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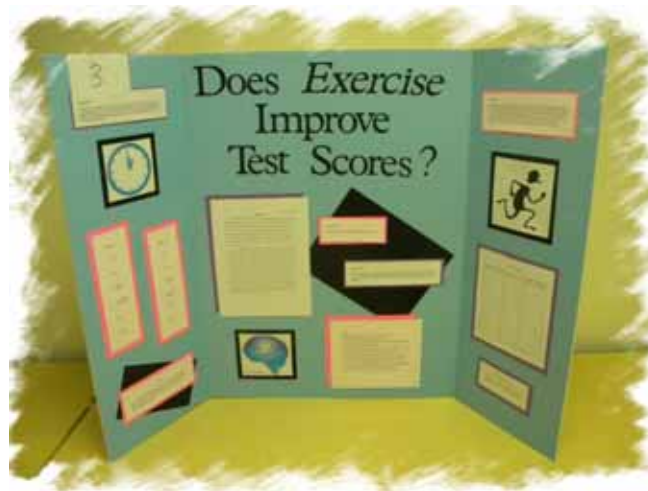
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From Principal Patrick O'Keefe

This week has been a great celebration of Blessed Trinity as a Catholic school, working and living to share in this year's theme, "Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service." The spirit of our community of faith has been a treat to witness. Beginning with Mass shared with the Archbishop, our children, parents, teachers, and friends continually gave witness to the positive role BT plays in our lives. At each Mass at St. Richard's this past weekend, one of our wonderful students shared their experience of Blessed Trinity with the congregation. Nearly every parishioner who stopped to greet me as we left the church complimented the great job our students did. A big thanks to **Kyleigh**, **Christina**, and **Anna** for writing and sharing their stories. Keep an eye out in the weeks to come at St. Peter's and Assumption!

Our Sno*Ball continued the fun into Saturday evening, as we gathered to share food, fun and games in support of our school. I truly enjoyed participating in this annual family tradition. From our youngest members dancing the night away to parents belting out their favorite tunes, a good time was shared by all. Thank you to all the many, many volunteers. Without you, none of this is possible. A special thanks to **Sarah** and **Hallie** for chairing the Sno*Ball and continuing to make it a memorable event for our BT family.

Once again, our students, families, and parishioners outdid themselves in support of others. Our used clothing drive gathered much more than expected and will be a great blessing to many children in our area. Thank you to all those who participated and a special thanks to Mrs. Wyrick and Mr. Dillon for helping coordinate, promote, and deliver the items to STEP.



Student work was showcased at the Learning Fair on Thursday, February 2nd. Great job to all!

It was wonderful to see so many parents join us for lunch on Wednesday and I hope many more can join us Friday. We are grateful for your commitment to our school and your kids, and it is heartwarming to see families take time to share with each other.

As we move to the end of the official national Catholic Schools' Week, we hope you will continue to help us celebrate in our parishes. We have two more weekends of Pack the Pews. This weekend, we will be at

St. Peter's for the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, February 5. Please join us to show our gratitude for all our parishes do. By attending you will hear students share their experiences at BT and all students who attend Mass in uniform will receive a non uniform pass. I hope to see you there!

As we move into February, we are continuing

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Teacher Appreciation

AHA students Meagan (BT alum '09) and Hanna (BT alum '10) both nominated Mrs. Armbrust as a teacher "who has provided positive educational leadership and a supporting environment for student athletes." Mrs. Armbrust will attend the Holy Angels Girls' Varsity basketball game and reception with Meagan and Hanna on February 10.

Honoring Mrs. Armbrust

From Meagan

"Although you were my teacher a while ago I am very grateful to have had you as my teacher. Not only were you a great teacher, you made learning very fun and enjoyable! You also taught me many skills and values that are important to me. Thank you for being such a great teacher and such a positive role model!!"

From Hanna

"You were a great teacher and I loved being your student. I am glad I had the opportunity to be in your class! Thanks so much for everything you did for me! I really appreciate it! You always encouraged me to do my best! Your energy and love of teaching always inspired us! Thanks for all you do for your students."

