

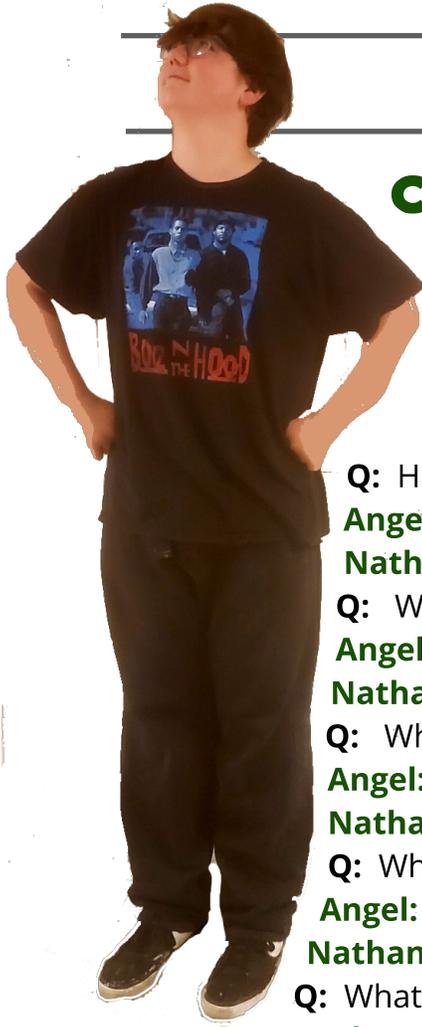
The Chronicles of Trinity

May 2022

CONGRATULATIONS TO TRINITY'S CLASS OF 2022 GRADUATES!

Nathan Pulli and Angel Turner will graduate from Trinity Lutheran School on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 7 p.m.

by Angelina Iverson, Josie Woods, and Sophia Garcia



Q: How long have you been at Trinity?

Angel: just this year

Nathan: 7 years

Q: What high school are you going to?

Angel: Willowbrook

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Q: What is your favorite subject?

Angel: art

Nathan: reading

Q: What was your favorite thing about Trinity?

Angel: the teachers

Nathan: the teachers

Q: What do you think you are going to do when you grow up?

Angel: I'm not sure

Nathan: be an electrician

Q: Who is your role model?

Angel: my mom

Nathan: my older brother, Sam

Q: What was your favorite thing about your teacher?

Angel: her personality

Nathan: hmm...

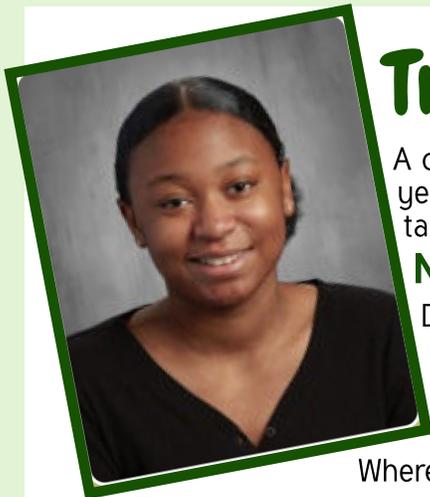
Q: Did you play a sport at Trinity? If not what sport would you have wanted to play?

Angel: I didn't play a sport, but would have wanted to play volleyball

Nathan: Not sure



Read more about Angel and Nathan on the next page...



Trinity's Top of the Class *by Riley Baker*

A couple of my amazing classmates are graduating this 2021-2022 school year. They both have worked hard to make it to the top. I took some time to talk with each of these astonishing graduates!

