- December 5 - Christmas Program at 6:30pm in the Church
- December 6 - Assembly
 - Virtue of the Month & Student of the Month
 - 4th - 8th Grade Honor Roll
- December 6 - Report Cards available on SchoolSpeak
- December 8 - 6th Grade Mass at 8:30am
- December 8 - 8th Grade Pancake Breakfast from 8-11:30 AM in the Parish Hall
- December 13 - 8th Grade Dance
- December 16 - \$2 Free Dress Day
- December 16-18 - Candy Cane Lane in the Parish Hall
- December 17-19 - Christmas Spirit Week (see attached flyer)
- December 19 - Preschool Santa Breakfast at 8:30am in the Parish Hall
- December 19 - Early Dismissal - 12:30
- December 20 - January 5 - Christmas Break

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

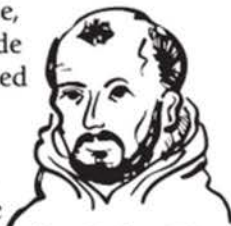




Thoughtful Moments

St. John of the Cross

Born in Castile, Spain, St. Juan de Yepes experienced poverty and suffering throughout his life. In 1563, he entered the Carmelite Order. His friend, St. Teresa of Ávila, encouraged and supported him in reforming the Order, even when he experienced intense persecution for them. He was even imprisoned by his religious brothers for nine months. From this experience came the mystical poetry and inspired writings on the interior life that made him a Doctor of the Church.



True joy is found in Jesus

"Christ came to bring joy: joy to children, joy to parents, joy to families and to friends...In a true sense, joy is the keynote of the Christian message and the recurring motif of the Gospels." Pope St. John Paul II

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).



Embrace the promise of Advent and the wonder of Christmas

In the flurry of holiday preparations, adults can overlook the promise of Advent and the wonder of Christmas. Children never do. This year, try to experience Advent and Christmas through the eyes of a child.

Tie gifts with heartstrings. Give gifts that are simple and heartfelt. Craft personalized bookmarks for book lovers, homemade bread or cookies, or combine Epsom salts, essential oils, and natural ingredients in a small bag for a spa gift.

Offer your hearth. Young children know that everyone needs a friend. Yet, the holidays can be lonely for those separated from their loved ones. Invite anyone who needs a place to go to share the warmth of the season with you.

Listen for peace. Watch your favorite family Advent and Christmas classics and skip the ads. Or rent movies that inspire you spiritually. Better yet, turn off the TV, computer, and phone, and revel in the gift of silence.

Await the Babe. As a family, spend quiet moments in prayer or before the Eucharist as often as you can during Advent.

These peaceful pauses can convey to children the true meaning of Christmas.

Sing like the angels. Check local community events for concerts, Messiah sing-alongs, or other musical celebrations that lift the spirit. Or organize a caroling party and sing with all the joy of the season.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why does the priest wear purple in Advent?

Purple – or violet – is traditionally associated with penance and penitential seasons such as Advent, a season marked by hope, simplicity, reflection, and preparation. This season calls us to



repent of our sins and strive to become the individuals God intends us to be. It is a time to ready our hearts for Jesus' arrival, both at Christmas and at the end of time. Purple is also a royal color, reminding us that the King is coming to rule our hearts!

Lessons from the Child in the manger

The image of Jesus lying in a manger is more than a beloved Christmas scene. Its lessons resonate all year long:

Generosity: In Jesus, God gave us everything. When children are tempted to keep the best for themselves, remind them of Jesus in the manger. God's gifts are meant to be shared, not just during the holidays, but in every season.

Humility: Jesus, the King of Kings, chose to be born in a humble stable. This was a profound

choice to be accessible to all of us. When children are hesitant to serve others, the Infant in the manger stands as a gentle reminder. God humbled Himself to serve us (Mark 10:45). How can we serve Him?

Love: True love seeks closeness. God, our divine Lover, came to us as a baby so that He could draw near to us, and we could draw near to Him. God has come close to us (James 4:8) and remains with us always in the Eucharist (Matthew 28:20), a testament of His boundless love.

