

Holy Trinity Catholic School Newsletter

Empowering Students to Serve, Lead, and Succeed
2016 Governor's Achievement Award Winners!

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Message from the Principal

Families,

We have made it! Can you believe it? The first quarter of the school year is complete and what a wonderful one it was. In learning more about HTS and the Parish community, I have attempted to be a part of several activities within this busy campus. Holy Trinity is ALIVE!

A couple weeks ago I decided to help out in the cafeteria at the serving counter for students. I couldn't stop smiling and thinking about how great a place this was as every student was very courteous, polite and thankful for the job the kitchen staff was doing. The little things are what matters and these kids get that. Giving thanks, picking up after themselves, helping others; those are the acts that show us how well our children are living God's word. This is also a tribute to the wonderful parents who are raising these kids to be great Catholics.

Today, we had our huge kick off assembly and March for our W.H.Y. program. W.H.Y. (We Help You) is a 6th grade leadership opportunity that builds in with our Keys to the kingdom and Peacebuilders programs. I was amazed at the behavior, attention and respect ALL our students showed.

It's great to be a Mustang!

For the Kids,

Mr. Merfen

Upcoming events:

Monday, October 17

School Picture Make Up Day

Tuesday, October 18

All School Mass 8:15a

Fireman Visit Classes 9:00a

1st Quarter Report Cards Available online

Wednesday, October 19

Thursday, October 20

Friday, October 21

No School – Teacher Retreat

Monday, October 24

7-8 Digital Citizenship/VIRTUS 7:50a

Adult VIRTUS Training 6:00p

Tuesday, October 25

Wednesday, October 26

1-6th Mass 8:15a

Sponsor Confirmation Meeting 7:00p

Thursday, October 27

Friday, October 28

7th-8th Mass 8:15a

Trunk of Treat 6:45p

Looking for a great way to volunteer, get a free lunch and see your kids during the day? Volunteer in the cafeteria during lunch.

Sign Up here:

<https://htslenexa.eduk12.net/other?Item=Cafeteria%20Volunteers>

Students in the Spotlight

Charlotte Teddy was cast in the Kansas City ballet production of Midsummer night dream performing at Kaufman this weekend Oct. 14,15,&16. She is a flying fairy. She was also cast in the nutcracker as a baby mouse. Catherine Stiener was cast as a tea child for the nutcracker. Visit www.kcballet.org to get tickets.

Have a student (s) that needs to be recognized? Contact Mr. Merfen to place a "shout out" in the next newsletter. smefen@htslenexa.org

Handful from the Heart

The Holy Trinity Kindness Program encourages each student to participate in "Handful from the Heart" and think of the many soldiers serving our Country overseas and in our homeland by giving a "sweet" treat. The purpose of this activity is to promote selfless giving from the heart. Each student is to close their eyes and grab a handful of candy from their Halloween bucket for donation and not pick out the candy they don't want to eat. Please have your child place their donated candy in a sandwich sized Ziploc bag and deliver it to the designated bins in the school office. Candy will be collected from Tuesday, November 1 through Monday, November 7th. After school on Monday, November 7th, students we be sorting candy in the Social Room from 3:15-5:00 pm. This is a great opportunity for service hours. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Rueger at crueger@kc.rr.com<mailto:crueger@kc.rr.com> or [913.526.7260](tel:913.526.7260)<tel:[913.526.7260](tel:913.526.7260)>

HELP WANTED!!!

Holy Trinity **School Cafeteria** is in need of employees to work in the school kitchen. We need both permanent employees and substitutes. If you enjoy being around children and like the hustle bustle of a kitchen, this might be for you. If you would like more information, please contact me.

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AVAILABLE DURING CONFERENCES!

As part of our fundraising efforts, the 7th grade Destination Teams will be offering babysitting services throughout the school year for select school events.

Your first opportunity to experience this great service is on Thursday, November 3, during parent teacher conferences.

In exchange for a donation, while you are attending conferences, you can drop your child or children, ages 2 – 10, at the gym during the day from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Babysitting will be offered during evening conferences in the Music Room from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The students will entertain your children with games and crafts while you are at the conference. In exchange we ask for a donation to go towards our fundraising efforts.

