

Trinity Christian School

News



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Pancake Feed:

February 24th, 2009



*"Dream, Inspire, and
Learn with God's Grace!"*

School Administrator's Corner

By: Mrs. Nichole Laven

Can you believe that we are beyond the 100th day of school? It is amazing to see the wonderful progress the children have made since the first day of school! Each child is so unique and wonderful, but you already knew that because you are his/her parents/guardians. Hopefully, at conferences you heard just how well your child is doing in his/her classroom. Thanks to those of you who filled out the parent surveys. The surveys are a very useful tool for the Trinity Community to read, assess, and discuss strengths and potential improvement ideas for all areas! If you were unable

to fill this out at conferences, please do so because your input is extremely valuable in our program. Surveys, like the one handed out at conferences allow our School Board and Staff to examine potential programs.

Surveys also provide us with information about other topics including registration. Registration began on January 26th! I wanted to thank all the families who registered on January 26th and February 2nd. This allows us to better plan and prepare for next year! We are now in the process of examining the preschool, pre-kindergarten, and elementary classes for next year. If

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Early Childhood Coordinator's Corner

By: Mary Grote

Greetings! We hope you are keeping warm this month. Preschool classes have been busy celebrating friendship and love with Valentines Day parties! Classes are also wrapping up themes of Feelings and Emotions and the Five Senses. The Preschoolers were thrilled to use our newly donated popcorn maker to see, smell, hear, touch and taste popcorn! February's faith theme is the story of Ruth and Naomi.

The Taste of Trinity was a great success. If you missed out on this fun event, please contact the office for information on Kindergarten or to schedule a time for your Pre-Kindergarten student to visit a Kindergarten classroom. Registration for the 2009-10 school year has begun and classes are filling up quickly! Registration forms are available on the bulletin board outside of the office.

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Parent Project

Team Members:

Technology: Kim

Jacobson

Recorder: Hallie Jones

**Volunteer Coordinator
and Media Specialist:**

Jessi Guerin

Lunch Duty Coordinator:

Hallie Jones

Lunch Room and Recess

Staff:

George Mix

Lori Tollberg

New Member:

Michelle Sauro



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you didn't have time to register, please stop in the office because there are still spots available, but many classes are filling up fast. If you are aware of others in the community that would like more information about Trinity Christian School, please encourage them to call and set up a personal tour at #651-674-7042. Also, if you are interested in putting up a lawn sign in your yard to support Trinity Christian School, please let the office know. We have 25 available.

In addition to registration, another exciting happening includes the yearbook! We would like five people to help us with the Trinity Christian School yearbook! Michelle Johnson and Tamara Hink do a wonderful job each year helping organize and complete the awesome yearbook! So if you would like to help her or have supplies to donate, please call Tamara at 651-257-8759.

Yearbooks need to go to print in early

Parent Project Team

The annual Pancake Feed is quickly approaching; it is on Tuesday, February 24th from 5-7 pm. This year's *menu is new and improved* and there are *fun things* planned for the kids to do. Multi-color bead necklaces will be available to purchase and the children may wear them to school on Wednesdays during Lent. There will also be a pancake race. Pancakes can be purchased for 50 cents each or 3 for \$1.00. This year's Pancake Feed should be yummy and fun! *The following positions are still needed at the Pancake Feed:*

May.

Not only is registration happening and the school yearbook, but our Parent Project Team has been busily preparing for the New and Improved Pancake Feed coming up on February 24th from 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m. Bring Grandma's and Grandpa's ☺ This is great opportunity for your families to meet other families, plus you don't have to cook or clean up afterward all for under \$20.00. *This year you will have oodles of entertainment with pancake flipping contests, pancake races, and pancake eating contests. The pancake races start at 5:45 and the pancake eating contest begins at 6:45. The pancake eating contest is on a first come, first serve basis with 10 spots available.* Please send in your request for tickets to the school office. It is helpful for us if people purchase tickets in advance, so we can better prepare for the number of people to expect.

Many Valentine Tidings!

- *An adult to help some of our children sell the necklaces (please arrive by 5pm)
- * People to help set-up (please arrive by 3:30pm)
- * Dishwashers are needed from 5-7pm
- * People to bus tables and clean-up from 5-7pm
- * People for child care for other helpers from 5-7pm for a 1 hour time span
- *** Please sign up on the PPT Bulletin Board or see Jessi Guerin ***

Trinity Christian School had yard signs made to promote our wonderful school.

Office Manager's Report

By: Mrs. Julie Morgan

Winter greetings from the school office!

Registration: Registration for the 2009/2010 school year is underway for both preschool and elementary, and classes are filling quickly. If you know of someone that is not currently attending TCS that would like to have a registration form sent to them, or would like to visit us, please ask them to call the office at 674-7042.

Tuition Payments: Payment for March tuition is due on February 15. Please contact me if you ever have any billing questions. The final tuition payments for are due April 15 for preschool, and May 15 for elementary students.

