

# THE GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

## MAY 2018



May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom we honor for her most flawless and unconditional love for all, especially that of her son, Jesus. Our students will honor Mary at our May Crowning Mass, Friday, May 18th 9:30am at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join our students as we honor Mary by adorning her with flowers and a special Communion mediation.

We honor all mothers this month, as the most selfless expressions of love, service, sacrifice, and patience. Our second grade students continue their sacramental journey of the Holy Eucharist for the very first time the next few weeks as they invite our eternal mother Mary's son into their hearts forever. Please continue to pray and help support our students on this very important milestone in their Catholic faith journey.

***"The Education of Children for God is the most Important Business done on Earth."***

R.L. Dabney

## HTCS SCHOOL NEWS

### REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2018- 2019 SCHOOL YEAR!

Please share the good news about Holy Trinity Catholic School with your friends and family! We are accepting applications now for grades PreK-8 for the 2018-2019 school year. Applications are available in the school office and on the school website.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

We cannot repeat this enough. You must have clearance to be in the school or go on any fieldtrips. You **must** have both Child Abuse and State Police Clearances along with two youth protection courses. The diocesan course and the other by the University of Pittsburgh. Both courses are offered on-line, free of charge. These links can be found on our webpage. NO EXCEPTIONS

### BUSINESS OFFICE REMINDERS:

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| May 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Tuition was to be paid in full              |
| May 15 <sup>th</sup> | Fundraising Balances are to be paid in full |



Lunch Accounts are to be pre-paid through the remainder of the year.

If you would like to use a credit card to pay either Tuition or Fundraising, you may call or stop in the Business Office and Mrs. Crossman can accept your credit card payment.

### FACTS TUITION PAYMENT PROGRAM

Holy Trinity is pleased to offer our families the FACTS Tuition Payment Plan by FACTS Management Company.

Using the FACTS payment plan you will be able to:

- Arrange one annual payment for total tuition less \$100.00 discount, due by September 30th (NO FEE)
- Arrange for Ten (10) monthly tuition payments beginning in July completed by April (\$50.00 FEE)
- Arrange for semi-annual tuition payments (\$20.00 FEE)

FACTS will allow you to make payment(s) by ACH Debit to your checking account, Credit Card, or Check. Simply go online and follow the easy steps to enroll in the convenient tuition plan. There is a fee with use of credit card.

# HTCS SCHOOL NEWS CONT.

The link for FACTS is:

<https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4KG9Q>

If you are an existing FACTS user, please Sign In and select the corresponding link to set up a payment plan or apply for financial aid.

If you are a new FACTS user, please create an online account and then select the corresponding link to set up a payment plan or apply for financial aid.

**Please note this is the only way tuition can be paid *starting the 2018-2019 (July 1) school year*. Payments will NO longer be accepted by the school.**

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## VOCATIONS

To help prepare our hearts for Easter, the Middle School welcomed our Diocesan seminarians to come and speak to our students. They spoke of their journey and decision to become priests. The students were engaged and asked many questions. We want to thank Brian Norris and Michael Pleva for sharing their story with us. God Bless.

God, we pray for more men to courageously answer the call to serve you in our Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown as a priest. We ask that you bless our seminarians. May they persevere and serve in the Diocese as good and faithful priests, but may they do so in accord with your holy will, Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

## VOCATIONS CONTEST WINNERS

**THEME: LISTENING, DISCERNING, LIVING**

### **Poster**

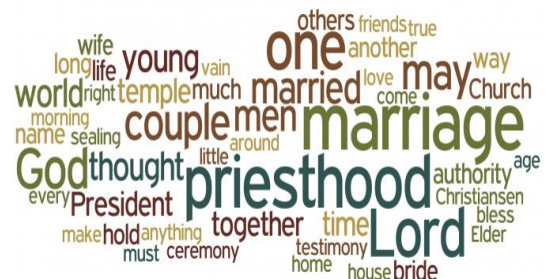
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|---------|-----------|----------------|--------|
| Grade 1 | 1st Place | Ella Lauver    | HTC-H  |
| Grade 5 | 1st Place | Joshua Warmath | HTC-MS |
| Grade 6 | 2nd Place | Evan Rimbeck   | HTC-MS |
| Grade 8 | 3rd Place | Jaden Quinn    | HTC-MS |

