

NEWSLETTER

Sept. 30th, 2026

To Know, Love and Serve God in all we do.



From Mrs. Murphy's Office...

As we head into October, there is a lot to look forward to at Holy Trinity! I want to remind families that our Home & School Walk-a-Thon and Family Fun Day are coming up.

I also want to share that I will be away from school October 1-4 attending the Michigan Association for Environmental Education Conference. This conference connects beautifully with our vision of becoming a leader in creation-based education.

Please read through the attached documents about Hearing & Vision and complete this form that is required by our local health department. <https://forms.gle/1F6arK3CLeputDH8A>

Just a reminder that if you plan to volunteer in your child's classroom or chaperone a field trip. You need to complete VIRTUS registration and any remaining requirements, such as the background check or Protecting God's Children training. If you have any questions, please contact Kaitlyn Antes and she will be able to help you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 1st- 4th Grade to Brechting Farms
Oct. 5th- Walk-A-Thon & Home and School Meeting
Oct. 6th- K Oral Health Assessment
Oct. 9th- Mia Brechting is Principal for the Day; Wear Tie Die
Oct. 11th- Family Fun Day
Oct. 13th- Student Council Dress, Board of Directors Meeting @6PM
Oct. 14th- 7th & 8th grade Field Trip
Oct. 15th & 16th- No School- Staff Conference
Oct. 24th- Confirmation Retreat
Oct. 25th- 1st Communion Parent Meeting at 5PM
Oct. 26th- Hearing & Vision Testing
Oct. 30th- End of First Quarter

Faithful Footprints: Walk-a-Thon

Monday, October 5th



Home and School, our parent and teacher organization, is excited to announce our one large fundraiser for the year—our Faithful Footsteps: **Walk-a-Thon!**

How Walk-a-Thon Funds Are Used

Proceeds from this event support many opportunities and experiences for our students, including:

- Helping to cover the cost of class field trips
- Providing classroom teachers with funds for special projects and resources
- Supporting Farm School experiments for grades K-6
- Hosting student and family activities such as the Fall Festival, Father/Daughter and Mother/Son events, and Catholic Schools Week celebrations

This Year's Goal: \$10,000

If each student raises just **\$100**, we will not only meet our goal but exceed it!

Incentives for Students:

THE SILLY STRING CHALLENGE IS ON!

\$100 raised: Earn your own can of silly string!

At each school-wide goal—\$5,000, \$7,500, \$10,000, \$12,500, and \$15,000—more teachers and staff will join Mrs. Murphy for the Silly String Showdown, with a BIG finale at \$15,000!

How to Collect Donations

Families can choose how to collect sponsorships:

1. **99Pledges Online Platform** - Each student has a personal online fundraising page. Family and friends can donate securely at:
[HTTP://WWW.99PLEDGES.COM/FUND/HOLYTRINITYCONDORS27](http://www.99pledges.com/fund/holytrinitycondors27)
2. **Paper Sponsor Sheet** – Use the attached sheet to track cash or check donations.

Important Dates:

- Total laps will be sent home to families by **Friday, October 9th**
- All money needs to be turned into the school by **Monday, October 19th**

Holy Trinity Catholic School Selected for Great Lakes Green Schools Fellowship

Holy Trinity Catholic School is proud to announce that we have been selected to participate in the Great Lakes Green Schools Fellowship—and we are honored to be the only non-public school selected as part of this Michigan cohort of 30 K–12 educators!

This year-long fellowship, supported by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and the U.S. EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI), brings together educators from across Michigan who are committed to helping students become knowledgeable and active stewards of the Great Lakes and our environment.

The fellowship will provide Holy Trinity with ongoing professional development in Great Lakes science and literacy, environmental stewardship education, and hands-on learning. We will also have opportunities to connect with Great Lakes scientists, environmental leaders, and other educators from across Michigan.

What Does This Mean for Our Students?

A major component of the fellowship is the development of a youth-led environmental stewardship project. With support from EGLE staff and community partners, Holy Trinity will develop a project that engages at least 100 young people in our community. Students will help identify a real environmental issue, develop a project, take action, and reflect on the results. The project will follow a 3P approach—problem-based, project-based, and place-based learning—giving our students the opportunity to learn by doing and make a meaningful difference in the world around them. Our fellowship participation will also support Holy Trinity's goal of applying for Michigan Green Schools certification for the 2026–2027 school year.

A Year of Learning, Leading and Serving

Throughout the fellowship, Holy Trinity will participate in monthly professional development, an in-person kickoff workshop, regional training, and the Michigan Alliance for Environmental and Outdoor Education conference. Our project will also be shared through the Youth Sustainability Project Showcase and presented at the 2027 Michigan Student Sustainability Summit. Holy Trinity has been awarded \$1,500 in project supplies to support our youth-led stewardship project, along with funding to assist with travel and lodging for required fellowship events. This opportunity is an exciting next step in our vision that “By 2028, Holy Trinity will be recognized as a Catholic leader in creation-based education.” It gives our students the opportunity to connect their faith with science, stewardship, problem-solving, and service.

As a Catholic school, we believe that caring for creation is part of our call to know, love, and serve God in all we do. Through this fellowship, our students will have opportunities to learn about the Great Lakes, care for our local environment, and discover that even young people can make a difference. We are excited to grow as a school community through this experience—and to put our faith into action by caring for God's creation!

HOLY TRINITY HOME & SCHOOL



Fall

FAMILY FUN
Day

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

**HOLY TRINITY
PARKING LOT**

1:00-3:00PM

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Pumpkin Decorating

Donuts & Cider

**Car Decorating Contest for
Trunk or Treat**

Dress up for Trunk or Treat

Use the link to sign up!

<https://forms.gle/hrDXo2X7r28Z1njeA>