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Important Dates

- Oct. 4 - Early Decision/Action
- Oct. 12 - Homecoming Festivities
- Oct. 15 - Winter Uniforms Begin
- Oct 16 - All-school Mass
- Oct. 28 - Open House
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Chapel Schedule

Eucharist

Monday-Friday - 7:15am

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 2:55pm

On All-School Mass days, there will be no AM or PM Mass. Also, certain PM Masses may be moved to alternate locations to accommodate teams/clubs.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays - 7:45am-3:00pm

Benediction

2:55pm, followed by Mass

Reconciliation

Once a month, 9:30am-2:30pm, except in Advent and Lent, or by appointment with Fr. Peek or Fr. Tran

Rosary

Thursdays - 2:55pm

Stations of the Cross

Thursdays in Lent - 2:55pm

THE TRINITY

A Monthly Newsletter for the Blessed Trinity Catholic High School Community

BT's Advanced Placement Program Meets Approval, Scores Are Stellar

Dear Friends of Blessed Trinity:

A cornerstone of academics at Blessed Trinity is the Advanced Placement program. These courses are offered through the College Board (the SAT people) and are the closest thing we have in the United States to a nationally standardized curriculum. The courses are the equivalent of a college course in the subject, are therefore very challenging, and can result in both high school and college credit. Although not required by College Board, we require that every student who takes an AP course also take the national administration of the AP exam in May. The exam is scored 5, 4, 3, 2, or 1, with 3+ generally considered to be a college place-out level. Individual college departments make their own decisions about what AP exam score results in credit.



Last year the College Board required that all AP courses in all schools undergo an audit. There had been some abuse of the copyrighted Advanced Placement designation and logo, and College Board wanted to be sure that every school properly taught their AP courses according to the topics that had to be covered. The major portion of the audit process was an examination by college professors of the syllabus used in each course taught. Each of our AP teachers submitted their materials last spring, including those for the two AP courses being offered for the first time this year, Physics and Music Theory.

I am pleased to tell you that all 20 of our AP courses were approved, and that when College Board this fall submits to all colleges in the United States the list of approved courses, Blessed Trinity will be included as 100% certified.

Actually, this news is not surprising, since our AP results are always extremely good. For the second consecutive year, 86% of the exam scores were in the 3+ range, and the average exam score over all AP exams here last year was a whopping 4.15.

We also just received word that 48 students were recognized by College Board as AP Scholars for the 2006-2007 school year. Two of those students, both from the Class of 2007, were named National AP Scholars, the highest level of recognition. To achieve this level, Alex McConnell and Megan Schroeder had to score a 4 or 5 on at least eight AP exams with an average score of at least 4. Congratulations to Alex and Megan.

Sincerely in Christ,

Frank Moore
Principal

ADMISSIONS

Open House

Prospective students and their families are invited to attend the school's annual Open House and meet our faculty and students Sunday, October 28, from 1 to 3pm. Applications for the 2008-2009 school year will be available.

Blessed Trinity's Principal Frank Moore and Director of Admissions Brian Marks will both make presentations at 1pm and 1:45pm respectively. The school's Band will perform a varied selection of popular and standard music for families waiting for the administrative team presentation and to begin tours of the school.

SCHOOL NEWS



Homecoming Festivities: Spirit Week 2007

Monday, October 8

- Spirit Dress: Favorite Sports Team Day** – wear a jersey or t-shirt and hat along with regular uniform pants or skorts and uniform shoes.
- Board decorating may begin after school (by Houses)

Tuesday, October 9

- Spirit Dress: Hawaiian Day** – students may be out of uniform if participating, but no shorts or short skirts.
- Board decorating continues

Wednesday, October 10

- Spirit Dress: Decades Day** – dress according to your class's decade. Seniors - 80s, juniors - 70s, sophomores - 60s, and freshmen - 50s.
- Dance ticket sales begin during lunch periods for \$10.
- Board decorating continues
- Homecoming Queen voting begins during lunch periods on school intranet.