Nathan:

Do you feel Trinity provides a collaborative environment with people? **Yes.**

What do you think are your academic strengths and weaknesses? **My strength is math, my weaknesses are science and English.**

What is a favorite quote? **"Don't take life so seriously."**

Where are you going to high school? **Willowbrook.**

Even though you are just graduating 8th grade, do you have any idea about college? **No.**

Are you going to miss any of the 7th graders? **No, but I will miss the teachers.**

Do you have any interests or hobbies? **Skateboarding.**

Is there anything you are looking forward to in high school? **Pottery or wood shop**

What is your all time favorite school subject? **Art.**

What do you plan on doing on summer break? **Skateboarding with friends and going on late night car rides.**

What is your least favorite part about school? **Waking up early.**

Have you considered what kind of job you want in the future? **I want to be an electrician.**

What is the most valuable thing anyone has ever told you or that you have read? **"Never give up"**

What does your daily life look like? **Wake up, then text all my friends to meet up and skateboard.**

Who was your favorite teacher? **Mrs. Perez.**

Angel:

Do you feel Trinity provides a collaborative environment with people? **No, not really, but I'm more of an independent worker.**

What do you think are your academic strengths and weaknesses? **My strength is art and my weakness is English.**

What is a favorite quote? **"It always seems impossible until it's done."**

Where are you going to high school? **Willowbrook.**

Even though you are just graduating 8th grade, do you have any idea about college? **No, I'm not looking that far ahead, buddy.**

Are you going to miss any of the 7th graders? **No, not really.**

Do you have any interest or hobbies? **I like crocheting.**

Is there anything you are looking forward to in high school? **Going to school with my sister again.**

What is your all time favorite subject? **Social Studies.**

What do you plan on doing on summer break? **Chillin'.**

What is your least favorite part about school? **Sitting in the front of the class.**

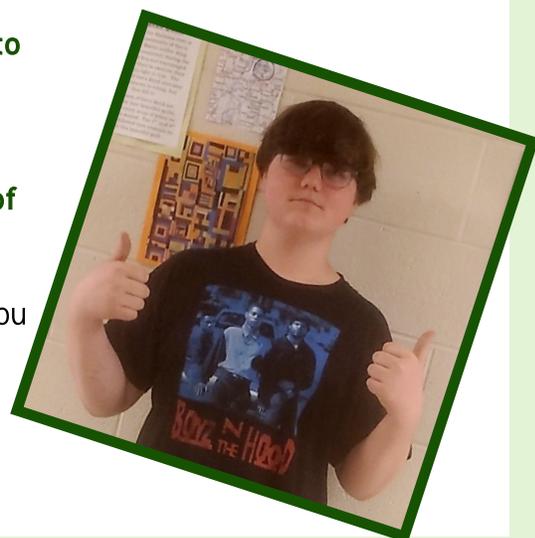
Have you considered what kind of job you want in the future? **No.**

What is the most valuable thing anyone has ever told you or that you have read? **Make something up**

What does your daily life look like? **Wake up, get ready go to school, go home, sleep.**

Who was your favorite teacher? **Miss Kraegel**

What is your favorite part about school? **Art.**



May 21, 2022, is National Armed Forces Day

by Angel Turner

The history of the United States Armed Forces goes back to more than 200 years ago. The United States evolved from being a new nation fighting for Independence against Great Britain from the years 1775 to 1783. The U.S Armed Forces has five branches of the military: Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. This dates back to 1775, when the Continental Congress made the Continental Army, Continental Navy, and Continental Marines, led by General George Washington.



This newly established and assembled Military force fought the British against the British Army during the American Revolutionary with France by their side.

U.S. Armed Forces play a major part in wars. This includes the Indian wars in the 1790s, American civil war in 1861, Spanish-American war of 1898, World War I in 1917, World War II in 1941, and many other wars. National Armed Forces Day this year is May 21. Be sure to thank someone you know that was or is in one of the five branches of the Army.

Never take for granted that you live in a free and well protected country.

Memorial Day *by Abby Gronwold and Angelina Iverson*



Have you ever wondered what happens on Memorial Day? Well, you came to the right place! Memorial Day takes place on Sunday, May 30, this year. Memorial Day is a very interesting holiday, with lots of history to it.

