

Holy Trinity Blue & Gold Inc.



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Dear Families of Holy Trinity School,

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year with your families and friends. As we start 2017, I thought it would be helpful to provide a Blue&Gold (B&G) progress report as some initiatives begin to take shape.

The mission of B&G is to support academic and athletic excellence at Holy Trinity School. We engage with the School Advisory Board (SAB), Home/School Association (HSA), the Parish, and the Holy Trinity School administration to ensure alignment and coordination of priorities and projects. We have some great partners in these discussions and they provide B&G with a better understanding of the needs and timing of funding necessary for Holy Trinity School.

In 2016, thanks to your support, we were able to build on our success, while providing support for a new resource at the school that will help enhance the student experience. We are close to \$100,000 in the account thanks to the successful Centennial Gala, as well as a number of contributions from our PayPal link on the website at blueandgold.org. Additionally, a number of contributors are taking advantage of the company matching policies as well as directed United Way contributions towards B&G. Our Century Club campaign is off to a great start; a number of people have committed to contributions of \$5,000 or more. Such generosity helps maintain a school conducive to providing an unsurpassed Catholic learning environment while supporting capital projects which enhance both the academic and athletic excellence of Holy Trinity School. As a reminder, the commitment can be extended over a five-year period in order to create more flexibility for budgeting purposes. This is a great start, but we have more work to do and the costs will be significant. Your support will be vital to the success of our school.

There are currently two grant requests that B&G is focusing on for 2017. The first is to support the new Guidance Counselor position requested by the faculty and supported by the Middle States team. As a result, Holy Trinity School welcomes Maryann Degnan as a member of the faculty. B&G was able to step in and help with support for the remainder of the 2016-17 and help minimize the impact to the overall operating budget. The second project is the renovation of the Gymnasium/Events Center. The SAB is working closely with Keith Gibbons to determine the amount of work necessary to ensure a first class facility for the students, the Parish, and the community. We should have more clarity on the costs and timing in early 2017.

It has been a nice start, but as I mentioned, we have more to do and are always looking for people interested in getting involved. You can reach out through blueandgold.org or contact me directly at brendanrmurray@gmail.com. As always, if you are planning on making charitable contributions this year, please consider Blue&Gold. Thanks and God Bless you, your family, and Holy Trinity School!

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