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Holy Trinity School Newspaper

Pre-School at HT

By: Alexis Ravelo

HT preschool opened in 2006 for three and four year old students. In the first four years the preschool doubled in size. The teacher is Mrs. Conejo, who strives to make Holy Trinity Preschool a fun, loving, learning environment.

The curriculum consists of Zoo Phonics, a multi-sensory language arts program, mathematics, Spanish, religion, art, music, movement, and science. Interactive iPads help the students learn and understand even more. At recesses they socialize and exercise by playing in the sandbox, riding scooters and cars, and playing organized activities.

The preschool and pre-K continues to quickly grow. Help our students thrive and tell your friends and family to enroll in HT. Our students are definitely ready to take their next steps in their education journey.



CJSF Installation

By: Sierra Sandoval

In October, 64 students from the 7th and 8th grade classes were installed into CJSF at Holy Trinity School because of their handwork from the previous year. CJSF stands for California Junior Scholarship Federation. To be a member of CJSF, you have to earn 20 points from the past semester. An A is worth 3 points and a B is worth 1 point. If a student gets installed in CJSF 3 out of 4 times, then they will receive a gold seal on their diploma when they graduate. This gold seal can help a student get into a good high school, and even be accepted with honors. The gold seal indicates the student tries hard and doesn't give up on what they plan to do.



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Technology

Let's Communicate with Computers

By: Matthew Castiglione

Fourth through eighth grade classes are required to participate in computer class every week. Computer class teaches you how to type, write code, recognize what happens inside the computer, choose different types of fonts, use different computer programs, and even play the Stock Market. In addition to weekly computer class, we use computers in math, English, reading, and history. Computer class can be extremely difficult and challenging, but it does offer a lot of benefits for our future.

Student Council

Student Council Initiation Mass

By: Anita Michlitsch

The Student Council Initiation Mass was in September. All of the members participated in the beautiful candlelight service. The Mass celebration recognized the Student Council members and prepared them for a new year of leadership.

Student Council leaders organize school wide activities, such as the jog-a-thon and the Halloween parade. The Commissioner of Awards, Anna Duhovic, decided to be on Student Council because she felt it would help her become a better leader, and enhance her social skills. Anna is in charge of hosting Student of the Month and Honor Roll ceremonies. If you are interested in being in Student Council next year, there is a meeting in the spring where Miss Robles and Mrs. Garcia explain how to join.

\$2 Free Dress Days

By: Kiana Nelson

The Holy Trinity Student Council would like to thank all who participated in the Free Dress Days this school year.

The money is donated to people or groups in special need. The first free dress money was donated to the Tejeda family, due to Mrs. Tejeda's cancer diagnosis. Additionally, your Student Council would like to thank everyone who showed their support of the women with breast cancer in October by wearing pink. |



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Opinion

“Intelligence+Character. This is the goal of true education.”

- Martin Luther King Jr.

Does Music Affect the Way You Study?

by: Airika Ritter

Researchers found that listening to music with lyrics can distract you more than instrumental music. The instrumental music helps you focus more because it doesn't have any distracting lyrics or words in it. If you want to stay more focused listen to instrumental music even if it doesn't seem like it helps.

Netflix

By: Lily Ruggerio

Netflix is one of the best ways to catch up on your favorite TV show and movies. At only \$8.99 a month, you can access every movie and show you can think of. Netflix is great because it has TV shows and movies for all ages. I personally love Netflix and use it all of the time when I'm bored and have nothing to do. You can use it on a smart TV, Xbox, iPad, smart phone, laptop, and more technology.

Holy Trinity Student Council Field Trip

By: Angel Casiano

This year Holy Trinity Student Council went to Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. The purpose of the trip was to help the special kids with missing fingers or toes. The council members helped the hospital staff set up the event, greet people at the entrance, and give out food. There were animals that gave the kids in need company and love, they included a poodle and three other dogs. It was really cute seeing the kids with the dogs and the little girls and boys having fun with the puppies. Student Council member say it was beautiful to see all the adults and children faces. The Student Council members loved this field trip and hope they can go again next year.

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What's Going on at HT

8th Grade Pancake Breakfast

By: Lucy Herlihy

Eighth grade had the annual Pancake Breakfast in December. They did this to raise money for eighth grade events, such as the Christmas Dance and Academic Awards. It was held in the Parish Center and they served yummy pancakes, sausages, oranges, juice, and hot chocolate. Working hard to make it a success, Mrs. Kelly Kopecek, an 8th grade room parent, was in charge of the breakfast. So many people dropped by to support the eighth graders, and they undoubtedly appreciated it!

The 6th Grade Play

By: Emma Courtney

The performance of *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, the annual 6th grade play, was a huge success this time around. The students practiced for the performance every week during TAG. As the performance date inched closer, the students stayed after school for an extra hour and a half to make sure that everything was perfect. The stagehands and crew worked to make props and embellishments. Sixth grade language arts teacher, Mrs. Wilson enthusiastically directed the play. The performance took place in the Parish Center, due to its large stage and giant seating capacity. The play helped the students get into the Christmas spirit.



