

Trinity Christian School

News



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No School:
March 6th through
15th, 2009

Domino's Pizza
Day:
March 5th, 2009

Breakfast Before
Basics and Iowas:
March 23rd – 27th,
2009

Spaghetti Dinner:
April 26th, 2009

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

School Administrator's Corner

By: Mrs. Nichole Laven

Welcome Spring and Daylight Savings time! I am very excited to share with you the wonderful upcoming events we have planned for the next month. As many of you know we had a wonderful turnout for the Pancake Feed and raised \$917 minus expenses. I hope you enjoyed the delicious food and wonderful entertainment! Not only was this a great way to have dinner cooked without the mess at home, but it's a great time to meet other families at Trinity Christian School. Thank you for your ongoing support!

As we look forward to 2009-2010 school year, we are excited to let you know that our classes are filling up fast, yet we still invite you to recruit new families, which is why in your child's report card envelope on March 16th, you will find an incentive coupon for the 2009-2010 school year.

Early Childhood Coordinator's Corner

By: Mary Grote

Greetings as we "spring" into March! Preschool classes are wrapping up themes of space and dinosaurs and will begin themes of weather, zoo and bedtime. In keeping with a science theme, beginning March 23rd we will host an All-School Science Museum in the school atrium. Students are welcome to bring in a science item to keep on display thru Wednesday, April 1st. Details and labels for science items will be sent home

We are launching a new program for our current families. If you refer a new family, one who hasn't previously been enrolled at Trinity Christian School and they register as well as attend an elementary grade for the upcoming school year, your family will receive \$500 credit toward your tuition at the end of the year. If it is for the targeted grade of fifth grade, you will receive a \$1,000 Finders Credit! Finders Credits are not redeemable for cash. Full details are available in the office if you have any questions, some exclusions might apply. Happy Recruiting!

Because we know word of mouth is the best advertising we challenge you to accrue these credits to help offset your child's tuition during these difficult economic times. Help us continue to strive to promote an
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soon! Preschoolers are also looking forward to Pajama Day - check your class calendar for your child's scheduled day. March's faith theme is the story of Moses.

March is filled with events including the Stranger Safety Awareness Assembly and video presentation, permission slips may be turned in to your child's classroom teacher. March is also the first of our two month long Book-

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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

Student

Accomplishment:

I would like to recognize one of our student's exceptional achievement with the Minnesota Youth Ski League for Wild River Youth Ski State Park Club! In February, Annalise received the "Top Dog" award by skiing a total of 110 km this year, which is more than the average 9-10 year-olds! Way to go Annalise!

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environment where families, staff and children can continue to "Dream, Inspire, and Learn with God's Grace."

Within the month of March, the elementary students will be involved in a third food event, Breakfast Before the Basics. Keep your eyes out for the slip to come home explaining this wonderful event for the children. We will be accepting donations for the breakfasts and volunteers to help in the mornings during the week of Iowa Basics, March 23rd-27th. It has been such an awesome success over the past three years, we would love to continue with this special week for the children as it helps limit some test anxiety and allows for everyone to start testing with a full stomach before taking the Iowa Basics tests.

Stranger Safety, Smartboard Training for Staff and Spring Break! As you can tell with only three weeks this month, it will be a busy one. If you have not turned in your permission slip for the Stranger Safety assembly, please do so as your child needs this signed in order to participate. Mr. Heath Fonnest from North Branch Tae Kwon Do will be sharing skills with the children about strangers and safety. We are very lucky to have him join us to promote Stranger Safety.

Parent Project Team

The annual Pancake Feed was a success and a lot of fun. The games were a big hit! We would like to thank those who attended and helped. Over 200 people were served! We look forward to seeing you again at our upcoming Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction.