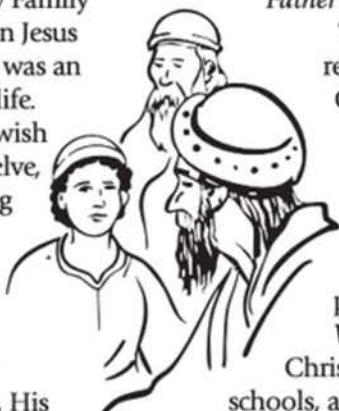


Scripture LESSON

Luke 2:41-52, Going about the Father's business

In this reading, the Holy Family traveled to Jerusalem when Jesus was twelve years old. This was an important event in Jesus' life. Then and now, when a Jewish boy reaches the age of twelve, he is celebrated as entering manhood in a ceremony known as a Bar Mitzvah.

Afterwards, the family started home but Jesus stayed behind. After three days of anxious searching, His parents discovered Him in the Temple, talking with the teachers, who were amazed by Him. Mary and Joseph were shocked: How could He just wander off? Jesus explained He was "about his



Father's business."

This was the first time Jesus referred to His identity as God's only Son. He realized His duties to His heavenly Father. Meanwhile, He returned obediently to Nazareth and fulfilled His duties to His earthly parents.

What can a parent do?

Christians live in neighborhoods, schools, and communities. We are subject to legitimate earthly authority but we can grow in holiness wherever God places us. Find ways to teach children to be holy while still living in the world.

Feasts & Celebrations

December 1 - First Sunday in Advent. We anticipate Christ's birth and His coming on the last day. Catholics everywhere light candles in an Advent wreath to signal the coming of the light of Christ.

December 7 - St. Ambrose of Milan (397). St. Ambrose was an effective pastor, bishop, and teacher, and was devoted to care of the poor in Milan. He guarded the Church against the Arians, who denied Jesus' divinity.

December 9 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We commemorate that Mary was conceived in St. Anne's womb without original sin, preparing Mary to be the Mother of God. Pope Pius IX declared this doctrine in 1854. This year, it will be observed on December 9 and is a holy day of obligation.

December 21 - St. Peter Canisius (1597). Born in Holland, he became a priest in the Jesuit Order and worked through his writings and teachings to safeguard the Catholic faith after the Reformation. His work, *The Catechism*, is still used today.



Parent TALK

Our holidays were so hectic, I stopped enjoying them. Instead of celebrating on Christmas morning I



wanted to stay in

bed. Two years ago, I was so cranky and tired, I almost ruined everyone else's day.

So last year I asked the guests

we expected for Christmas dinner to each bring a side dish. That way I wouldn't have to spend the whole day cooking. Next, I drew up a list of our closest friends and family and bought small gifts for them, and the children and I spent a weekend baking cookies and wrapping gift baskets. People loved the homemade touch. Finally, I put the children's bedtime off each night by 15 minutes. We spent that time lighting the Advent wreath and praying the Rosary.

On Christmas morning, I cooked a special breakfast, sang joyfully at Mass, and celebrated Christmas Day. I finally had my blessed family Christmas.

Our Mission

To help parents raise faithful Catholic children
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(Unless noted Bible quotes and references are from the Revised Standard Version and the New American Bible.)

SCHOOL BUSINESS UPDATE

GENERAL FEES FOR 2025-2026

You will be billed General Fees (\$450.00 per child) for all returning children. Fees are due 2/03/25. If you are not planning for your child to return for next school year, you MUST contact Mrs. Gabriela Jalomo, ext. 215 by January 24, 2025 to reverse the charge.

When you pay your General Fees that indicates to us your child is returning for the next school year and we hold your spot. Based on this we know how many openings we have in each grade for the next school year. If your General Fee is not paid, a spot for next year will not be held for your child.

8TH GRADE GRADUATION FEE

A fee of \$175.00 per 8th grade student will be billed for February, due date 2/03/25. Please refer to page 22 in your Parent/Student handbook for any clarification.

DECEMBER ATHLETICS

SPORTS UPDATE

BASKETBALL UPDATE

- All basketball teams will be practicing in December. Check your email for details.
- Varsity Boys Basketball will play in the St. John Bosco Christmas Classic December 27-30th.

FALL SPORTS NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

Fall Sports Awards (for athletes in grades 5-8) will be on Thursday, January 16th at 5:30pm in the Parish Center Auditorium.