Thursday, October 11

- Spirit Dress: Superhero Day** – students dress as their favorite superhero and may be out of uniform if participating.
- Dance tickets sold at lunch for \$10
- Board decorating ends. Judging to be done Friday morning.
- Homecoming voting continues on school intranet. Voting ends after third lunch.

Friday, October 12

- Spirit Dress: Titan Spirit Day** – wear your Titan Thunder shirt or any other BT shirt and casual attire.
- Board decorating judging by administration.
- Hamburger cookout at lunch (Mr. Moore and Coach Turner)
- Last day to purchase dance tickets at lunch for \$10.
- Pep Rally at 2 pm
- Winner of Spirit Week announced.
- Carnival and cookout from 5 to 7 pm in horseshoe. Cookout sponsored by the Athletic Association. The carnival is sponsored by the student government and includes a jumping castle, rock climbing wall, dunk booth, giant slide, and game booths.
- Football game begins at 7:30 pm.
- Halftime introduction of Homecoming Court and crowning of the Homecoming Queen

Saturday, October 13

- Homecoming Dance in Main Gym, 8 to 11 pm. Doors locked from 8:30 to 10:30 pm.
- Dance theme is "Around the World in One Night"
- Dress is semi-formal
- Photographer available for pictures.
- Tickets pre-sold for \$10; \$20 at the door

A special thanks to all the BT moms for helping with stadium and dance decorations!

From the Nurse

We are headed into flu season, so this would be a good time to remind your student about good hand washing and the importance of not sharing drinks or utensils with others. Most illnesses can be transmitted by drinking after an infected person or touching something that an infected person has touched. Most of the time an infected person doesn't have to be showing signs of the illness to be contagious. Mononucleosis is an example of this. Good hand washing with soap and water and rubbing your hands together vigorously and good pulmonary hygiene such as covering your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing and appropriately disposing of used tissues will decrease your risk of acquiring or spreading viruses. If your student has respiratory issues such as asthma or immunity issues it is important that you talk to your physician concerning a flu shot. Most pediatricians are recommending that these children receive flu shots. Some physicians are recommending it for all their patients, so check with your MD.

Lori Byrnes, RN

Are You Listening?

"The most basic of all human needs is the need to understand and be understood," said Ralph Nichols, a former member of the Lettermen, a yesteryear singing group. "The best way to understand people is to listen to them."

The skill of being an effective listener is both a study skill and a life skill. Whether you are listening to a class lecture, watching a movie, negotiating a major purchase or interacting with friends, it is important that you not just hear, but that you listen.

Hearing is defined as the actual acuity or physical process of taking in sounds versus listening, which is taking in combinations of words and processing them to have meaning. Research has indicated that the average college student spends about 14 hours per week

in an academic class listening to lectures and about 20 percent of school-related hours listening in other ways. If you were to include watching television and social conversations, that percentage can be 50 percent or higher.

The “poor listener” is a person who tries to do multiple things while listening. Brain research indicates that you can only do one “active” process at a time; the remaining activities are considered “passive” and sometimes automatic without much purposeful or active thought. When in passive mode, the brain takes over from past experiences and previous pathways in memory of information to the brain. An active mode positions the person to be focused in all ways to be ready to “listen” to the information to be received.

The ineffective listener does the following:

- tunes out topics that are not of interest
- tunes out a speaker because the content is boring or the speaker’s voice is annoying
- fakes listening without focusing energy to be an active listener
- allows self to be distracted
- interrupts, often with thoughts of what he wants to say, rather than listening to the speaker
- is inattentive and the body language indicates it with wandering eyes and poor posture

Conversely, the effective listener:

- Looks at the person speaking
- Is physically in position to listen by facing the speaker, looking at their eyes, etc.
- Clears area of other projects (is not watching TV while listening to Mom, Dad is not balancing the checkbook while listening to son, student is not text messaging while the teacher is speaking).
- Does not interrupt; waits until a thought or sentence is complete to ask questions
- Listens for content rather than judging the delivery of the speaker.

Avoid listening with emotion, which can lead the listener to hear only what he wants to hear. Listen to content and interface mental questions such as “how does this impact me or how does this apply to my life, my community, my future?”