### **Essay**

|           |           |                 |        |
|-----------|-----------|-----------------|--------|
| Grade 3   | 3rd Place | Ava Cioffari    | HTC-MS |
| Grade 6-8 | 1st Place | Sophia Simanski | HTC-MS |

### **Poetry**

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| Grade 1 | 1st Place | Sophia Wise | HTC-MS |
| Grade 8 | 3rd Place | Leah Homan  | HTC-MS |



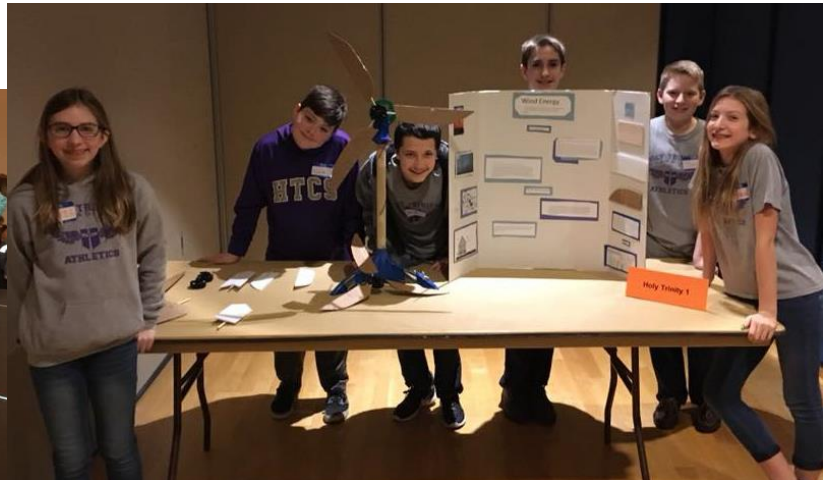
## Ascension Thursday

### Mass Times

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| HTCS Middle School | 8:30 A.M.  |
| HTCS Hollidaysburg | 8:30 A.M.  |
| HTCS Altoona       | 12:05 P.M. |



## STREAM NEWS



HTCS 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students learned about wind energy and wind turbines while participating in KidWind project and challenge from SFU. Students researched to learn about wind energy, conducted a controlled experiment with wind turbine blades and applied engineering design process to create their own wind turbines. On March 28th, four teams participated in Pennsylvania KidWind challenge at the PSU main campus. They presented their wind turbines and knowledge to the judges. Our teams took 4th, 12th, 15th and 19th place out of 23 teams. Congratulations to our teams for their participation and an outstanding performance for their first year!



## STREAM NEWS CONT.

7th and 8th grade students will participate in the second session of "The First Girls in Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) and the Art Camp" at Penn State Altoona in May. We are one of the two schools having this great opportunity of participating in this interdisciplinary project.

Our HTCS 4<sup>th</sup> grade elementary classes will have the opportunity to work with Dr. Rachel Wagner, Assistant Professor of Environmental Engineering SFU, on water filtration at their perspective campuses.

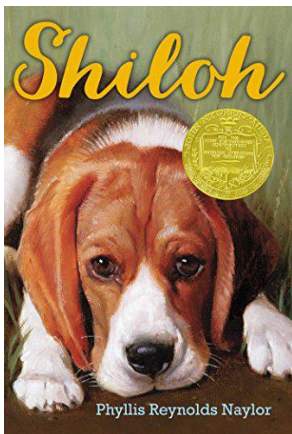
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### What's Lost CAN Be Found!