First, it was a day to remember those that had died serving their nation in the military during the Civil War, but it was expanded to all that had died in service in World War I, and eventually to all who have died in any of the nation's wars. Waterloo, New York is considered the birthplace of Memorial Day. It was originally called Decoration Day, because the people decorated their loved ones' graves. Memorial Day wasn't actually an official holiday until 1968.

Next, it is one of the few days out of the year that flags are flown at half-mast, but on Memorial Day alone, flags are flown at half-staff only until noon, and then returned all the way up.

Common activities for people to do on Memorial Day are decorating graves, enjoying parades, and gathering for get-togethers with friends and family. Many churches host Memorial Day celebrations.

In conclusion, Memorial Day is a very important and fun holiday. This Memorial Day, consider going out and honoring our fallen heroes. Happy Memorial Day!

WILL THE REAL LEMONADE DAYS PLEASE STAND UP?

by Aidan Harrison



National Lemonade Day was made to help children experience entrepreneurship and help them learn how to start a self owned business while also having fun. The event was created by Michael Holthouse. It is celebrated on the first Sunday in May - and many communities will celebrate National Lemonade Day on August 20 this year [learn more at: <http://lemonadeday.org>].

Related to lemonade...is **Alex's Lemonade Stand**, which is a foundation created to support children with cancer. A little girl named Alex who had cancer created her own lemonade stand to raise money to support other people with cancer. She sold lemonade, not to use the money for herself, but she raised money to fight childhood cancer and help people like her. Lemonade Days - fighting childhood cancer, one cup at a time - are June 4 through 12 [learn more at <https://www.alexlemonade.org/campaign/lemonade-days>].

The Quest for Comfier Chairs *by Ian Lesch*

We should get comfier chairs for the upper grade students at Trinity.

More comfortable chairs can allow flexible seating, which increases oxygen flow to the brain, supporting better blood flow and core strength. Flexible seating encourages students to find their best position to stay calm, focused, and productive.

An uncomfortable chair can distract the student from work and make them unproductive.

My idea for the most comfortable chairs for students are called bungee chairs. These chairs are made out of bungee cords and can allow the seated person to bounce and move around. These chairs would allow students to switch positions for comfort and variety, rather than remain limited to one singular spot.

The most affordable models run about \$40 each.

For a class of ten students to afford these chairs, each student would need to raise \$40. Students could do so with a simple fundraising program like selling candy bars or turning student artwork into custom products like mugs, puzzles, or blankets.



Meet Mr & Mrs Graves

Trinity's Volunteer Librarians

by Josie Woods

Q: Did you ever think of being librarians?

Mrs. Graves: I was a librarian in college, so yes!

Mr. Graves: No, I did not.

Q: What is your favorite book?

Mrs. Graves: *The Hobbit* and *Little Women*.

Mr. Graves: I don't have a favorite, I like to read anything.

Q: How did you end up being librarians?

Mrs. Graves: We love Trinity, we wanted to help.

Mr. Graves: I volunteered several years ago, but both of us volunteered to help.

Q: How long have you been married?

Mrs. Graves: 53 years and ten months.

Mr. Graves: 53 years and ten months. *(We were glad their answers matched!)*

Q: How many grandchildren do you have?

Mrs. Graves: Five grand daughters.

Mr. Graves: No grandsons.

Q: What is your favorite food?

Mrs. Graves: Anything I don't have to cook!

Mr. Graves: Chinese Food.

Q: What is your favorite holiday?

Mrs. Graves: Easter!

Mr. Graves: Also Easter!

Q: What's your favorite season?

Mrs. Graves: Fall!

Mr. Graves: Summer.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

Mrs. Graves: Watch movies, and go to the movie theatre!

Mr. Graves: I read, and pay bills!

Q: What is your favorite color?

Mrs. Graves: Blue!

Mr. Graves: I don't have one, ha ha!



