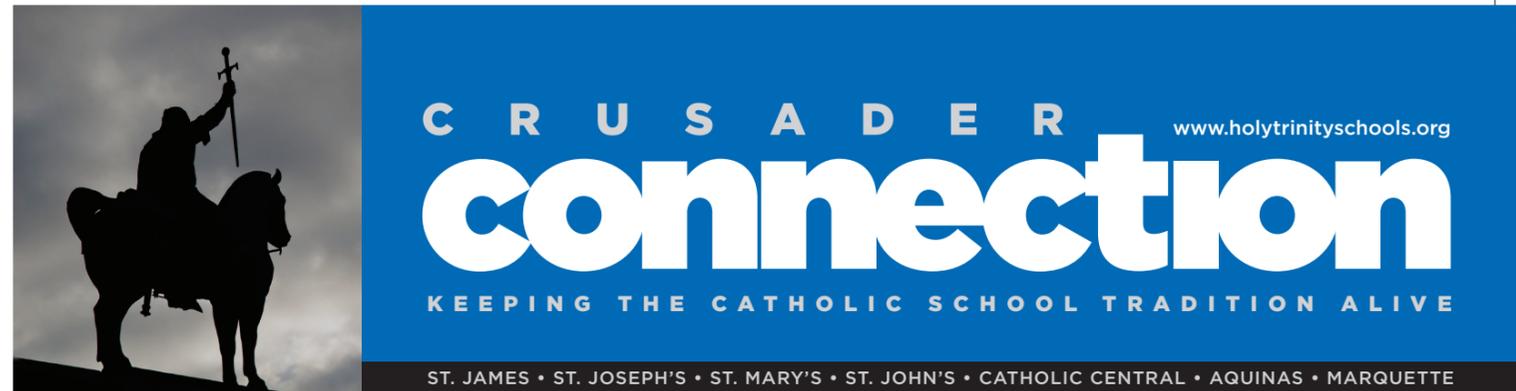




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## Allison Sporkman Participates in State Cross Country Meet



**S**ophomore Allison Sporkman had never ran cross country before but decided to give it a try this fall. Not only did she "try" but she made it all the way to State! Allison finished ninth in 1A at the Ottumwa qualifier with a time of 15:36 for the 2.5 mile race. Allison then moved on to the State competition in Fort Dodge where she finished 34th out of 127 runners. **HTC**

## Save The Date!

**Mark Your Calendar for January 24**

**H**omecoming is just around the corner and we will once again be hosting an Alumni Event for all of our graduates. The event will be held on Friday, January 24th. We will be posting updated information on our website ([www.holytrinityschools.org](http://www.holytrinityschools.org)) and on Facebook (Holy Trinity Crusaders) as it becomes available.

At the Homecoming basketball games, along with the king and queen coronation, we will be honoring graduates from the 2004 and 1989 classes so please plan on attending if you're in the area. There will be a Hospitality Room set up at the school during the games specifically for all alumni.

If you happen to be having a class reunion coming up, let us know, as we would like a picture of your group and more information on what your classmates are doing. We would love to add this type of news to the Crusader Connection! Plus, we are happy to give tours of our schools if your class is interested in revisiting their old stomping grounds. Contact Shelley Sheerin (319.372.2486, x7 or [shelley.sheerin@holytrinityschools.org](mailto:shelley.sheerin@holytrinityschools.org)) to make tour arrangements or for help in getting the word out regarding your class reunion, etc.

Please consider being our "friend" on Facebook as it is a great way to get current information about what's coming up, as well as details about our accomplishments, goals and successes.

Hope to see you in January! **HTC**



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*As we look back and reflect on the past year, we are humbled by the outpouring of love and support that people have shown Holy Trinity Catholic Schools. Sharing your time, talent and treasure has enabled us to continue to provide a safe, family-oriented and academically-sound school that benefits every student that walks through our doors. We are blessed and forever grateful for each and every one of you.*

# Honoring Our Veterans

## A Tribute to our Local Heroes

The Elementary School put together an amazing Veterans' Day Program again this year with over 80 Veterans and their families attending. The students wore red, white and blue and formed a flag on the bleachers during the program and then sang appropriate patriotic songs to the Veterans. The high school band honored each branch of the military by playing the *Songs of the Armed Forces* with each Veteran standing when they heard his or her "song."

