

Extracurricular Activities

Student Eligibility

The criteria and parameters for participation in extracurricular activities are defined in the Student Handbook. Holy Trinity School strives to create an atmosphere of Christian charity and respect for all students and faculty. Coaches and volunteers provide many opportunities for students to develop a strong self- image. Positive reinforcement is used to help students grow in self- discipline and responsibility.

Parental Involvement

Parents are a key element of the life of our school. Parents are able to support the school community by getting involved in extracurricular activities.

Enrichment Activities

Altar Servers

Students in 5th through 8th grade can serve the Holy Trinity and St. Michaels Parish by assisting as altar servers during Mass. Participating students must complete a training session. Families may work with the Ministry Scheduler regarding mass preferences and availability. For more information contact the Ministry Scheduler, Albert Weiland, at (262)334-4152 or weilanda@charter.net

Art Club

Art club is for boys and girls, 5th- 8th grade. The club meets twice a month after school. The club offers a variety of activities that may include bottle cap artwork, a trip to the art museum, or an adventure to a local wildlife sanctuary to observe and draw animals. For more information contact Peggy Kober at (262) 626-2335 or peggy@peggykober.com

Band

The band program is offered for grades 4 – 8. Individual or small group lessons are incorporated into the school day, and the full band practices after school once a week. The band performs at the Christmas and Spring concerts. For more information contact Dr. Walter Rich at tubaflute@wi.rr.com

Book Club

Students in 7th and 8th graded are invited to join the book club. All members read the same book and then a discussion is led by the club advisor. The discussion is held after school with a snack provided by a student on a rotating basis. Depending on the book chosen, activities may be held that support the student experience in reading the book.

Choir - *NEW* for 2013-2014 school year

More details to come.

Field Trips

Teachers are encouraged to arrange educational experiences outside of the classroom that are designed to support the curriculum at each grade level. In addition, an 8th grade class trip is planned each year. Previous 8th grade trips included a tour the State Capital in Madison to, a two day trip to Chicago, and more recently a trip to Washington DC. The 8th grade also tours the Basilica of St. Josaphat, which is a Franciscan parish located in the Historic South Side of Milwaukee.

Folk Fair

Folk Fair is a grade 6-8 activity in which each student researches a country in Latin America, Asia, or Europe or one of the United States. One afternoon and evening during Catholic Schools Week in late January, the students display items and information from their country/state, dress in attire that represents their country/state, and offer a food item and recipe for all to enjoy.

Forensics

Forensics is a competitive academic activity in which students choose a category and then a piece to perform. Categories include: group acting, solo serious acting, solo humorous acting, infomercial, news reporting, storytelling, oratory, persuasive speech, moments in history, informative speech, prose, impromptu speaking, demonstration, poetry, special events and group interpretation. Practice begins in December with competitions at area schools in February and March, culminating with the State Meet at the end of March. Holy Trinity School and Kewaskum Middle School host the annual Kewaskum area forensics meet.

Future Engineers- *NEW* for 2013-2014 school year

More details to come.

Journalism Club

The club is open to 4th through 8th grade. Students fill the roles of journalist, photo journalist, editors and layout artists to publish three editions of the "Paw Print Press" each school year. For more information contact Lisa Heltemes at (262)626-8277 or htjclub@gmail.com.

Reading Programs

Students at Holy Trinity School are encouraged to read on a daily basis. Holy Trinity participates in programs to raise student interest and incentivize students for reading.

Six Flags- Read to Succeed Program: Students in grades 1-6 have the opportunity to earn a free ticket to a Six Flags theme park by reading 6 hours in one month from early February to early March.

Pizza Hut, Book-It: Students in grades 1-6 can earn a coupon each month, October-March, for a free personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut. Student reading goals are set by the teacher at each grade level. .

Sunburst Reading Program: Students in grades K5-8 can earn a free pass for snow tubing at Sunburst in Kewaskum. One pass is earned for every 500 minutes read by students in grades K5-5 and for every 1000 minutes read by students in grades 6-8 from November-January. Multiple passes can be earned.

Science Club – *NEW* for 2013-2014 school year

More details to come.