Vacation Bible School

register at:

TrinityLombard.org

June 6-10

9:15-11:30 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran
Church & School

1165 S Westmore-Meyers Rd
(northeast corner at Roosevelt)

For children from
age three through those
entering 5th grade

Questions?
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TrinityLombard.org
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Some Of My Favorite Memories from This School Year *by Nathan Pulli*



This year has had its ups and down, but my favorite memory from this year was roller skating! I had so much fun learning how to ride and teaching others how to. It made school fun and gave something to look forward to throughout the day. It is an amazing exercise, but you can't even tell that you're exercising.

Favorite Memories for My Class:

What were some of your favorite memories from this year?

- **Joe** said that his favorite memory from this year was participating in track.
- **Ian**'s favorite memory was helping to build the big tv (smart board).
- **Riley**'s was learning how to skate.
- **Alex**'s was garden club.

THE LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL! *by Alexandra Harris*

What are you looking forward to on the last days of school? Coming up, are the very last days of this school year, from today, May 20, to the last early dismissal day, June 3. During these last days of school, there'll be the graduation for the 8th graders, field day, and much more.

We asked the 5th through 8th grade class members what they're planning on doing this summer. Here are their answers:

EMMA: I'm not really planning anything, just going to relax.

RILEY: Hopefully going to Disney World...And I also have to go to Georgia.

ANGEL: Chilling...

MCKENZIE: I don't know.

JOE & IAN: Going to the pool.

AIDAN: Watching *tik tok* and being outside.

NATHAN: Skateboarding.

ABBY: I'm just going to chill and hang out.

JOSIE: Having fun.

SOPHIA: Going to my Aunt's house.

ANGELINA: Traveling.

Hopefully you'll have just as much fun as our classes, and enjoy summer and the last days of school!



For a broader look at Trinity students' summer plans, see the next page.

HAPPY SUMMER

by Mckenzie Brain and Sophia Garcia

Summer is when you go on vacation or you stay at home and get out the sprinkler. We are going to find out what some of the 5th and 6th graders do during the summer or what they are going to do this summer. What do you think they are going to do?

- Angelina said she was going to Florida (maybe another country?).
- Abby said she was going to maybe go to Missouri.
- Aidan said he was going to sleep.
- Josie said she was going to do some "really stupid" stuff.
- Emma said she was staying home.
- Mckenzie said she was not sure.
- Sophia said she was going to summer camp at Trinity.

What are you going to do when summer comes?

We visited some other classrooms to learn about summer plans. Here's what the students we interviewed told us:

- Kerice, Chloe, Alaiyah, and Veronica are going to visit family.
- Alex, Riley, Gunnarr, Abby, Arianna, Harrison, Skylar, and Heidi are going to a theme park.
- Olivia is going to go camping with her family.
- Penny, Ava, and Theo are going to go to a different state.
- Jacob is going to fish.
- Addison wil go hiking.
- And finally, but definitely not least, Julianna is going to summer camp.

Whatever you do this summer, have a wonderful time!

Try these outdoor fun ideas:

- Make an outdoor slip and slide. Place a plastic sheet or camping tarp on a slope, turn on the hose and add a little baby shampoo. Wheee!
- Paint outside. Mix liquid bubbles with watercolor paint or food coloring. Paint on scrap paper, paper bags, or the sidewalk with branches, cotton balls, or weeds.
- Make an obstacle course with pool noodles.
- Conduct a back yard scavenger hunt to see how many different nature objects you can find.

MY TOP THREE FAVORITE



CHARACTERS

by Emma Serwas

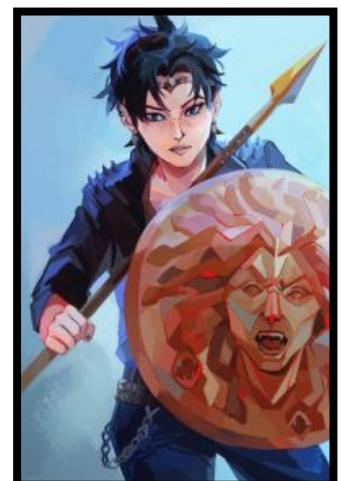
In *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* there are many characters that are all very unique. Today I will be talking about who my favorite *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* characters are, and why they are one of my favorites.

