

Tiger Tales

SEPTEMBER 9, 2016



WELCOME TO 2016-17 AT BLESSED TRINITY!

In a rush of new uniforms, fresh school supplies, and excited faces, the halls and classrooms are once again filled with the sights and sounds of another year. It is wonderful to be back, sharing in the gift of community and learning. As noted in the prayer for a new school year, we have the great grace to entrust our school year and all that we do to the hands of our loving God. Thank you for joining us in this great opportunity, to work together in the light of Christ for the growth and learning of our students.

While we welcome so many familiar faces back, it is always wonderful to welcome the new members to our community. We once again have more than 50 new students, from preschool through 8th grade. We are delighted to have so many new friends and younger siblings join us. I am so proud to see our returning students welcome our newest Tigers and share their love of our community.

In addition, we welcome four new staff members to our team: Katy Boerboom, Penn Office and Classroom Assistant, Peg Pavek, Art Teacher, Susan Graves, Nicollet Lunchroom Manager and Melissa Uzelac, Advancement Director. We welcome all of you to Blessed Trinity and look forward to learning from and with you. Look to future newsletters for more information on these new staff members!

With so much going on, I could add more than a few more notes. For now, know that we are counting our blessings to be back at school, with each and every one of you. Thank you for being a part of our Blessed Trinity family, sharing in all the opportunities, learning, love, and pray ahead. Have a wonderful weekend. May God continue to grace us throughout the year.

Go Tigers! Principal Patrick O'Keefe

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

Thursday, September 15
6-8 pm, PK-3rd grade

Thursday, September 22
6-8 pm, 4th-8th grade

These parents only nights are an opportunity for you to learn more from your students' teachers, classroom expectations and how you can support their learning.

PRAYER FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

-Archdiocese of Dublin

Loving God, we entrust ourselves to you. Daily guide our minds and hearts so that we will work for the good of our school community and be a help to all people. Teach us to be generous in our outlook, courageous in the face of difficulty, and wise in our decisions. We ask this, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ALL SCHOOL MASS

Wednesday, September 14
St. Richard's

All parents and families are invited to join our student body for our first all school mass next week.

HEALEY UPDATE

We are excited to begin in earnest our partnership with the Healey Education Foundation and the Catholic Schools Development Program (CSDP). This exciting opportunity is supported by grants from our local partners to support us as we reach out to more families and more partners to join our great school community.

As part of the program, we hired Melissa Uzelac as our Advancement Director. She will be our main connection to the Healey Foundation as we learn their best practices for enrollment, governance and advancement, bringing these new lessons alive with our existing Development Directors, Terry Braun and Kori Marshall.

Additionally, our current Board approved the plan to reorganize our Corporate Board and School Advisory Council into new boards. These new boards will serve as an essential part of our leadership and governance moving forward, working with our pastors to support the mission of Catholic education here at Blessed Trinity, in our three wonderful parishes and our greater surrounding community.

NEW HOT LUNCH PROVIDER

We are delighted to welcome a new lunch program food vendor, Taher. This new partnership will allow us to continue offering a hot lunch program that meets state and federal guidelines with the possibility of some new menu items, choices, and more possibilities in the future. Be sure to return menus promptly and be sure to have students try new dishes!

HOT LUNCH—THE HOTTEST VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

My name is Susan Graves and I am the new lunch lady at Nicollet. I am married and have two children presently at Holy Angels. I own an embroidery/screen printing store out of my home and wanted a little something to get me back out into the social world. Being at Holy Angels I hear from so many families how great BT is. I look forward to meeting your children and you, the parents, too!

How can we meet you ask? I am looking for volunteers to help serve lunch throughout the school year. It can be only once, once a week, once a month, or 1,2,3 days for the whole school year. It's up to you. Come and join me while we serve the kiddos and have some fun! The schedule is 10:45 – 12:15ish. Please contact me at: gravess@btcsmn.org or 612-991-0699.

Thanks so much! I look forward to meeting you—Susan Graves



NEW BT FAMILY!

Meet the Walkers. Amy Pfarr Walker and Bill Walker are proud parents of new BT Tiger Madison who is in learning all about everything in preschool. This newest BT family calls Richfield home along with their dog Milo. English is their home language and they belong to Colonial Church in Edina. While not busy settling into the new school year, they love traveling as a family. They chose Blessed Trinity because of great recommendations from current BT families. Welcome! We're excited you are here.

VIRTUS TRAINING

**Wednesday, September 28
6-9 pm, St. Peter's, Room B**

We are hosting a VIRTUS in person training session this fall. This training session is required training for those who want to participate in volunteer opportunities like field trips, tutoring and one on one activities with students. Please register [online](#). Contact [Kori Marshall](#), volunteer coordinator, with any questions.

SERV-A-THON KICKOFF

Our 2016 Serv-a-Thon kicks off on Tuesday, September 13! Pledge sheets will go home with all students next week. Please ask your students how you can help them collect pledges.

BT TIGER UP FOR GRABS!

