

Trinity Christian School

News



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Staff Appreciation

Week:

May 11th-15th, 2009

Memorial Day:

May 25th – No School

Last Dates of

Preschool:

May 27th, 28th, and 29th

Track and Field:

June 2nd, 2009

Harder Park:

June 5th, 2009

Report Cards:

Mailed June 8th, 2009

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

School Administrator's Corner

By: Mrs. Nichole Laven

Visiting the classrooms throughout the school year has been such a delight. Many of the children I have seen grow from preschool through the elementary grades! Seeing all the children engaged in multiple learning activities where faith lights each path to success has been extremely rewarding. We are so blessed to share these great joys of growth and faith with these future generations!

Within the past nine months, students have also grown taller; some have a new look with glasses, while others have grown a new set of teeth. I think about when each of them came this year, many were at thigh height and now are waist high or taller! Not only have the children grown physically and socially, they have made great academic gains as well! We are confident through the fulfillment of

our purpose at Trinity Christian School with dedication to the total education of the child – mind, body and soul, we do provide an outstanding Christ-centered program. We strive to provide for the students' spiritual, moral, social, physical, emotional and intellectual growth. This is truly the best gift any school could wish to accomplish. It is this challenge and opportunity to provide children with, that we will continue to foster: Dream, Inspire and Learn with God's Grace.

Before we break for summer, there are just a few housekeeping things to share about the end of the school year. First, remember on the last day of school before going to Harder Park, please pick up any medications you have sent in for your child as many of them will expire and need to be renewed
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Early Childhood Coordinator's Corner

By: Mary Grote

Happy Spring! Thank you to all who participated in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Pennies for Patients fundraising drive, our school raised \$177.96! This month Preschool classes are beginning themes of Mother's Day, Weather, Zoo Animals, Father's Day and Graduation. May's faith theme is focused on review of the year.

May is an exciting month filled with events including: Mother's Day Tea for 3 year old classes, Graduation for Pre-K classes, U of M Raptor Center school assembly, fire and tornado safety

drills, Summer Birthday Celebration, Olympic Day and Picnic in the Park.

Preschool Olympic Day was held May 11 & 12. The exciting event included rotating stations, gym, playground and outside activities.

Pre-Kindergarten classes will celebrate Preschool Graduation on Thursday May 28. Assigned class times are as follows:

- 5:00 PM – Mrs. Kristin & Mrs. Mrs. Jen's M/W/F AM class
- 5:30 PM – Mrs. Sheila & Mrs.

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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

Other Members:

Michelle Sauro

Carolyn Crowell

Sharon Hampton

Lisa Lundgren

Stacey Mix

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before next school year. Being sensitive to the fact medications can be expensive, we want to make sure you pick these up. Over the counter or prescription medications cannot be sent home with children as they are not allowed to carry backpacks on the bus the last day of school. For more information on the park, please contact your child's classroom teacher or watch for more information in their weekly newsletters.

Secondly, I would like to invite each of you to begin to turn in your child's uniforms if they are in good condition. Please remember to wash and package the clothing in individual Ziploc baggies labeled with the gender, product, and size as this helps keep things organized and clean. From last year, we had very good response at the uniform exchange as well as inviting the uniform supplier on-site to Trinity Christian School. Therefore, to make ordering uniforms the easiest and most convenient it can be, we will have the uniform supplier, Dennis Uniform visit Trinity Christian School again on July 21st from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Stop by and get a personal fitting! You can also pay for the uniforms at this time and they will be shipped directly to the school to be picked up on or before Open House in August. If you are looking for stewardship opportunities, assisting with distribution of uniforms from the uniform ordering day would be a great opportunity.

Providing families and children with opportunities is part of the goal of Trinity Christian School; therefore, TCS continues to be a fun and exciting place to be a part of even during the summer months! We are beginning our Y.E.S.S. program, tutoring, vocal and piano lessons, preparing the float for the North Branch Parade and arranging for groups to go to the Thrivent Habitat for Humanity Booth at the Great Minnesota Get Together! If you are interested in helping with any of these events, please be sure to let the office or Jessi Guerin, Volunteer Coordinator, know as soon as possible. Not only do we have exciting times during the school year, but also during the summer! Come and join in the fun!