Look for more opportunities coming up. If you have questions, or ideas for future opportunities, please contact Jackie Kindred at jgkindred1@gmail.com



Protecting God's Children – VIRTUS

All employees and volunteers who have substantial contact with children and/or youth are required to attend a VIRTUS training session and submit to background checks prior to any engagement with children or teens. *Our next VIRTUS training session here at Holy Trinity will be Monday - Oct. 24th in the GAST Social Room at 6:00 pm. Visit the Archdiocese website at archkck.org to register on-line.* Keep in mind that you can attend VIRTUS training sessions at any of the parishes in our Archdiocese where it is offered. For more information about the VIRTUS program, call Stan in the Parish Office at [913.895.0605](tel:913.895.0605).

HTS Pop Tab Collection

HTS is going to collect pop tabs a little more formally. STUCO is taking charge and changing it to Class Competitions! A lot of students don't even know the purpose of the pop tabs. Pop Tabs are collected for the Ronald McDonald House.

The Ronald McDonald House Charities build houses and lodging for families whose children have serious illnesses. The RMH alleviates the worry and expense of finding a close, comfortable and affordable place for a family to stay while their child receives the medical care they need.

Why Pop/soup/any Tabs?

Advantage Metals, our local recycler, buys the tabs at market rate and makes an additional charitable contribution. They generously donate their pick-up and handling services so the income from pop tabs is pure profit. Last year, the program brought in \$20,000!!!

Competition

Teachers will have an orange bucket in their room where kids can drop off pop tabs. Pop tabs can still be collected at the west end 5th/6th grade hall (by the bathrooms), but please put your room code on the baggie.

The pop tab turn in date is **April**. So we have a nice long collecting period! Pop tabs will be weighed and the top 3 classes in the school will get prizes.

1st Place: Pizza Party provided by STUCO and a Dress Down Day

2nd Place: Dress Down Day

3rd Place: Frozen treat provided by STUCO

So start popping some tabs for a great cause and great prizes!!!

Box Tops

We sure hope you've been stockpiling your box tops all summer so we can start off the new school year with a bang! Be on the lookout for the box top image on all of your household products, clip, trim and save them for your child's classroom. Once again this year, we will have contests with special prizes for the three classes collecting the most box tops. Our first collection date will be October 25th, Tuesday, so please turn your box tops into your child's classroom prior to that date. Thank you for all of your help. Jennifer Marsha and the Box Tops Committee.

**MUSTANG
MERCH**

*School Supplies
&
Snacks for Sale!*

*Prices range
From 10¢
to \$2*



HOURS:
Monday – Friday
7:20-7:35 AM

"Stop horsing around and come on down!"

MUSTANG MERCH *HTS School Store* NOW OPEN!!!

The HTS school store, Mustang Merch, is now open! This store is run by 7th and 8th grade students who are learning about entrepreneurship and business management in their Extra Curricular class, led by Mrs. Henneberg. The store will be open every day from 7:20-7:40 in the entrance hallway between the cafeteria and the 3/4 grade wing. Prices vary from .10¢ to \$2.00. Items sold will include light/health snacks, water, pencils, pens, erasers, stickers, collectible items and much more! The inventory will change, so we will always have new and exciting things to offer our customers!

Profits from this store will go towards supporting our various clubs as well as school improvement projects identified by the students and staff.

Considering sending your son or daughter to St Thomas Aquinas?

Visit St. Thomas Aquinas and discover what makes STA so unique. Visit the website and register under Saint for a Day.

Enrollment for the Class of 2021 opened on Tuesday, Oct. 11th. When you enroll, you will be able to register for the Scholarship/Placement Test. Choose either Saturday, Dec. 3rd or Saturday, Jan. 7th. The test fee will be included with your enrollment.

Next information session is Wednesday, Oct. 19th @ 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

Johnson County High Schools Open House

Bishop Miege:	October 15
St James Academy:	November 12

*To request information to be placed in future newsletters, please contact Mr. Merfen smerven@htslenexa.org