

# Tiger Tales

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**"THIS SCHOOL, THIS PLACE, GAVE ME HOPE."**

**A successful 11th Annual Grand Gala!**

## A Celebration

It was amazing to be around so many wonderful Blessed Trinity friends to celebrate our wonderful school. We were thrilled to honor Mrs. Judy Warmka as our Spirit of Blessed Trinity award winner. We are thankful for her lifetime of support, love and hard work for our school community.

## Making a Difference

Each year at the Gala we ask everyday heroes to raise their hands to donate funds for tuition assistance. This year Blessed Trinity Graduate and Teacher Jeff Boyle said it best when describing the heroes we create,

"The other year, as students were hugging and gathering for pictures after graduation, one of the students came up to me, tears rolling down her cheeks. She had been with us for only one year and had previously been through difficulties. Struggling academically, she had come to us in emotional turmoil and with little hope for the future. Her year at Blessed Trinity, however, was one of healing and growth, and by the end of the year she was one of the top students in her class. On that graduation day, she came up to me and said, "Thank you Mr. Boyle, thank you to all of you." I smiled and nodded back, hearing this often from grateful students. But she shook her head, trying to get the words out through the tears, "No, you don't understand Mr. Boyle, this school changed my life." And then came the words that have never left me: "This school, this place, gave me hope."

## Join Us

If you've never been to the Blessed Trinity Grand Gala please consider attending. It isn't just an evening for raising money but truly a celebration of our students, teachers and community. We'd love to have you join us next year when we celebrate our 12th Grand Gala on December 2nd. You won't be disappointed.

There are so many people that make the Grand Gala possible:

- Many wine, silent and live auction donors
- Our Corporate Sponsor: Bloomington Drug
- St. Peter's Office Volunteers

## LAS POSADAS

All are welcome to join our community for Las Posadas on Friday, December 16.

We will begin with a procession and after we will come together as a community. A raffle for gifts, piñata and traditional gift of candy for the children. We will have some fantastic food available! The event is free for all. We are asking for a free will offering for food items.

### Please join us!

Friday, December 16  
6:00—8:00 pm  
Nicollet campus

Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a nuestra comunidad para Las Posadas el viernes, 16 de diciembre. Comenzaremos con una procesión y después nos reuniremos como comunidad. Una rifa de regalos, piñata y regalo tradicional de dulces para los niños. Tendremos una comida fantástica disponible! El evento es gratuito para todos. Estamos pidiendo una ofrenda libre para alimentos.

### ¡Por favor únete a nosotros!

Viernes 16 de diciembre  
6:00—8:00 pm  
Nicollet campus

- Jeff Boyle, '01
- Jeremy and Jill Elfering, Sound and anything technical
- Academy of Holy Angels
- Hub Jewelers
- Blessed Trinity Alumni Volunteers
- Minnesota Valley Country Club
- Blessed Trinity volunteers
- Last, but never least, our Grand Gala Committee, chaired by Shari Kawiecki and includes: Nancy Cullen, Amy DeCrans, Theresa De Grace, Patti DeMay, Ann Garland, Kori Marshall, Heidi McAlpine, and Jennie Schletty (and their very patient husbands)

### MIRACLE AT MIDNIGHT

Our 4th and 5th graders are presenting their Christmas musical, Miracle at Midnight, during the Blessed Trinity Christmas Program.

When? Thursday, December 15, 12:15 pm and 6:30 pm  
Where? St. Peter's Church

The Christmas Program also includes performances by our band and Nicollet campus choir.

**Reminder:** ALL 4TH & 5TH GRADERS ARE IN THE PROGRAM AND MUST BE THERE!! 4th grade shepherds should wear jeans or uniform pants. All other costume items are provided. The bands and the Nicollet Campus Choir are also in the program. Times: 12:15 pm and 6:30 pm.

### RE-REGISTRATION

THANK YOU to all those of you who have submitted your re-registrations for next school year! Returns are coming in fast and we are grateful to have so many wonderful families as part of our BT community!

If you've not yet submitted your re-registration for next school year, please do so as soon as possible, and save \$25 off your re-registration fee! If you have questions about BT or financing, please do not hesitate to contact our principal, Patrick O'Keefe, at either campus or via e-mail, to discuss options. Short on cash for the re-registration fee? We can address that as well. Don't delay; get your re-registrations in today!

¡GRACIAS a todos las familias que ya han presentado sus re-inscripciones para el próximo año escolar! La documentación está llegando rápidamente y estamos agradecidos de tener tantas familias maravillosas como parte de nuestra comunidad BT!

Si aún no ha enviado su re-inscripción para el próximo año esco-



### MEET OUR NEW EXTENDED DAY DIRECTOR, JANE WOLFGRAM!

Jane is already familiar with our community as she is the aunt to a few BT Tigers, the Elferings, and the sister of our Technology Coordinator!

Jane is deeply committed to the mission of a value-based education and is looking forward to learning more about all our BT families. Jane believes every child can succeed in whatever plan God has for them if they are loved and cherished.

