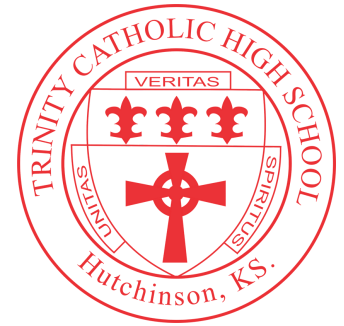


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Victory ROYALE!

By: Seamus Hogan

This years homecoming was a little bit different this year. STUCO held a vote on which theme the students would like. The theme most voted for was Fortnite. On Tuesday the girls participated in Power Puff. The Junior and Freshman Team ended up winning, On Wednesday the boys played Iron Man volleyball and the senior class won the tournament. Thursday was the Candidate Relays. Friday we had a pep rally for the football game. The football team played Conway Springs that night and blew them out 40-7.

Friday night after the game we had the crowning for the homecoming Queen and King. Kaid McClegunn won homecoming King and Miranda Segoviano won homecoming Queen. Saturday we had the annual dance which was a lot of fun. DJ Brian Davis did a wonderful job with the music. We would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who made this wonderful week possible!



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Senior stars shine bright in final season

By: Seamus Hogan

The girls volleyball team had Senior Night on October 14th against Moundridge. They unfortunately ended up losing, but they played really well. Their season is now over unfortunately, but girls had a good season and the underclassmen learned a lot for next year. "Going into the season we knew it was going to be kind of a learning year," says Senior Sofia Ortiz. "We only had two seniors on the team and we also had a lot of girls who hadn't played varsity yet on the team," said Senior Cadalei Barnes. Senior Night was a little emotional for Sofia

Ortiz. I asked her what Senior night meant to her and this was her reply, ". Senior night to me, makes me realize that it will be the one of the last times that I'll be playing on the volleyball team knowing I played my best throughout the season(s) "I also asked Sofia what her favorite memories from will be and she said, "One moment that I will never forget are all the friendships that I've made throughout the years." I asked how volleyball has helped change her life over the years and she replied "Being a part of volleyball has

helped me gain more confidence in what I do and has helped me learn how to communicate with others." Sofia also added, "Lessons I will carry with me are my communication skills and being clever with certain things." Lastly I asked her How does it feel knowing this is one of your last games with your team? Her response was, "Knowing it is my last game, it makes me look back on all the years I've played, all the memories, all the skills and all the friendships that I will carry with me forever"

Giving Day Success



Girls' Tennis Season Wrap Up

By: Garrett Griffith

The Trinity Catholic High School girls' tennis team had a very positive season. Their season ended with lots of growth and success. On October 10, they ended their season at the Regional meet at Lyons.

The team shared a lot of fun moments this season. Each girl had a lot of fun and learned a lot about each other and tennis. Senior, Aissa Lorden, has one particular memory that sticks out in her mind as a favorite.

"My most memorable moment this year was when I got third place. I've been working really hard, so it's nice to have at least one medal." Lorden said.

At Regionals, the team faced a lot of tough competition. At least, each girl fought hard, persevered and had some fun, particularly in Lorden's first match.

"I lost my first match, but it went into a tiebreaker and then within the tie breaker it went into another tiebreaker. Also the score was 6-7 twice." Lorden stated.

Everyone on the team not only learned tennis skills and friendship, but also life skills in general. Lorden has learned many life skills throughout her entire tennis

career.

She has learned one specific one that really stands out to her.

"Consistency wins more than rushing. Whenever I played, the way I would win points was by consistently returning the ball to my opponent. Eventually they would try to do a super complicated hit in order to win but accidentally hit it into the net or out. I think that can be applied to a lot of things in life." Lorden cited.

Another player who thoroughly enjoyed her season was freshmen, Lucy Rodriguez. Rodriguez was very satisfied with how her first year of playing high school tennis went.

"It went alright, my first few games I was at JV but then I got moved up to Varsity for the rest of the season. I didn't get many wins, but we had some pretty tough opponents." Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez put in a lot of extra work on her own to prepare for her first year of playing high school tennis. She thinks that her hard work already began to pay off throughout the season.

