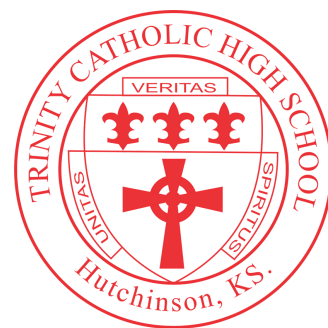


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by: Ronan Hogan

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The Trinity Catholic boys cross country team had a remarkable season by securing the 2025 state championship.

Following the victory, team members Jacob and John Lindstrom reflected on the journey that brought Trinity Catholic to the top.

Jacob Lindstrom credited the team's bond. "The key to our team's success this season was our strong chemistry and determination to push each other to be our best every day," he said. According to Jacob, that daily commitment helped elevate the entire squad, creating an environment where every runner felt supported and motivated.

For John Lindstrom, the state championship required both mental and physical toughness. He explained how he prepared for the biggest race of the year: "I prepared mentally and physically for the state championship race by staying focused, trusting my training, and keeping a positive mindset through every workout and practice." His steady approach helped ground the team during the most demanding stretches of the season.

But the road to the championship was hard. Jacob described the early challenges the team faced and how they responded. "Our team's biggest challenge this season was staying motivated after a rough start, but we overcame it by

trusting each other, working harder, and believing we could turn things around," he said.

Turn things around they did. Through energy and confidence, Trinity Catholic transformed its season into a championship defined by teamwork, grit, and the belief that they were capable of more.



Jacob Lindstrom after Cross Country win
(Photo: Mrs. Nicolette Lindstrom)

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Spiritual Awakening for Juniors with Kairos Retreat

by: Garrett Griffith

The junior class at Trinity Catholic recently went on their three-day Kairos retreat at Camp Kapaun. The juniors grew in their relationship both with Jesus and each other over their time on Kairos. Kairos took place on November 17-19.

One junior who really enjoyed their time on Kairos was Augustine Bell. Bell had a lot of fun with his classmates, as well as growing in his faith. His friendships were strengthened greatly, especially because of their not being any technological distractions.

"I think spending time face to face was the biggest way that my friendships were strengthened. I was able to have fun with my friends while outdoors and playing games," Bell said.

With the retreat being at Camp Kapaun, the students had an opportunity to get outdoors and not be stuck

inside a building all day. Bell really enjoyed getting to go outside and take a little break every once in a while.

"It made the experience ten times better. Being outside allowed you to have fun with your classmates, and gave you a break from the religious part of the retreat," Bell stated.

All the students came back with many things they learned about God and each other. Bell came back with one lesson that he found really helpful.

"The biggest lesson I learned from Kairos was that God is always with you no matter what. Even if you feel like he is far away, he is always right by you and is there for you," Bell cited.

Another junior who really enjoyed the Kairos experience was Eilley Cost. Cost also really thought that it was better to have the retreat at Camp Kapaun.

"I enjoyed being at Camp Kapaun, the nature and sunshine helped elevate the experience," Cost said.

Cost found Kairos to be a really special time for her. She came up with a loss of words on how to describe her retreat experience.

"My Kairos experience just left me speechless," Cost stated.

Kairos was a great experience for the junior class. Hopefully they will continue to grow in the relationship with the Lord and one another.



Memorial Mass

by: Seamus Hogan

Trinity held their annual Memorial Mass on Wednesday, November 5th. Around 50 guests were in attendance. While it is unsure how many Memorial masses Trinity has held here, one guest said she had been attending these masses since 1976. Keep in mind that the school has only been open since 1966. The Memorial masses are a great way to remember our loved ones who have passed away.

Science Olympiad



The members of the Science Olympiad rake leaves to raise money

Cross Country



*Members of the Cross Country team take a photo after their victory
photo credit: Mrs. Nicolette Lindstrom*

Fall Play - NOT a Diasaster

by: Garrett Griffith

The Trinity Catholic Theater department put on another great play on November 6th, 8th and 9th. The Great All American Musical Disaster was a remarkable success. The actors did an amazing job of living out their character and bringing the play to life.