Eighth Grade Quotes

Jesus asked His disciples,
"What are you looking for?"

After reading St. John's Gospel, Blessed Trinity eighth graders wrote:

"I am looking for God, love, peace, joy for the world, solutions to problems and faithfulness for everyone so we can live life to the fullest and be happy."

"I am looking for a way to Heaven, to live more fully and live the way God wants me to act. I want to find the true way to live not what man's interpretations are. We are talking about life, the most precious gift we have and I want a true leader to tell me how to live in God's love."

Sno*Ball Sign-Ups

Sno*Ball 2012

To sign-up for one of the following fun events, send an envelope with your youngest student. Indicate the event name, who is being registered, and include payment (with check made payable to BTCs).

Open Gym & Pizza Party

with Mr. Boyle & Mr. Stock

Friday, Feb. 17 - 6:30-8:00

\$20/student

Nicollet Campus students only

Wings, Ribs and Beer Tasting Contest

at the Wichtermans

Saturday, March 3rd

\$40/adult

Adults only

Bowling

with Mrs. Wyrick & Mrs. Warmka

Date TBD (March)

\$20/student

First Grade Gym Night

with Mrs. Wyrick

Date TBD (March)

\$10/student

First Grade students only

Congratulations!

Sno*Ball \$5.00 Raffle Winners

Patricia —TV

Sienna —Kindle

Abby —Amazon gift card

Congratulations!

Sno*Ball 25¢ Raffle Winners

Adaline ✦ Addison

Aiden ✦ Anja

Anna Marie ✦ Braden

David ✦ Derek ✦ Ellie

Emily ✦ Gavin ✦ Jack

Jordan ✦ Julian ✦ Katie

Kayla ✦ Kennedy

Piatt ✦ Kyleigh

Nathan ✦ Shelby

Important Announcements

Pack the Pews

Help us Pack the Pews at St. Peter's on Sunday, February 5th, at their 11:00am Mass. Pack the Pews again at Assumption on Sunday, February 12, at their 9:00am or 1:00pm Mass. Students who attend Mass in uniform will receive a non uniform pass.

Scholastic Book Fair

Monday, February 6, 9:00am-12:00pm

The last day of the Scholastic Book Fair in the Nicollet Campus library is Monday, Feb. 6th. Or shop online now through February 16 by visiting www.btcsmn.org and then clicking the School Fundraising tab under "About."

Sixth Grade Pizza Sale

Sixth graders are selling pizza along with cheese-cakes, breads, cookie dough and more. Orders are due February 6th with checks made out to Blessed Trinity. Buy a pizza and support a sixth grader! Order forms are available in the Nicollet office.

Mass at St. Richard's

Parents are invited to join students and faculty for the 12:15pm Mass at St. Richard's on Wednesday, February 8th.

VEAP/Spirit Wear Day

Students who bring a non perishable food item or a \$1.00 donation for VEAP may enjoy a Spirit Wear Day on Friday, February 10. On Spirit Wear Days, students may show their school spirit and wear anything that has Blessed Trinity on it. Jeans are acceptable on Spirit Wear days but no ripped jeans, sweatpants or pajama pants.

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TADS Deadline

Remember, if you would like to apply for some financial assistance for the next school year, the TADS deadline is Friday, February 17. Please contact the school office, or Principal Patrick O'Keefe, with questions.

Fecha límite para TADS

Recuerde, si usted desea solicitar ayuda financiera para el próximo año escolar, la fecha límite de TADS el viernes, 17 de febrero. Si tiene preguntas, por favor contacte la oficina de la escuela, o al director, Sr. Patrick O'keefe.

Tuition Due

Tuition invoices were mailed recently. They were due the first of the month. Band and middle school enhancement fees are also due.

Minnesota Private and Independent Education Awards

Blessed Trinity has so many talented teachers, administrators, volunteers, coaches, board members, students, families...the list is endless...so help us share their stories! Submit nominations for the 2012 Minnesota Private and Independent Education Awards. Go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012AwardsNomination> by Friday, February 17th.