Being an effective and efficient listener is an important skill whether you are a student, in the workplace, or communicating in your social interactions. Are YOU listening?

Susan Dorner
Assistant Principal

Personal Finance Class Uses Bible-based Textbook

A BT personal finance course is using the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace for the Next Generation high school curriculum as its main teaching material. Ramsey is a radio personality, author, counselor and entrepreneur who provides financial advice and counseling about financial planning. He gives old-fashioned advice based on biblical principles and travels around the country giving live seminars. He has been to Atlanta several times over the past two years and will return November 8-9 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Gwinnett Center. The Thursday event will be a discussion on basic money management while the Friday sessions are for business own-

ers and investors. Students are encouraged to attend the Thursday event. BT will receive a group discount and students, parents, and faculty members will receive \$13 off the regular ticket price of \$34. You may register by going to www.daveramsey.com, click on See Dave Live link on the left of the screen, click on Atlanta. Use the promotional code BTCATHOLIC.

BT Moms Connect



All Blessed Trinity moms are invited to come to BT Moms Connect’s next meeting on Wednesday, October 10 at 7pm in the Media Center. Come enjoy a casual evening with other mothers at our high school. We are pleased to announce Mrs. Nancy Eramian, a BT guidance counselor, will be the guest speaker. Mrs. “E”, who always has great words of wisdom to share, will talk about how preparing your student for college while still in high school. We invite you to bring another BT mom to the meeting. We’ll have some delicious appetizers and desserts for all to enjoy.

Sign up sheets will be available for mom’s lunch groups that meet monthly for each grade. These lunches are another great way to get to know BT families with children in the same grade as your students. More than 70 moms came to the September meeting and we hope to see all of you again! Questions? Call Leslie Adams, 770-309-5559.

Habitat For Humanity Upcoming Events



Mark your calendars for Habitat’s upcoming events:

•HOUSES KEPT WARM- Get ready for cooler weather by buying a FLEECE SCARF to support Habitat. Habitat has created colorful polar fleece scarves for each of BT’s houses to wear in support of the Titans. Keep warm and show your school spirit by wearing a Blessed Trinity scarf to football games! Details to follow soon in family meetings.

•DECEMBER DASH! Blessed Trinity’s Habitat for Humanity Chapter will be hosting our first “December Dash” 5K run on December 1st. Parent/community volunteers with race organization experience are needed, as well as donations of paper cups, water, trophies and prizes. Please contact Ed Morzen emorzen@btcatholic.org or Kathy Hoffman khoffman@btcatholic.org if you can help with this important fundraiser.

•CANTON TOWNHOME BUILDING DAY is October 20. If you are interested in volunteering time, money, or breakfast or lunch for the workers, please contact Mr. Morzen or Mrs. Hoffman.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Senior Ads Were Due

The *Aureus* staff is very excited about capturing all of your love and good wishes for your graduating seniors. Each family should have received a senior ad order form and instructions in the mail during the summer months. Please remember that these ad materials were due on Friday, September 28 and should have been dropped off either at the front desk or mailed to the school to the attention of the yearbook staff. If you have any questions, please contact Brian O'Connor, yearbook advisor, at boconnor@btcatholic.org.

36th Annual Archdiocesan Rosary Rally

On Saturday, October 6, at 11 am, Holy Cross Catholic Church (3773 Chamblee Tucker Road in Atlanta), will host an outdoor rosary (weather permitting). It will be followed by a concelebrated Mass with Archbishop emeritus John F. Donoghue as principal celebrant. All are invited.

HOME AND SCHOOL

Fun with Decorating and Dismantling

Thanks to all of the moms and dads who helped decorate for the freshman dance. Word has it that the decorations came down and the entire gym was cleaned up in just twenty minutes!

The Student Activities Committee welcomes volunteers to decorate for Homecoming October 12-13. It is a great way to meet other parents. To volunteer, contact Jeannie Stokes at 770-649-0100 and stokes834@aol.com.

