



MONTHLY MEMO



HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

MR. JEFFREY M. M^cCUSKER, PRINCIPAL

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MR. M^cCUSKER'S SCHOOL UPDATE

The Holy Trinity Community has always been a place known for its generosity. A very special "THANK YOU" to our dedicated and generous Holy Trinity parishioners. Your continuous support of our parish school is second to none, and you model kindness for all of us. Whether it be a monthly tuition assistance check, a one-time donation, MANNA gift cards, Christmas gifts, your support of our Home and School Association activities, or remembering our school families in your prayers, I thank each of you for your commitment to our mission at Holy Trinity School. Please be assured you are remembered in the prayers of our faculty, staff, and students. May God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness.



Advent is a season when we have a great opportunity to teach our children the quality of generosity. During this season of Advent, our students



and families contributed to a variety of organizations:

- Food was collected to help stock our Parish Food Pantry, and money was donated toward the purchase of turkeys and hams.
- Many of our students and staff participated in a "Dollar Dress Down Day" on December 9th. Our proceeds will be donated to Britney, our Unbound sponsor child from Ecuador.
- Items from the Ronald McDonald House's Wish List were collected and donated to help families staying at the house.
- Our classroom "Britney Banks" were filled with loose change during our Jingle Bell Change Drive to help purchase items for Britney's village in Ecuador.

Thank you to all of our teachers, staff, students, and parents for supporting our Advent service projects.



Merry Christmas and wishing everyone a very happy, healthy, and safe 2021.

TURKEY FEATHERS FOR CHARITY

- Thank you to EVERYONE who participated - what a HUGE turkey the HTS Community built! Congratulations to the classes with the most feathers purchased:

Grade 5: 300
Grade 6: 204
Grade 2: 175

8th GRADE "SANTA'S HELPERS"

- Addison, Abby, & Lia did a terrific job helping get the school lobby Christmas-ready! Thank you, girls!



ADVENT CANDLES IN THE SCHOOL WINDOWS

- We greatly appreciate the work of our 7th Grade candle-makers and our 8th Grade candle-hangers. Thank you for keeping this HTS tradition alive!

BARNES & NOBLE VIRTUAL BOOKFAIR

- Way to go, Mrs. Raudenbush, for taking our annual bookfair virtual this year!
- Congratulations to our Teacher Read-Aloud video contest winners:
Grades 3, 4, & 5 and Mr. Smith!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT



MISS SARAH JOHNSTON

ROLE AT HTS: PreK-B Aide

YEARS AT HTS: 3

COLLEGE ATTENDED: Bucks County Comm. College

GREW UP IN: Yardley, PA

FAMILY: Mom, Dad, 2 Sisters, and 2 dogs, Georgia and Penny

FAVORITE MOVIE: Harry Potter

FAVORITE SONG: "Let It Go"

FAVORITE CHILDREN'S BOOK: Mama, Do You Love Me?

FAVORITE COLOR: pink

FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM: Philadelphia Phillies

FAVORITE THING TO DO WHEN NOT IN SCHOOL:

"I like to hang out with friends and family, and go on walks with my dogs."

FAVORITE QUOTE: "Though she be but little, she is fierce!" (Shakespeare)

FAVORITE PLACE TO VISIT:

The mountains or the beach

FAVORITE BOOK/MOVIE CHARACTER:

Minnie Mouse

Why I Love Working at HTS:

"I love all the kind staff at

HTS. I also love being around kids and watching them grow."

ONE MORE THING I'd Like to Tell You:

"I am enjoying my first year in PreK. I'm learning a lot and having fun!"



"If you cannot feed a hundred people, feed just one."

Mother Teresa



"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands: one is for helping yourself, and one is for helping others." Audrey Hepburn



KEEPING THE HOLIDAY TRADITION ALIVE!



PREK AND KINDERGARTEN'S Mini, VIRTUAL ANGEL PAGEANT

It comes as no surprise that our dedicated Holy Trinity School faculty would not allow an international pandemic to prevent a beloved school tradition from taking place! While observing all social-distancing and mask-wearing protocol, the story of the Baby Jesus' birth was told by our youngest students and shared with the student body - truly, their Christmas gift to all! Thank you to the teachers who made this possible for our school community, and to the PreK and Kindergarten students for sharing with us the story of the true meaning of Christmas.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



MRS. ELAINE MCDOWELL

To begin to list the effects this pandemic has had on our country would be futile, because we can never know all the pain, all the devastation, or all the hardship. However, we need look no further than our four walls of Holy Trinity to realize we have been touched too. Every single day, our routines are changed, our lives are adjusted, and our customs are altered. This season will include so much of that, in some cases and in some homes, it will be unrecognizable. Yet, we have remained united in this and have continued somehow to plow through all of it. Now, December 25th awaits us - and we are reminded of the call for Hope of a tiny baby, the call for Peace of the moment, the call for Love of the Holy Family, and the call for joy of the sounds of little children. We are resilient because we have to be - there is little choice in that, but there is choice in how we answer the call.

Throughout the season, we have witnessed the call being answered with gratitude and giving. Our families have provided packaged food for the food bank, and turkeys and hams for holiday tables. Our

"Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others."

Booker T. Washington

faculty and staff and parish donors have provided items to help bring Christmas about to some of our own families. One of the best things about our school is the realization that we are not all sharing the same things. For some, this is a tremendous sacrifice to attend our school, and help is needed. This generosity does not stop with our adults.

Our young children know what it is to give. They have donated change, paid their \$1.⁰⁰ for dress down day, and donated feathers for charity to reach far beyond our towns to a small village in Ecuador to help a little girl and her family who have so much less than we do. When we receive communication from Britney, it is always with love and always with appreciation and wonder at what our children do. Small pieces add up to large donations. So, please, continue to teach your children the power of giving, the importance of sharing, and all of it in the name of that little Baby we celebrate on December 25th. We are so blessed to be able to share.