It takes a lot of work to prepare for a theater production. Actors have to put in a lot of work on stage and off. Junior Audrey Wilson, who played Apassionata Abalone, was one who put a lot of extra work into getting into character.

"I practiced my facials in the mirror, and I practiced my walk for the character a lot, and experimented with my makeup." Wilson stated.

To put on such a great show, the cast has to be very supportive of each other throughout all the rehearsals and performances. Wilson really enjoyed the support she got from her cast.

"They gave helpful tips and cheered each other on from the wings of the stage." Wilson said.

All the cast members enjoyed the fun they had. Along with the hard work, comes lots of fun and enjoyment with each other. Wilson has one memory that she finds very funny.

"When I was gone, Tyler would practice our love scene with Jackson, and Jackson would wear a blanket as a scarf when practicing the love scene." Wilson cited.

Another member of the cast was freshman Olivia Parker-Babcock, who played Baby Bernice Bumble who also really enjoyed backstage shenanigans.

"I felt like I was always laughing backstage because something was always happening. I remember being on stage singing as Baby Bernice and seeing everyone backstage 'directing' me as I sang. I also remember laughing really hard during intermission because Tyler fell too early in one of the scenes and it made the scene so much funnier." Parker-Babcock said.

Parker-Babcock not only has favorite backstage memories, but she also has an overall favorite line and scene from the play.

"I think my favorite line is 'Don't talk down to me you

pimple!' said by Apassionata Abalone and my favorite scene is when we're filming the movie and we're acting like we're on a ship. That was always my favorite scene to be in and it never failed to make me laugh." Parker-Babcock cited.

As a freshman, it can be somewhat scary joining a new cast of actors who have been performing with each other for a while. As for Parker-Babcock, that was not the case because of the hospitality of the other cast members.

"The cast was very kind. I was new this year but I felt like I fit right in. Everyone was very welcoming and sometimes I never wanted to leave practice because I was having so much fun." Parker-Babcock stated.

The Great All American Musical Disaster was incredibly great. Make sure to come back and watch TC Theater perform Willy Wonka in the spring.



Cast members during the final rehearsal. (photo credit: Mrs. Karin Neal)

Back to the Hardwood

by: Ronan Hogan

The Trinity celtics are gearing up for an exciting season with big goals in mind. Matt Armour says the team wants to “get better and grow as a team, try to win as many games as we can,” and they’ve been practicing hard to make that happen. Returning players Matt and Cameron Kiser are expected to take on a large role, and Matt highlighted newcomer Lawson Dowsey as a “good athlete and shifty,” someone fans should definitely watch. Sam Vogel described the Celtics’ playing style as fast, free, and smart, and the offseason was spent learning practice drills and improving fundamentals. Matt and Cameron will also serve as team captains, bringing experience and strong leadership. Some of the toughest matchups this year will be against Pratt, Sterling, and Moundridge. Team chemistry is still developing, but Sam says it’s improving every day.

The Celtics learned last season that getting the ball into the paint and finishing layups is key, and they plan to put that lesson to use. Sam summed it up best “We will play very fast. Our team is young and fun to watch.”

Make sure to come support the Trinity Celtics this season. They’re ready to compete and bring excitement to the court.



Excellence on the Field

by: Seamus Hogan

The Trinity Catholic boys football team had an outstanding season this year with a record of 8-3. They opened the season with a loss to Inman at home and then won six-straight games. The boys earned a spot in the District Championship against Sterling.

Unfortunately, they lost earning their second loss on the season. They opened up playoffs on October 31st against Plainville. After defeating them, they moved onto the Regional Championship where they defeated Republic County becoming Regional Champions. After that, the boys faced Sterling in the Sectional championship game. The game was a stellar back and forth shootout down to the final seconds. Unfortunately, the boys came up and short and lost 44-42, and ended the season with a record of 8-3. The senior class played a huge roll in their success this year, Senior leaders such as Drew Dechant, Kaid McElgunn, and Bentyn Chastain paved the way for much of the teams success.