Thanks to Volunteers Over Coffee

The Home and School Officers hosted a Volunteer Coffee on September 14. Fr. Kevin Peek and Patti McCarthy of Campus Ministry were on hand to thank the parent volunteers for really being involved in the lives of their kids, and the life of the school. If you missed the coffee, but want to be involved, just click on the About Us section at btcatholic.org, website, then Parent Organizations, Home and School. There is a link to volunteer, or simply to ask a question.

Project Graduation Gets Under Way

Junior parents: Project Graduation needs your help! Project Graduation is an all night graduation celebration held at the Roswell Recreation Center sponsored by junior class parents. Co-chair, Libby Bradley, is looking for another co-chair as well as volunteers to help in the planning. This year, Project Graduation will be held May 17. For more information or to volunteer, contact Libby Bradley at 770-598-9476 or libster0622@aol.com.

Used Uniforms Available

As always, used uniforms are available for sale in the school office for \$5 an item. Remember that you can also donate in the office any uniforms that you no longer need. All of the profits from the uniform sales will help fund the Home and School activities.

Spiritual Adoption Program- Pray for Unborn Human Life



Campus Ministry and the BT for Life Club announce a "Spiritual Adoption" program that students, faculty, staff and parents can participate in from September-May.

Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 4,000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is these babies that we ask you to "adopt" spiritually.

By joining the program, you simply agree to pray daily for an unborn baby who is newly conceived. Prayer cards are available for those making the commitment. A poster will be displayed every month on the Campus Ministry bulletin board so you can see how the baby is developing. It is suggested that you name the child for whom you will be praying thereby giving the baby the humanity he or she deserves.

Your spiritually adopted child will be born in May. At that time, we will celebrate by holding a baby shower, and the gifts will be donated to a center for expectant mothers in need.

Pope John Paul II called us to be "sentinels of the invisible." Our Holy Father made an urgent appeal for us to do everything we can so that life, all life, is respected from conception to its natural end.

There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Won't you please do your part by spiritually adopting one baby and share the love for life that God has given to you?

Light of the World Service Hours

Service opportunities are posted on the Campus Ministry bulletin board. Students should check the information and find Works of Mercy and other programs that qualify for the Light of the World service program that will fit his or her schedule and interest. Reminder: All service forms must be turned in to Ms. McCarthy no later than five school days after the service is completed.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

In preparation for the December 12 crowning of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of God and Empress of the Americas and the renewal of the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Archdiocese of Atlanta has invited parishes and Catholic schools to promote Marian devotion, specifically featuring Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Artwork of Our Lady of Guadalupe will travel to Catholic schools in the archdiocese. BT will welcome and display the artwork and plan catechetical and liturgical programs during the week of October 1.

Respect Life Sunday

Students, faculty and staff will join the BT for Life Club and St. Peter Chanel at the intersection of Woodstock Road and Route 92 on Sunday, October 7, from 2-3pm to participate in the National Life Chain event. Families are welcome to come.

All School Rosary - October 10

Pope Benedict reminds us that on "October 7, we will celebrate the feast day of the Blessed Virgin of the Rosary, and it is as if, every year, the Virgin invites us to rediscover the beauty of this prayer, so simple and so deep... the Rosary is a contemplative and Christocentric prayer, inseparable from the Holy Scriptures. It is the prayer of the Christian advancing in his pilgrimage of faith, in the following of Jesus, preceded by Mary. "The Pope invites all to recite the Rosary during October in the family, in the community and in the parishes for the Pope's intentions, for the mission of the Church and for world peace."

BT will respond to the Pope's invitation, and on October 10, an All School Rosary will be prayed in homerooms.

All-School Mass with Archbishop Wilton Gregory - October 16

Archbishop Wilton Gregory will be the principal celebrant at the All School Mass on October 16, at 9 am in the gym. All are invited to attend. He will also bless the junior class rings and the Mary grotto, and visit several Theology classes.

BT Mother's Prayer Group

The Blessed Trinity Mothers' Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, October 3 at 9:00 AM in the school chapel. We pray for the intentions of the students, teachers, staff and families of our school community. We also meet afterward at Atlanta Bread Company

for social time. Please join us if you're able. There's no commitment to attend each month, just come when you can! ALL ARE WELCOME!