Science Fair

Every other year, students in 3rd through 8th grade research a topic, design an experiment, carry out the experiment, record and analyze data, and create a display to highlight their process and outcome for parents and students. Students in K5 through 2nd grade are also invited to participate.

Spelling Bees

During Catholic Schools Week in late January, two students from each grade, 5–through 8, participate in a spelling bee. The top 2 winners receive trophies and advance to the district spelling bee, usually held at St. Francis Cabrini in West Bend.

Near the end of the school year, students in grades 1 through 4 also have an opportunity to participate in a spelling bee. Two students from each grade compete. The winners receive a recognition certificate.

Scouts

Boy Scouts

The Boy Scouts of America provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness.

Boy Scouts - Kewaskum Troop 744 (5th-8th grade) <https://sites.google.com/site/troop744kewaskum/>

Cub Scouts

In Cub Scouting, boys and their families have fun and adventure in a program that builds character and instills values. These values come to boys in all parts of the Cub Scout program, all while having a great time with friends and families.

Cub Scouts – Kewaskum Pack 3744 (1st-5th grade) <http://kewaskumcubscouts.com/>

Girl Scouts

Grade/age specific activities help Girl Scouts at each level to “discover”, “connect”, and “act” to build skills and leadership abilities. www.gsmanitou.org

Daisy Scouts (K5 -1st grade) –Advisor: Heidi Butler and Jennifer Hill

Brownies (2nd-3rd grade) –Advisor: Michelle Okrent

Juniors (4th grade) – Troop 8626 Advisor: Laura Stautz

Cadettes (5th-7th grade) – Troop 8636 Advisor: Lisa Heltemes (262)626-8277

Social Events

Middle school students have opportunities to socialize outside of the classroom by participating in Catholic school socials with the neighboring schools. Three dances are held each year. Holy Trinity, Holy Angels, St. Francis Cabrini, and St. Mary’s host a dance on a rotating basis. Students bring a food pantry donation, a small cover charge, and a snack to share. In turn, students are entertained by a DJ and socialize and dance with their peers in the northern Washington County area.

Student Council

Grades 1-8 have representatives on student council. The 8th grade class are the acting officers. The goals of student council include: provide service opportunities for the school; promote student leadership; build a Christian community in the school.

Wellness Activities

The Home and School Wellness Committee provides activities throughout the year to engage students while promoting student health. In the fall, students can participate in an Activity Challenge, which allows them to track their active minutes each week getting them ready for the annual KEYS scholarship run/walk. In March, the students participate in National Nutrition Month by bringing fruits and vegetables to school for their daily snack, and the class with the greatest participation wins a smoothie party along with a fun activity outside of their choosing.

4-H

4-H youth development programs help youth, K-5 through 8th grade, gain valuable academic, leadership, and life skills and create opportunities for youth to take on challenging responsibilities in community service projects and more.

Local Club: Wayne Crusaders meet at Wayne Elementary School the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30PM

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Parish Athletics

Grades 5 through 9 have the opportunity to participate in introductory programs designed to introduce students to competitive sports. Students learn the fundamentals of individual and team skills, as well as Christian conduct during practices and games.

Basketball

Basketball is open to boys and girls in 5th through 8th grade. B level teams (5th & 6th) focus on fundamental skills. At the A level (7th & 8th), athletes are taught the advanced basketball concepts necessary for competitive play at future levels. Teams compete in the Kettle Moraine Catholic Schools League and enter area tournaments. Sportsmanship and teamwork are stressed at all levels.

Dance

Dance is open to girls in 6th through 8th grade. Participants perform choreographed routines at Holy Trinity basketball games and other community events.

Volleyball

Volleyball is open to girls in grades 5 through 8, with two levels. B level (5th & 6th grade) and A level (7th & 8th grade). Fundamentals are stressed at the B level, while girls at the A level are introduced to concepts for lifelong competitive play. Teams compete in the Kettle Moraine Catholic Schools League and girls at the A level play each year for a spot in the prestigious Milwaukee Area Seton Tournament. Sportsmanship and teamwork are stressed at all levels.

Ski and Snowboard

Students have the opportunity to participate in the Learn to Ski and Snowboard program at Sunburst Ski Area. The program is designed to introduce students to the sports of skiing and snowboarding. The program is offered for 4 consecutive weeks.