

BLESSED TRINITY ACADEMY

BULLDOG NEWS

Mrs. Vita's Letter

April brought us a well-deserved Easter break that we all really needed! We were so blessed to have a full week off. My birthday happened to be on Easter Sunday this year. Before break I received numerous, beautiful cards and notes from students. I was so happy to receive those! When we returned to school, we were right back at it with testing and activities. The marbles competition is so neat - this was my first time seeing that! One of my favorite activities of April was the 2nd grade Communion Retreat. I feel blessed to have been a part of that. Thank you to Mrs. Healsey and all who were involved to make that such a special day. The other activity I really enjoyed was playing Letter Bingo with some of the PreK 4 students. I was walking by their room and they asked me to join them. We had so much fun! Get ready for more excitement and fun in May!

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From The Classrooms

As we head into the last few months of school, our classes are heading outside to enjoy the nice weather, taking field trips, and preparing for sacraments. Here are a few of the highlights:

Kindergarten took a trip outside with their magnifying glasses to explore the signs of spring in their STEM class. They also spent time studying birds and watching the eagle's nest in preparation for their trip to the Aviary in May. In Spanish class they learned about names for their family members.

First grade starting learning about money and how to count change. They also were challenged to build the tallest tower in the STEM class. Before Easter they took advantage of one of the nice days and explored the Stations of the Cross on campus.

Second grade was very busy preparing for their First Holy Communion. They held a day long retreat where Fr. Tim, Miss Audra, and Mrs. Heasley all spoke to them and answered questions. They also made their banners, dressed up and put on skits, and played a Pictionary game. Some of our 8th graders were more than happy to spend



the day helping facilitate the activities.

Third grade headed to Beechwood Farms on a Spanish field trip. They also started reading "Charlotte's Web" in their language arts class. They continue to compete in the math challenge game called 99 Math and are currently ranked #1 in the country!

Did you know that Miss Caterina, our preschool aide, is going to Duquesne University to study teaching? This month she stopped into 4th grade to teach them a unit on fractions as a part of her course requirements.

Fifth grade loves to go to the library and spend time reading... especially those English Festival books! They also made skyline prints in art class. Plus they have been studying all about the Civil War in social studies.

Sixth grade continues to read "Unplugged" by Gordon Korman. They also got a special pancake party in art class. Evan Levander won it for the class and they were able to spend time making creative pancakes with Mrs. Little.

Seventh grade pre-Algebra students did a fun activity using m and m's to master the concept of percentages. In social studies the class is studying hard for Mrs. Grana's end of the year Civics test plus their final exam on the first part of their study of U.S. History.

Eighth grade started their last novel study of the year, Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird." Plus they also wrapped up their final research paper for Mrs. Rice.





Preschool Corner



It is hard to believe that our school year is coming to a close for our preschool students. They have been learning and exploring, making friends, learning through play, and just having a whole lot of fun.

This month our 3 year olds were learning all about the letter "X". They had a pirate day and spent time searching the library for "X Marks, the Spot".

Our classes love meeting with their Bulldog Buddies and our 4 year olds had a great time making birthday cards for Mrs. Vita and cards to honor her for Principal

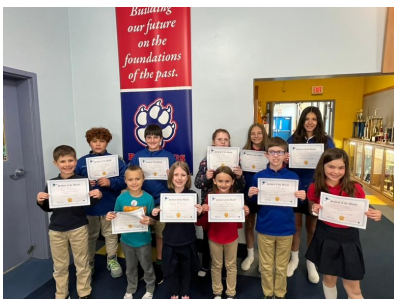


There are so many things happening in the art room in April including our students awaiting the arrival of some chicks that have been incubating for the last 3 weeks. In April, our preschool students learned all about the life cycle of an egg and how it becomes a chick as they wait for the chicks to hatch in May.

Our classes also spent time learning about birds. They went outside for some bird watching, made their own bird feeders, and learned about different types of birds they can find in the spring.



Student of the Month



Congratulations to April's Students of the Month

Make sure you read about what our teachers have to say about our students of the month by clicking [here](#).

Andrew Bojorski- preschool 3

Jackson Sasson- pre-K

Olivia Pawlowicz- pre-K

Taylor Yount- Kindergarten

Sally Williamson- 1st grade

Will DeSanzo- 2nd grade

Collin Little- 3rd grade

Caroline Lutz- 4th grade

Camden Cheeks- 5th grade

Julie Schmidhorst- 6th grade

Alana Eiler- 6th grade

Jude Caligiuri- 7th grade

Erika Mitchell- 8th grade

News from The PTG

Thanks to everyone who came out to our Spring Breakfast at BTA! We had another huge crowd of parents and students who enjoyed donuts, coffee and other sweet treats. Special thanks to our parent volunteers who coordinated the morning and our PTG for hosting the event.



Athletics Update

April was a busy month for our soccer and our track and field teams. The month started with beautiful weather which made the competitions even more fun. Of course, the end of the month brought rain showers and chillier temperatures, but our athletes have battles the conditions and have been putting in exciting performances.

Keep an eye on our Developmental 3rd and 4th grade soccer team! They have made so much improvement over the last few seasons and it is really showing on the field. They remain undefeated heading into May and the end of the season.

