



The Guardian Newsletter

January 2018

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Dear HTCS Parents:

May we continue to work together in the New Year as partners in this awesome mission of educating your children as they grow in wisdom and grace, we thank you for choosing HTCS.

In the Know

Tues. 1/2/18 - School Resumes
Mon. 1/8-26/18 Cereal Drive Begins
Mon. 1/15/18- No School MLK Day
Tues. 1/16/18 End of 2nd Marking Period
Wed. 1/17/18 Geography Bee MS
Fri. 1/26/18 8th Grade BG Shadow Day
Wed. 1/31/18 Gardner's Candy Sale Begins
Sun. 1/28/18 Skate Into Catholic Schools Week
Fri. 2/2/18- All School Mass - Cathedral of Blessed Sacrament
Sat. 3/17/18 Cash Bash 2018

At the end of January, we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2018. The theme, "Learn-Serve-Lead-Succeed," encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples, and enriched citizens in our communities, we, as educators, are growing with them.



EPIPHANY

Let us follow the road to Jesus, no matter whether it's dark or with a star lit sky.

How is Jesus the "light of the world?" How can you share your light with others? How can you share Jesus' light with others?

2018
Happy New Year!



**Celebrate
Catholic Schools
Week 2018**
January 28 - February 3
#CSW18

The Mission of Holy Trinity Catholic School is to foster an environment of spiritual and intellectual growth by integrating Catholic tradition and faith throughout the educational process.

KNOW

LOVE

SERVE

HTCS Announcements/Reminders



Martin Luther King Jr.
Day
Monday, January 15
No School



EMERGENCY CLOSING/DELAYS/EARLY DISMISSAL

It is the policy of Holy Trinity Catholic School to close school whenever the Altoona Area Schools are closed due to, severe weather conditions.

Notification of Closing/Delays/Early Dismissal

Announcement will be made by phone through PowerSchool Messenger, along with notification on the ACCESS channel and local TV stations (WTAJ)

Early Dismissal

- In the event that there is an early dismissal in any of our school districts due to weather, families of students who receive transportation from that district will be notified.
- It will be your decision as to whether your child goes home early. If you decide to allow your student to stay in school, you will be responsible to provide transportation home.
- If a district calls off school and the AASD is in session, anyone who rides a bus or van from that district will also be responsible to provide their own transportation for the day.

HTCS School News

Justice

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."
-Matthew 25-

We are reminded that a virtue is a way that we can grow strong in spirit. The more we practice the virtues, the stronger our souls become. Our challenge going into the new year is to see through the eyes of compassion and understanding.

DECEMBER VIRTUE AWARDS

Altoona Campus

Jaxon Wagner, Jack Roland, Khloe Barr, Trentyn Myers-Lego, Emma Lawruk, Olivia Sapp, Lauren Elvey, Matthew Eckenrode, Henrik Hosgood, Sophia Condrin, Noelle Conrad, Kaitlin Davis, Anberlyn Petrecca, Anthony Kowalski, and Brody Gartmann

Hollidaysburg Campus

Maggie Peachey, Abigail Montgomery, Olivia Peters, Andy Pham, Anah Showalter, Adelaide Bryson, Nicolas Georgiana, Ariana Huynh, Abigail Boston, Leeda Mosey Angel Huynh, and Grant Peters

Middle School

Ronan Barnes, Ian Bennett, Rylee Hershey, Kassidy Sorbera, Mycah Harris, Raider Evans, Chloe Wagner, Christian Fochler, Connor Eshelman, Daniel Stitt, Finley Steinbugl, and Owen Egan

The goal of a virtuous life is to become like God.
-St. Gregory of Nyssa

HTCS School News

Service Projects

Following in the Footsteps of Jesus - Serving Others



We are conducting a Cereal Drive for the Altoona Food Bank this month. Students can begin bringing in their cereal starting January 8-26.

"MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IS SHARING"

Our loose change for the Holy Buckets will come to an end Friday January 12. This has been our opportunity to encourage our students to answer their baptismal call to be missionaries through prayer, personal sacrifices, acts of service and financial gifts to the Missionary Childhood Association.



HTCS FIRST LEGO LEAGUE

We are excited to announce that this year, Holy Trinity Catholic School has a team participating in First LEGO League. First Lego League offers hands-on problem solving, programming experience, project based learning, real-world application of science and math concepts, discovery of the fun in science and technology.

Through this STREAM program, students are designing their own innovative solution to a current real-life problem, engaging with their community, designing, building and programming autonomous robots that perform a series of missions. Students are going to present their discoveries of their learning at a regional tournament in Johnstown on February 24th.



