TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

GUINNESS RECORD SETTERS

On Saturday, June 18th, the Daughters of the American Revolution set the Guinness Book of World Records for submitting the most letters written to military personnel in one month.

Trinity second, third, and fourth grade students participated in this event!

In order to break the previous world record 10,000 letters were needed. A total of 100,904 letters were written by people from across the U.S. The student letters, which had to include a greeting, message and a closing, were very creative and compassionate.

For extra credit, some of the fourth grade students recruited family and friends to assist with this campaign. As a school, we sent over 100 letters, which will then be distributed to military personnel around the world.

Way to go Trinity in helping to set a world record in patriotism!

2nd ANNUAL TRINITY TURKEY TROT

5K FAMILY WALK/RUN

SUNDAY, NOV. 20th

For more information or to register, go to:
www.trinityturkeytrot.com

The 2016 graduating class of Trinity Catholic School made significant contributions to their parishes and the Oswego community during their years at Trinity. This year's graduates include (seated) Connor Crough, Kaeden Livesey, Nathan Allen, Lukas Cady, Zachary DeMott; and (standing) Isabella Pelow, Azalia Avery, Abigail Docos, Jacob Stassi-Martin, Glenn Sharkey and Zachary Chamberlain. Connor Crough, Abigail Docos, and Jacob Stassi-Martin will attend Bishop Grimes, Glenn Sharkey will attend CBA and the remaining students will attend Oswego Middle School. Best of luck to this year's graduating class!
The students at Trinity Catholic School were blessed this year with a performance by The Slyboots School of Music, Dance and Art.

This group, based out of Buffalo, was founded by Trinity alumnus, Griffin Brady. Brady made contacts with the musicians, dancers, and teachers of the Saakumu Dance Troupe from Ghana, West Africa when he first visited in 2004. Since then, men and women from the troupe have visited the U.S. each year to tour with Brady. Slyboots is completing their 9th national tour. The group hopes to unite people from around the world through music.

From the desk

OF THE PRINCIPAL MRS. SUGAR

The 2015-2016 school year proved to be very successful, with many student accomplishments. Our teachers fulfill the mission of the Church by developing our students’ faith by living and teaching as Jesus taught us.

This year, our Religion focus was on the Beatitudes. Each beatitude was explained in terms the students could relate to and they were asked to emulate that beatitude during the month.

Our students met the academic challenges placed before them, as exhibited by the number of students achieving High Honor and Honor Roll throughout the year, as well as performance on the NYS ELA and Math tests.

We continued the momentum of our Middle States Accreditation by improving communication and collaboration among our teachers. Opportunities to share ideas and best practices with teachers in the Diocese who teach at the same grade level were expanded. We implemented a Math Word Wall in the cafeteria, in the hopes that the visibility of these important terms will reinforce their use in the classroom. Our teachers analyze data to determine areas that the students need to work on in ELA and Math. Our PreK, four year old students, will transition to Zoophonics, to better prepare them for Kindergarten. We completed a screening process of students entering Kindergarten to get an early indication of the strengths and weaknesses of each student. During the 2016-2017 school year, we will introduce a Word Wall on each floor of the building to expand our students’ vocabulary, and will hold a Parent Literacy Night in September to introduce parents to strategies and techniques to improve ELA skills in their children.

The side entrance to Trinity Catholic School will be totally renovated this summer. This project, which has been talked about for several years, will include a handicap accessible ramp and entrance to the school via the gymnasium doors.

The project will replace the sloped entrance to the building with stairs, eliminate much of the asphalt in the area, and improve drainage. Landscaping and railings, to match the school’s front steps, will be added at the project’s completion. Funding for this project was made possible by a donation from the estate of Jack and Jane Benson, which allowed us to establish a capital improvement fund for the school.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to assist with the purchase of the railings and shrubbery can send a donation directly to the school. Please specify “Entrance Project” in the memo area of your check.

COMPOSTING INITIATIVE

Trinity parent, Kristen Kelly, and Jean Bonhotal, from Cornell University’s Waste Management Institute introduced composting to the students and faculty of Trinity as part of their Earth Week celebration. The benefits of composting were discussed and several Trinity students who compost at home shared their experiences.

The school implemented a pilot in the school cafeteria with the cooperation and assistance of Mrs. Barbara Cummings, head cook and her staff, as well as Mr. Mark Lytle, school custodian.

Mrs. Kelly made arrangements with personnel from Oswego’s West Side Community Garden to accept our compost. She solicited the assistance of other Trinity families and secured a plot in this garden for the school’s use.

These volunteers prepared the plot, planted, and are maintaining it through the summer months. It is their hope that if enough produce is grown at our garden, it can be donated to Human Concerns, our local food pantry.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AG LITERACY PROGRAM

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CULTURAL PROGRAM OFFERED ♯ ♬ ♩ ♧

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RENOVATION UNDERWAY
**HOT AIR BALLOON ASSEMBLY**

Late December, 2015, Trinity Catholic School was the recipient of a very generous donation from Mr. David Mirabito. When asked if he had anything specific he wished the money to be used for, he replied, “Do something for the children you wouldn't normally be able to do.”

In the hopes of reaching as many students as possible, it was decided to use this money to enhance student learning by bringing a variety of guest speakers to Trinity.

The first event was a presentation by the Liberty Balloon Company. The students saw the size of a hot air balloon and learned how they work. It was a bit breezy on the day of the presentation, so a full inflation was not possible, but the students learned so much. They concluded by listing all the movies they could think of that had a hot air balloon in it. How many can you think of?

**TALENTED STUDENTS**

Several fourth, fifth and sixth Grade students shared their talents at an end of the year “Celebration of the Arts”. In addition to the performances, paintings in the style of famous artists completed by students in Kindergarten through Grade 6 were on display. The event was coordinated by Instrumental Music Teacher, Mrs. Holly Parker, and Art Teacher, Ms. Maggie Henry.

**BIKE RODEO HELD**

In an effort to ensure student safety during the summer, a Bike Rodeo was held in June. Mrs. Billie Crandall Brady from the Oswego County Traffic Safety Board instructed students in safe biking practices, prior to students using these practices on the bike course.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

Oswego scout, Jake Myers, recently completed his Eagle Scout project at Trinity Catholic School. Jake, with the assistance of family, friends and other scouts fabricated three new park benches. Each bench was dedicated to a person who was influential in the growth of Trinity Catholic.

The memorial benches were named for Mary Oughterson Boysman, an alum who was instrumental in developing a strategic plan and pursuing Middle States Accreditation; Annette Donovan, who was actively involved in our H&S Association when her children attended Trinity and was employed in many capacities, but most recently in the school cafeteria; and Frances Tynan, who served as school secretary at St. Paul’s for over 20 years.

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