



Dates to remember:

September 11 – 25<sup>th</sup> – Magazine Drive

Soon To Be Announced - Parent's night out – Altruist

September 22 & 23, 29 & 30, October 6 – 8<sup>th</sup> – Bemis Nursery “Make a Scarecrow, Make a Difference”

November 1<sup>st</sup> – December 16<sup>th</sup> – Gift Card Sales Open

Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 -7:15 – PTO Meeting

Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 – 3:00 – Vendor Fair

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> (Tentative) – Santa's Workshop

Tuesday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 7:15 – PTO Meeting

Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 7:15 – PTO Meeting

Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 7:15 – Last PTO Meeting of school year.

**Parent's Night Out:** In an effort to broaden the relationships among the Trinity Parents, we have decided to implement bi-monthly Parent's Night Out events. These are informal “Meet and Greet” social nights intended to provide our parents a place to get together, and enjoy an evening out. Please note that these are NOT fundraising events, just a time and place for members of the Trinity community to get to know one another better. We are currently working with Altruist Brewing Co. in Fiskdale to host our first event.

**“Make a Scarecrow, Make a Difference”:** At this event, participants will make a life-sized scarecrow for a fee of \$20. Along with making their scarecrow, they get to free admission to our activity-filled Pumpkin Path, along with a fall chrysanthemum or pumpkin to decorate it with. **\$10 is donated to Trinity Catholic Academy.**

**Collegiate Style Car Window Banners:** After many requests, we will be offering Trinity Catholic Academy car window banners for sale. Cost is \$8.50/pc, or 2 for \$15.00. We will inform you through blackboard once they arrive and they will be available through Mrs. Letourneau. Please make checks payable to Trinity Catholic Academy. Paw print magnets are also still available.



**Gift Card Sales:** Beginning on November 1<sup>st</sup>, gift card sales will be available. Through the Scripts programs, you can purchase dollar for dollar gift cards to a wide range of grocery stores, retailers, gas stations, home improvement stores, etc. A \$50.00 gift card, costs you \$50.00, there are no added fees. The school will receive a percentage of the gift card value; percentages vary depending on the company, many range from 5-10%. We will be opening this on November 1<sup>st</sup>, as there is always a great deal of grocery shopping before Thanksgiving. More details will be available in the coming months.

**PTO Meetings:** Mrs. Citta and your new board would encourage all of you to participate in our bi-monthly PTO meetings. We understand the length of the meetings has become a deterrent for many of you, therefore we have committed the meetings will be no longer than 45 minutes. Any unfinished business at the end of the 45 minutes will either be communicated via Blackboard or tabled until the next meeting, if possible. We are working with Mrs. Citta to offer the grade with the most participants per meeting an **out of dress code pass**. Child watch will be available, so please feel free to bring your children and let them burn off some extra energy.

**What goes where?:** The PTO has funded a variety of wants and needs throughout Trinity. From paying for buses for field trips, to showing our endless appreciation to the teachers during teacher appreciation week and even end of year ice cream for students and staff. If you haven't been able to attend the PTO meetings, you may not be aware of what's been raised and where the money is going. We have reached out to our teachers and staff to understand what their classroom needs and wants are to help budget our fundraising. We will be displaying our goals, allocation of funds and progress throughout the year. This will either be in the bulletin boards along the stairs in the main entrance or in the cafeteria. If anyone wishes to express their creativity and would like to help with presenting this information throughout the year, please feel free to contact us.

**A Final Note:** We would encourage all of you to participate in the PTO wherever possible. We all have made a choice and commitment to our children's education by enrolling them at Trinity. Every parent has a voice within our school and it is through the PTO that we can help to grow not only our school but our place within Southbridge and all the surrounding towns. Please do not be deterred by fear of obligation, We look for your ideas and suggestions as well as participants for our events. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact the PTO at [TrinityCA.PTO@Gmail.COM](mailto:TrinityCA.PTO@Gmail.COM)

Respectfully,

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