So far, my favorite character is Annabeth Chase. I like Annabeth mostly because she is smart and knows just about everything. I also like her because she *always* wins capture the flag. Annabeth is the daughter of Athena, the goddess of war and wisdom. Her father is Frederick Chase. She also has two stepbrothers.



My next favorite character would be Nico di Angelo. I think Nico is pretty cool, and sometimes really annoying. Nico is the son of Hades, the lord of the underworld. He had a sister who died when fighting one of Hephaestus's automatons. Nico can raise the dead from the underworld, and has spent more time talking with the dead than the living. Nico is a pretty interesting character.

My third and final favorite character is Thalia Grace. I like Thalia because she's just really awesome. She can summon lightning. She is basically immortal because she joined the hunt, which is led by Artemis, goddess of the hunt and the moon. Her father is Zeus, Lord of the sky and king of the gods. In this series she has no brothers or sisters that we know of, but she did have a mother, named Beryl Grace.



These are my three favorite characters from *Percy Jackson and the Olympians*. Each are very different, but very good characters. Now I hope you will go read *Percy Jackson and the Olympians*. It's really a great book so you should try it out. You might really enjoy it, just like I do.

Trinity's Track Team: The Trinity Chargers *by Joey Fitak*

What is track? Track is a sport where people compete in different types of races, like throwing, running, or jumping. Students get to pick three different types of events in which they can compete. If you choose running, there are 100, 200, 300, and 400 meter dashes. Longer races include 800 and 1600 meter runs. If you like throwing, the two main events that we focus on are discus and shot put. The discus is a weighted disc that you have to throw as far as you can (this can depend on how heavy it is). Shot put is a weighted ball that is much heavier than the disc, but like discus, you have to throw it as far as you can. For jumping, there is the long jump in which you run as fast as you can and jump as far as you can, and there is also the triple jump. There are other track and field events, but these are the ones we train for at Trinity.



Trinity's Chargers competed in two meets this season, one at Glenbard East High School and one at Concordia University Chicago. Our team of ten did really good at both meets, with Trinity's 3rd through 7th grade athletes holding their own against the other teams, including a lot of 8th grade competitors. My favorite events were the 100 and 200 meter dashes and the discus.

Trinity's Track Team, Coached by Bryan Meredith included Joe, Ian, Abby G., Angelina, Sophia, Abby P., Addison, Arian, Ava, and Roscoe.



What would you like to be when you grow up? Have you considered a career as an Eye Doctor?

Meet Dr. Catherine Danko by Riley Baker

Taking care of your eyes is a very important thing to do. I talked with an eye specialist about her job and personal life.

Dr. Danko is a Doctor of Optometry with Rosin Eye Care.

Q: What inspired you to become an eye doctor?

A: I really like eyes and I wanted to do something with medical but I don't like blood. I enjoyed going to the eye doctor and my optometrist inspired me.

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: University of IL Champaign Urbana and Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, TN.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: No, but I want a dog.

Q: What is your favorite song?

A: *Bad Romance* by Lady Gaga.

Q: Do you like sports? If so, what sport do you like the most?

A: Not a big sport fan.

Q: What sports did you play?

A: Marching band in high school.

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Yellow

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: All of the Harry Potter films.

Q: Do you like roller coasters?

A: Not a big fan of heights but I like the ones that spin.

Q: What is your favorite part about being an eye doctor?

A: Being able to make an impact on patients' eyes by improving their vision, informing them on eye health and being able to improve their daily lives.



Q: What is your dream vacation?

A: Somewhere with sunshine, oceans, and trees. We went to Hawaii right before the pandemic.

Q: What is your least favorite and favorite part about wearing masks?

A: Least Favorite: The disruption of our daily lives and having to worry about more things and people sick and dying. Favorite part: The things that we have learned will help prevent flu seasons from being more deadly.

Q: What are your thoughts on the masks?

A: I am pro mask. I don't mind it and I have gotten used to being in close contact with people to check their eyes.



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