

November 2017

*"Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus."
Author unknown*

Dear Titan Family,

November was the month that reminded us that we are truly blessed and thankful. It was a busy time in our community as we celebrated our veterans with a Field of Honor, collected hundreds of pounds of food during our Thanksgiving Food Drive and performed on the field and the stage. All this activity while completing the first quarter with almost half of our student body achieving a place on the Holy Trinity Honor Roll.

Our teachers have kept busy outside of the classroom, too. The Social Studies Department participated in the 37th Annual Long Island Council for the Social Studies. They continue planning as we transition to the changes in the New York State Social Studies Standards and prepare for the new Global History Regents to be administered in June. The Math Department also participated in workshops to enhance and support instruction. Members attended seminars entitled "Google Classroom to Enhance Instruction" and "Instruction for Math Challenged Students." Lastly, our Health teachers attended a workshop entitled "Promoting Healthy Behaviors." Our teachers are wonderful examples of what it means to be a lifelong learner to our students.

During the past several weeks, the STEM students have been coding Apps for the phone using MIT App Inventor software. They submitted these Apps to the Congressional App Challenge. Each student not only created and programmed his/her own App, but he/she also had to submit a YouTube video explaining the function of the App and how to use it. William Antropov coded an App so that the user could test the compatibility of computer parts, i.e., processors and Ram. Emily Sullivan, Emelyn Tang, and Jenny Shen coded an App to help international students adjust to being in the United States. It included transportation information, emergency numbers, places to eat and places to shop. Two students, Cedric Dhaiti and Edward Noble, programmed Apps that would help students learn and practice vocabulary, one for Japanese and one for Spanish. Sydney Gillespie created an App all about fireworks which included their chemical makeup, safety issues, and places to view displays. John Florio's App let the user store all their computer passwords in one place. Donnie-Lee Frazier and Niel Chonoolal created a fitness App to improve performance in several sports. Jeannine Simeiti coded a package locator App, while Stephen Williamsen coded an App to locate friends through GPS. It's amazing what our students are learning!

We wish to congratulate those students who participated in the Hicksville VFW Post 3211, Voice of Democracy Contest. The essay topic was **American History: Our Hope for the Future**. The award winners are John Barry (First Place) Harshil Patel (Second Place) and Julia Di Grazia (Third Place.) They will be honored at a special awards ceremony in February. Senior, Andrea Campos, received the Hispanic Heritage Youth Award at an awards ceremony on November 29th. Andrea was recognized with

2017 Gold Award for the Healthcare & Science category in the New York region.
Congratulations Andrea!

Campus Ministry and the Religion Department led the community in the celebration of our Thanksgiving liturgy. It was a special day throughout the schools of the Diocese of Rockville Centre as we celebrated a day **United in Prayer**. Carol Nguyen opened the Mass with a unity prayer that she wrote and Father Liam inspired us all with his homily.

December's virtue of the month is **Patience**.

Coming in December we have:

December 5 th	Titan Parents Club Meeting	7:30 pm.
December 8 th	The Feast of the Immaculate Conception	School closed.
December 9 th	Winter Craft Fair	10:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.
December 12 th	Fall Sports Awards Dinner	6:30 p.m.
December 13 th	Christmas Concert and Tree Lighting	7:30 p.m.
December 16 th	Second Quarter Progress Reports	
December 22 nd	Christmas Liturgy	8:00 a.m. - <u>All students must attend.</u>

I thank you for the trust that you have placed in us to partner with you on your child's spiritual and educational journey.

Have a beautiful Advent.

Warmest regards,

Kathleen Moran
Principal