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Holy Trinity School Mission Statement

Holy Trinity School exists to communicate Gospel values, to provide a quality academic program and to develop a faith community which encourages respect for self, others and the global community.

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Award Winning Student Project Kicks Off Smart Board Era



It's modern, interactive and changing the way students learn at Holy Trinity School.

When Mary Beth Applegate recommended a lesson plan to first-grade teacher Carolle Smith, which allowed students to adopt a sea turtle in Florida and follow its migration patterns online, she had no idea a Smart Board would be the result. But now the devices are drastically changing the way students learn everything from science to religious songs.

A total of nine classrooms feature new touch-sensitive displays that allow students to bring the Internet and interactive and visual instruction to grades kindergarten through grade eight.



"In response to the sign of the times, Holy Trinity School recognizes that interactive learning is the wave of the future and it's the way that children are coming to us learning," said Sister Kathleen Kelly, the School's Principal.

The boards are covering areas inside classrooms, where chalk board instruction once reigned.



When our pastor, Reverend Gary Simeone, visited the first grade classroom, he was astonished with twenty-one hands raising anxious for an opportunity to utilize the SmartBoard. Everyone wanted a chance to draw, add and practice handwriting on the large screen. Afterward, as students sang a song of praise to God, they followed images of flowers and trees on screen, imagery of elements mentioned in the religious hymn.

"It's made a major difference in first grade," said Mrs. Applegate, coordinator of technology integration into the curriculum. "Mrs. Smith uses the SmartBoard in almost all her lessons. It's cut the learning time in half."

The classroom-friendly computers reduce clutter in lower grades. Developing mathematical motor skills once required the use of manipulatives and cubes. Now students point to objects on the board. Interactive continent images replace stationary paper maps.

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Applegate's turtle lesson plan won the **2009 Archdiocese of Hartford's Technology Award**, which recognizes one school each year for innovative and efficient integration of technology. A SmartBoard was the prize, drawing such buzz around the school that an anonymous donor provided another.

Mrs. Bailey, our seventh grade teacher, was so impressed with this technology that her family's business, B.C. Bailey Funeral Home along with a donation from Wadsworth Investments provided the monies for a SmartBoard in the seventh grade classroom. Barbara Dichello, grandparent of Vincent Pisani in Kindergarten, also donated a SmartBoard.





Spotlight Event: HTS HOMECOMING!!

Saturday, Nov. 27, 2010

Announcing Thanksgiving Weekend Events ..
Calling all HTS Alumni & Friends—Mark Your Calendars!

Alumni Basketball Exhibition Game

- Doors Open: 1:00 p.m. * Game Time: 1:30 p.m.
- Wallingford Park and Recreation Gymnasium
- Admission: \$5 each / Current Students—Free



Cheer your schoolmates to victory!

Alumni & Friends Homecoming Dinner & Dance

- 6:00 —11:00 p.m. at Villa Capri, Wallingford
- \$40—Each Ticket

Gather your classmates for a memorable evening...

Alumni— look for your invitation!

Contact Holy Trinity School at 203-269-4476 for information.

Dinner: Kim Pisani, kimmy1220@aol.com * Lisa Chuba, i_m_chewy@yahoo.com

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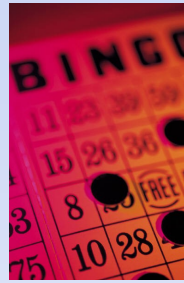
On the Road Again ...

Each school day, students Steven, Molly and Sophia jump in the car to trek from Rocky Hill to Wallingford . In spite of the distance, **Stephen** and **Caroline Pawlak** weighed the options and concluded that few schools can offer such a safe and nurturing environment. The teaching of Christian values, a challenging curriculum, outstanding standardized test scores, as well as opportunities for parental involvement, are key elements that keep the Pawlak family on the road.

Caroline exudes about the absolute dedication of the teachers. She has witnessed the personal efforts that teachers invest in educating the children both spiritually and academically. It is Caroline's hope, that as children grow and mature and have children of their own, "they will remember the care and love that these dedicated teachers had "on their lives and want nothing less for their own children."



B-I-N-G-O WAS THEIR NAME



As **Michelle Massores** began her education at Holy Trinity School, her parents **Judie and Steve**, undertook the challenge of running the Home School Association Friday Night Bingo. Michelle graduated from Holy Trinity, Mercy High School, University of Pittsburgh, and Quinnipiac Law School, and Judie and Steve continued to devote each Friday night to Bingo.

Although the Bingo Board numbers are still called, the Massores family hung up their Bingo hats at the completion of the June 25 Bingo shift. As an era ended, they celebrated having Friday evenings back.

All proceeds from Bingo support the school's operational budget over the years. May their dedication and training be carried forth by others. **Therese Valenti** accepted the torch that has been passed and will be the new "clerk of the works."