Jane's background includes more than 25 years in child-care, including 20 years as a home daycare provider. Most recently she was a pre-kindergarten teacher at St. Therese Catholic School in Deephaven. Jane has a bachelor of arts degree in Theology from St. Catherine University and is working on a Master's degree in Theology and Pastoral Ministry at St. Catherine University as well.

Welcome Jane!

lar, por favor hágalo tan pronto como le sea posible y ahórrese \$25 de descuento en su tarifa de reinscripción! Si tiene preguntas sobre BT o acerca de la financiación, no dude en ponerse en contacto con nuestro director, Patrick O'Keefe, en cualquiera de los dos campos, Penn o Nicollet, o por correo electrónico para discutir opciones. ¿Se encuentra corto de dinero para el pago de la reinscripción? No se preocupe, déjenoslo saber y le colaboramos con esto. No más demoras. ¡Obtenga su re-inscripción hoy!

### WARM CLOTHES PLEASE

As the weather turns a bit colder, remember that students must dress appropriately for recess—a warm coat, hat and mittens are a must. The Penn Campus requires snow pants and winter boots whenever there is snow on the ground.

### RECOMENDACIÓN POR TIEMPO FRÍO

Ya que todos los niños van afuera durante el descanso, cuando el clima lo permite, por favor asegúrese de que ellos tengan ropa apropiada para el frío. Gorros y guantes son una buena idea durante el otoño, y los pantalones para la nieve y las botas son esenciales para el invierno.

### ADVERSE WEATHER: SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Listen to or watch WCCO for school closing information. Blessed Trinity will also send notification via the email address and phone numbers on file in Cornerstone, but WCCO is our official outlet!

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR SCHOOL MASS

Date	Time	Location	Leader	Convocation
Dec 14	12:15	Assumption	7th grade	Jonathan
Dec 19	7:45	Penn campus prayer service		
Dec 20	9:00	Nicollet campus prayer service		

### HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR BENEFIT MOBILE YET?

If not, now is the time! This easy to use app allows you to purchase gift cards to use to pay for every day items like groceries, clothes and eating out. Each gift card you purchase earns dollars for Blessed Trinity. It might take some getting used to, but once you do, you'll be amazed at how every day purchases really add up for BT! Find out more at <https://www.benefit-mobile.com/> or search for Benefit Mobile from your smart phone.



### Read the Nativity Story with Your Children

Isaiah 9:6  
 Luke 1:5-17  
 Luke 1:18-25  
 Luke 1:26-38  
 Luke 1:38-42  
 Matthew 1:18-25  
 Luke 2:1-5  
 Luke 2:6-7  
 Luke 2:8  
 Luke 2:9-14  
 Luke 2:15-20  
 Luke 2:19  
 Matthew 2:1-2, 9-10  
 Matthew 2:3-8, 11-12  
 Luke 2:22-33  
 Matthew 2:13-15  
 Matthew 2:19-23  
 Luke 2:40,52



## AMAZON SMILE

If you do any online shopping on Amazon.com, please consider visiting Amazon Smile first. Once you select Blessed Trinity, Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of your purchases to BT. All you need to do is shop through a different web address: <https://smile.amazon.com/>

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## CHRISTMAS BREAK

While there isn't much snow on the ground yet, Christmas break will be here before we know it. Just a reminder, our Christmas break this year is December 22-January 2. We'll begin the New Year together on Tuesday, January 3. Cub Club and Club Tiger are open during part of break. You do need to sign up in advance!

## NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S

### St. Peter's Children's Christmas Choir

Children in Kindergarten through grade 8 are invited to join St. Peter's Children's Christmas Choir to sing at the 4:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

Rehearsal in the Church will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays, December 7, 14 & 21 in the church sanctuary. Join our choir director, Barb, in having fun while preparing your hearts for Jesus!

### Knights of Columbus Children's Christmas party

A free Children's Christmas party open to the public will be sponsored by the Marian Council of the Knights of Columbus December 11 from 1 to 3 pm at the Community hall. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present and there will be cookies and crafts. The hall is located at 1114 American Blvd. in Bloomington.

## NEWS FROM ST. RICHARD'S

### Experience the Joy of Reconciliation

We will have our annual Advent Reconciliation Service on Saturday, December 10, at 10:00am. This consists of a prayer service, followed by an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation one-on-one with a priest. For a complete schedule of similar services at local churches, please visit [www.strichards.com/deanery](http://www.strichards.com/deanery).

### "The Nations Await Their Savior"

All are invited to join us following the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, December 11, for "The Nations Await Their Savior," an Advent program hosted by our Faith Formation families. The event will feature special foods and Advent traditions from around the world. We will also enjoy a potluck, Advent bingo and more! Gather with us in the Social Hall at noon.

## SEDER DINNER DURING ADVENT?

While we are celebrating the season of Advent, our sixth graders are exploring Passover, learning more about Moses and the Book of Exodus and discovering the wonderful (and not so great!) tastes of a Seder dinner.

