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Dear Titan Family,

It's amazing that October is over, and our students are into the rigors of their studies. The first quarter ends on November 9. Please be sure that your child is completing his or her homework assignments, projects and studying for all tests.

October began with a day of professional development for our teachers. Project Engin was a day long workshop entitled **Engineering a Better Future: Bringing the Real World into the Curriculum**. It provided teachers with the opportunity to explore the engineering design process and connect it to not only Math and Science but also to teaching social justice, stewardship and ethics.

We celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima by rededicating and blessing the Our Lady of Fatima Grotto now that the statues of the three Fatima children are in place. A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Pontes for their generosity throughout this project and to the Class of 2017 who donated the statues of the children as a gift in memory of their fallen classmate, Giovanni Cipriano. The beautiful prayer service presided over by Father Liam was followed by the Homecoming Festival and game.

Thanks to Campus Ministry and the Religion department, the retreat season is in full swing. From Freshman Faith Day, the Repertory Theatre retreat, junior retreats and the senior overnight retreat, students were given much time to reflect and pray. Students are provided many opportunities to deepen their faith through Eucharist, prayer, service and retreats.

In October we celebrated world languages. Each morning, prayers were said in a number of different languages. Students prayed in Spanish, Gaelic, Greek, and Father Daniel, born in Ghana, prayed the Our Father in his native language of Twi. The World Language Department assigned projects for Hispanic Heritage month, too. This year Hispanic contributions to the USA were highlighted. Some students created displays for the classroom, while others used Google slides to present their work. The World Language Bulletin Board displayed a number of posters the students created. Students were also invited to enter an essay contest for Hispanic Heritage month offered by Optimum. World Language Month culminated with the World Language Festival where students shared cultural foods and their talents in an afterschool celebration.

We continue to provide our students with "transferable skills" in STEM class. On October 30, students visited the Cradle of Aviation for the Stem Career Expo. Last week, Joseph Basel, a structural engineer and a 1988 graduate of Holy Trinity, came to speak to our STEM students. He likened the different types of engineering to the systems of the body, with the outward appearance being architectural engineering; the nervous system, electrical engineering; and the skeleton being structural engineering, etc. "Engineers solve problems. They solve problems of building structures to support live and dead loads," he said. Mr. Basel had the students work in groups using three special magnetic building kits to explore what it takes to be a structural engineer. Education experts say that studying these areas will give students skills that can easily be applied to a wide range of fields. Problem solvers and analytical thinkers, who are comfortable working in teams, will become titans in the modern work force.

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Coming in November we have:

November 7th	Titan Parent Club Meeting 7:30 pm.
November 8th	Field of Honor - Holy Trinity will support and remember our veterans and active duty military in a ceremony at 3:00 pm. Please feel free to join us.
November 18th	Titan Parent Club Craft Fair
November 22 nd	Thanksgiving Liturgy - This is a school day and attendance will be taken.
November 28 th	Parent/Teacher Night - 6:00 pm. - 8:30 pm.

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

May the blessings of the Saints be with you and your family on this All Saints' Day and always.

Know that I am available if you have any questions or comments.

Warmest regards,



Kathleen Moran
Principal