Domino's Pizza Day is coming up on March 5th! Domino's Pizza Day is wonderful because it helps us support our Library Program. \$3.00 from each pizza goes directly to the school for every pizza purchased that day. Remember if you are ordering pizza anytime on March 5th to mention Trinity Christian School and the

The teachers are very excited for the Smartboard Training during the staff development evening March 5th after school. Therefore, there will be NO school on Friday, March 6th through March 15th. ☺

On one final note, if you are not sure what you will do during this entire break, I would like to invite you to the Mrs. Minnesota International Pageant on March 14th and 15th. The pageant is held at Rische Auditorium in Saint Cloud and you will recognize someone from Trinity Christian School. I currently hold the title of Mrs. Pine City 2009 and will be going for the title of Mrs. Minnesota on March 14th and 15th. As a part of this journey, the platform I will be sharing is "Educating Children at an Earlier Age" and I am working with the National Association for the Education of Young Children. If you would like to support me, you can purchase tickets from me or you can check out the website at www.mrsminnesota.com. In addition, you can check out my website link from the Mrs. Minnesota website as well. If you can't make it on March 14th and 15th but would like to participate, you can vote for Mrs. Laven as your People's Choice on the website. I look forward to sharing my experience with you upon the return of Spring Break.

Be safe and have a wonderful vacation!

classroom your child is in.

The 8th Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction is on Sunday, April 26th from 11:30 until 2:00 pm. We are looking for donations for the silent auction; if you would like to donate items &/or money or know of a business that would be willing to donate- please speak with someone in the school office. We would like to receive all donations by Friday, March 27th. Look for a sign-up sheet on the PPT Bulletin board soon. We will be looking for volunteers to help with many different tasks to make this

Office Manager's Report

By: Mrs. Julie Morgan

Spring anyone? Since March is the month for spring break, spring can't be too far off! I am ready for a green yard instead of white!

Shopko: Shopko coupons are available in the school office. This \$5 purchase gives you a \$5 coupon, plus 10% & 20% off coupons to use on March 14. The entire \$5 goes to Trinity, so this is a great deal for everyone! Available in the school office through March 5th. We are also in need of one or two people to help sell these tickets at the door of Shopko from 11:00-12:00 on March 14th. Please let me know if you are interested.

Spring Break: There are no classes for all students from March 6 through March 15th. The school office will also be closed during this time, and voice mail will be checked periodically. Payments may be left in the white mailbox to the left of the office door.

Registration: Registration for 2009/2010 is underway, and classes are filling, so don't delay! Some preschool classes are full, and some elementary classes are also reaching capacity. Remember the early registration fee for elementary grades expires the end of April.

Upcoming dates:

March 5 – End of 2nd trimester
March 6 – Teacher Workshop – no school for all students
March 9-13 – Spring Break – no school for all students
March 14 – Shopko Coupon Day
March 17 – Green & Gold Day – St. Patrick's Day
March 18-21 – Stranger Safety Guest Speaker
March 20 – PPT meeting 9 am
March 21 – Date Night 5-10 pm
March 23-27 – Iowa tests & breakfast before the basics for elementary students
March 23-27 – Science Museum
April 4 – Community Expo NB High School – visit the TCS booth!
April 9 – Teacher Workshop – no school for all students

April 10 – Good Friday - no school for all students

April 26 – 8th Annual Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction/Bake Sale 11:30-2:00

Spaghetti Dinner: Silent auction donations are now being accepted. We would love to have a wide variety of items available. Handmade items are welcomed, so if you have a creative gift you'd like to share, that would be great! Items or gift certificates from businesses as well as individuals are also greatly appreciated. Plan to join us for this fun event!

Free fundraising opportunities:

Some things to remember:

Campbell's Soup Labels: We need the UPC and Campbell's logo. The front of the label is no longer valid without the UPC. We recently received a rug for the Spanish classroom purchased with our Campbell's labels! Check it out!

Nelson's receipts: January, February and March receipts are due at the end of April, so please submit in a timely manner!

Labels for Lockers: This is a new program sponsored by Nelson's Market. Collect labels from Full Circle, Shurfine, Shurfresh, and World Classics products, and we will receive 5 cents for each one!

Help TCS earn by using: Target Visa and GoodSearch.com.

