

Trinity Christian School

News

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



School Administrator's Corner

By: Mrs. Nichole Laven

As the trees continue to glisten and children listen, we are reminded of the gifts of the New Year. With the New Year upon us there are many changes occurring with and around us. Change can provide opportunities as well as challenges. What do we tell our children when we experience changes? What do adults expect from change? Often change can be something that causes a bit of uncertainty, yet after routine has been established and the changes become habits, reflection on change doesn't seem so difficult and new memories are made.

A number of changes can occur

within an organization especially during the beginning of its fiscal year just as Trinity Lutheran Church has experienced this year. You might ask why and how will this change affect me or my child (ren)? Indeed the changes effective January 1st, 2010 for Trinity Lutheran Church have an impact on Trinity Christian School. The two, Trinity Lutheran Church and Trinity Christian School, have shared staff and facility space.

What this means for Trinity Christian School is that there will not be Church Office staff available on Mondays and Fridays to direct any school related calls. Therefore, it is

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Early Childhood Coordinator's Corner

By: Mary Grote

Greetings!

Thank you to all that donated to our Anonymous Santa toy drive. It was a great success!

Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for January 18th and 19th, please see your child's classroom teacher for your scheduled time. Conferences will last about 15 minutes each and will include your child's assessment testing results. Parents will also

receive registration information for the 2010-11 school year, as well as the TCS School Evaluation survey – we value your feedback, please place completed surveys in the drop-box outside of the school office.

The Taste of Trinity will be held on Thursday, January 21. All Pre-Kindergarten students and their parents are welcome to attend this event; childcare for siblings will also be available. During the Taste of Trinity, your Pre-Kindergarten student will experience one hour in a

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Parent Project

Team Members:

Chair: OPEN

Technology: Kim
Jacobson

Recorder: Hallie
Jones

Stewardship
Coordinator:
Jessi Guerin

Lunch Duty Recess
Coordinators:
George Mix
Hallie Jones

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!
NEXT PPT
MEETING
FEBRUARY 5th ,
2010 AT 9 ☺**



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critical for all families when trying to contact the school to call (651) 674-7042. Any messages left on any other phone line for Trinity will not be obtained until Tuesday when the Church Office staff has returned. It is extremely important for families to be sure to call 674-7042, send an e-mail or a written note for any changes in transportation, dismissal, or appointment arrangements. If your phone call should ring to the church office, enter extension #15 for the School's Main Office and then leave a message.

Trinity Christian School and Trinity Lutheran Church also shared three custodial staff, one full-time and two part-time. One part-time custodial position has been eliminated while another position has been reduced from five hours to three hours a day. As a direct result of these cuts, building care, cleanliness and maintenance will be impacted, but not sacrificed. Desks will not be able to be wiped down nor will classrooms be vacuumed daily. Staff will be asked to empty trashes and do miscellaneous housekeeping. If you are looking for stewardship hours, here is an excellent opportunity, just sign up on the Parent Project Team bulletin board or e-mail our Stewardship Coordinator at:

iguerin@trinitynorthbranch.org.

With change, organizations experience positive and increased strength. Despite the reduction in hours, a positive decision the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church has made is to continue to pay the mortgage on the Education Building in the amount of \$9,500 each month. We are so thankful for this generous congregational support of maintaining the mission of Trinity Christian School. Working as a team can only increase the positive outcomes of change and provide strength for the entire organization clearly defined and completed during the Strategic Planning Process.

Changes bring powerful futures to education. Improvement, vision, and teamwork become extremely clear with change. Trinity truly is an exceptional place! Trinity Christian School staff are deeply committed and connected to the mission and purpose of Trinity Christian School remains... *As a joint purpose, together with church and family, we will provide children with a Christ-centered learning experience. We are dedicated to the total education of the child - mind, body and soul. We will strive to provide for the students' spiritual, moral, social, physical, emotional and intellectual growth.*

Stewardship Coordinator and Librarian

By: Jessi Guerin

Hi Everyone!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and I hope you are off to a great start to the new year!

So far to date, our volunteers have put in **981.25 hours**, totaling **\$7,850**. This is how we will maintain lower tuitions and keep our school running smoothly. Thank you to all of our volunteers!

On Tuesday February 16th, Trinity Christian School will be hosting it's Annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Feed from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We are in need of cooks, servers, game coordinators, dishwashers,

people to help set up and clean up. Also, someone who is willing to do childcare in the church nursery for those who need someone to help watch their little ones while they are helping with the feed. Please check the PPT board in the atrium for sign ups

As we look ahead to April our Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction is coming up and we are in need of many people to help with various activities the day of. More information will be coming soon on that event.

If you are willing to help find donations or know of a business or a person who

Office Manager's Report

By: Mrs. Julie Morgan

Warm Winter Wishes from the school office!

Registration:

Registration forms for the 2010/2011 school year will be sent home with all currently registered students in mid January. Registration for elementary grades will begin at 8:00 a.m. January 25 for our current preschool and elementary families. Registration for preschool and open enrollment for elementary grades will begin at 8:00 a.m. on February 1. Please fill out the form completely, and return it to the office with your registration fee. Your account must be current in order for your registration to be valid. Please remember to register promptly, as some classes fill quickly. If you know of someone that is not currently attending TCS that would like to have a registration form sent to them, please ask them to call the office at 674-7042 to be added to our mailing list.