December 2024

Holy Trinity Lunch Menu



\$6 Single Lunch \$10 Double Lunch Per Student

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1	2 NO SCHOOL BISHOP'S DAY OFF!! 	3 Big Nick's #1 Ham & Cheese Sub #2 Turkey & Cheese Sub #3 Marinara Pasta #4 Butter Pasta #5 Alfredo Pasta #6 PB & Jelly Sandwich	4 Slavko's #1 Chicken & Potatoes #2 PB & Jelly Sandwich	5 In House or To-Go #1 Hot Dog #2 Corn Dog #3 Chicken Tenders #4 Grilled Cheese #5 PB & Jelly Sandwich Minimum Day 12:30 Dismissal	6 In House or To-Go #1 Hot Dog #2 Corn Dog #3 Chicken Tenders #4 Grilled Cheese #5 PB & Jelly Sandwich Minimum Day 12:30 Dismissal	7
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			25 Merry Christmas!! 			
	31 HAPPY NEW YEAR'S EVE	<p><i>See you next year!</i> <i>Because (psst) 2025,</i> <i>here come the HT Chargers...</i></p>				

Add name, grade/class section and lunch option in an envelope along with payment.

Checks are preferable but cash will be accepted.

Same Day Orders/Cancellations must be made by 9:00 A.M. through SchoolSpeak or by leaving a voicemail.

Any questions, contact Ms. Tharp at 310-833-0703 Ext. 218 or at lunchprogram@holytrinityschoolsp.com



HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TIMESHEET
2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR

MONTH OF: **DECEMBER** DUE DATE: Tuesday, January 7, 2025

FAMILY NAME: _____


PHONE NO: _____ COMMUNICATOR NO: _____

Date **Type of Assistance Performed (be specific)** **Time Expended**

Parent Signature: _____ **Total Hours:** _____

Comments: _____

Assistance Program Fee: The fee is \$20 for each hour under 40 hours not recorded and therefore not considered completed. Any of the remaining 40 hours not completed, will be billed no later than May 15, and payment will be due by May 31. Monthly assistance logs are due by published due dates and will not be accepted late.



HOLY TRINITY ALL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE DECEMBER 5, 2024 6:30pm

- Students are to wear their formal mass uniform unless they will be dressed in costume. (Final parts will be nailed down this week and I will send a note home to those parents.)

- Students need to report to their classrooms at 6pm so they can get in their lines and be ready to process into the church for their performance.

(NOTE: Parents and guests should go directly to the church and take their seats. Since this is a scripted performance with "choreographed" transitions, guests need to stay for the entire show so as not to interrupt the flow in and out of the church doors. (If there is an emergency and you need to leave, please do not use the doors that lead to the school yard. Students will be transitioning through those doors.)

- Please let your teacher know if your child will not be attending the Christmas performance. This will affect the line order and placement on stage, so I need to know this week.

- The show will be no longer than 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Thank you,

Mrs. DiRocco



HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

8TH GRADE

PANCAKE

BREAKFAST



Photos with Santa 8AM-10AM
Take your own pictures!
Bring your letters to our
North Pole Mailbox!

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 8TH
PARISH CENTER
8:00AM - 11:30 AM

JOIN US FOR PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, FRUIT,
COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE AND JUICE

PREORDERS AVAILABLE OR PAY THE DAY
OF THE EVENT

ALL PROCEEDS HELP BENEFIT
8TH GRADE SCHOOL EVENTS

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



Pre-Order Form

Holy Trinity

8th Grade Pancake Breakfast



December 8th
8:00 AM-
11:30 AM

Please return the bottom portion of this form to the Main Office marked
"8th Grade Pancake Breakfast"

Checks made payable to HTPA.

Any questions, please contact

Mary Oldendorph, moldendorph@yahoo.com

Order Form

Adults: \$8.00

Kids: \$6.00

Number of Tickets: _____

Number of Tickets: _____

Name:

Email/Phone number:



\$2 Free

Dress

MONDAY,
DECEMBER 16



CANDY CANE LANE

MON THRU WED 12/16-12/18

The holidays are quickly approaching!

We are looking forward to our annual Candy Cane Lane student shopping experience.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: DANIELLE TOM SUN @

DTOMSUN25@GMAIL.COM



JUDGES NEEDED

for

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL'S 3RD ANNUAL INVENTION CONVENTION

Thursday,
1/23/25

7:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Half or Full Day
Shifts Available

No Experience
Necessary

Scan QR Code to
Sign Up
Or
Call 310-833-0703
ext 244



SCAN ME



If you are highly committed to helping Holy Trinity students learn, enabling their inquisitive and creative nature, or just love kids and innovation, you're the perfect person to get involved!