All three of our HTCS campuses have Lost and Found bins, located just outside the school's offices. They contain jackets and sweatshirts, lunch pails, notebooks, and more. If you have any items "missing," please check the bin. Parents/students are requested to check the lost and found before May 15<sup>th</sup>. After the 15th, all remaining clothes will be washed and placed in uniform exchange. Thank you for your cooperation in returning items to the rightful owner

## HTCS UPCOMING EVENTS/FUNDRAISERS:

### **One School One Book Movie Night**



HTCS Elementary buildings are reading Shiloh for our One School One Book event.

Movie Night will be held Saturday, May 12.

Families can start arriving at 7:30 to pick their spot in the front parking lot of the Middle School.

## FUNDRAISING



Fundraising for the 2018-2019 School Year begins May 1<sup>st</sup>. Get a jump start now by participating in the SCRIP program or selling NFL Extravaganza tickets.

## FUNDRAISING



Thank you to all the hoagie sale organizers!! Many hoagies and pizzas were separated quickly for distribution bright and early last month.

THANK YOU for giving up your morning to help us out!!



CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR  
HOAGIE SALE  
BASKET WINNER



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THANK YOU TO ALL OUR HELPERS  
THIS MORNING!!

SPECIAL THANK YOU  
TO  
KIM SIMANSKI FOR COORDINATING



## Time to schedule Bingo!

Now scheduling May - August

The 2018-2019  
Fundraising Year  
is quickly  
approaching

IT'S TIME TO START THINKING  
ABOUT SCHEDULING YOUR ONE  
MANDATORY BINGO SHIFT.

Text Bob -  
814-935-0528  
and schedule  
today!

PLEASE CONTACT BOB KIVOPICK BY  
TEXTING OR CALLING (TEXT  
PREFERRED), OR EMAIL  
RAK1290@ATLANTICBB.NET.



Check out our website as the  
spots fill up!

GO TO PARENTS - FUNDRAISING - BINGO AND WATCH AS SPOTS FILL UP FOR THE  
YEAR! SCHEDULE EARLY - SCHEDULING IS A FIRST-COME-FIRST SERVE BASTS.



Ticket distribution will begin mid-May.

### Reminder:

If you are unable to sell tickets that you had ordered and received, please return them to the Middle School Office by **Wednesday, July 25, 2018**. This enables us to redistribute the remaining unsold tickets to the families who have sent in additional requests.

Sold ticket stubs are asked to be returned to the Middle School office **by Wednesday, July 25, 2018.**

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

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.

## MAY VIRTUE- TEMPERANCE

### Self-control, moderation in action

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR APRIL VIRTUE AWARD RECIPIENTS!

#### *April Justice Virtue Award Recipients*

##### Altoona Campus

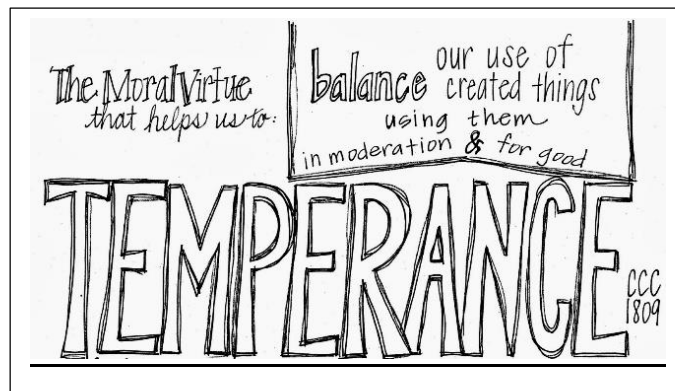
Franny Melgar, Lianna Sprouse, Jaxon Wagner, Lydia Wagner, Landon Rhoads, Raelyn Himes, Ty Thomas, Emily Nachtman, Vincent Hite, Madigan Kephart, Bianca Melgar, Shane Gority, Katelyn Koller, Abby Fisher, Theo Lawson, Carson Stayer, Milena Barr, Olivia Rishel, Lauren Himes, Carter Belton, Rebekah Adams, and Isabella Casanave