Lastly, staff would like to thank you for the wonderful staff appreciation luncheon! Many of the staff is looking forward to seeing your children back next school year. Each staff is such a valuable asset to the program and treasures the relationships they have with your families. For the 2009-2010 school year, some of the teachers have been reassigned with new positions. We are excited and look forward to these changes and continuing to provide children and families with the solid, positive, faith-based educational journey. Our two Kindergarten teachers will be Mrs. Surratt and Mrs. King, two first grade teachers will be Mrs. King and Ms. Warner. Second grade will also be Ms. Warner, while third grade will be Ms. Weiland. Mr. Bonach will be teaching the fourth and fifth grade group. In making this transition, the specialized teacher for Music, Spanish, Physical Education, and Computer will be Mrs. Pack. In addition, Mrs. Pack will be the Instructor for Independent Piano, Guitar, and Vocal lessons here on site. She will begin her instrumental and vocal lessons this summer to adequately prepare her students for the winter performance. More details will be available through the Friday Folders.

In conclusion, staff at Trinity Christian School would like to thank each and every family for assisting with the philosophy of "it takes a village to raise a child." So many of you work together on carpooling, supporting one another in conversations, driving cautiously in the parking lot, and setting up play dates and activities outside of the school day. I am so thankful for each and every one of you as you continue to provide the Trinity Community with love, compassion and support each and every day. If you need anything during the summer hours please feel free to e-mail the office, call #651-674-7042 or stop by Monday through Thursday from 9:00-12:00. The office will be closed for the week of 4th of July and Fridays. Also, North Branch public school decisions, the first day of school and calendar will be mailed or sent to families in June or July. May you have a blessed and safe summer! See you in August, at the Open House!

Thank you for an AWESOME year!!!!

Blessings!

***Please remember
not to leave children
unattended in cars
as this is a safety
concern!***

Office Manager's Report

By: Mrs. Julie Morgan

Sunny greetings from the Trinity Christian School Office!

Registration for fall:

Classes are filling quickly, so if you haven't registered yet please stop by the office for information about openings. Remember to encourage new friends of Trinity Christian School to register and receive a credit towards your own tuition!

Final Tuition Payments:

Final tuition payments for the year should be made by April 15 for preschool students and by May 15 for elementary families. You will receive a final statement showing your account is paid in full for the year. Please contact me at 674-7042 with any billing questions.

Lost and Found:

Please stop by the table outside the school office to check and see if anything belongs to you.

Upcoming dates:

May 13 & 14 – Visit from the Raptor Center

May 16 – Last date night until fall! 5 pm-10 pm

May 25 – Memorial Day – no school for all students

May 27, 28, 29 Last days of preschool

May 28 – Preschool graduation celebrations

June 2 – Elementary Track and Field Day (rain day June 3)

June 5 – Last day of Elementary School

Summer Office Hours:

The school office is open limited hours in the summer. The office will be open mornings Monday through Thursday. The school office will be closed June 29-July 2.

Free fundraising opportunities:

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, Our Family UPC's, Tyson Chicken labels, Nestle Pure Life Water labels, used cell phones, ink jet and laser jet cartridges. We recently received \$96 from Nelson's and \$564.30 from Box Tops! These are ongoing, so please continue to collect and bring these items into the office over the summer!

Want to skip a month or two of tuition?

As we are aware and sensitive to the difficult economy, we are thankful for your support and ongoing timely payments of tuition. We wanted to take the time to remind you of an incentive program that is going on for the 2009-2010 school year that can help with some of your tuition. Hopefully you received a postcard home in your child's Friday Folder or classroom basket announcing that Trinity Christian School is offering an "educational credit" to apply towards your child's tuition for 2009-2010 if you refer a family to Trinity Christian School and they stay all school year! The referral can include preschool or elementary families and amount of the educational credit will reflect accordingly. If you need additional postcards or have not received a postcard and would like one, please stop in the school office and we would be glad to provide you with some of these.

