



TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

TRINITY TRIBUNE JANUARY 25, 2012

“SERVING OUR SAVIOR”



... and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:6-7 (ESV)

Kindness - it is a trait we want our children to possess. Being kind to others does not come naturally. Small children must be instructed in ways they can be kind to each other. Teenagers need to be reminded how hurtful their words and actions can be. Adults too, need to be instructed at times on how to be kind to each other.

The dictionary defines kindness as forbearance (patience) or benevolence (being of a charitable nature). Mankind may define it as being considerate of each other, having good manners or helping each other. Scripture mentions it several times when giving instruction for our lives (Galatians 5: 22-23 and Colossians 3:12).

God defines kindness this way - Jesus Christ. Look once again at the scripture verse listed above. You and I are able to participate in heaven with the Father thanks to His kindness in sending His only son, Jesus, to die for us and assure us of our heavenly home. Our time in heaven is a gift from the Father and earned for us by the suffering, dying and rising of His son Jesus. There is nothing we can do to gain entrance. Christ has done it. We believe it and become an heir. Can there be any greater kindness exemplified?

I believe the Lord is pleased when He sees His children demonstrate His kindness. The lives of believers are enriched and fulfilled when they exhibit kindness to all whom they meet. May God grant us His Holy Spirit, for it is through the Spirit that we are enabled to be distributors of kindness. It is by His power, His grace, and His Spirit that we are able to demonstrate kindness. May that Spirit and His peace be with you today and always.

FIRST SEMESTER CAME TO AN END.... Wednesday, January 18, marked the end of the first semester (second quarter) of the 2011-2012 school year. Student Assessment Reports will be sent home on Friday, January 27, with the students. Assessment Reports may be held in the school office for those families with past due balances. Please contact Trinity's bookkeeper, Mrs. Cecile Fortin with any questions (ext. 242).



ACADEMIC HONORS and outstanding church attendance for the second quarter will be presented after chapel on Wednesday, February 8. Those who have earned these honors will be listed in the February 8th issue of the Trinity Tribune.

NEXT TRINITY TRIBUNE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012



TRINITY'S ANNUAL TALENT FESTIVAL is scheduled for Friday, March 16th at 12:30 and 7 p.m. All students will receive an Information

Sheet and Registration form in February. **Remember that participation is voluntary but strongly encouraged.** Students - start thinking about a talent you want to share and begin preparing as we look forward to another great afternoon and evening of entertainment and Christian fellowship.



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS ...

Trinity's Student Council will be **sponsoring a dance on Saturday, February 25, from 7-9 p.m.** Permission slips and fees from all in attendance will be necessary. Mark your calendars and watch for details soon.

The Student Council members are currently sponsoring **"Pasta for Pennies."** Olive Garden's "Pasta for Pennies" is a service learning, character education and philanthropy program that gives students a unique experience making a difference through teamwork—working together to aid thousands of children and adults in the fight against blood cancers like leukemia.

How it Works:

Students collect spare change over a three-week period. The change can come from friends or relatives or underneath the couch cushions. What's important is that the change is collected. The class able to collect the most change per student, will win a lunch from the Olive Garden.



SCIENCE FAIR ALMOST HERE! Tuesday, January 31, is the evening to visit the Science Fair from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. All students from grades K - 8 will be involved. See you there!



LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK (LSW) ... will be celebrated from Sunday, March 11th through Sunday, March 18th. A number of activities are being planned, including the 1st and 2nd grade basketball game, Talent Festival, and more!



PARENTS OF EIGHTH GRADERS ... An important meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, February 2, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This meeting, which should last no more than 30 minutes, includes information regarding graduation, class trip, Graduation Banquet, and Confirmation for those who are members of Trinity. It is imperative every family is represented. All eighth grade families should have received a letter and a reminder regarding this meeting.



THE 100TH DAY of school is currently set for Friday, February 3rd, barring any days off due to weather.

This is a special day for our early childhood students as they celebrate 100 days of school. A special celebration is being planned for the 100th minute of the day!

FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.

Matthew 6:21

CALENDARS... The February Events and Activities calendars are part of this Trinity Tribune. Please click the link in this E-mail to access each calendar. Also be sure to check Trinity's web site for changes in the Activities Calendar as it relates to Trinity's athletics.



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR (NJHS) SOCIETY BEGINS TO LOOK FOR NEW MEMBERS ... With the end of the second quarter on Wednesday, January 18, Mr. Stec will be averaging the last three quarters of grades for all sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. Any student with a combined grade average of 3.5 or above will be invited to seek membership into this prestigious organization. Letters of eligibility will be mailed soon after the averaging of grades. Eligible students must contact Miss Piel for a "Student Information and Activity Form" and submit the completed form to her by the deadline date for evaluation. A committee of five faculty members will review all information and decide which students should be inducted into the Scholarship and Service Club. An induction ceremony will be held on Monday, March 19.