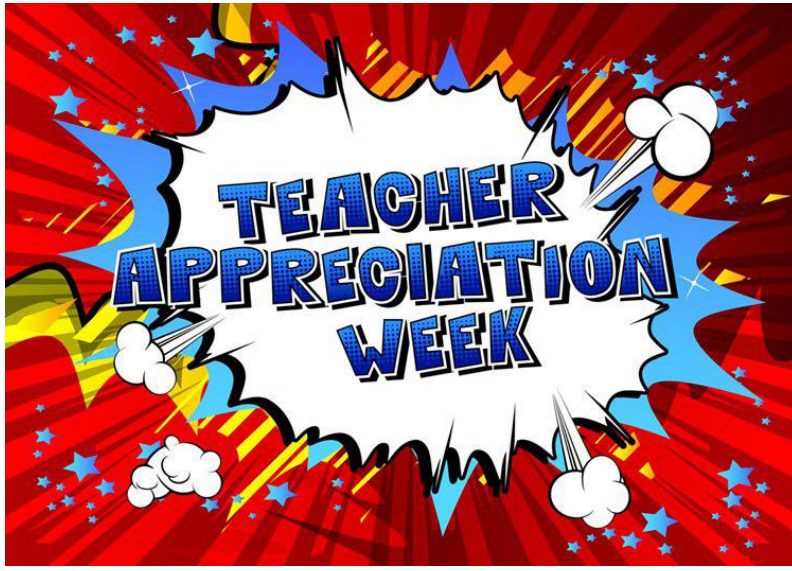
##### Hollidaysburg Campus

Maggie Peachey, Camryn Burns, Josephine Dumm, Thomas Krimmel, Dominic Baker Maeve Peterson, Sara Glass-Knopp, Graham White, Carter Boland, Enzo Lascoli, Lola Garner, and Grace Long

##### Middle School

Ava Iapalucci, Josh Warmath, Marklin Myers, Hannah Patterson, Drew Abraham, Mai Linh Do, Matthew Haines, Maeve Reilly





thank you

holy trinity catholic school

teachers and staff!

OUR  
FINGERPRINTS  
DON'T FADE  
FROM THE LIVES  
WE TOUCH.

Judy Blume



# HTCS UPCOMING EVENTS:

## MAY CROWNING MASS

Join our HTCS school community on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament as we celebrate the Mother of Jesus with a special May Crowning Mass. Mass will begin at 9:30 A.M.

### End of Year School Picnic

DelGrosso's Park  
Thursday, May 31  
Early Dismissal  
HTCS MS 10:30  
HTCS Altoona & Hollidaysburg 10:45

### Last Day of School

**Friday, June 1**  
**Early Dismissal**

HTCS MS 10:30  
HTCS Altoona & Hollidaysburg 10:45



# 2018

**Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 6:00 P.M. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

**Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** – Kindergarten Graduation Hollidaysburg Campus

**Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** -Pre-K 4 Graduation 10:00 A.M. at each Elementary Campus

**Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** -Kindergarten Graduation at the Altoona Campus – Mass at 9:00 followed by a short presentation and snacks in Father Kelley Hall.

## YARD SALE 2018



We are collecting items for the end of the year yard sale scheduled for **Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**. So start dropping off those unwanted treasures. Be watching for set up times at the end of May. This is a great time to start working on service hours.



# END OF YEAR TRANSPORTATION REMINDERS



## Early Dismissals & Bus Transportation

### **Early Dismissal ~ Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

10:30am - Middle School

10:45am - Elementary Schools

- Hollidaysburg Area & Altoona Area School Districts will ONLY provide bus transportation to school on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **THEREFORE...**

**EVERYONE** must provide their own transportation home  
and to the school picnic 😊.

### **Early Dismissal ~ Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**

10:30am - Middle School

10:45am - Elementary Schools

- Hollidaysburg Area **WILL NOT** provide any transportation on this day. All HASD bus riders will need to provide their own transportation on this day.
- Altoona Area School District **WILL** provide bus transportation on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> to and from school.