HTCS School News



The National Geography Bee will be held for the HTCS Middle School students on Wednesday, January 17. Good Luck to all participants and thank you Mrs. Helsel for moderating the contest.



#SHARETHESPIRIT

SKATE INTO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

To celebrate Catholic Schools Week our local Catholic schools have reserved private ice time at Galactic Ice for students in grades Pre-K - 8th Grade.

WHEN: Sunday, January 28th

TIME: 5:00 - 6:50

TICKETS: \$7.00

Includes Admission and Skate Rental

Tickets are available at each school. Send your money in an envelope with your name and # of tickets to each school office.

Ticket sale profits will benefit your school

HTCS

GOT T★LENT



HTCS Talent Show 2018 will be held Wednesday, January 31 at the Maria Parish Center 6:30 .PM.

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HTCS OPEN HOUSE

Holy Trinity Catholic will host an Open House for prospective parents and students on Tuesday, January 30, 9:00 A.M - Noon at all three campus locations. This is a great opportunity for families to tour our campuses and meet teachers, parents and students. Prospective families can visit classrooms while in session.

GUARDIAN FOR A DAY AT HTCS

We will be hosting a special day during Catholic Schools Week for students in grades 4-6 to invite a friend to spend a day at HTCS on Thursday, February 1st. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to ask a friend to join them for the day and experience a day in the life of an HTCS Guardian.

We encourage our parents, teachers, students, alumni, and all of our parish parishioners to talk about school. Prospective families need to hear your stories, because you understand firsthand the value of a Catholic Education.

Sneak Peek of some of our Catholic Schools Weeks activities where we will CELEBRATE our parishes, students, teachers and staff, community members, and families

- A surprise live Facebook post from all three locations, be watching for more information
- Live interviews from the Middle School
- Movie night - Saturday, February 3
- Afternoon of fun for students, Friday, February 2
- STREAM Afternoon at all three campuses

A list of our CSW events/activities will be sent home and posted on the website and Facebook in the weeks to come.

You can start taking fun pictures for our special

#sharethespirit

event! Wear your Holy Trinity Catholic School apparel and share the spirit with some fun creative pictures.

Pictures can be sent to:

webpagepics@holytrinitycatholic.school or email pictures to damiano.cathy@holytrintycatholic.school

HTCS Upcoming Events/Fundraisers



December 2017 Cash Prize

Winners:

\$500 - Stacy LoCastro

\$750 - Brian Sowolla

\$1,000 - Ralph Hamer

Winners were drawn at the Middle School Christmas Show.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Cash Raffle!

Gardners Candy Kickoff

Wednesday, January 31st

Forms due back to school – Thursday, February 22nd

Delivery date – Monday, March 19th [Easter is April 1st]



Gardners also offers an online ordering option for out-of-town family & friends that would like to help us raise even more money.

Have them visit www.gardnerscandiesfundraising.com. They will need to enter our Group ID # and your child's name (the seller's name is not a required field, but must be filled out for your child to receive credit).

Group ID #'s for the sites are as follows:

10-2460 Hollidaysburg Elementary

10-1134 Altoona Elementary

10-1135 Middle School

Online orders will be mailed directly to the customer placing the order (shipping charges apply). You do not need to worry about collecting the money or delivery for online orders.

Cash Bash 2018

**Saturday March 17,
2018**

Cash Prizes, Basket Auction, 50/50 and an opportunity to win one of two Vacation raffles.

Tickets are on sale now.

\$100.00 Ticket admits 2 adults

\$20.00 Emerald Isle Raffle Tickets

Ticket order forms will be in family folders or contact any three campus locations for tickets.

HTCS Announcements/Reminders

HTCS Monthly Bingo Sign-up



We are looking for workers to finish filling the January - March Calendars.

For scheduling bingo please contact Bob Knopick by text or call 814-935-0528 (text is preferred), or by email at rak1290@atlanticbb.net



HTCS Gift Cards for Guardians Scrip Program

Scheduling note: There will be NO GIFT CARDS SALES until January 7, 2018.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU! We would like to thank this year's Gift Cards for Guardians Scrip Team. This team goes above and beyond year round to raise money for Holy Trinity.

Stacy Fiore, Laura Kaltwasser, Steph Baker, Becky Merilli, Joy Davis, Kelly Charlesworth, Becky Burns, Kelly Brennan, Amy Seymore, Sherry Knopick, Noreen Wesner, The Muriceak Family, Amy Pick, Barb Nosek, Janice Hartkorn, Angie Waible, Dawn Mellott, and Alexis Henry

YOU LADIES ARE AWESOME!