Bentyn, Kaid, and Drew along with Isaac Hammersmith all earned first team honors for the Heart of America League. Luke Kerns, Gage Schroeder, and Roberto Guerrero earned honorable mention for the Heart of America League. The TC community is so incredibly proud of this team and how they played this year. Congratulations to the 2025-26 football team!



Favorite Thanksgiving Traditions

by: Garrett Griffith



"Playing with my younger sister." -Dean Nelson, 9th



"Seeing my family in WaKeeny, Kansas." -Ethan Miller, 8th



"Going shopping with all of my cousins and dressing up our pets to eat at the dinner table with us'." -Gentri Christiansen, 8th



"Going out to Dodge City." - Ella Mead, 8th



"Pulling apart the wishbone." -Gracie Coering, 9th



"Seeing all my family and watching football until everyone falls asleep." -Sam Vogel, 12th



"Playing cards or board games with my family and eating a BIG meal together." -Ms. Frieb



"The day after Thanksgiving, we watch the Charlie Brown Thanksgiving and have Snoopy's Thanksgiving meal: popcorn, pretzels, buttered toast, jellybeans and ice cream sundaes." -Mrs. Ryan



"Eat turkey. Get together with family for a meal and conversation. Oh, did I mention eat turkey?" -Mr. Gehring

Band-o-ween: A Spooky Treat

by: Garrett Griffith

The Trinity Catholic High School band put on their 3rd annual Band-o-ween mini concert spooktacular on Wednesday, October 29th. The event also included trick or treating and pumpkin carving. Many enjoyed their time at Band-o-ween.

Freshman Xavier Bell had lots of fun performing in Band-o-ween. He found that the audience's support made it an especially fun concert to perform in.

"I really enjoyed my first high school band concert. The atmosphere and the appreciation from those watching seemed very cool," Bell said.

Performing in a concert takes a lot of practice and dedication from the students. It takes a lot of time to prepare for such an event, especially in the early part of the school year.

"We prepared for Band-o-ween by spending most of the first quarter of the school year practicing it," Bell cited.

Many amazing songs were played by the band at the Band-o-ween concert. Bell had a favorite one in particular.



Band members play at their annual Halloween concert phot credit: Mrs. Karin Neal

"My favorite song was 'Haunted at the Movies', which was a collection of familiar horror movie theme songs all in one song," Bell stated.

Another band member who really enjoyed playing in Band-o-ween was sophomore Desmond Litrenta.

Litrenta has really enjoyed playing in Band-o-ween the past two years. He really appreciates the cool experience Band-o-ween provides.

"Band-o-ween is pretty different because you get to dress up for Halloween and decorate the auditorium,

which isn't something we always get to do," Litrenta said.

