

Patriot Press

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The Art Room Gets a New Palette



Through a generous donation from The O'Connor & Hewitt Foundation, the Fine Arts Building received a complete makeover that included retrofitting a picture window for natural light, new flooring, cabinetry, and counter tops with double sinks. In addition to the renovations, the classroom was well stocked with high quality supplies, easels, and chairs to elevate our art program to one of the most well-rounded in Victoria County. This allows Mrs. Edwards to teach beyond the curriculum in each grade level and instill a love of art during our students' years at Trinity.

SPIRIT WEEK OCTOBER 3-7



Trinity Student Council will be taking cash donations during spirit week to support the Episcopal School of Baton Rouge, which suffered damage from recent flooding. Money will be collected through your child's homeroom teacher.

Monday— Sports Day, wear a jersey, t-shirt, or colors from your favorite sports team

Tuesday— Pajama Day, save a step in your morning routine and wear your pjs to school

Wednesday— Pirate Day, wear ye finest garrrrrb to a special Pirate themed Eucharist Service

Thursday— Throwback Day, take your outfit back a decade or more

Friday- Free Dress Day within our Student Handbook guidelines

Blessing of the Animals- October 4 at 7:30 AM



The Blessing of the Animals is a tradition that dates back to the 13th century and Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment. It is meant to remind us of the beauty of all creation and that God calls us to care for and be thankful for the loving companionship received from our pets, service, service, and farm animals.

Our service will be held in the courtyard on Glass Street. You may bring pets, live, stuffed or a picture of your pet, to be blessed but they cannot spend the day at school. Pets must be on a leash or in a crate.

Fall Festival- Friday, October 28

Happy Fall Y'all! Trinity's Fall Festival will be held in the Middle School playground this year. We are planning a great family event with hay rides, bouncy houses, cake walk, and so much more. Student organizations will have booths and sell food and drinks to support their clubs. PTO is working hard to get raffle tickets printed and sent home with your children to sell. Each family will receive 5 tickets to sell and each ticket will be \$10. The winners will be picked and announced at the Fall Festival. We are still looking for 5 raffle items, so contact Angelica Kurtz or Stephanie Spears if you and your family are interested in donating!

\$10,000 Night-Thursday, November 10 at 5:30 PM

Tickets are on sale now for your chance to win \$10,000. This fun and relaxing evening is hosted at Fossati Park and includes dinner, drinks, and additional prizes. Tickets are \$100 and admit 2 people, 2nd chance insurance can be purchased for an additional \$40. The 300 tickets sold go into a hopper and are pulled out during the evening. The last ticket to be pulled is awarded the grand prize of \$10,000.

Patriot Homecoming Game- Saturday October 22 at 9:30 AM

Mums and garters can be purchased for students to wear to the pep rally Friday and to the game on Saturday. The order form is attached. Contact Kelly Stimson with questions.

Double Accreditation Explains our In-Service Days

During this school year, you will notice that Trinity Episcopal School has several in-service days planned. This will allow our staff and board of trustees to take part in an intensive self-study required for accreditation. Every ten years, our accrediting agency, The Southwest Association of Episcopal Schools (SAES), requires us to take part in a self-study and an on-site evaluation visit by professionals from the southwestern United States. This process helps Trinity grow, improve, and drives the school toward an understanding of what constitutes maximum success in fulfilling its mission.

This year, the entire staff and board of trustees will be involved in an in-depth review of the school, producing a large, comprehensive report, which is due in twelve months. Our on-site evaluation visit is currently scheduled to take place in February 2018. We will apply for dual accreditation by SAES and ISAS (The Independent School Association of the Southwest). This will hold Trinity to an even higher standard, provide greater professional development opportunities for teachers/staff, and allow our students to participate in additional regional events and competitions.

Thank you for your understanding regarding these in-service days. We know that it creates an inconvenience for many of you; however, please know that the Trinity School staff will be hard at work evaluating themselves, the program, and the facilities in order to continue the Trinity tradition of excellence.