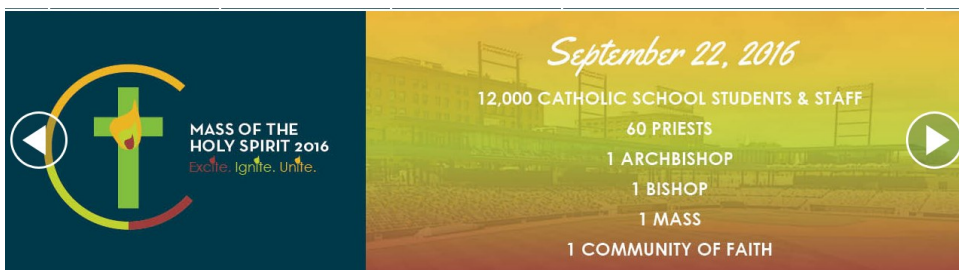
Every year, Blessed Trinity challenges our parishes to raise at least \$4,000 each—that's \$12,000 total! This money goes toward our overall Serv-a-Thon.



Although these pledges cannot be added to a student's pledge sheet, supporting our three sponsoring parishes and all three pastors is a great way to support the Serv-a-thon. And this year, families who collect pledges after mass will receive a family ticket to Sno*Ball. You can sign up here <http://signup.com/go/volYHg>. You can also sign up in the enclosed Serv-a-Thon sign up sheet.

4TH-8TH GRADE MASS AT CHS FIELD

On September 22, our 4th-8th grade students will travel to CHS Field to celebrate **Mass of the Holy Spirit** with 12,000 students from Catholic schools across the Archdiocese. For this field trip a box lunch will be provided. Please pack a healthy snack for your student that day as lunch will be later than usual.



SEPTEMBER 12 - FIESTA LATINA MEETING

Our first committee meeting for Fiesta Latina is Monday, September 12 at 6:00 pm, St. Peter's, Room E.

FUNDRAISING AT BLESSED TRINITY

Our fundraising goal for the year is \$110,000. Our development directors dreamed up many great ways to help us achieve this. We need everyone's help to meet our goal. Every bit – big and small – helps. We've made some changes to our annual fundraising campaigns to reduce costs, encourage participation and still keep these events fun. Notable changes include:

- We're taking the "drive" out of the magazine drive. We'll still be selling magazines, but will be spreading this out over the year instead of a focused month-long fundraiser.
- Bowling Party incentive replaces the Twins game. We're testing



AHA TEACHER AND BT ENHANCEMENT TEACHER TO WIN AWARD

Academy of Holy Angels is proud to announce that the Minnesota Educational Theater Association is awarding Dan Dimond the Dedicated Lifetime Award for 2016. Dan will be honored on the Communications and Theater Association conference breakfast meeting on Saturday, 17 September, in St. Cloud MN.

The Dedicated Lifetime Award is given to an educator who has dedicated their career to excellence in high school theater over a significant length of time and in doing so has advanced the cause of excellence in Minnesota theater education.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

We're always looking for parents to share their talents and time with us as volunteers. We can't do all this without you! Look for Serv-A-Thon sign up sheets in this week's Friday Folders. You can also sign up online here <http://signup.com/go/volYHg>

out some new incentives this year and this is one of them.

- Stick Together Challenge. This fun incentive – more details coming soon– will span the Serv-a-Thon and the Catholic Schools Raffle.

We appreciate all you do to help us meet our fundraising goals. Please let us know what you think of these as well as other changes.

SHOW YOUR BT SPIRIT

All Blessed Trinity families are encouraged to wear their BT Spirit Wear to "Stars Are Out" on Friday, September 9 at Holy Angels. Stop by our table for some free goodies and bean bag toss fun! Parents, please invite other friends and alumni of Blessed Trinity's consolidated schools of St. Richard's, St. Peter's or Assumption, as well as any families who may be interested in attending Blessed Trinity.

TRUST

"Students learn better when they trust their teacher." Ask any 5th grader about this important lesson from the first day of school. Mr. Dillon caught every student in a trust fall. Watch the feet—when they don't move, you know the trust is there!



BACK-TO-SCHOOL FLU VACCINE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Wednesday, September 21

St. Richard's

On Wednesday, September 21, the annual flu vaccination clinic will be held from 1:00—3:00pm in the St. Richard's Catholic Church Community Room (Penn Campus). The vaccine is free with most major insurance plans, as well as Medicare. Register online at www.homelandhealthspecialists.com using client ID NWUCW60 in the Customer Portal.

CELEBRATE SAINT PETER'S

Saturday, October 8

Mass at 4:30 pm

Dinner served 5:30-7:00 pm

Family, Friends and Fabulous Food—A Night to Remember! Raffle winners will be announced at 6:30 pm. Tickets can be picked up at the west entrance of Church.

Join us for dinner, meet other parishioners, make new friends and you'll leave a winner!

REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION IS HERE!

If you are planning on having your child(ren) participate in any of our programs, now is the time to register! If you haven't received a registration form in the mail, you may pick one up in the back of church near the Baptismal Font or by the main entrance doors. Forms may be turned in to the parish office.

If you have questions, feel free to contact 612-866-5089.

ST. PETER'S PETE'S BOUTIQUE VENDORS

If you, or someone you know, is a crafter please come and be a crafter at our Boutique Saturday, October 29, 9:00 am-4:00 pm in the social hall. Just call Theresa in the parish office at 612-767-1781 for an application. **Deadline is September 16th.**