

A bird's eye view of 5th Grade!

Grade Five has been working hard and exploring new and exciting topics. Science class has taken us through the Universe. We began in our own Solar System, took a few trips to nearby stars, and even journeyed to the galaxies that make up our 'neighborhood'. Sadly, we now realize our good friend, the Sun, will eventually 'die' and life on Earth will be no more.

Fortunately, we have another five billion years to go, so no worries for now!

U.S. History class led us into the world of the American Revolution and the creation of our great nation. As a part of our studies, each student created mini-biographies of the men who signed the Declaration of Independence.

We are also looking forward to our field trip on May 8. This year's destination is Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, which is located in the great state of West Virginia. It's best known for John Brown's ill-fated attempt to start a slave uprising in 1859, but also has some beautiful scenery, as it is located along the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers.

Sixth Grade Sagas

Mrs. Barbara Eiche

In Religion, Sixth Graders have witnessed the struggles of Moses and the Hebrews as they traveled through the wilderness on their way to Canaan. They realized that without God's Divine Providence the Hebrews would not have reached the Promised Land. Through our daily Sentence Analysis and English Maintenance Sheets, the students are able to maintain the Grammar skills needed in order to continue their studies in Grade 7. Outside of the classroom, the girls are our library aides and members of our school choir. They give up lunch recess to practice the hymns for our liturgies and their angelic voices can be heard on our floor. Another activity the students are eagerly anticipating is our class trip to Harper's Ferry National Historical Park, West Virginia on May 8th. Here history will really come alive!

Seventh Grade Scenarios

Mrs. Ellen Snyder

As we enter the final quarter of what I have found to be a wonderful year, the seventh grade is expanding their knowledge of the countries surrounding the US. Learning about other cultures and various physical features that are unique to each country and those physical features we share. We're looking forward to our class trip in May, destination Harpers Ferry. Having been there, a place that is important in our history will certainly have an impact on our study of the colonies next year. This last quarter, seventh grade will also be applying some of the math skills they have learned as they create a scale drawing two, three, and four times larger than a picture of a favorite cartoon or video game character. Their masterpiece will then be proudly displayed in the hallway. You will be impressed. In the Easter season, may each of you experience the peace and joy God has given us with His greatest gift, His Son, Jesus!

Eighth Grade Events

Miss. Sue Klinger

The eighth grade students have gone from having "cabin fever" to "spring fever" within the blink of any eye. The count down to graduation has certainly begun. Yet a lot still needs to be finished. In literature we are completing a unit on Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Now we will compare it to the musicale, West Side Story. In Religion, we are reading Murphy's historical fiction, The Thirteenth Apostle. This will foster a deeper appreciation of Christ's passion and death. Soon our attention will focus on Civil War stories, biographies, poetry, and history. On May 8th the class will travel to Gettysburg to get a clearer picture of what was studied. Until next time, enjoy the spring weather!



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Principal's Press

Sr. Mary Ann Spaetti, I.H.M.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Happy Easter!

As we celebrate the great mystery of our faith—Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!—we recall our baptism and the reason for our lives. Our mission at Trinity Academy is ultimately to help our Catholic parents in the faith formation of our children. Our school mission statement says, "It is the mission of Trinity Academy to assist parents in providing children with a high quality education and in teaching them to live a life centered in the Gospel of Jesus and the teachings of the Catholic Church." We fulfill this mission with your support.

During the Season of Lent we worked as a school community to make our children more aware that their words and actions are powerful. We have the power to do good and to do harm to others. We all tried to remind the children that what they do to one another they do to God. It was a good lesson for our adults as well.

We have just begun the fourth quarter of the school year and each of our classes is working hard to be ready to advance to the next grade. Trinity Academy is **your** Catholic School. If you would like to tour our school, please call. I would love to show you around.

Please pray for us, and we will pray for you!

Sincerely,

Development Office Happenings

Mr. Mike Nieddu

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE NOTES

What a SUPER YEAR we have had together at Trinity Academy!!! Congratulations and Thank You to all of the wonderful teachers, students, parents, grandparents and volunteers who have all pitched in to make our quality learning environment a very unique fun-filled "**Faith and Family**" oriented one too!

Our school is so pleased to inform all of our readers of our School Newsletter that Trinity has to offer its own version of a "Stimulus Package" for next year's families - that is the over \$25,000.00 in Scholarship opportunities available from a variety of sources for students who have enrolled for the 2009-2010 school year. How wonderful is that to know for families living in the communities of Ashland, Frackville, Girardville, Gordon, Lost Creek, Ringtown, Shenandoah, and the other surrounding areas we serve, especially in these difficult economic times!!!

So we encourage new families to consider Trinity Academy TODAY as an affordable option for your sons' and daughters' future educational, social and also spiritual development. Give us a call ASAP at 462-3927 to plan a Conference, a Tour or even a Visitation Day for your child. We are a non-denominational Catholic School that welcomes children and families of all faiths to become part of our vibrant community.

Still Not Sure???

Why not take the time to at least check out what GREAT THINGS TRINITY HAS TO OFFER by simply visiting our Website at www.trinitymatters.com.

