

# Tiger Talk

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## And the Winners Are...

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After two weeks of speeches and voting, our student council was finally decided. We are very proud of all our candidates, who wrote magnificent speeches and presented them in front of their fellow students.

Congratulations to our homeroom representatives:

Adison Geritz, Emma Karpovich, Cameron Briggs, Hunter Benegas, Ryan Allison, Nicholas Ehrenreich, Claire Noppenberger, Nicholas Law, Brady Link, and Connor Ganley.

You, the student body, have made a very good choice of your representatives and officers.

Your elected officers are: Jack Finn, Treasurer; Sharon Hull, Secretary; Chi Chi Abii,

Vice President; and Lauren Ridlon, President.

Lauren was inspired to become president, to listen to the ideas of her fellow students. Helpful officers and representatives are helping her to deal with the responsibility of being president of student council. Lauren is prepared to work with new ideas, bring her ideas to reality, and make our year fun. Student council will start small but try to make important changes to add to our tradition. We also congratulate our devoted alternates. We hope that our student council will lead us into our best year yet!



## Green Speed Machines

This year on October 6, 2010, the Turtle Derby took place at the outdoor basketball courts here at Trinity. The Turtle Derby was started off by a prayer service about Saint Francis of Assisi at the playground. The middle school wore Spirit Day uniforms and the primary and middle schools paired up with their little brothers and sisters to attend the event. After the prayer service, classes began to walk toward the basketball courts.

Entered in the derby were Tommy Roback, Andrew and TJ Faeth, Harry Sams, Stella Johnson, Michael Tritsch, Jack Cumming, Melinda and Carolyn Ann Smith, and Colleen and Conner O'Donovan. Also joining the

race was Mr. Printz's turtle. In all nine turtles were entered in the race. After three rounds Tommy Roback, Michael Tritsch and Colleen and Conner O'Donovan were in the final round. The turtles were head to head when Speedy, Michael Tritsch's turtle, crossed over the line seconds before the O'Donovan's turtle did.

After the race was over Michael received a Turtle Derby trophy for the 5<sup>th</sup> time. Everyone probably remembers how he replied to Sister Catherine after asked how he trains his turtle. He said, "I pray." He also feeds Speedy turtle pellets. Michael, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader, has participated in the Turtle Derby since 1<sup>st</sup> grade. (continued on pg. 3)

## Stink, Stank, Stunk

Stinkbugs, or *Halyomorpha halys*, have started to become a real problem in the Mid-Atlantic for both homeowners and farmers. They originated from Asia, but set foot on American soil in 2001 by means of stowing away in cargo crates. They have no natural predators in this region, so they are a problem to get rid of, especially because of the decreasing use of pesticides. They hate cold weather, but, they like windows with the

screen in. They are harmless, although they can be a big bother. One naturalist even nicknamed them the "biblical bug" because of the way they spread across the Mid-Atlantic. Scientists say they continue to populate because of one of our region's most frigid winters and scorching summers.

By Brendan Wilkerson and Augie Geiermann

## Poll Results

A poll was taken to see how Trinity students liked the games and activities at this year's Fall Festival. Most students liked the new games, especially the Pucker Powder. Many classes said they missed some of the games that were there last year but not this year. The one problem most of the classes thought was that the games were too expensive.

Thanks to all our teachers for polling their classes for this report.

By Brendan Wilkerson

## New Students at Trinity In 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades

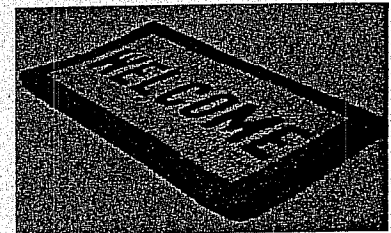
This year at Trinity we are lucky to receive three new students in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Such as Blake Hatcher, Kim Hyun Lee, and Tevyur Mosley. They came from schools such as Saint Philip Neri, Gilreum in Korea, and St. Louis. They are enjoying Trinity a lot. They are very interested in our Trinity Tigers Bas-

ketball team and having Social Studies with Mrs. Meyer.

In the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, we also have 3 new students. They are David Houchens, Hayley Bell, and Grace Bentivenga. We are very glad to have these new additions to our 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The schools they from are Incarnation, Saint John's, and Elkridge Elementary School. They can't

wait to have more great Trinity School experiences!

By Brenden Huegel, and Maggie MacDonald



## Say Hello to New Equipment

We, as a Trinity family, have just welcomed new equipment to our campus. We have added a tetherball drainage system, a new primary school parking lot, gym floor, door mats, and new bathrooms by the cafeteria.

The tetherball drainage system was generously donated by a former Trinity graduate, Kamau Bridges, as an Eagle Scout project. Kamau had many fundraisers like the Alumni vs 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball game, a farmer's market, a dinner at T-Bonz, and popcorn sales. He raised \$2,000.00 for the expenses of the project. The planning took almost a year and 17 different project plan drafts. The construction was two and a half weeks and the weather was always around 105 degrees Fahrenheit. Trinity would like to give a shout out to all those who helped: "Thank You!" (continued on page 3)

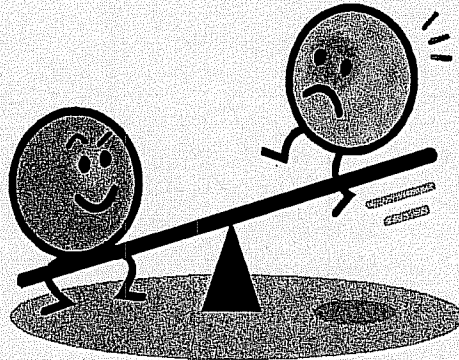
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Other than Kamau's help, Trinity had many other new improvements. In order to facilitate the parking in the Primary School, Trinity added a new gravel parking lot. The gym got new tiles that look like wood and added lines for a new volleyball unit. Three new door mats were added to the school. The girls and boys bathrooms by the cafeteria are now shiny, tiled, and have locks

on the stalls. Let's keep them clean and nice.