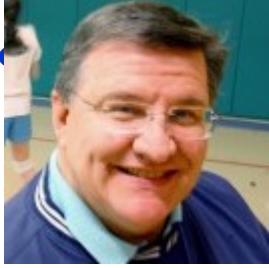
Many hands and voices have assisted with Bingo. **Milton Medeiros** (treasurer extraordinaire) and **Bill Hunter** (sub extraordinaire) will enter into the rank and file of "retirees." The school community expresses gratitude for the long commitment of service from Judie's uncle, **Raymond Bartel**, who died this spring. Judie's brother **Dave Austin** and his wife **Patty** also stepped up to volunteer on numerous occasions. The Holy Trinity School community salutes our "retirees" and expresses deep appreciation for all that they have done personally to ensure the vitality of our school. Judie and Steve's commitment is applauded and their dedication to being the brains and heart behind Bingo will always be cherished.

Through the Looking Glass ...

Now on the "other side" of the looking glass, **Lisa Chuba, Class of 1986 and current School Board member**, reminisces about playing the Mad Hatter in *Alice in Wonderland*. As a student in **Sr. Ann Mack, R.S.M.**'s second grade class, Lisa was part of the third and fourth grade ensemble. Lisa recently found the program which elicited memories of sell-out crowds. Maybe Lisa will bring her program for a special signing!



HTS Basketball Traditions .. A Toast to Tom Collette's Legacy



Tom Collette coached his last HTS Varsity Basketball game this year. Having coached more than 200 middle-school girls, 2010 was no exception to the eighteen preceding State Championship years. The HTS Tigers' Varsity Girls team compiled a 40-3 record and just short of the New England Catholic Youth Organization Tournament crown. The JV Team reflected similar successes.

As the Collettes' fifth child graduates onto Sheehan High School in 2010, the Holy Trinity community salutes a perennial champion, parent and leader. The *HTS Annual Basketball Tip off Tournament* was renamed the "**Tom Collette Tournament**" this year in his honor.

Principal **Sister Kathleen Kelly** said, "Tom

Collette embodies all the elements of good sportsmanship." The school community echoes a resounding, "Thank you, Coach Collette!"



Divine Meeting with Cardinal O'Malley

With cheers of glee the Varsity Girls' Basketball Team in 2009 progressed to the New England CYO Championship Tournament in Boston. **Amy Jagoda, Class of 1983 and School Board member** captured a fond memory.

All participating teams and families were invited to attend a Mass celebrated by **Sean Patrick Cardinal O'Malley**. In a fully packed hotel

conference room with standing room only, the Jagoda family awaited the beginning of the liturgy and listened to the Cardinal's rock band.

An Archdiocesan official approached Monica Jagoda, Class of 2009, inviting her to serve Mass. After turning a ghostly pale, she responded, "Yes, I would love to." The Master of Ceremonies shuffled Monica off to

instruct her in the rubrics of the liturgy when celebrated by the Cardinal. Her family proudly worshipped and observed the pallor returning to her complexion. Monica received an apostolic blessing and was gifted with rosary beads. This is a cherished memory in the lives of the Jagoda Family, and perhaps, the grace of the liturgy put a "tiger in the tank" of our Lady Tigers, propelling them to victory.

Family Mass Unites in Faith

In the middle of 9 a.m. Mass, **Father Gary Simeone** sought some help. Hands flew in anticipation of volunteering answers during the homily.

Their participation propelled Holy Trinity School's new monthly Family Mass, to immediate success. Each grade prepares readings, gift bearing and altar serving. Initiated from the HTS Board, organizer Christine Mansfield said, "It lights a fire for family worship."

The Eucharist also featured nearly 100 children around the Altar. **Kevin Buno, Class of 1994** launched and directed the Church's new Children's Choir as well. "It's preparing the children to be the future leaders in the church," said principal Sister Katie Kelly. "I think it makes an impact with them." The Family Mass resumes in September.



CHRISTMAS WINDOWS



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas when the eighth grade students begin to formulate the design for the school windows. **Kim Pisani, Class of 1986 and current parent and School Board member**, face illuminates when she shares the tale of being in eighth grade and earning the privilege of "doing the windows."

The students sketched, traced and cut out numerous sheep, stars, and doves to create the ambiance of Bethlehem. The most patient and particular students created The Holy Family and Wise Men. More than the design, Kim recalls the excitement and camaraderie that filled the hallways.

Kim has three daughters who now attend Mercy High School. Julia is in eighth grade where she will carry on this rite of passage. Vincent is in first grade and will have a few years to wait until he carries on this tradition. Each Christmas season as Kim drives by the school and gazes upon the beautiful windows, she is filled with nostalgia wondering about the graduating class that will be leaving its mark HTS. What better way to bring Christ into the heart of Wallingford.

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Fall 2010

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