

*From the Desk of
Mrs. Kathleen Spina,
Principal of Holy Trinity School*

The Value of the Month of November is Docility

November is also the month to give thanks to God for the wonderful gifts He has giving us. Without His intervention, the world would be a very gloomy place. Thursday was an example of our school coming together to have fun, dance, talk, and enjoy each other's company at our annual Halloween Event.

I would like thank the 7th and 8th grade parents and students along with the HSA for all their hard work and dedication to the students, staff, and families of our school. I also would thank Father Mizzi-Gili for his support of the HSA and all of Holy Trinity School. Our Halloween Fundraiser was a success! Many of our families came to support our event and had a wonderful time. This year "Mad Mike" added music to our event which made Halloween come alive.

I would also like to thank Mr and Mrs. Wood our HSA Presidents. One of the most important challenges the HSA Presidents face is bringing together the special skills of our parents and the myriad abilities of our event coordinators. Your leadership has provided an atmosphere of community. Thank you for your support, and thank you for your caring and most of all thank you for your leadership.

You have made a difference in our students lives.

IRIS ALERT:

It is that time of year when we must think about delays and early dismissals.

HTS has sent out our first **Test of the IRIS Alert System** on Thursday. If you did not receive the alert, please contact the office as soon as possible, to update your information. If you received the alert and want to be removed or change you number please call the office. It is important to stay up-to-date.

Parent Portal:

Our Parent Portal is open. If you have not been able to logon, please call the office for a new password. The Parent Portal will help students and parents to see their current assignments and grades. This will allow the students to improve their daily performance. The First Quarter ends 11/9/18. Please make sure your child(rens) grades are handed in and they are prepared for all assessments. Checking the portal and conversations with their teachers will continue to improve your child(rens) scores.

Tuition Payments:

Tuition helps the Archdiocese of New York enhance the education of our Catholic Schools throughout the area. It is very important that tuition payments are made on time. Thank you to all our families who are making their 10 month, monthly payments.

Please review your tuition contract for further information on monthly payments. **You child's Report Cards will not be distributed to families who have not made their monthly payments.** I understand this is a difficult topic, however, it is one that must be addressed. You may also contact me to discuss further options. Thank you for all you do.

Beginning and Ending of our School Day:

Holy Trinity School begins at 8:15AM with prayers and dismisses at 2:50PM. Please make sure your child is here by 8:10AM. The drop off door opens at 7:50AM and closes at 8:10AM, prayers start at 8:15AM. Since the children go directly to the classrooms and not to the gym, it is very important that the children are in school before or on 8:10AM. Our teachers are now able to start teaching on time every morning. Children who come in after 8:15AM are missing valuable educational time. Please try to bring your child(ren) to school on time. If you are dropping your children off at school, they are to be dropped off at the gym door, not at the Main Office.

Our school ends the school day at 2:45. Many children are being picked up at 2:00PM. Not only is this a disruption for your child, but it is a disruption for the children who are remaining in class. There are times when an early dismissal is necessary, however, please try to make your appointments after 3:00PM.

Thank you for your help in this matter. It is for the education and safety of our children that you abide by the school drop off and pick-up procedures.

Chaperones/Volunteers:

Class trips have begun. If you are going to be a chaperone or volunteer in our school please make sure you have filled out your Safe Environment papers, watched the video, and send your certificate to the office. Every person working or volunteering in our building is required to complete the Safe Environment process.

Volunteers are needed for our activities such as, lunchtime and recess. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please call the office. We will gladly help you.

I am honored to serve as the principal at Holy Trinity School. It is truly a privilege to be part of a community who strives to help our students become positive role models.

Please feel free to contact me at 845-471-0520 or at kathleen.spina@archny.org

God Bless You and your Family,

Kathleen Spina

Dates to Remember:

11/1 All Saints Day 4th Grade is Hosting the 9:00AM Mass in The Gym

11/1 HSA Meeting 6:00pm in the Library

11/2 First Friday Mass Grade 5 Hosting the 9:00AM Mass in The Gym

11/2 TACHS Exam Grade 8 Students

11/6 No Transportation Hyde Park - Wappingers

11/7 Grade 6 Bake Sale

11/9 1st Quarter Ends

11/9 No Transportation Arlington

11/18 Veteran's Breakfast

11/15-11/16 Parent Teacher Conferences

11/19 Barnes & Noble Night

***** SAVE THE DATE *****

It's that time of year again for our Barnes & Noble fundraiser. For those who are new to our school everyone is invited to Barnes & Noble in Poughkeepsie for a day/evening of events to enjoy. Our Fall event will take place on:

Monday, November 19th from 3PM - 8PM

A sample of the events are as follows: storytime, a scavenger hunt, spelling bees, crafts, individual performances, cheesecake tasting, and our quiz bowls. My next letter will contain a schedule.

All purchases benefit Holy Trinity school library, whether you purchase a book, magazine, CD, DVD, a Nook, calendar, game, toy, puzzle, food/drink from the cafe, etc. The only purchases that don't benefit us are a B&N membership card, and gift cards. You may use a gift card to purchase your items that evening and that gives us credit. When you enter the store, we will have vouchers with our school name on them. Simply give this to the cashier when making a purchase. If you forget to pick one up tell the cashier you are with Holy Trinity and we will get the credit. It helps to check your receipt when the transaction is complete to make sure it lists bookfair on it. **The event is all day (9AM-9PM)**, but the activities for the children don't start until 3PM. Many students are involved in the arts and I would love to have them perform. We are looking for anyone interested in either playing an instrument, performing a dance routine, singing, etc.

Invite everyone you know to this wonderful get together. It's a great way to start your Christmas shopping. For those of you who cannot make it that day, you can make a purchase online at BN.com/bookfairs and enter the bookfair ID (which will be available in my next letter). I hope many of you are able to make our Barnes & Noble day. The children love the event and I love their enthusiasm in this wonderful bookstore.

For safety reasons, please stay with your child. We do not want the children playing on the escalators or elevators or running around the store. Thank you for your support.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick
School librarian