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HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL - 8TH GRADE

OPEN HOUSE

JANUARY 26 • 9AM – 12PM

- Join us for a campus tour
 - Meet our dedicated teachers
 - Explore Student Invention Convention projects
 - Sign up for Middle School Shadow Day
 - **Pick up applications for the 2025-2026 school year!**
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Important Dates:

January 29

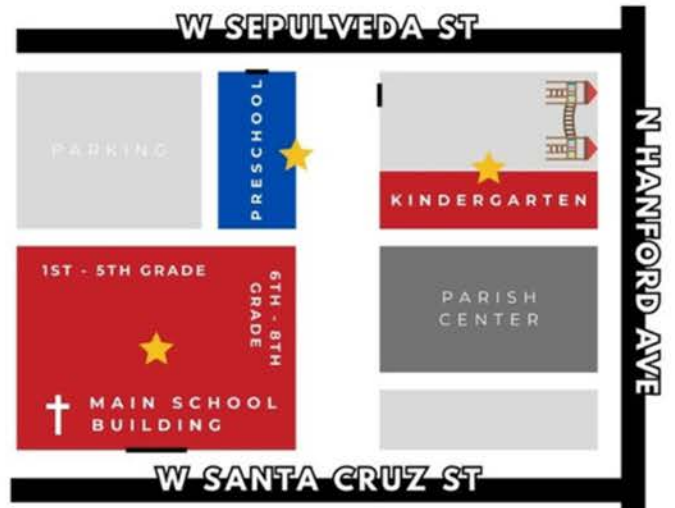
Preschool & Kindergarten Information Night

February 12

New Student Application Day



- 📍 Scan to Schedule a Private Tour!
- ☎ (310) 833-0703
- 📍 1226 W Santa Cruz St, San Pedro
- ✉ admin@holyltrinityschoolsps.com





HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL
PRESCHOOL - 8TH GRADE

ADMISSIONS EVENTS

JAN 26	OPEN HOUSE 9 AM - 12 PM ALL CURRENT & FUTURE CHARGER FAMILIES WELCOME
JAN 29	SHADOW DAY 8 AM - 12:20 PM OPEN TO ALL INCOMING 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADERS
JAN 29	INFORMATION NIGHT 6 PM INCOMING PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES
FEB 05	SIBLING APPLICATION DAY
FEB 12	NEW STUDENT APPLICATION DAY
FEB 25	NEW STUDENT TESTING DAY
MAR 12	ACCEPTANCE LETTERS MAILED HOME
APR 01	TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION DEADLINE



TO APPLY FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR OR SCHEDULE A TOUR
PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT: SCHOOL.HOLYTRINITYSP.ORG

Rhythmic Skills

Beam



GYMNASTICS

Tumbling

Vaulting

Come join the
Gymnastics Fun Classes

at

Holy Trinity Elementary School

SESSION 2:

11/22 - 2/28/2025

WHEN:

Friday 12:30-1:35 pm

WHERE:

Kindergarten yard

FEE:

\$275.00 (11 classes)

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL MICHELE (310) 918-4068

REGISTRATION FORM

Child's name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Parent's name _____

Phone # _____

Child attends Gymnastics Fun classes
at what school: _____

Room #: _____

Disabilities or ailments that would
affect your child's performance:

INFORMED CONSENT AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

I have enrolled my child in a program of physical activity including, but not limited to, dance exercise movements, basic tumbling skills (front & back rolls, handstands, cartwheels) & basic locomotor skills (jumping, galloping, skipping, & running). I understand the inherent risks, including injury that may result in my child's participation in this activity. I assume the risk & hereby affirm that my child is in good physical condition & doesn't suffer from any disability that would prevent or limit him/her from participation in this exercise program. I hereby agree, that I, for myself, my child(ren), adopted or otherwise, my heirs and executors, waive & release any and all rights and claims for damage that I may have at any time against "Gymnastics Fun" or their agents and representatives with my child's entry in activities sponsored by Gymnastics Fun. I hereby affirm that I have read and fully understand the above.

Signature of parent or guardian: _____

Please make checks payable to Gymnastics Fun !

_____ date _____

****The San Pedro Christmas parade is coming up- 12/1/24!**

