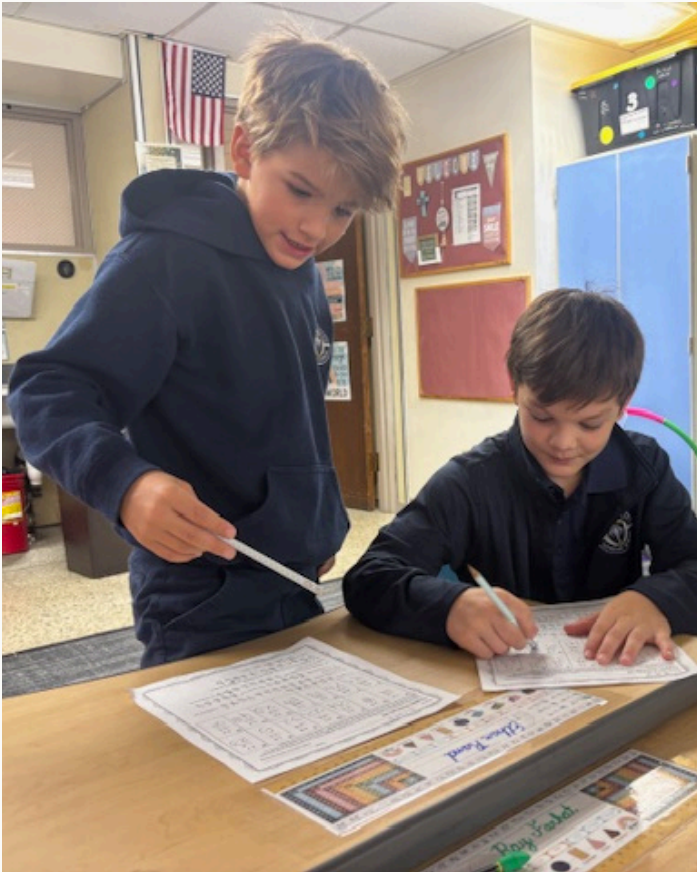


HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



AUGUST 27TH, 2025



UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 29th- Sept. 1st- No School
Sept. 2nd- First Day of Preschool
Sept. 3rd- School Mass (8th) 9AM
Sept. 5th- Hearing & Vision Screening
Sept. 6th & 7th- Alpine Festival
Sept. 8th- Home & School Meeting 5:30PM
Sept. 9th- Student Council Dress Day
Sept. 11th- School Mass (7th) 9AM
Sept. 17th- Constitution Day
Sept. 17th- School Mass (4th) 9AM
Sept. 20th & 21st- Catechetical Blessings
Sept. 23rd- Picture Day
Sept. 24th- Prayer Service 9AM

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation as we navigate the construction project. We know this can make dismissal a little more challenging, and we are so grateful for your commitment to keeping all of our students safe.

We kindly ask that you continue to pull all the way forward and fill in the available spots during pick-up. Please do not stop directly in front of where your student is standing, as this creates congestion and unsafe conditions. By moving forward and following the established procedure, we can keep dismissal smooth and safe for everyone.

Additionally, please note that the Kent County Sheriff's Department has been contacted and will be closely monitoring our parking lot. In particular, they will be watching for drivers attempting to cut through or around the construction zone, especially during recess (11:30 AM-12:00 PM) and dismissal. Thank you again for your support, patience, and commitment to following these procedures. Together, we can ensure the safety of all our students.

Blessings, Shannon Murphy

Thursday PE Dress Code- Clarification

Thank you for your patience and feedback as we continue to fine-tune our dress code for PE days. We want to make sure families have clear options and flexibility.

On PE days, students may wear:

- Their regular school uniform
- Holy Trinity Spirit Gear (from this year or last year's Spirit Shop)
- Navy or black shorts/pants approved by the administration (solid color, no other colors, no logos, and no shorter than 3" above the knee)
- Their LOVE theme shirt from last year
- A solid navy or solid white t-shirt

We hope this gives families multiple choices while still keeping a neat and consistent look that reflects our Holy Trinity pride. Spirit Shop items are a fun option, but they are not the only choice.

The Spirit Shop is now open and includes the clothing items that may be worn on Thursdays for PE. Please note the Spirit Shop will close on September 7th with no exceptions. You can access the shop here: <http://radco.chippily.com/HolyTrinity/>

Home & School

Each year we ask parents and adults from our community to commit their time volunteering for various events at school. Thank you for volunteering your time and talents for our kids here at Holy Trinity.

We are in need of Room Parents for classrooms. Room parents are responsible for holiday classroom parties. There are three holidays: Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's Day. Room parents may collaborate with each grade's teacher and fellow parents to provide snacks, games, and crafts for students.

We also need your help with Recess Duty. Will you be able to help this year? It starts around 11:25AM (lunch bell rings at 11:30) and ends around 12:15PM (bell rings at 12:10 for recess to end). This is a volunteer position. Thank you for considering this important vocation.

Parents really enjoy getting to know our students during this yearlong commitment.

Other Volunteers needed this year:

- Mother/Son Corn Hole Planning Committee Chair
- Daddy/Daughter Dance Planning Committee Chair
- Fall Family Fun Day Volunteers

Our Home & School board is looking for 2 positions this year as well. The Vice President & the Participation Chair. If you would like to learn more about these positions, please email Jamielee Lamancusa at jleelamancusa@gmail.com. Please consider helping this cause!

Home & School Signups

West Catholic Food Service Meal Charge Policy

West Catholic Food Services implemented a Meal Charge Policy effective beginning this 2024-25 school year. The policy is needed due to the high number of student meal accounts that carry a negative balance, even though school breakfast and lunch accounts are to be funded in advance of meal purchases. Please remember that account monitoring is the responsibility of both parents/guardians and students.

Parents/guardians carry the primary responsibility to provide lunch for their student, whether it is brought from home or a meal is purchased with funds available in the meal account. A positive account balance is expected to be maintained in order to purchase food. Payments are accepted online via Infinite Campus.

- Two helpful links: [Dining Services - West Catholic High School](#) (please view the [Food Service Payment instructions](#)) and [Diocese of Grand Rapids](#) (home page for IC Parent Portal login)

Charging into the negative is considered temporary, and a privilege offered to households who might lose track of their account balances. The following practices have been put into place effective July 1, 2024.

- All students are allowed to charge meals, should they forget their lunch money, up to a -\$5 balance. High school students will not be allowed to charge a-la-carte items once they carry a negative balance.
- Courtesy emails and deposit requests will be sent weekly, on Tuesday, to alert parents/guardians when a meal balance falls into the negative. Updating email information on Infinite Campus is very important. Account balances and history may be viewed in IC Parent Portal. Balance inquiries can be made to Mary Wieber, Food Service Director, at 616.233.5923 or emailed at MaryWieber@grwestcatholic.org.

West Catholic Food Services does not allow food shaming in our buildings. Students with negative balances will not be asked to perform chores to pay for their meals or be required to wear wristbands or hand stamps. If a student already has a school meal on a tray, it will not be taken away or thrown out; however, the student's account will be charged for the meal. The administration team will reach out to the parent/guardian first to discuss student negative balances issues via telephone, mail or email.

WCFS understands there are unforeseen circumstances from time to time, and will be happy to work with you. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please fill out an attached Free and Reduced meal application.

Festival needs your help!!!!

Please sign-up and help the our
Festival by signing up to help!

<https://holytrinitycp.org/ministries/festival/>