Mike Brown

Student Vestry



Our Middle School Student Vestry is instrumental in organizing and serving during chapel. They provide the message and choose songs for certain chapel services, organize readers, provide the introduction to Sacred Study time over the intercom, and otherwise serve in countless ways throughout the school year. Much of this is done on the students' own time at lunch, after school, and by borrowing time from other classes.

I am delighted that 29 middle school students have volunteered to serve on our student vestry this year. I look forward to working with them to make our chapel services a wonderful place for our students, faculty, and families to encounter God's presence. To learn more about our chapel services, click [here](#).

The saints that we will learn about in October will include John of Damascus, Hildegard of Bingen, and Enmegabowh.

Amy Eastham

Did you know...

- PTO is in full swing and we are excited about everything we have to offer!
 - At our first PTO meeting, we were able to decide on exciting new fall and spring fundraisers. Keep an eye out for updates.
 - The Room Parent meeting will be planned in the next few weeks, so if you signed up to help an email is coming soon.
 - The first teacher luncheon was held on Monday September 26 and was a big hit with teachers and staff! Thank you all 1st grade parents for helping make it a success.
- The school uniform closet is open for business year-round.
 - Items are \$5 per piece.
 - Cleaned uniforms may be donated through Sheryl Sevier at the lower school office.
- Here are some ways to raise money for Trinity:
 - Save and send your Box Tops to the library to help purchase books.
 - When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Trinity Episcopal School.
 - AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. A great idea when Christmas shopping!
 - Bookmark the link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-1621896> and support us every time you shop.
 - SHOPAROO!
 - This free app (available on Apple App Store and Google Play) turns pictures of your everyday shopping receipts into cash donations and sweepstakes entries for our school.

Upcoming Events- for the full school calendar click [here](#)

October 2 – Student Vestry Retreat 2-8 PM

October 3 – Brown bag lunch with Mike at noon in the parlor

October 4 – Blessing of the Animals, 7:30 AM in the courtyard

October 6 – A Team Volleyball vs St. Joe at Trinity, 5:00 PM

October 7 – RSVPs for the football luncheon due

October 8 - A Team Volleyball Tournament at Nazareth

October 8 – Patriot Football Inter-Squad Scrimmage at Field of Dreams, 9:00 AM

October 11 - Parent Conferences (required) (student-free day)

October 13 – K4 (Cole & Goyen) at Pumpkin Patch

October 13- Poinsettia orders are due

October 14 - Teacher In-service Day (student free), No Extended School Care

October 14-16 – Texas Council for the Social Studies Conference
October 14 – End of first 9 weeks
October 15 - A Team Volleyball Tournament at St. Michaels
October 17 – PTO Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Library
October 17 – Teachers’ Luncheon hosted by 3rd Grade
October 17 – 2nd 9 weeks begins
October 18 – K5-3rd grade at Rocky Creek Corn Maze
October 20 – A & B Team Volleyball vs Our Lady of the Gulf at Trinity, 5:00 PM
October 21 – 1st quarter Progress Reports distributed
October 21 – Pep Rally, 3:00 PM in the gym
October 22 – Volleyball “C” Tournament at Nazareth
October 27 – 2nd Grade at Coletto Creek Park
October 27 – 1st Quarter Honor Roll announced during chapel
October 28 – 2nd Grade trip to the Pumpkin Patch
October 28 - Fall Festival
November 1 – Late Start for Staff Meetings. Students arrive at 9:30 AM
November 6 – Daylight Savings Ends
November 9-11 – 5th grade outdoor education trip
November 10 - \$10,000 Night Fundraiser
November 10-12 – CAST Conference (Science Teachers) in San Antonio
November 11 – Veteran’s Day Parade, ELC and MS students will participate
November 15 - Coffee with Mike
November 15 – Thanksgiving Luncheon
November 15-22 – Book Fair
November 19 – B Team Girls Basketball Tournament at Trinity
November 19 - B Team Boys Basketball Tournament at Nazareth
November 21 – PTO Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Library
November 21 - Teacher’s Luncheon hosted by 4th Grade
November 22 – Grandparents Day
November 23-25 – Thanksgiving Holiday
November 28 - Teacher In-service Day (student free). No Extended School Care.