Small Playground Equipment Needed

Cub Club for preschoolers is looking for a small slide for indoors (Little Tikes) and some other indoor-type playground equipment. The equipment will be used in their new Muscle Room.

Register for Summer Now!

Register for our summer extended care programs now by contacting Noreen at 612-869-4800.

Valentine's Tiger Gram Orders Due

Tiger Grams are \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00. Orders are due February 9th by noon, for delivery on Valentine's Day. Don't miss this opportunity to brighten your child's day or send one to a teacher/administrator/volunteer.

From Principal O'Keefe

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registration for next year. Please complete your online registration and return the tuition forms to the school. If you are applying for financial aid, please complete the TADS application online. The deadlines are approaching fast. If you would like more assistance or have questions regarding registration, please contact the school offices or plan to join us on **Wednesday, February 8 from 6:00 - 7:30** for a registration night. We will be available at the Nicollet Campus computer lab to help complete the registration process. All are welcome!

May God bless you and your families, happy Catholic Schools' Week and go Tigers!

The Week's Events

2/3/12	Comfy/Pajama Day Sledding Day on Penn Lunch with Parents, 4&5 (11:15a) Lunch with Parents, K-3 (11:20a) Lunch with Parents, 6-8 (11:30a)
2/4/12	Girls' Cub Gold (8a) Insightful Parenting Workshop (9a) Boys' Cub Silver-W (9:15a) Boys' Cub Gold (10:30a) St. Richard's Youth Ski Trip (1p)
2/5/12	Pack the Pews at St. Peter's (11a)
2/6/12	6th Grade Pizza Orders Due Scholastic Book Fair (9a-12p) Yoga Class for Adults (6p)
2/8/12	Mass at St. Richard's (12:15p)
2/9/12	Tiger Gram orders due Middle School Choir (2:15p) Boys' Varsity SW-W (4:30p) Girls' Varsity SB (5:45p) Cornerstone Registration (6-7:30p)
2/10/12	VEAP/Spirit Wear Day Field Trip, grade 8 (9a) Woodlake field trip, gr. 1 (11:45a) Yoga for Adults (7p)
2/11/12	Boys' Cub Gold (8a) Boys' Cub Silver (9:15a)
2/12/12	Pack the Pews Assumption (9a) Pack the Pews Assumption (1p) St. Peter's Spaghetti Dinner (5:30p)



Faith Community News

St. Peter's Spaghetti Dinner

February 12 at St. Peter's

St. Peter's Spaghetti Dinner will be Sunday, February 12th, at 5:00pm. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm in the social hall. Tickets will be sold in advance at the parish office. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 4-11. Everyone is welcome! Bring family, friends and neighbors for a fun evening of great food and fellowship.

St. Richard's

Mardi Gras Mask-a-RAVE Celebration!

Sat., Feb. 18 at Hilton Chophouse Restaurant

6:00pm Social

7:00pm Program

7:30pm Dinner

9:00pm Music, Dancing and Grand March

Great food, live music, fun games, VIP guests, best mask contest and fellowship. Cost is

\$65.00 per person or \$600 for a table of ten. Please RSVP by February 6th to 612.869.2426.



St. Richard's Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 19 at St. Richard's Church

9:30am to 1:00pm

Great pancakes, Mardi Gras music, mask-making stations for the children who also participate in a Grand March! But most of all, a morning of celebrating Mardi Gras at St. Richard's Church.

DOXA

(Greek, meaning "Glory")

Presented by Net Ministries at St. Peter's Church

For all 6-12 graders

Tuesday, February 21, 6-8:30pm

Meet in St. Peter's youth room to begin the evening with an open youth room time of games, pizza, pop and snacks. This will be followed with the highlight of the night...a Holy Hour of Adoration with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! No sign-up necessary. Bring along a friend! Just come...Jesus is waiting for you! Contact Angie Ritter at 612-767-1793 or angie@stpetersrichfield.org with questions.