The remaining scheduled dates for this year are: Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 5, April 2 and May 7. Questions may be directed to Vicky Drisaldi at 770-641-9394 or drisaldifamily@yahoo.com.

BT Prayer Chain

The BT Prayer Chain sends out prayer requests weekly on e-mail. To make a request or join the Prayer Chain, contact Jean Yaun at btprayers@gmail.com. (Please note btprayers@yahoo.com will no longer be used for the prayer chain.)

BT Bible Study

Join us to learn more about our fabulous Catholic faith. We meet twice each month, September to May. On Wednesday, October 10 and Wednesday, October 24 we will meet briefly in the BT Chapel from 8:55 -9:00 am, then 9:00 - 11:00 am in the Conference Room adjacent to the chapel.

Please contact Laurie Marchuk (llmarchuk@comcast.net), Jennifer Mehall (mehallw@bellsouth.net), or Monica Abbamonte (abbamontecountry@aol.com) for details and materials needed.

DEVELOPMENT

Annual Fund

The Annual Fund is one of the biggest reasons that BT has been so successful. This year's Annual Fund started September 22 at the Major Donor Dinner/Annual Fund Launch.

This month you will receive a copy of the Annual Report, along with a personal request for your commitment to the Annual Fund. The response to this request has always been very good, and we truly appreciate it. We really want all the families to respond right away, so this year, if you turn in your pledge form before Christmas break, we will send you a custom cling decal to thank you for your support of the BT mission.

The Faculty and Staff will make their commitments to the Annual Fund at breakfast during their in-service day November 5.

Auction

Thanks to all the volunteers who attended our first meeting for the 8th Annual Auction Gala! Our kickoff luncheon will be November 7 at Villa Christina. Anyone who wants to help out with this year's event should make plans to attend. Check the Auction Gala page of the BT website (under Giving to BT) often for more information and updates.

Jessica Turner Memorial Field House

The field house is finished, except for paying the rest of the bills! If you would consider making a donation to the field house, that would be great. There are about 50 lockers remaining, and five “un-named” rooms. Contact the development office if you would like to help out.

Alumni

Homecoming is October 12 and alumni are always invited! Free admission plus free dinner equals free fun! Thanks to those alumni who have sent in updates. Many of them are posted on the alumni page of the website.

The current seniors will be helping to assemble this year’s “care packages” for Thanksgiving delivery to the alumni’s permanent addresses. BT grads from ’07, ’06, ’05, and ’04 will get the free packages.

Publix and Kroger

Please continue to use the Publix or Kroger grocery cards. Extra cards are always available in the front office.

Thank You! Feel free to contact the development office if you have any questions or comments. Please check the BT website, Giving to BT, for all the latest updates.

GUIDANCE

Important Dates

- **October 4** – All Early Decision/Early Action Admission college applications due to Guidance.
 - **October 17** – ACT Explore given to 9th graders and PSAT given to 10th and 11th graders. No school for seniors. Start time is 7:45 am and dismissal is about 11:45.
 - **October 30** – Deadline to register for December 1 SAT
 - **October 30** - Jesuit College Tour comes to BT. All juniors and seniors will visit with the college representatives during an AM Assembly Schedule. Please see the Guidance page for a list of colleges traveling on the JET tour.
 - **October 30** – Financial Aid Night – The HOPE Scholarship and More: 7:00pm in the BT Theater. We will have Mrs. Mendi Morrow from the Georgia Student Finance Commission here as our guest speaker. Senior parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.
 - **November 8** – All Regular/Rolling Admission college applications due to Guidance.
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ATHLETICS

Get With the Wrestling Program

Wrestling season is right around the corner and because it is one of the fastest growing sports in our school and Coach Richard Barden is looking for your help. Three new student positions will be added this upcoming season. The wrestling program needs:

1. Statistician
2. Videographer
3. Manager

If you are interested in assisting in the wonderful world of wrestling, please see Coach Barden in the Athletic Office or e-mail him at rbarden@btcatholic.org.

