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#### WHAT'S NEW?

Trinity's Fall Festival which was held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> was a roaring success! The weather was gorgeous and the Home and School Association, chaired by Mrs. Carolyn Shearer, took advantage of it big time. Pony rides, Search and Rescue Dogs, and other outside demonstrations and games made the day a true family event. It held something for everyone. Even the food motivated participants were well rewarded. The eats were provided by the McCusker family, owners of Nacho Mama's and Mama's On the Half Shell in Canton. It was most exciting to see so many alumni, some dating back to the 1980's, visit the Homecoming table and search for their pictures. You most definitely want to put this event on your calendar for next year. If I gaze into the Trinity Event Crystal Ball it will probably tell me that the date will be Sunday, October 21, 2007. However, check this publication for the real announcement as soon as it is available.



#### WHO'S NEWS?

Ms. Rafferty, art instructor extraordinaire, is bringing Egypt to the art room this year. Students are learning all sorts of Tut-related things. Behind the Egyptian Eye adorned doors of the art room await mummies, sarcophagi, and pyramids to entice Trinity's art students. Ms. Rafferty is a total immersion instructor who can teach art techniques, art history and Egyptology with the skill of a magician twirling several plates on sticks at one time! The quiet intensity of her students as they work on their individual projects is a testimony to Ms. Rafferty's unique ability to share her love of art with everyone she meets. This is quite an accomplishment when your audience ranges in age from 5 to 14 years! Ms. Rafferty is hoping to take the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade to Philadelphia to see the *King Tutankhamen and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs* exhibit at the Franklin Institute Science Museum.

Mr. Lauth, middle school social studies teacher, helped our students remember the sacrifices made by the members of the United States armed forces. Veteran's Day was celebrated with a solemn prayer service commemorating our servicemen and women. On that note I would like to share an email I received from Gerry Nitsch Serviente, TPS '62. Thank you, Gerry, for your years of service.

"After graduating from Notre Dame College in June 66, I was accepted for the US Marine Corps Officer Candidate School, Quantico, Virginia. Graduated and was commissioned second

lieutenant in Sept 1966, Graduated Marine Officer Basic School in Nov 66, Graduated Officer Personnel Administration School (Number one in the class!) in Dec 66. First duty assignment was adjutant, H&S Battalion, FMFLant in Norfolk, VA. Graduated as an honor graduate from Naval Justice School Newport, RI in Dec 67. Transferred to Headquarters Marine Corps in Dec 67. Served as Executive Officer, D Company; Program Officer in Special Officer Programs Section of Personnel Procurement (awarded Navy Achievement Medal for service); left active service in June 1976 with the rank of captain.

It was my privilege to serve my country and the Marine Corps in those ten years. Being an active duty Marine during the Vietnam era was incredibly difficult, since there was not the level of popular support that we now - thankfully - give our active-duty military.

I served in those years just before women began to be allowed to take a more active role. My hat is off to today's women in the military - their job is a lot tougher than mine was." Gerry Nitsch Serviente



### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Emily Wilkinson Atkinson '96, Trinity's music teacher, will be leaving Trinity in December to join her husband Sam on the Eastern Shore. As Sr. Catherine stated in her letter to the parents, *"It is with mixed emotions that I inform you that Mrs. Atkinson, formerly Ms. Wilkinson, will be leaving Trinity after the Christmas vacation to move to Salisbury where her husband has taken a job at Salisbury State University. Mrs. Atkinson, a graduate of Trinity School, came here six years ago after Christmas to begin her career as a music teacher. I don't have to tell you what a magnificent teacher she is and how much the children love her and enjoy music. Mrs. Atkinson has developed an exemplary music program for Trinity. Above all, she has lovingly nurtured the musical talents of so many children. While we will miss Mrs. Atkinson very much, we are very happy for this new chapter in her life. She will be moving into a new home and teaching in two schools in Wicomico County: an Art Integration School Pre School through Grade Two and a Magnate School Grades Three through Five. Mrs. Atkinson will conduct her last Christmas performance of Trinity's choirs on Tuesday, December 19."* I am sure you join Sr. Catherine and the Trinity family in wishing Emily well in this exciting time of her life.



### DID YOU KNOW?

When it comes to Annual Giving, percentage of giving is most important. Every gift counts. We know that when alums are in high school or college, even in the beginning years of their careers, money is tight. "Living on dreams and spaghettios..." is not just a verse in a popular song. It is very true! The challenge to give to your "foundation" school is a tough one. Just remember that when a teacher or the Development Director applies for a grant, they are not asked, "How much did your alums give to Annual Giving?" Rather, they are asked, "What percentage of your alums give to Annual Giving?" So if you have given to Annual Giving this year, thank you. If you haven't given yet, but plan to give this year, don't forget. If you have never given to Annual Giving, start now and join the percentage of alums who make things happen at Trinity.

**Upcoming Events – Bull & Oyster Roast – March 24, 2007 Turf Valley Country Club (21 and over) See the Development Section of the Trinity website for more information.**

**REUNIONS** - For reunion information call Eleanor Logue at 410-744-1226 or email her at [elogue@trinitynews.org](mailto:elogue@trinitynews.org)

The school year 2006-2007 is a reunion year for the following Trinity School classes: 2002 (5 years), 1997 (10 years), 1992 (15 years), 1987 (20 years), 1982 (25 years), 1977 (30 years), 1967 (40 years), 1957 (50 years). TPS Alumnae classes of 1972 (35 years), 1967 (40 years), 1962 (45 years), 1957 (50 years), 1952 (55 years) and 1947 (60 years) are in line for celebrations. For assistance with a class reunion call the Development Office at 410-744-1226.



#### **QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

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