

# BLESSED TRINITY ACADEMY BULLDOG NEWS

## From the Principal

February 17th marked the start of the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday. And at Blessed Trinity Academy we were fortunate to attend mass together as a whole school. These weeks of preparation, leading up to the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection at Easter, is marked with prayer, fasting, and alms giving.

As a child I can remember giving up chocolate, or ice-cream, or candy. And I could not wait to feast on those delights on Easter Sunday. As an adult, I have to admit, I think I lost my sweet tooth. Giving up chocolate or ice-cream seems too easy. Each year I ask myself, *How can I make the season of Lent more meaningful in my life as I seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully?*

I did not need to look far for inspiration. As I walked the middle school hallway, I took time to read and reflect on what the students were committing to for lent. Here are some of their ideas:

### Give up:

- Complaining when asked to do things
- Candy/chocolate/ice-cream
- Telling myself i'll do it tomorrow
- Screen time
- Fighting with siblings

### Take Up:

- Spend more time with family
- Be a better listener
- Pray every night
- Visit a neighbor who lives alone
- Call my grandparents every night

How will you make Lent more meaningful? It is not too late to seek ways to reflect and prepare. And if you need inspiration, ask your child what they are doing to prepare for Easter.

Blessings,

Mrs. E

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## From The Classrooms

It has been another busy month in our classrooms! Our Middle School STEM classes were focusing on a physics unit learning about motion. After completing initial investigations, and designing a prototype, they constructed their own sleds made out of cardboard, garbage bags, and tape. Then they took advantage of the snowy weather to test their sleds on one of the many hills on our campus. Even Mrs. E got in on the action.

Also in February we celebrated our 100th day of school which was also our 5th grade's 1000th day of school. We are so happy that we have made it 100 days in our school building this year. Students and faculty dressed like it was 100 degrees outside. Our kindergarten and 1st grade classes celebrated by doing many activities that



involved counting to 100.

Our 6th grade finished a unit on Greek mythology in their Social Studies class. They researched a Greek God or Goddess, made a presentation, and constructed a throne to represent their chosen person.



Our 2nd grade has been working hard preparing for their First Holy Communion, which will take place in May. This month they practiced receiving the unblessed host.



2nd grade has also been working hard in math and science. In math they are learning to count money and in science they studied matter and built their own racecars.

5th grade spent the month reading the novel "Shiloh," by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. Now they are working on their "unconventional" book reports, which they will present to their classmates.



And it was a busy month for kindergarten in art class. They worked on Valentine's Day themed hearts using pastels.



## News from The PTG

Thank you to everyone who ordered from Chipotle and Pasquale's this month. We earned \$182 from Chipotle and \$220 from the January Pasquale's night. Our next restaurant night is March 7th at Panera on McKnight Road.

Special thanks goes out to our PTG for providing the donuts and the snacks for our teacher snack break during Catholic School Week.



## Fundraising News

Thank you to everyone who purchased dinners, donated items, and volunteered to help at the Spaghetti Dinner! We raised \$2500, which goes toward our operating budget.

Our virtual Pot O'Gold Bash is only a few short weeks away. Please make sure you turn in



your ticket stubs to Nicholle Miros ASAP. Please register to bid on auction items. There are some amazing baskets and experiences that you will not want to miss. Bidding opens March 7th.

[Click here to Register](#)

## Athletics Update



Did you know that our JV Boys Basketball team remains undefeated for the season? With the regular basketball season coming quickly to an end, BTA has several teams poised to go far into the playoffs. We wish all of our playoff bound teams good luck.



It is hard to believe that spring sports will be starting shortly. If you haven't had a chance to register for track and field or spring soccer make sure you do so asap! Registration can be done [online](#).



## Alumni News

My name is Francesca Battaglia. I was a part of the first graduating class of BTA in 2018. I made many great memories during my time at BTA with my friends in the classroom and while playing sports. I am currently in my junior year at Eden Christian Academy. Thanks to my BTA education I am now taking all AP and Honors classes. I have also been on High Honor Roll every semester of my high school career. I'm currently on Student Council at Eden Christian; I was Vice President at Blessed Trinity. I play on Eden Christian's Varsity Volleyball team and on a Pitt-Elite travel volleyball team. I am a Medallion Ball candidate and I volunteer at the St. Mary's Church Nursery and other church and school fundraisers. I enjoy coming back to BTA and seeing my past teachers. I am grateful to say that Blessed Trinity Academy will always have a special place in my heart.







## Catholic Schools Week



It seems like CSW was months ago even though it was only a few short weeks. From donuts for our students to working with our buddies collaborating on multiple service projects, to virtual speakers and even a hockey game, it was a week filled with a lot of fun and community building. Special thanks goes out to the 8th grade for planning such a fun week, our teachers and staff for all of their support the students who read at St. Mary and St. Matthew Parishes, the parents who spoke at the masses, and everyone who made this week possible.

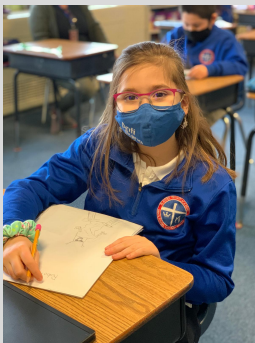


## REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



## Open House a BIG Success

Our Open House on February 7th was a huge success! All of our time slots were filled. Special thanks to the parent tour guides and our 8th grade greeters. They really presented the best of BTA. We are open for new enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year and are excited to announce that we have multiple new families that have enrolled at many grade levels. Our best marketing is our current school families. Private tours are available. If you know someone who is considering a new school for their children have them contact Mrs. Kandavy [by email](#) or call 412-606-7197.



## It's All About Preparation

Make sure you check out our latest blog post by Brian Miller, parent of BTA students Kaitlyn (6th) and Colin (4th). Mr. Miller is the Admissions Director at Central Catholic High School and talks about the advantages of a Catholic elementary school as your child enters high school. [Click here to read his post.](#)