The NJHS is a service organization dedicated to helping others. Students are involved in community and school activities using their God-given talents to assist others.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12

PTL NEWS ...

MARKET DAY orders for January can be picked up on Saturday, January 28, from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the school gymnasium. The parents from 3 PK and Kindergarten are asked to assist with the pick-up. Helpers should arrive by 9:15 AM. Thank you for your help. Order forms can be found outside the school office or the Trinity Room. Please consider ordering from Market Day each month.



CULVER'S KICKBACK ... Tuesday, February 7th is another Culver's Kickback Day at the Culvers in Tinley Park, 18248 Sayre Ave. If you are not familiar with Kickback Days, here is how it works: you may eat at Culvers anytime during the day. When purchasing your food, **please ask your receipt be placed in the box for Trinity.** Trinity will receive 10% of all receipts for the day. If you use the drive-up, simply tell the employee your purchase is for Trinity Lutheran School. Thank you for your support. T.R.I.P. sells Culver's gift cards!

FAMILY FUN-NIGHT ... Join us this year for the 2012 Family Fun Night scheduled for Saturday, February 4, from 6 - 8 p.m. All members and guests of Trinity are welcome. We will once again have a football theme - but with new activities and more family fun including a Fan Costume Contest (get the family together and have them dress in your favorite team's gear). Family Cheer! - Put together a 2-6 line family cheer! **An Information Sheet is available on the table just outside the Trinity Room, and can also be accessed by clicking the link in this E-mail.**



MORE PTL NEWS ...

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE... All Trinity dads, daughters and friends are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, for "When I See You Smile ..." an 80's Dance. Share a special evening together back in the time of acid-washed jeans, neon, mullets, and black sunglasses. There will be appetizers, treats, a photo booth, lots of 80's music, and more! Registration forms and money are due by February 17. Please click on the link to the Dad-daughter flier in this E-mail. The committee is also looking for volunteers for set-up and the dance. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Jayne at (708) 444-4210 or Gwendolyn at (708) 679-0406. It's going to totally tubular!

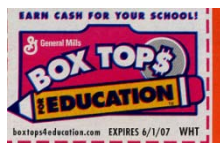


SPRING RESALE... The spring resale will be held on April 21, from 8:00 - 1:00.



Registration information will be available soon. If you would like to volunteer on the resale committee, please email Kristen Rizzuto at k10rizz@sbcglobal.net or 708-444-1360.

BOX TOPS UPDATE - WAY TO GO Trinity students and families - you have already reached your goal! A very exciting assembly is being planned for Friday, February 10! In the meantime, there are still 6 days left to bring in more boxtops. Which class will be the winner? Can we reach 7,000 boxtops? **Keep sending in those boxtops!!**



EMERGENCY CLOSING CENTER

SCHOOL CLOSING ... Should Trinity need to close school due to weather or any other emergency, your first contact should come through our SchoolReach phone network system no later than 6:15 a.m. You can also go to www.emergencyclosingcenter.com, click on home and input Trinity Lutheran School, Tinley Park. Be sure to include Tinley Park as there are numerous Trinity Lutheran Schools in the Chicago area.



THE WINTER WEATHER is also the "flu" season. Parents, please remember your son or daughter must be **fever free for 24 hours before returning to school**, and should a child vomit during the school day, he or she must go home.



There is adequate time allowed for their schoolwork to be made up following an absence. The maintenance staff and faculty do their best to maintain a healthy environment for our children. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

ACHIEVEMENT TESTING ...

for all students in grades 2 - 8 is scheduled to begin Thursday, March 1 and continue until Thursday, March 8. In addition, the students in Kindergarten will be taking the Metropolitan Readiness Test during this time.



MISMATCH DAY ... This Friday is another Spirit Day at Trinity and it's **MISMATCH DAY!** Wow your classmates with your inability to match. Thanks to Trinity's Student Council and Miss Piel for sponsoring our Spirit Days!

OFFERINGS for the third quarter are designated for Hearts for Jesus. Hearts for Jesus is an annual opportunity in the Northern Illinois District LCMS to support the mission field in the lowest socio-economic areas of Chicago and Rockford, Illinois. Many of the Lutheran schools in these communities are in high crime, low income neighborhoods and are struggling financially to continue to share the Gospel in their area. Parents, please help your child to remember the students in other Lutheran schools as they share their contributions.



"Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

Romans 12:13

TRIBUNE PRAYERS ... We thank the Lord



for watching over our boys' basketball teams and cheerleaders as they, along with a number of parents, traveled to games and tournaments. We ask Him to be with our girls' teams as their season has begun. We pray for His mercy upon all those ill. We also ask the Lord to be with our fifth graders and their chaperones as they begin preparation for a week at Walcamp on Monday, February 13th. Please ask the Lord for His blessings upon the enrollment process for Trinity Lutheran School. We also remember The Gilmore family as Mrs. Gilmore mourns the passing of her mother. We ask for our awesome God to send His peace into her life. Please thank the Lord daily for the many blessings He has given your family. Continue not only to pray for our students and staff but for each other - often.



ART CLUB ... for grades 2 & 3 will begin the week of February 13. Mrs. Cook, the Art Club sponsor, has sent information home with all 2nd and 3rd graders. **Deadline**

for submitting the enrollment form is February 5.

CHOIR SCHEDULE for the remainder of the school year is part of this newsletter. Be sure to look it over very carefully. To access the schedule, please click the link in this E-mail. Thank You!



God won't ask what kind of car you drove.

He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

VALENTINE PARTIES ... are set for Tuesday, February 14, beginning at 10:30 a.m. for 4 PK, 1:45 for grades K - 5, and 1:55 for grades 6 - 8. Pre-K 3 will have their party on Friday, February 10 at 9:30 a.m. Parents, it is very important **ALL** children be included in any disbursement of valentines. Thank you for your understanding.



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to the many families who participated in the recent 5th grade bake sales. The fifth graders earned over \$600.00 to help defray their cost in attending Walcamp in February. Thanks to those who donated items and to those who purchased.

SAFETY REMINDER ... Parents, please



follow the traffic flow pattern as listed in the parent-student handbook. Not following the pattern can be very dangerous to Trinity's

students! Also, be sure all children exit a vehicle on the passenger side. Please follow all signs regarding traffic flow, including the one prohibiting a right hand turn at the northeast corner of the school building. Thank you for your cooperation.

SPORTS CORNER ... Our Junior Varsity

Basketball and Cheerleading season is complete as the boys and girls were part of a season ending tournament last weekend. Thanks to Mr. Berg, Mr. Moses, Mrs. Chin, Mrs. Cook, and Miss Peil for their coaching responsibilities with our young Christian athletes.



The varsity boys' season has a few weeks remaining with the conference tournament this weekend and a season ending tourney next weekend in Yorkville. Thanks to coaches McGregor, Berg, Gardner, and Altman for their time and talents in working with our young Christians this year.

The girls in grades 5 - 8 have been practicing, and begin play Friday, Feb. 3. Thanks to coaches Kloess and Espinosa for their contribution of knowledge and energy to our students. Check the Activities Calendar for more information regarding game days and times.

"READ TO SUCCEED" has begun! Students in grades K - 6 brought home an information sheet regarding the SIX FLAGS "Read to Succeed"



program. Please encourage your child to read for fun and fill out the tracking sheet. The deadline for six hours of recreational reading and a free ticket to Great America, is Thursday, February 12, 2012.

Gratitude comes from having the correct perspective. It is being able to look at what you have and being thankful for that, rather than longing for what you don't have.

-Max Lucado



CHESS CLUB CHAMPION... Just before Trinity's Christmas recess, the Chess Club held a tournament and Curtis Fortin was crowned champion. Congratulations Curtis!

ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2012 - 2013 SCHOOL YEAR on all grade levels, including early childhood (3 and 4 PK and Kindergarten) is underway!



Parents, I realize enrollment is occurring a little earlier this year; however, it is necessary because of the blessings of our awesome God. Determining classroom size on many levels is critical for the Christian education of our students and now is the time many families have begun inquiring for the 2012 - 2013 school year. **Please return your enrollment cards by Friday, January 27. Thank you!**

If you know of someone interested in a Christian education, please have them contact Nancy Butterfield (708-532-3529 ext. 225) or the school office (708-532-3529 ext. 241).



Beggars Pizza January 31, 2012

Orders Due: January 26, 2012

Name _____ Grade/Teacher _____

* Sausage _____

* Pepperoni _____

* Cheese _____

Total Amount _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Each meal includes a slice of pizza and dessert for \$4.00 per meal and \$3.00 for an extra slice of pizza only. Total for the school year is \$64.00 (extra slice not included in total). Please return order form to school by **THURSDAY, January 26, 2012**. Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran School. If you have any questions, please call Tracy Griffin at 708-633-9255.



SUBWAY February 7, 2012

Orders Due: Thursday, February 2, 2012

Name _____ Grade/Teacher _____

Turkey _____

Ham _____

Total Amount _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____

Each meal includes a sandwich, chips, and apple slices for \$4.00 per meal and \$2.00 for an extra sandwich only. Total for the school year is \$36.00 (extra sandwich not included in total). Please return order form to school by **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012**. Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran School. If you have any questions, please call Tracy Griffin at 708-633-9255.