



HOLY TRINITY

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Dear Titan Family,

This is the first of the monthly emails that I plan to send so that you are aware of the great things happening on Cherry Lane.

September is over and as the cool weather arrives we look forward to autumn. It's been pretty warm in those classrooms! Many students have opted to wear the new green polo during this time. The school year started with a warm welcome for the Class of 2021 at Freshman Orientation. The seniors were a great help in making them feel comfortable in their new school. All students arrived on Friday, and the first week ended with the entire student body celebrating Mass with Father Gerard and Father Liam.

Students have settled into their routines and our new Wi-Fi system is up and running. Freshmen and sophomores have their chromebooks, and you can check assignments through their Google classroom accounts. Back to School Night gave you an opportunity to meet your child's teacher. If you have any questions, please email them. You should check your child's progress on the Parent Portal.

All sophomores, juniors and seniors met with the Guidance Department this month. Seniors are getting the college process in motion, while the sophomores and juniors are preparing for the PSAT.

Our community of faith has been very busy. Father Gerard, Father Liam and Father Daniel, who arrived from Ghana on September 12, have been getting to know our students. You can find them in the chapel, in the cafeteria or in a classroom every day. Mass is each day, Campus Ministry prays the Rosary every Tuesday, and we all pray the Angelus at the end of each day. Lord knows we have much to pray for.

Recent national events have impacted our school this week. We became part of a story that was not our own. Our students have been respectful of standing for the prayer and pledge each day and the anthem at sporting events. As I told them this morning, we are always proud of the way they conduct themselves.

This is a teachable moment for all of us. We worry that our students may be confused, angered and even frightened by what they have seen in the media. We work with our students to create a forum for discussion and greater understanding, answering their questions and concerns.

Everyone has the freedom to peacefully protest and knowing when, where and how to do so is paramount. Our goal as educators is to help our students to become critical thinkers able to read, analyze and decide for themselves.

We will continue to nurture and support our students and help them to develop those skills needed to create a more peaceful and just world.

Holy Trinity has always been an accepting, supportive and loving community. We are not perfect and we strive to always be better.

Let's continue to work together during these challenging times, in this special place, with a determined spirit praying for the blessings of the most Holy Trinity.

I hope that you have had the opportunity to complete the AdvancED survey that was sent to you.

Coming in October we have **Open House (10/01)**

The Middle School Performing Arts Festival (10/14)

Titan Communion Breakfast (10/15) with

Father Joe Fitzgerald as the celebrant and keynote speaker

Homecoming (10/21)

Catholic High School Entrance Exam (10/28)

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

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

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Moran". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Kathleen Moran