Our track and field teams continue to show improvement in their times and jumping. Our JV girls 4x100 relay consistently takes 1st place at the meets while our Varsity girls 4x400 relay has been blowing the field away. Keep an eye on Jack Kandravy, Jacob Bridgeman and Dylan Murray! Our small but mighty Varsity boys teams continues to place in the top of all teams at our competitions. The group is also excited to be sporting their new uniforms! Special thanks to the Athletics Association for purchasing new uniforms for our cross country and track and field teams.

All of our teams will compete in the Diocesan Championships in May.



Alumni News

Congratulations to all of the BTA alumni who made the honor roll in the 3rd quarter!

CENTRAL CATHOLIC:

High Honors

Aidan Flaherty
 Ethan Gannon
 Matt Graper
 Nick Graper
 Xander Hill

Justin Katz
Timmy Kuzmanko
Joe Roblaski
Calvin Vento

Honors:

Jay Donahue
Will Kaczmarek
Max Noullet
Ryan Tatar
Cross Vento

OAKLAND CATHOLIC:

Maddy Cigna
Elisa Tolomeo
Samantha Bainbridge
Peyton McHugh
Chloe Fettis
Nora Flaherty
Mia Flaherty
Elena Krummert



NORTH CATHOLIC:

High Honors:

Max Regan
Max Rottmann
Joe Waskiewicz
Colin Glass
Jude Rottmann

Honors:

GiGi Palmer
Anna Waskiewicz
Donnie Schubert
Liam Regan

AQUINAS ACADEMY:

Magna Cum Laude:

Sam McGowan

Cum Laude:

Joseph Heller
Shayla Thimmons

Around BTA



The Easter Bunny Visits BTA

BTA had a special visitor the week of Easter. A special bunny came hopping to town to help our preschool and our primary school students with their Easter egg hunt. That Bunny sure did get a lot of hugs.



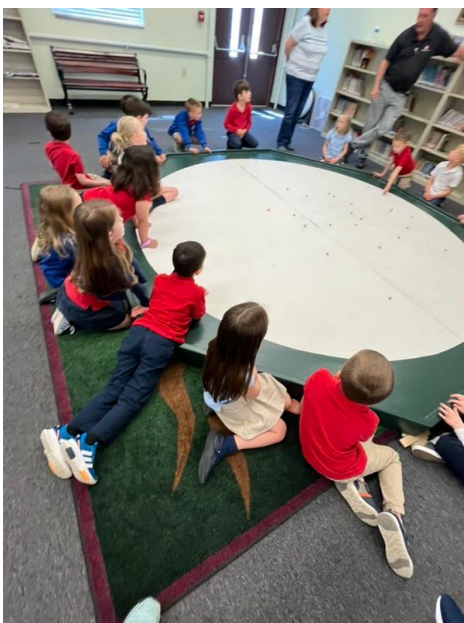
BTA Celebrates National Bulldog Day

In addition to the Easter Bunny, we had a few other special visitors this month! April 21st is National Bulldog Day and we celebrated with a school spirit dress down day and a visit from some special dogs. They stopped by each classroom and gave each student a piece of candy.



The Marble Competition is Back!

We were excited to welcome the team from the Allegheny County Parks back to BTA this spring. They spent the week teaching our kindergarten through 8th grade students the art of playing marbles and holding mini competitions between our students. Winners have been invited to the city competition in May



Children's Author Visits BTA

This month we welcomed children's author Tamara Girardi to BTA. Ms. Girardi recently published a book called "Why, Daddy, Why" and she spoke to our pre-K classes and kindergarten about how she became an author and how she came up with the idea for her new book. Ms. Girardi is also the aunt to Grayson in 2nd grade and Izzy in pre-K. Special thanks to the Girardi Family, the Shaler Rotary and Cable Orthodontics who donated funds so that each student could receive a signed copy of her book.





Service Club Wraps Up The Year

The Service Club has spent the year helping our BTA community serve our school plus the surrounding community. They have worked hard to plan donations for the Food Pantry, Animal Friends, and Little Sisters of the Poor. They have made dog toys and helped fill Easter eggs for the school and parish Easter egg hunt. They have also constructed the Student of the Month bulletin board each month and planned the Kindness Wall. We ended our year discussing ideas for things we want to try next year. Special thanks to all of the students who have helped this year as well as Mrs. Vita and Mrs. Kandravý for sponsoring the club.



One Last Thing

BTA Summer Camp

JULY 17-21
9am - 12pm

LIMITED REGISTRATION \$200

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN THRU 4TH GRADE

IN CLASSROOMS AND ON THE CAMPUS, CHILDREN WILL ENJOY EXPERIMENTS, PROJECTS, CRAFTS, AND GAMES.

www.tinyurl.com/BTAcamp2023

Don't Forget to Register for Summer Camp

Summer Camp is just around the corner! We still have a few spaces left. Make sure you sign your children up for a week of fun and friendship. Click [here](#) to register your kids today!

BTA's annual Golf Outing is Monday, June 12 at Pittsburgh National Golf Club. Tee off is 9am. Price includes golf, hot dog at the turn, beverages and lunch after golf. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Visit our event website by clicking [here](#). All proceeds will go toward our playground renovation.

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