

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

The Value of the Month of January is Circumspection.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Holy Trinity Families.

I hope all of you have a very Happy and Healthy 2019.

December was a very busy month. Many thanks to everyone who made it miraculous. Our Christmas Concert brought in the feeling of Christmas to everyone who attended. Father Mizzi-Gili and Ms. Heaton, with our incredibly talented students, filled our gym with the sound of music and song. Our teachers, staff and parents all helped make our concerts an enjoyable Christmas Event.

HSA Present in Our School

Thanks to our HSA our students were able to shop for their family and surprise them with a special gift for Christmas morning. I would like to thank everyone who donated their time, talents and specialty items to our Christmas Shoppe. Without the organized help of the HAS volunteers, our shoppe would not have been a success.

Our HSA also ran Movie Night. This event gave our parents a night to shop and relax before Christmas. Thank you to all the families who made this night fun and enjoyable. Our students snuggled in their blankets, ate pizza and popcorn while watching the movie The Star. Their parents enjoyed a few hours of free time.

And lastly a special thank you to Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Buddy the Elf who visited Holy Trinity on December 21st to take pictures with our classes and distributed cookies to each student. Cookies with Santa is always a great success. Who doesn't enjoy a cookie and a little visit with Santa and his helpers. Visit our Facebook page to see the fun shared by all.

A special thank you to ADAMS who donated all the gingerbread cookies to our school for this event.

We would like families to send in a photo Christmas card to school. We are making a Holy Trinity Photo Mural for Catholic Schools Week. The more Family Cards we have the larger the mural. Thank you everyone for your help!

Knights of Columbus Council #15698

The Knights of Columbus have been very generous to Holy Trinity School this Advent season. They have donated winter coats to be distributed to families of Holy Trinity. We put our family names in a basket and choose family names to receive the coats. Thank you Council #15698, what a wonderful thing to do!

Council #15698 also held a Keep Christ in Christmas contest. This contest was open to the children of Holy Trinity School. Many of our students entered the contest and drew posters depicting the theme. I am pleased to announce our contest winners:

First Place: Sean Tapia

Second Place: Kelly Jaigua

Third Place Sa'maya Green

Each winner received a \$25.00 gift card to Barnes & Noble. The posters will be submitted to the District Level, then on to the State Level if they place in district.

Congratulations to all our students who participated, and to congratulations to our winners.

A Very Busy January

Our students will be working very hard during the month of January. They will be taking the Map Test from January 7th through January 25th. Please make sure your child is getting a good night sleep and a good breakfast to help them do well on their tests. January 14 to January 25th grades 6-8 will be taking Midyear assessments. Review sheets and exam schedules have been sent home. If you have not received them, check with your child or their teachers as soon as possible. Grades 3, 4, and 5 will be given a Religion midterm on January 17th. This will be their only midterm.

Please make sure your children are ready for their midterm assessments. They are worth 1/6 of their final average.

Birthday Parties and Special Celebrations

Please remember that NO party invitations are to be distributed on school property, and NO thank you notes for parties attended should be handed out in school. If you need clarification, please check the Parent/Student Handbook. Thank you for your understanding in this request.

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:

1/7 MAP Testing Begins

1/14 Midterms Begins Grades 6-8

1/11 12:00 Dismissal Faculty Meeting

1/13 HSA Meeting 6:00PM

Catholic Schools Week is the last week of January. Our Student Council has been working hard putting together a week to remember. Stay tuned to further information.