Please continue to collect: Box Tops for Education, Kemps and Land O Lakes milk caps, Nelson's receipts, Campbell's UPC's, Tyson Chicken labels, Nestle Pure Life Water labels, used cell phones, ink jet and laser jet cartridges. We recently received \$233 from Kemps Milk Caps, \$91 from Nelson's Market, and \$463 from Box Tops for Education in addition to our new rug, so items add up quickly when everyone helps out!

Wish List

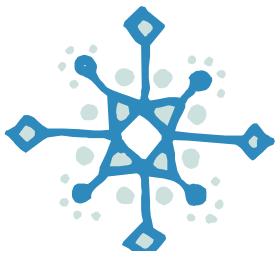
Face Paint Pencils
Timers
Stop Watches
Scissors
Ziploc Baggies
35 mm camera containers
Shaving Cream
Craft Paper
Dress-up Clothes
Sunglasses
Children's CD's
Ziploc Baggies
Paper Plates
Library Books
Library Bookshelves
Grade 4 Dictionaries
Copy Paper
Kleenex
Paper Towels
Napkins
Spoons and Forks
Large bags of white rice
Clear contact paper
Stamp Pads
Batteries
Globes
Snacks
Juice

A Special Thank

You...

To all who brought in
Tuna for the Food
Drive!

Karen Johnson
Karleen Wright
Jesse Guerin
Kim Jacobson
Ann Tanko
Barb Sauer
Tonya Wilbur
Bryan Hammes
Jason Kilmartin
Lance Morgan
Dave Reider
Katie Potter
Greg Crowell
Fran Bistodeau
Amy Robillard
Joel McPherson
Lisa Knox



Early Childhood Coordinator's Corner

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it Beginners program. This program promotes early literacy through reading together with your child at home. Simply fill out the provided certificates for each book you read with your child and turn your certificates in to your child's teacher. We would love to see our Book-It posters filled with certificates, in symbol of the joy of reading!

Looking ahead to April, join us at the North Branch Chamber of Commerce Community Expo on Saturday, April 4th. The Expo is held at the North Branch High School from 10:00 – 3:00 and features a variety of area businesses, youth groups and service organizations – stop by and check-out our booth.

During the month of April, Trinity Christian School will be partnering with The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to host a "Pennies for Patients" fundraising drive. We hope your family will take part in bringing in spare change to support and benefit cancer education programs and The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Just a reminder there is no school on April 9 – Teacher Workshop Day and April 10 – Happy Easter!

**Have a wonderful Spring Break
and Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

Parent Project Team

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another successful event. We really appreciate everyone's help. Our school wouldn't be what it is without the support and help of all of our wonderful families.

We are also looking for help for the Breakfast Before the Basics. If you are interested there is a sign up in the school office.

Have you noticed any of the great Trinity Christian School signs in any yards you drive by? Yard signs were made to promote our school and some families have taken them to put in their yards. If you are interested in a sign, check with the school office to see if they are still available.

Our next PPT meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 20th at 9:00 am. We welcome you to join us; the more the merrier! We will be discussing the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction. We hope to see you there ☺

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Get to know your School Board ...

My name is Barb Sauer and I am a member of Trinity Christian School Board. My husband and I moved to Harris in 2000 and became a member of Fish Lake Lutheran Church. I retired in 2001 from Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center as the Director of Rehabilitation Therapies. Also in 2001, our granddaughter was born. She started attending Trinity Christian School as a 3 year old and is now in Ms. Warner's 2nd Grade classroom.

Building on the foundation of Christian Values, I envision our school growing in a strategic and organized manner. Keeping our school affordable for our present and future families while maintaining a curriculum that exceeds established learning standards is one of the top priorities. Equally important is the retention of our families and our dedicated staff. Growing does not mean leaving everything behind, but rather building on those things that will strengthen and expand our offerings.

And finally, our family is so very grateful to Trinity Lutheran Church and it's leaders for starting a pre-school and elementary education as a part of their mission. Having a Christian Education Option for our children in North Branch is truly a gift.