

# TRINITY WITNESS

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

The 5-6 girls' basketball team had an away game against St. John's Corcoran on November 20. They played their best and won the game 26-8. The 7-8 girls' team played St. John's Corcoran on November 20. It was a hard-fought game, but they ended up losing 17-59. The 7-8 girls had a home game against Trinity First on December 1, which they won by a score of 32-18. The 5-6 girls' team had a tournament on December 3 and placed fifth. Nice job Warriors!



## BOYS BASKETBALL

On Monday, November 20, the boys' 5-6 and 7-8 basketball teams opened up their seasons at St. John's in Corcoran, Minnesota. The 5-6 team lost a close game with a score of 16-22. The 7-8 team won their game 47-31. Eighth grader Ben Land said, "I am really looking forward to playing with these amazing teammates and winning more games." The 5-6 team played Trinity Lone Oak in Eagan, Minnesota, on Thursday, November 30, and the 7-8 team played Trinity First at home on Friday, December 1. The 5-6 team won by a score of 55-14. The 7-8 team cruised to a victory by a score of 52-16. They also placed third in their first tournament at Concordia Academy on Saturday, December 2.

## FINANCE PARK



The 8th grade class went to Finance Park on Tuesday, November 14. After arriving at the facility, they answered a questionnaire on what their plans were for the future. Once they finished the questions, they were randomly assigned a persona. After looking over their identities for that day, they were introduced to various stations. These stations represented various monthly expenses that most adults deal with. The students would decide whether to purchase something that was more expensive or cheaper, based on their fictional income. After they had made their initial budgeting decisions, they had to balance their final budget when faced with unexpected issues. In the end, all the students had fun, although some of their lives may not have been the easiest. Richy Schulte summed the experience up quite nicely, stating "Children are expensive." Check out a promotional video made by Junior Achievement for Finance Park which includes some familiar faces of Trinity Academy. [https://youtu.be/U\\_otdqs3eqQ](https://youtu.be/U_otdqs3eqQ).

## 8TH GRADE SPANISH PLAY

The 8th grade class performed their Spanish play, titled *Pastorela Mexicana*. They performed this Spanish version of the Christmas story on December 6. The main roles in the play are Maria, played by Stella Scharber, Jose, played by Garrett Pals, the pastores, played by Caleb Fravel, Meg Kretschmer, and Jaicee Puckett, Angel Gabriel, played by Josie Johnson, and El Diablo, played by Richy Schulte. The play was a fascinating look at Mexican culture surrounding the Christmas story.

## ALL SCHOOL MEETING



On Tuesday, November 28, all grades met in the gym for an all school meeting. The first award announced was for the top readers from each elementary grade. After the Star Readers were announced, the Do Good Doughnut winners were told to come up to the front of the gym. To be entered and have a chance of winning a Do Good Doughnut, someone has to witness you demonstrating a Life Skill and enter you into the drawing by submitting a piece of paper to the office. The honor roll was announced next. The honor roll awards are given to 5th through 8th grade students and include Honors, High Honors, and Highest Honors. "My favorite part of the All School Meeting was the perfect attendance [awards]," said Soren Knefelkamp.

## GUTHRIE THEATER



On Friday, November 17, the 6th grade class attended *A Christmas Carol* at the Guthrie Theater. They do this every year to wrap up their reading of the book. The play follows Ebenezer Scrooge, a grump who hates Christmas, and his journey through Christmas past, present, and future. He is shown each of the Christmas Days by a spirit, who eventually opens his eyes about Christmas. "It was very nice!" said 6th grader Sam Erickson.

## GET TO KNOW MRS. MASER

### What do you teach?

*American History, Economics, Medieval History, Geography, Ancient World, Old Testament 1, Pre-Algebra, and Newspaper*

### How long have you been working at Trinity?

*For four years*

### Where did you grow up?

*On a farm near Emerald, Wisconsin*

### What is your favorite food?

*Chipotle (Steak burrito bowl)*

### What is your favorite animal?

*Black Labs*



### What is your favorite subject to teach?

*Any history class and Old Testament 1*

## THANKSGIVING

On Tuesday, November 21, all of Trinity Academy took part in Turkey Bingo, hosted in the school gym. Prizes were given out to those who got a bingo, but only a few could get a prize before the game was reset. There were three bingo game modes played. These included Classic Bingo, Blackout, and Four Corners. Avery Solheid and Stella Scharber called out the numbers during bingo. All the students had a great time playing Turkey Bingo and are excited to participate again and maybe even win next year. "It was a fun time competing with my friends," said 8th grader Matthew Busscher.

## K-2 CHRISTMAS PLAY

On Thursday, December 14, Kindergarten through 2nd grade performed their Christmas musical, directed by Ms. Benschine. This was the first year that the 5th graders did not lead the whole elementary school in the play. Instead, there were two performances: K-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade. The K-2nd play was called *The Missing Letters*. In this play, the kids searched all around to find the letters to spell out Christmas. The performance was filled with fun songs and a wholesome message reminding us that Christmas is not about commercial things, but the birth of Jesus.

## 6TH GRADE GIVING PARTY

Trinity Academy 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents responded to need with compassion and the joy of giving. On December 8 they held a Christmas Carol Giving Party where they collected warm hats, mittens, blankets and other gifts to distribute to students in need at an alternative high school in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Trinity students were able to multiply their donations through a member-lead Thrivent Action Team. The Thrivent Action Team allowed them to purchase \$250 worth of additional items to donate. Tracy Berglund of Thrivent Financial was also on hand to join in the giving by providing treats for the students to enjoy and share.

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## GEOGRAPHY BEE

On Wednesday, January 10, Trinity will be hosting its annual Geography Bee. The bee tests students' knowledge of both world and state geography. Once only one student remains, they have to take an extremely difficult online quiz to qualify for the state competition, which only accepts 100 students from across Wisconsin. Here are the Trinity students competing:

### 4th Grade

Cowan Strauss

Ethan Williamson

### 5th Grade

Brayden Herriot

Matthew Ousdigian

### 6th Grade

Sam Erickson

Lucas Wiczorek

### 7th Grade

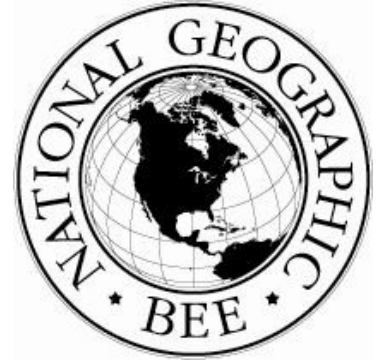
Nicholas Austin

Eric Becerra

### 8th Grade

Stella Scharber

Elijah Waldschmidt



Good luck to all the students and special thanks to Mrs. Warner for returning to judge the event and Pastor Booth for moderating.

## 3-5 CHRISTMAS PLAY

This year the 3-5th grade Christmas play was a story that retold the classic story of Jesus with a witty perspective, entitled *Bethlehem Treasure*. Their retelling of the story followed three eager treasure hunters named Hekyll, Shekyll, and Frekyl, as they search for a mysterious treasure, which turned out to be baby Jesus. The play also had many fun songs that the audience could sing along to. All the kids gave an outstanding performance, making this one of the best Christmas plays this school has done. Merry Christ-

## JOKE OF THE MONTH

**Q:** What's green and sings?

**A:** Elvis Parsley!

## QUESTION OF THE MONTH

**What do you want for Christmas?**

**Caleb S. (3):** Legos

**Pierce M. (3):** Risk

**Kailee S. (4):** Hoverboard

**Joe S. (4):** Hoverboard