Important Dates:

February 12 – Wear Red & Pink Day

February 13 - No school for all students – teacher workshop day

February 16 – No school for all students – President's Day

February 21 – Autism Seminar 9:00-1:00

February 21 – Date Night 5:00-10:00 p.m.

March 5 – End of 2nd Trimester

March 6 – No school for all students - teacher workshop day

March 9-13 – No school for all students – spring break

March 14 – SHOPKO Fundraiser at North Branch store

March 21 – Date Night 5:00-10:00 p.m.

March 23-27 – Breakfast Before the Basics and Iowa Test of Basic Skills for Elementary students

April 9 – No school for all students - teacher workshop day

April 10- No school for all students – Good Friday

SHOPKO Fundraiser: Trinity Lutheran Church and School has partnered with SHOPKO. Coupons are available for \$5 each in the office. The coupon is good for \$5 off your SHOPKO purchase on

March 14, and includes 10% and 20% off coupons as well. Trinity then gets to keep the full \$5! The community group that redeems the most coupons will receive an additional \$1000!

Nelson's Receipts: Remember to submit Nelson's receipts in a timely manner. Receipts for January through March are due by the end of April. Any receipts prior to January will not be accepted.

Labels for Lockers: Nelson's Market has a new community giving program. Just drop off labels from Full Circle, Shurfine, Shurfresh, and World Classics products in the Trinity Locker at Nelson's Market, and we will receive 5 cents for each label! Nelson's can also be a drop off point for Kemp's Caps, Labels for Education, and Box Tops for Education.

Recess: The elementary students will go out for recess if the wind chill is above zero. Please remember to send snow pants, boots, mittens, and hats each day so the children can play. If your child has borrowed something from our Borrow Box, please have them return it as soon as possible in case others need to borrow.

Lent at Trinity: Trinity Lutheran Church will offer two worship times on Wednesdays during lent, beginning March 4. There will be a service every Wednesday morning in the chapel at 11:00 a.m. followed by a soup luncheon. The evening service will begin at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:15. Sunday services are at 8:00, 9:15, and 10:45.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser: Donations are being accepted for our silent auction fundraiser on April 26th. Please bring any items to be donated to the school office. We like to have a wide variety of items, such as homemade craft items, gift certificates, and kid-friendly items. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Spring Break: The office will not be staffed during spring break, but messages will be checked. Payments or correspondence may also be left in the drop box outside the office door.

Wish List

1. Kodak Easy Share Camera
2. Three Leap Pad Learning Systems (green and blue)
3. Rubbermaid Containers with lids
4. Cotton Balls, Moon Sand, Beans, and Rice
5. Lap Size Magna Doodles

A Special Thank

You...

To all who brought in
Socks for the Sock
Drive!

Lunchroom and
Office Volunteers

Cheryl Kempf

Barb Sauer

Karen Johnson

Sharon Hampton

Glennys Smith

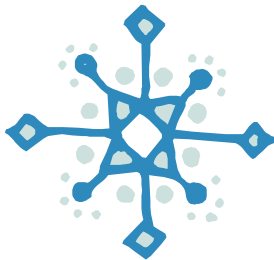
Tom Hals

Michelle Sauro

Lisa Knox

Karan Kuehl

Barb Kopp



Early Childhood Coordinator's Corner

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The buzz around school is the Shopko community fundraiser. The Trinity community is excited to offer discount coupons for the Shopko event on March 14. Coupons are available for \$5.00 each. The school is also holding a drawing; an entry form is available for every five discount coupons sold. We hope you'll take part in this generous opportunity.

Trinity Christian School is partnering with ARC Central MN to host an Early Childhood Autism Awareness seminar on Saturday, February 21 from 9:00am-1:00pm. Topics to include: siblings with Autism panel, keynote speakers on techniques and strategies for the classroom, recognizing symptoms of autism – tools for the early childhood teacher and daycare provider and an Autism Awareness fair in the school atrium. For more details, please see Mrs. Grote in the office.

Looking ahead to March, we will have an all-school Stranger Safety Awareness Assembly and video presentation. Permission slips will be sent home soon. Just a reminder there is no school on February 13 or 16 – Happy Presidents Day! No school on March 6 – Teacher Workshop Day.

Parent Project Team

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Please stop by the office if you are interested in displaying one in your yard. This is a great way to let others know that our great school exists!

Would you like to get to know other parents at Trinity? Join us for our monthly PPT meetings. The **Parent Project Team** meets the 2nd Friday of the month at 9am. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 20th. This is a good way to meet other parents and see what plans we have for our school. We recently had another parent join our group and it is nice to get fresh, new ideas. The more that join, the more ideas there are!

*(The PPT is for both **Preschool** and **Elementary** parents.)*

Attending PPT meetings also counts towards your Stewardship hours. If you have any questions regarding Stewardship, please ask the office staff.

We hope you will join us on Friday, March 20th at 9am for our next meeting.

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Get to know your School Board ...

Get to know your School Board will begin next month, featuring our School Board Chair's Biography and Photo! Each month a School Board member will be featured in the newsletter, so you will get an opportunity to know more about the members on Trinity Christian School Board along with their background, vision, and goals.