Tuition Payments:

Payment for February's tuition is due on January 10. Please contact me if you ever have any billing questions.

Free and Reduced lunches help our school:

If your income has been reduced or you have an addition to your family, you may be eligible for free or reduced price meals for your child. Application can be made at any time during the school year. To see if you might qualify, check out the income guidelines on the PPT board, or ask for a form to be sent home with your child. This is completely anonymous. TCS receives funding based on our

free and reduced lunch eligibility, so if you qualify you are also helping TCS!

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.

Extra Clothing:

We could use a few items of clothing to use in the case of accidents or spills. If you have extra shirts or pants in good condition that your child has outgrown, we would welcome a few donations in various sizes. If your child borrows something, please wash and return for another to use.

Important Dates:

January 18 & 19 – Preschool parent teacher conferences-no preschool

January 18 – Teacher Workshop Day -no school for all students

January 25 – Elementary grades 10/11 registration for current families 8:00 a.m.

February 1 – Preschool 10/11 registration and open enrollment 8:00 a.m.

February 12 – Elementary conferences – no school for all students

February 14 – Trinity Lutheran Church Annual Meeting

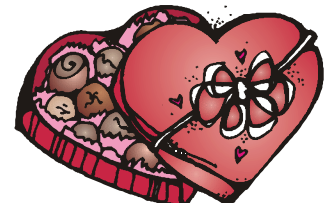
February 15 – Presidents Day – no school for all students

February 16 – Fat Tuesday Pancake Feed 5:00-7:00 p.m.

February 20 - Date Night – 5:00-10:00 p.m.

Trinity Christian School Wish List

Baby Wipes
Baby Food Jars
Copy Paper
(Pink)
Cd Player
Mini Wooden Table
Ice Cream Buckets with
Lids
Transparencies for
copiers
Disinfectant Wipes
Kleenex
Paper Towels
Blank Rewritable cds
Soft slip covers for cds
Globes
Cross/Pumpkin Die Cuts
SD Cards for Camera
Preschool Music
Children's cds
Batteries size "C"
Stickers for Valentine's
Day and Winter
Crayola Washable Thin
Markers
Elmer's Glue Bottles
Tempera Paint
(Large jugs)



**A Special Thank
You...**

Larua Kavanagh

Belinda Olson

Dori Frich

Darin Hogan

Stacy Binger

Katie Potter

Andrea Sinn

Mary Johnson

Teresa Murray

Stephanie Schmitt

Kelly Anderson

Caroline Anderson

Abbi Reider

Ron Knox

Shannon Kilmartin

Lavonne Spark

Hicks Family

Cindy Fish

Curtis Family



Early Childhood Coordinator's Corner

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Kindergarten class. During this hour, parents are welcome to attend an informational session to learn more about class options, program goals, busing and lunch options, uniform requirements and tuition. Both a morning and afternoon session are offered, please sign up in the school office.

Looking ahead to February, all TCS families are welcome and encouraged to attend our annual Pancake Feed fundraiser. This family-friendly fundraiser is held in the evening, in the TCS Fellowship Hall on February 16 from 5:00-7:00 PM. The night includes a delicious dinner, contests and games – we hope to see you there!

**Please remember there is no
preschool on:**

January 18 & 19 – Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten Conferences
February 12 – Teacher Workshop
February 15 – President's Day

Additional dates to remember:

January 25th – Registration for Elementary grades
February 1st – Registration for Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten, Open Enrollment
February 16 – Fat Tuesday Pancake Feed Fundraiser

is willing to make a donation, please contact myself or someone in the office.

We can really use a lot of help on this as it is our biggest fundraiser of the year! Many of you have been asking about what you can do to fulfill your stewardship hours. I will try to answer some of your questions here. If you have signed up to help with certain events you will be contacted about 2 weeks prior to the event.

If you are interested in helping out in your child's classroom, please talk to your child's teacher. Another great way to volunteer is for lunch duty. Each time that you supervise during lunch, you will receive at least 1.25 hours towards your stewardship requirement. Even if you do not have an Elementary student, you are welcome to help out with lunch, we can always use it!

We are also still looking for a PPT Chair. If you are interested in being the Chair please give me a call and get the details.

I will be in the office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-11:30, if you have any questions. Please remember to check the PPT board in the Atrium as we constantly posting Stewardship Opportunities.

Have a blessed and Wonderful New Year!

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My name is Joel McPherson and I am currently the Vice- chair of Trinity Christian School. I have an Associate of Arts Degree from North Hennepin Community College in Brooklyn Park and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Augsburg College in Minneapolis. My wife and I moved to North Branch in 1996 and are members of Trinity Lutheran Church. I was asked to join the School Board March of 2008 and was subsequently elected Vice -Chair for better or worse.

Our daughter has been attending Trinity Christian School since Preschool because my wife and I felt it provided an excellent education. The smaller class sizes allowed the teachers to work closely with the students to help them achieve. As you are all aware the school is facing financial issues along with a lot of others. We on the board are committed to maintaining a first rate education along with looking to expand the educational opportunities for the kids and hopefully be able to implement some in the coming years.

If you would like to contact me, please feel free to do so at anytime. My e-mail address is jmcperson@trinitynorthbranch.org.