Cletus Kruse was given special mention as he was the oldest Veteran in attendance. Cletus is 97 years old and served in World War II. He still lives in West Point and has great grandchildren who attend Holy Trinity. They all stood together to read a special tribute honoring their great grandpa as other members of Cletus' family looked on.

The students then presented a program featuring another West Point native, Louis Boeding, who served in the Marine Corps. After basic training, Louis and his company were shipped to the Philippines where they were during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Louis and his fellow soldiers were captured by the Japanese on May 6, 1942 and remained in captivity until August 29, 1945. Louis returned to West Point and lived there with his family until he passed away in 2005. It was a fascinating story and a great history lesson for everyone.

After the program, the Veterans and their spouses were treated to a special turkey lunch with all of the trimmings. The program was planned by Michael Sheerin, Elementary Building Coordinator, who says that his goal is to fill the entire gym with Veterans from all across the area. It was a very special day and a wonderful tribute to some very deserving people. **htc**



# Elementary Participates in Operation Christmas Child

Elementary students, parents and faculty once again worked together to make Christmas just a little brighter for many needy children all across the world. *Operation Christmas Child* is a program where shoe boxes are packed with basic necessities such as toothbrushes, wash cloths, soap and school supplies as well as small toys and articles of clothing. All items are donated and volunteers pack the boxes that will be shipped off to children who might not otherwise receive anything for Christmas. This year, 314 boxes were packed at the elementary which is 107 boxes more than what they did last year.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this very worthy cause and to all who sent donations – the real spirit of Christmas was truly evident with the packing of those boxes. **htc**



## Two HTC Students Selected to 2013 All-State Choir



Elizabeth Barr (left) and Jamie Sobczak have attained the highest individual honor available to Iowa High School musicians by being selected as members of the 2013 All-State Choir.

Elizabeth has previously been a member of the Opus Honor Choir as well as serving as first alternate in the All-State Choir in 2012. This is the second year that Jamie has been selected for All-State Chorus Membership and she was also previously selected to Opus Honor Choir.

The 2013 Festival will celebrate the 67th anniversary of this prestigious event. District Auditions for 602-member All-State Chorus were held Saturday, October 26 in Fairfield. Approximately 17% of the students who audition are selected for membership which makes this an especially prestigious honor for Elizabeth and Jamie – congratulations! **htc**

## Tinguely Selected to Opus Honor Choir for Fourth Straight Year



Ben Tinguely, son of Dr. Roy and Debbie Tinguely of Fort Madison, (right), a Holy Trinity Catholic High School freshman,

was recently selected for participation in the 28th annual Opus Honor Choir Festival. 2013 marks Ben's fourth consecutive year of selection to this elite group of vocalists. Over 3,300 students were nominated by their directors for 720 positions in the four Opus Honor Choirs. Selections were made by means of a recorded audition.

Tommy Caruso, son of Stephanie Williams of Fort Madison, also an HTC freshman, was selected as first alternate.

Tinguely and Caruso are students of Mr. Scott Teater. Good job guys! **htc**

## Helping Fill the Food Pantry's Shelves



Pictured, front row from left: Lia Fullenkamp and Natalia Kaltefleiter. Middle row from left: Miguel Trejo, Toby VanHamme, Mia Vradenburg, Reagan Schmitz and Laura Mehmert. Back row from left: Jacob Hummel, Lucy Graham, Ali Robu and Mikey DiPrima.



Cayla Pieper, Kristen Tinguely and Dylan Menke shop for groceries to donate.

The elementary students collected 10 boxes of food items for the local Food Pantry during **Red Ribbon Week**. The National Honor Society added to that total by hosting a food drive at the Jr./Sr. High which collected additional food items and cash donations. Good job everyone! **htc**