Feeder Basketball Tryouts

BT feeder basketball tryouts are scheduled for Sunday, October 7 and 14 from 12:00-2:00(girls) and 2:00-4:00 (boys). Prospective players need to attend both dates and have a current GHSA physical on file (go to www.btcatholic.org under athletics for the form.)

Varsity girls and boys, JV girls and boys and freshman boys basketball tryouts will be Monday, October 29 to Wednesday, October 31. Prospective players must have a current GHSA physical on file with the nurse, in order to tryout.

FINE ARTS

Celebrating the Arts with Titan Pride!

On behalf of the Fine Arts Association, we like to offer a special thanks to all who have supported us with an annual membership. You will be recognized at every Fine Arts Event.

The BT Fine Arts Association Meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month in the Campus Ministry room. All parents of students involved with the arts are welcome to attend.

Three Hundred and One - BT's One-Act Play

Blessed Trinity's Theatrical Alliance will once again participate in the regional one-act competition this November. This year's play *Three Hundred and One* was written by Allan Dodson of our Fine Arts Department. The story takes place in a bowling alley where a young married couple, Bobby and Rose, try to work out a problem during their regular league night. Their argument is intensified by the fact that Rose appears to be bowling a perfect game. As friends chime in to help the bowling alley personalities emerge, they are forced to a decision about the future of their relationship.

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Fine Arts Program in Full Swing

Mark your calendars as November will be a busy month for the Blessed Trinity Fine Arts Program as they host both the annual One-Act Play Competition and their annual Fall Arts Festival.

Important Dates:

November 2	7:30pm	Premiere of <i>Three Hundred and One</i>
November 3	9:00am	One-Act Competition
November 17	7:30pm	Fine Arts Fall Festival

Fall Arts Festival - November 17

Come join us for an evening of fun as you experience first-hand the talent of the Blessed Trinity fine arts students and faculty. The festival will include featured selections by the school's band, chorus, dance, and drama as well as an opportunity to view student works in the visual arts gallery.

Volunteers are always needed to assist with Fine Arts production needs. Parents of students in band, drum line, chorus, dance, drama, and art are encouraged to volunteer their time and talents as we staff all BT fine arts productions. Please contact Pete Rushton at prushon@bellsouth.net if you can lend a hand.

Earn Student Service Hours: Volunteer to help with fine arts events and earn student service hours. Listen for school announcements concerning training and signing up. Contact Mrs. Conway in the Fine Arts Department if you are interested.

Photography II to Hang Exhibit in Piedmont Park

For the first time, the Photography II students will compete in the juried show, "My Atlanta: Evolution of a City," sponsored by Atlanta Celebrates Photography. Students will submit black-and-white and color photography and will compete for prizes. This year's judge is Jerry Cullum, senior editor of *Art Papers* and an independent critic.

The exhibit will be at Piedmont Park's Community Center (1071 Piedmont Avenue, Park entrance at 12th Street). The exhibition is open to the public on the following Saturdays: October 6, 13, 20, & 27 from 9am to 1pm. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the works of art.

Free Georgia Ensemble Theater Tickets

The Georgia Ensemble Theater at the Roswell Cultural Arts Center has available a "Friday Night Date Night" program for Roswell area high school students. The group invites students to attend any productions for free where tickets are available. "We would rather fill those seats than have them empty for a performance," said Steve Hornibrook, a local actor. For more information, call 770-993-6698 or contact shornibroo@aol.com.

O'Sullivan Washes Over Competition



BT senior Tierney O'Sullivan, a member of the Junior National Wildwater team since 2004, raced in the US Nationals in August and finished first out of all US women, including the Seniors (age 18+). This past year, Tierney, the youngest member of the National Senior Team, was the overall fastest US woman for all of the races.



"It was an amazing experience, not just for the racing and competition, but it was really fun to meet young people from all over the world," she said. "There were over 83 competitors from Europe, South Africa, and even Iran. I hope to continue racing and seeing new places next summer. The Junior Pre-Worlds will take place in Switzerland and the Senior Worlds will be in Italy this June."