"I improved a lot this year, as I attended many camps and practices during the summer." Rodriguez cited.

Rodriguez also ran into some tough opponents at Regionals. Although she ended up losing at Regionals, she still thinks her season went very well.

"I won my first game 8-3, but I lost my 2nd game." Rodriguez stated.

The high school girls' tennis team will definitely have a lot to build on for next year.



Lucy Rodriguez playing doubles with her partner Therese Little. (Photo: Lucy Rodriguez)

From First Serve to Final Point: A Season Full of Growth and Grit

By: Garrett Griffith

The Junior High Volleyball, under the guidance of Coach Debbie Ohl, closed off a strong season at their Heart of America League tournament. They competed at the HOAL tournament on October 18th, at Marion.

Volleyball is a very tough sport to master. It takes a lot of practice and hard work to get to be good. When that hard work and determination pays off, it makes a coach really proud. Coach Ohl had many moments this year when she was extremely proud of her team.

"One of my favorites was beating Inman on their home court, that was a great night! The girls all played really well and had to compete against a hard team. Another one of them was watching some of the girls who have never played volleyball try it for the first time and learn the game. The progress from where they started to where they ended was so good to see!" Ohl stated.

Along with the proud moments and celebration, there are also many challenges to conquer in the sport of volleyball. This year's team had to overcome some challenges to get to the

success they earned.

"One of the biggest challenges was playing at a consistent level. There were some games we would dominate and play aggressively, and then the next week we would struggle and either barely win or lose to a team we shouldn't have. Another challenge is playing well at home, for some reason we struggled with our home matches but played really well at away games." Ohl said.

The team also wouldn't have had so much success, without the leadership of the eighth graders. Adriana Guajardo, was one of those leaders on the team who led them to gaining the number two seed in the HOAL tournament.

"The league tournament didn't go how we wanted but we still played pretty good. We were #2 seed going into League but we ended up losing to Moundridge who was ranked #7. The first set was really close but we ended up losing 25-23, the second set we ended up winning 21-25, and the third set was 15-11 and we ended up losing." Guajardo said.

Guajardo also has many memories she made with the team this year. She enjoyed being with her teammates

both on and off the court this season.

Although, one particular moment stands out for her.

"My favorite memory from this season was beating Inman at the Tri-tournament there in Inman. We played the best we've ever played and fought hard each set. We knew they were going to be really good going into the game but we managed to keep a great attitude and play great together as a team." Guarjardo cited.

Another leader on the team was eighth grader Cara Mueting. Mueting was always there to lead the team with a positive attitude and enthusiasm. Mueting also had many good memories from this year's season. Although, there was one memory that she found unforgettable.

"My favorite memory from the season was when Ms. Ohl surprised us by decorating the bus for League. It felt so good to know we had a coach that cared about us and would give up some of her time to do that." Mueting said.

As she leaves the team and moves on to high school volleyball, Mueting has some final advice she would like to share with next year's team.

Junior High Volleyball cont.

"The advice I would give to next year's team is summed up in a quote from Michael Jordan, 'Practice like you have never won, Perform like you have never lost.'" Mueting cited.

The junior high volleyball team had an incredibly successful season. Hopefully, we will see the team continue its successes and build on top of what they accomplished this year. Good luck to the team in the upcoming season.



The junior high volleyball team stops to take a picture with their decorated bus in McPherson.
(Photo: Cara Mueting)



Above: The junior high volleyball team takes a photo after their game against Sedgwick. (Photo: Cara Mueting)



Right: The junior high volleyball team celebrates after scoring a point against Reno Valley at home. (Photo: Adriana Guajardo)

A Great Pope

By: Staff

It has been said that Pope St. John Paul II was a great Pope and should be called Pope John Paul the Great, and depending on who is asked they might say he was the most beloved Pope in modern times. According to his personal secretary of 39 years he was a tireless pilgrim, a messenger of peace, an avid athlete and skier, a polyglot and a true friend of youth and above all he was a man of deep prayer.

Many Trinity teachers had the opportunity to see the Pope and hear mass from him. Sr. Maria Jacinta had the pleasure of seeing him 3 times! She attended 3 World Youth Days and he drove past her fairly close, she was also able to hear him speak live and attend his Masses. Ms. Frieb, Mrs. Pennycuff, Mrs. Dillon and Mrs. Neal all saw him and attended a mass said by him.