Pre-K Presents

Miss Amanda McCole

Best Wishes Miss McCole

Miss McCole is pictured with her
Pre-K 4 Class

A lot has changed in the Pre-K classroom, the students are learning to be more independent so they are ready for Kindergarten. In the morning, they are completing their morning routine all by themselves. They enjoy singing their morning songs and Pledge of Allegiance. We have been working on helping them become more well rounded students, by using our manner words and treating each other with kindness. Our classroom project for Lent was to fill Jesus' heart with stickers representing our good choices. We will soon be finished with our alphabet; we only have a couple of letters left. The students are excited to finish the alphabet, because that means that they are getting ready for their Step Up program. They are excited to show off to their talents and the skills they learned all year. We are truly amazed about how much they have learned in such a short time. We are going to miss them, but know they will do great in Kindergarten. We thank all of the parents and families for sharing the precious gift of your child with us.

On Wednesday, March 25, 2009 the early childhood students and staff honored Miss McCole, our Pre-K Teacher, on the occasion of her wedding.

Kindergarten Korner

Mrs. Dolores Sadusky

A part of kindergarten is learning to help others. Recently we have taken part in the Hop-a-Thon to help raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. We did this as a service project, but we had the added benefit of having lots of fun! We don't think you will recognize us in our special hats for the day! In Religion Class we have studied the Stations of the Cross and as we learned about each one we thought about what we could have done to help Jesus if we were there. In Math Class we are beginning to learn about telling time- this is surely a very important life skill. In Reading Readiness we have reviewed all the letters of the alphabet both upper and lower case and now we are very busy putting them together to sound out words! Kindergarten Graduation is just around the corner. Soon you will see us in our caps and gowns as we present a program for everyone to recognize how ready we are for first grade! Check our school calendar for the exact date and time for this ceremony. We would love to have you come and see us! But for now we are happy with our "Pr-First Grade" title and all of the responsibilities that go with it!

Pre-First Grade

Hops for

Muscular Dystrophy

First Grade Foundations

Sr. Marlene Daltwas, I.H.M.

1st Grade Follows Jesus through
The Stations of the Cross

During Lent the 1st graders celebrated the Last Supper with the Apostles. We have traveled with Jesus along the Stations of the Cross, rejoiced with Mary Magdalene at the emptied tomb and we sat quietly while Jesus visited His Blessed Mother.

The long and short vowels have been conquered. This helps us to understand and sound out words in our 6th reader. Splashing our way through pints and quarts and using our rulers to measure inches and centimeters have been added to our math skills. We are looking forward to preparing secret gifts for Mothers' and Fathers' Day. During our Teddy Bear Picnic we will enjoy a delicious pizza treat. As the weather turns warmer plans are being made for a field trip to the Hershey Chocolate Factory. We surprise our teacher with our knowledge every day!

Second Grade Stories

Mrs. Diane O'Connor

Second Graders are "busy bees" as they buzz through their work filled school days. In Religion the lessons focus on the Mass and the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. We are learning how the Bread of Life helps us to be united with God and one another. We don't run from the Math words trapezoid, rhombus, pentagon and hexagon. We get out our clay and straws and make them. Capital letters and periods have a familiar buzz to us, too. Our cursive writing is flowing as smooth as honey. We still stress our "bee" traits -be kind, be fair, be gentle, especially in the recess yard. The boys throw the football as well as any professional quarterback. The girls continue to enjoy their dolls, jump rope rhymes and chalk. Life in our little hive continues to sweeten as the days buzz by.

Second Grade Busy Bees

Third Grade Tales

Miss Kimberly Krings

Future Scientists

The scripture stories that tell the events of Holy Week were brought to life in the third-grade classroom. Students used their theater skills to perform short plays connected to each of the special days of Holy Week. Each play offered the children an opportunity to think about the great love Jesus has for each one of us. The reverence and creativity shown during the performances was truly commendable.

Paul Revere, George Washington, Thomas Edison, and Rosa Parks were just a few of the people, who recently spent the day at Trinity Academy, as part of a special reading project the third-grade students did. Each member of the class read a biography of a famous American and then came to school dressed as the subject of the biography. Students also packed a "suitcase" full of objects to help tell the life-story of the famous person they read about. These oral reports were quite interesting and most enjoyable!

Rocks, soil, and volcanoes-- oh my! These are a few of the topics the third-grade students studied in our Earth Science unit. During the lessons on the three main kinds of rocks, video streaming clips and food demonstrations were used to help the students better understand the processes that create each type of rock. The "chocolate chip igneous rocks" were liked the best! Also, the making of edible "dirt cups" and our own plaster volcanoes added great excitement to the study of both soil and volcanoes, as well.

If you see any Trinity Academy third-grade students, ask them what they put on their list of "Top Ten Things" they have enjoyed so far this school-year. It has been a tail-waggin' good year!

Fourth Grade Facts

Mrs. Kathy Kemmerly

Fourth Grade Remembered President's Day by writing letters to our recently elected President Obama. The students had suggestions on how to make the world a better place for us to live. Some of the topics covered by the children were jobs for the unemployed, homes for the homeless, health care benefits, tax issues, ending wars, and establishing peace.

Fourth Grade is busy exchanging ideas for their letters to the President!