*By Becca MacDonald, Maura Mead, and Megan Lenskold*



## Green Speed Machines

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Speedy came in second place once and has lost once. Michael was given Speedy by a friend.

Trinity's Turtle Derby tradition is always a fun and exciting addition to the school year.

*By Kate Maguire and Kelsey Crawford*

## New Seventh and Eighth Graders

In the 2010-2011 Trinity school year we are very lucky to have two new students in the seventh and eighth grades. In eighth grade we have Jeanina London who came from Elkridge Landing Middle School. We asked her a couple of questions and we got good results. She said she liked Trinity because of all the teachers. Her hardest classes were Spanish, but she never

had any easy classes. What she misses about her old school is all her old friends. Her birthday is on February 29, 1997.

We also have another great student in seventh grade named Taekyun Kim who is in 7<sup>2</sup>. His Birthday is on June 6, 1997. He lives with his Aunt and Uncle. He thinks the teachers and students are very kind

and that this is a huge school. He said the school is very different because he didn't have Religion; there were only six periods that lasted 50 minutes. His hardest classes are Social Studies and Religion, but his easiest are Math and Gym. He said he misses his friends and food from Korea.

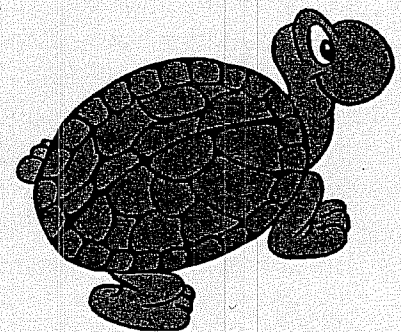
*By Dennis Seyfried and Devon Maranto*

## How to Train Your Turtle

In order to have a turtle race, there needs to be one inner circle and one outer circle. Of course the first turtle to leave both of the circles wins. One way you can train your turtle is to practice this; teach it to quickly leave the circles, that way it will know what to do at the real race. If your turtle is struggling with this, you could

always bribe it with food. Bring some food with you and call its name while holding out the food. We interviewed Michael Tritsch, the owner of Speedy, and he claimed that he gave Speedy no special training. Other than turtle pellets and water, he didn't feed his turtle anything special.

*By Kelsey Crawford and Kate Maguire*



# Cross Country Tigers

The last Cross Country meet on Saturday October, 16<sup>th</sup> in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys division Jordan Diggins came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, followed by Connor Ganley in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Alex Reardon in 4<sup>th</sup>. In the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls division Stephanie Culotta came in 1<sup>st</sup>. Then Sharon Hull came in 3<sup>rd</sup>. After the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade ran the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade stepped up to the line. Mia Grove from 5<sup>th</sup> grade came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the girls division. Following her Emily Mathis in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade came in 4<sup>th</sup>. In the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Jackie Blair came in 6<sup>th</sup>.

To prepare for these compositions against St. Louis, St. Augustine, and Resurrection-Saint Paul, the

cross country team practiced 3 days a week starting the week before school started. At practice the team first did a warm-up lap. After running the team stretched. Sometimes they ran the course, which is from the Middle School "bowl" to the Primary School parking lot. Then they take the road from the Primary School to the Middle School and repeat the run. Once at the top of the hill they cut through the Mary circle all the way down to the primary school field. They head back to the Middle School "bowl" but end halfway. Sometimes they may run the warm up laps many times. After they finish running they stretch again and practice is over.

This year the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade ran 2 miles and the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade ran 1 mile and a half. This season 5<sup>th</sup> grade was new to the Cross Country team.

The cross country team overall did an awesome job and we hope to see you next year.

*By Jackie Blair, Maggie Maguire, and Jenna Thompson*



## Come, One and All, to the Trinity School Zoo!

In the science room, Mr. Printz, the middle school science teacher, has a variety of animals including a hamster named Bear, two leopard geckos named Newton and Darwin, fish, red-bellied frogs, and a turtle, Shelly. Both Mr. Printz and his students love his new pets. Mr. Printz bought all his pets because he adores animals. He feeds the geckos and frogs crickets he buys from PetSmart. Mr. Printz cleans the cages every Friday. When he leaves for the weekend, he leaves enough food for them while a student takes Bear

home. All of Mr. Printz's students love his animals, which is the same for Mrs. Walker's fourth grade students and their two geckos, Big Boy and Tiger.

Big Boy, a girl, and Tiger, a boy, have had eggs before, but they didn't hatch. Because the students love the geckos, when the class receives ten stars (they get a star each time they are good) they have lizard time, where the students play with the geckos during school. The students share in the responsibilities of the geckos. One of the

fourth grade jobs is being a zoo-keeper, and having to clean the cages and fill the water bottles of the leopard geckos. The geckos stay at school on the weekends and holidays because they don't travel well. Mrs. Walker takes Big Boy and Tiger home during the summers. Through the past few years, Trinity has acquired many new pets that make up the Trinity School Zoo.

*By Reilly Geritz and Sarah Vellanikaren*