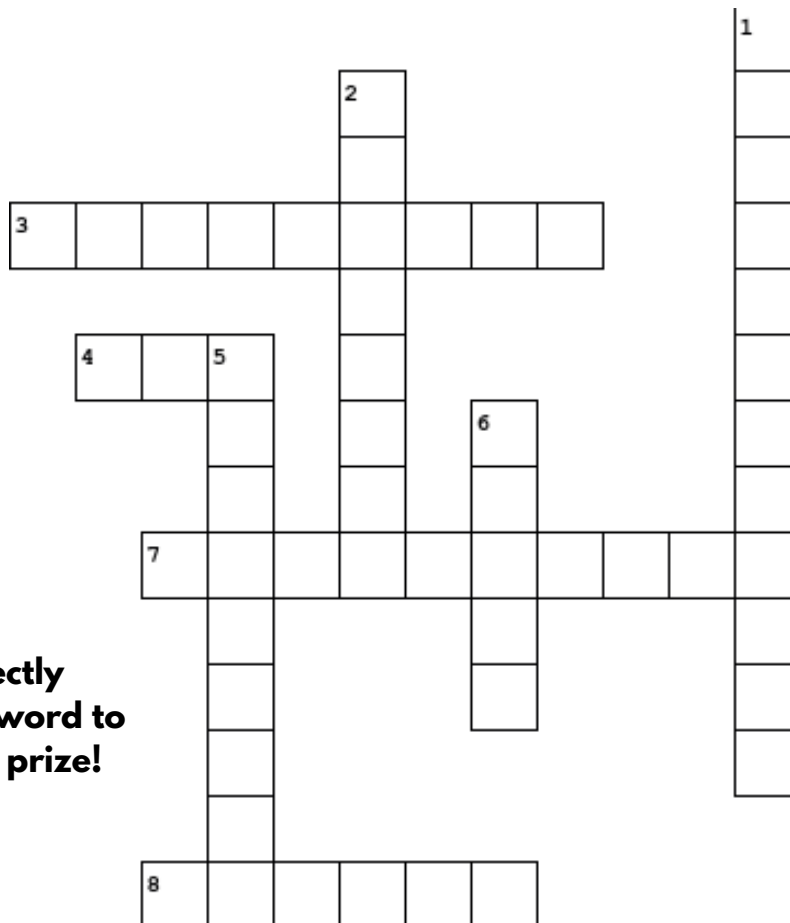
Perhaps most exciting is Ms. Dinges' story. She was part of the campus ministry group when she attended Regis University and was chosen to go to a private mass with Pope St. John Paul II. She was also able to attend the World Youth Day in 1993 and be on the stage during the mass. She was able to spend one minute with him by herself and ask him for a blessing, kiss his ring after this he gave her a rosary.

Saint Spotlight

Pope St. John Paul II

Karol Józef Wojtyła was born on May 18, 1920, in Wadowice, Poland, the youngest of three children. Although he was born into a loving family, his early life was marked by suffering and loss. His older sister, Olga, died in infancy and, by the time Karol was twelve, his mother Emelia had died of kidney failure and his older brother, Edmund, had died heroically serving those stricken with scarlet fever. Known to his friends as Lolek, and growing under the loving guidance of his father, he was a vibrant youth, athletic, studious and a gifted theatrical performer. Cardinal Wojtyła was elected Pope on October 16, 1978, and took the name John Paul II. He was the 263rd successor to Peter, and was to have one of the longest pontificates in the history of the Church, lasting nearly 27 years.

Crossword



**Bring a correctly
completed crossword to
Mrs. Neal for a prize!**

- 3. score of Lorden's Regionals match on two occasions
- 4. what Ohl painted to surprise her players for League
- 7. who the volleyball team played on senior night
- 8. St. John Paul II's home country

- 1. years John Paul II was pope
- 2. 2025 Fall Homecoming king
- 5. 2025 Fall Homecoming queen
- 6. number of times Sr. Maria Jacinta has seen St. John Paul



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