AR

By: Jonathan Torres

Every quarter Mr. Wiley gives middle school an assignment called AR, where they have to read books to achieve a certain amount of points. 6th grade has to get 15 points, 7th grade needs 20 points, and 8th grade must achieve 25 points. To reach this, they need to read at home which is Mr. Wiley's ultimate goal. When they finish the book they were reading, they take a test on it. The test score determines the amount of points achieved. The more pages a book has, the more points it has. Even if you get all the questions on the test correct, you still might not have the amount of points needed, and therefore you have to read another book and take another test until you get the amount needed. If you earn double the amount of required points, you receive an AR award which you receive during the Student Of the Month/ Honor Roll assembly.

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Sports

HT Boy's Varsity Basketball

By: Dominic Ciolino

The boy's varsity basketball team has been working hard at practices to train for the 2016-2017 season. This year's coach is Paul Basich. I believe he will do a great job teaching and doing drills with the team. Along with the rules of the game, he teaches them good sportsmanship and does the best he can do to make them better athletes and young men. Let's hope they will have a great season!

HT Varsity Football

By: Jake Harper

The Chargers are moving along quite smoothly! Coach Wiley and Coach Ramage have put together a great group of players that know the game of football very well. The Holy Trinity Varsity Football team, placed 5-3 in CYO league and finished 2nd place in the St. Paul Tournament. Pierce D'Ambrosi, a player on the HT Football team said that by joining the team, he has become a better leader by helping teammates and gaining more knowledge about the game. The HT football team has come a long way especially since they have a lot of new players. Go Chargers!

Cheering Our Way to Victory

By: Grace Figueroa

"When cheering, I feel happy and I forget all about my stress or problems, and just cheer to the best of my ability," says Teana Gomez, a cheerleader in the eighth grade. Cheer Coach, Alyssia Strasser, is currently a varsity cheerleader at Mary Star of the Sea High School. She treats the girls with great respect. The cheerleaders may make everything seem easy, but cheer is very hard. At practice, they have to warm up, condition, and clean up their difficult routines. Olivia Basura, an eighth grade cheerleader said, "Cheer is fun because we get to meet people from other grades and it gives us something artistic to focus on other than school." Another eighth grade cheerleader, Isabella Orlando, said, "Cheer is a great way to make new friendships that will last for a very long time and it is a good way to improve on our abilities and challenge ourselves." Cheerleaders put in just as much work as you would any other sport. Cheer is an important sport, and it is amazing that we have such talented girls.

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Fall Back: What Happened Last Year?

Hurricane Matthew

By: Paige Paulsen

Hurricane Matthew, a huge tropical storm first formed in late September, and swept through the United States in early October, hitting hard on many southeastern homes. The tropical wave, that hit the states of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina, has left "a lot of destruction and flooding to the homes of many people" according to Business Insider. Billions of dollars have been lost and many people have died in the floods. Many people donated money to the families affected by the destructive hurricane, as many people struggled to receive food and find shelter.

The Fall Event

By: Xander Singson

The Fall Event is "one of the most exciting celebrations and fundraisers of the school year." This year's theme was centered around the Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead. The food, drinks, and game booths were decorated with colorful skulls and beautiful flowers. There was an awesome DJ who played lively music that made many children and adults dance. The eighth graders created a spooky haunted house in the cafeteria which was filled with many frights and fun moments. The Fall Event was very special because it helped raise money for our school, bring people together, and help friends and family make many fun memories.

Flu Season is Here

By: Chloe Wood

Every year around these fall and winter months, flu season begins. Flu season is the time of the year everyone's good health seems to dramatically fall off a cliff. Flu viruses flourish in cold air and humidity. Cold air also helps the virus particles remain in the air. Cold weather does not make you sick. To contract viruses like the flu, you have to come in contact with the influenza virus. As you read earlier, in cold weather the virus' particles are more stable. The flu is a terrible thing we all have to suffer through but, letting the flu ruin your holiday cheer is even worse. Stay optimistic and as healthy as you can. If you do get sick, drink lots of water and keep your spirits up!

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The Stock Market Game

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By: Joey Sogliuzzo

The Stock Market Game gives an exciting experience for the fifth and eighth graders. The students engage in the game during Technology class. The game gets them prepared for their future by giving them knowledge of the stock market, how to invest, and teaching them to take risks by investing and not knowing what the result will be. In the game, players invest in stocks as a team. They start with a \$100,000 balance, and each team member must invest in their own choice of stocks. Players are required to buy at least 100 shares of each stock. Then, the group continues to invest and sell their stocks until the end of the designated playing time. It is a great challenge of their knowledge of the Stock Market, their investment skills, and their ability to work well with others in order to reach a common goal of success. Jake Harper, an eighth grader who is a player in the Stock Market game, says, "The stock market is fun because we get to learn about new and existing companies." Undoubtedly, this game will be a great investment in our futures, to say the least.

Honor Roll & Student of the Month Recipients



Answer to Mystery Teacher: Ms. Ferrigno