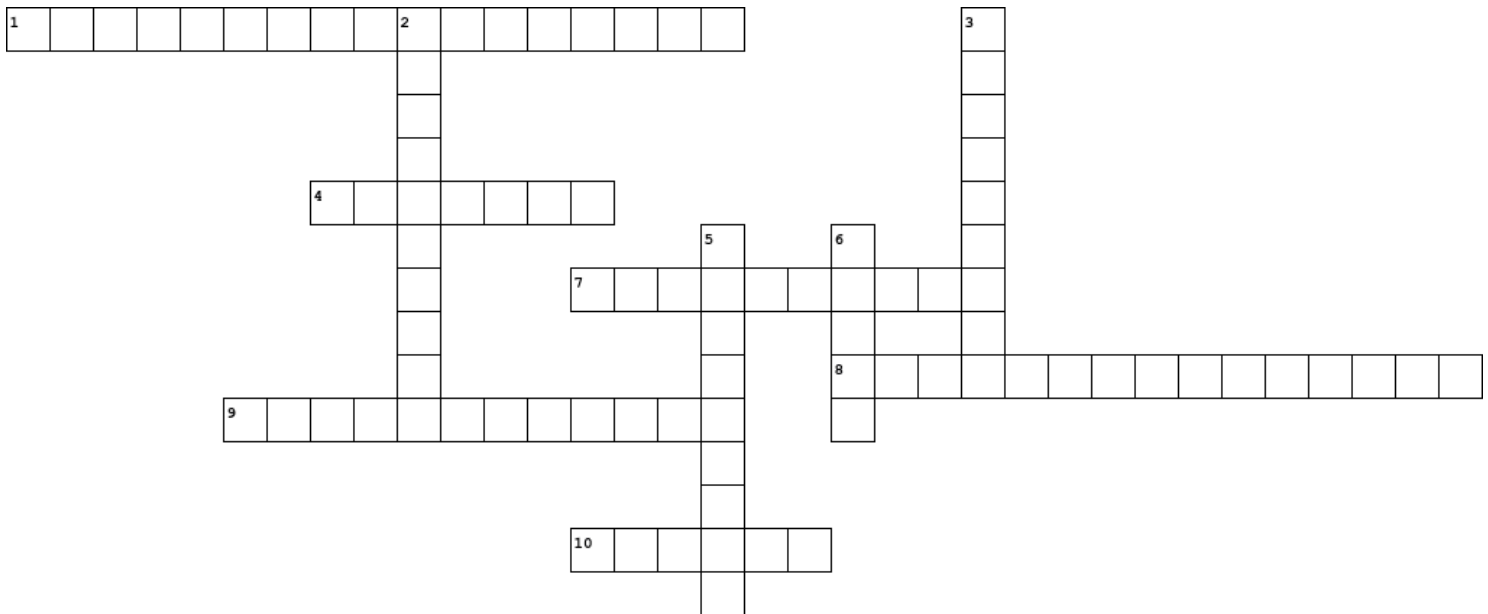
Litrenta also has a song he thought was very interesting to play. He appreciated the musical masterpiece it expressed.

"My favorite song from Band-o-ween was 'At the Movies: Haunted Nights' because of how aggressive and serious some of the parts are," Litrenta cited.

Litrenta also had an overall favorite part of the concert. Not only did he get to play in the band, but also dress up and decorate.

"My favorite part of Band-O-Ween was probably decorating the auditorium on the day of the concert," Litrenta stated.

Band-o-ween was a great success and will be for years to come.



Across

1. the character Parker-Babcock played in the fall play
4. where Ethan Miller goes for Thanksgiving
7. who Trinity football beat on Halloween night
8. best cross country team in the state
9. the fundraiser Science Olympiad did to raise money
10. one the the captains on the 2025 high school basketball team

Down

2. where the Kairos retreat was held
3. concert TC band puts on for Halloween
5. 2025 cross country state champion
6. approximate attendees at the Memorial Mass

Bring your correct completed crossword to Mrs. Neal for a treat :)



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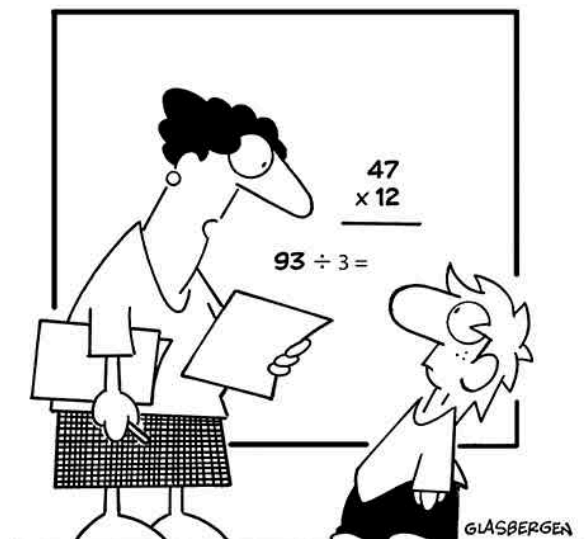
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