Have a great summer! Look in the mail for your fall paperwork



Wish List

(As the end of the year approaches and you are cleaning out your closets, we are in need of replenishing the following items):

Rubbermaid Bins (all sizes with lids)
Cotton Balls
Beans
Moon Sand
Toilet Paper Tubes
Grade 4 Dictionaries
Copy Paper
Kleenex
Paper Towels
Napkins
Spoons and Forks
Snacks
Large bags of white rice
Board Games for K-5th
Clear contact paper
Stamp Pads
Stamp Rollers
Kids Instruments
Shaving Cream
Craft Paper
Sunglasses
Children's CD's
Pipe Cleaners
Ziploc Baggies
Paper Plates
Buttons
Batteries
Non-Latex Band aids
Globes
Hot Glue Sticks

A Special Thank

You...

Dairy Queen
Cool Beanz
Willowbridge
Jimmy John's
Blockbuster
Sacred Grounds
Rusch City Bakery
Nelson's Market
Happily Ever After
Tattoos
American Family and
Sanvik Agency
Dave Reider
Tim Olson
Crowell Family

Congratulations to
TCS families for
raising \$5,500 for
the Spaghetti
Dinner/ Silent
Auction/ Bake Sale
Fundraiser! Rylen
Nelson was the
winner of "Principal
for the Day"!

Early Childhood Coordinator's Corner

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- Kelly's Tu/Th PM class
- 6:00 PM – Mrs. Kristin & Mrs. Jen's M/W/F PM class
- 6:30 PM – Mrs. Jessi & Mrs. Kelly's Tu/Th AM class
- 7:00 PM – Mrs. Kristin & Mrs. Gail's Tu/Th AM class

The program will be held in the church sanctuary, with refreshments to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please remember that doors will open for seating in the sanctuary no more than 10 minutes prior to each program. Preschoolers should arrive in their classroom prior to the program (to allow for line-up and putting on caps).

Preschool classes are looking forward to Picnic in the Park! Each Preschool class will celebrate with a picnic in Northwoods Park on their last day of class the week of May 25. Details and directions will be sent home soon!

We have had a successful and rewarding school year, thank you for your continued support to our school! If you would like more information on class options for next year, please contact the office – there is still time to register for Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten classes for the 2009-10 school year!

Have a wonderful Summer Break!

Parent Project Team

Track and Field Day is coming up on June 2nd (June 3rd if it rains). We are looking for some volunteers who are willing to help with some of the events. There is a sign up on the front desk in the office if you are interested in helping.

Some of you may have heard from your child(ren) about the locker front that has been in the office... well, we are looking for help in decorating this to display at Nelson's Market. This will be used for promoting our collecting of Campbell's labels, Kemps & Land-o-lakes bottle tops and Box Tops for Education. So, if you are creative, can paint, or just want to help with this, please stop in the office to inquire.

We are also looking for some kids (preschool on up) to participate in the Midsummer Parade in North Branch on June 21st. We would love for them to walk with or ride on the float. It is a lot of fun for the kids and it is a great way for us to let the community know that we are here. Also, we are looking for some input from parents as far as if we should change our float, make a new banner, etc. If you have any input regarding the float/parade, please let us know. There also will be a sign up on the PPT board if your child would like to participate. The parade usually starts at 2:00, we are close to the beginning of the parade and we meet behind the Main Street School at about 1:00.

Last, but not least, we want to thank all of you that helped with the Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction, and those of you that attended the fundraiser. The food was great (as usual); there were great auction items and many good deals!

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We are also excited to be given the opportunity to participate in the Thrivent Builds Habitat for Humanity booth at the State Fair again this year. For every 3.75 hour shift that we fill as a team of 8-10 people, we receive \$500 from Thrivent. With the funds raised the school will be able to purchase additional teaching and learning tools to benefit our children. For each shift that you participate in, **5 hours will count toward the stewardship hours** that we ask each family to provide per school year. **These hours will be applied to the 09/10 school year.** You will receive a free ticket to get into the Fair, but are responsible for parking and anything additional that you wish to purchase. We have done this event for the last 2 years and it is a lot of fun and you get a free ticket into the Fair! There is a sign up on the PPT board in the Atrium of the school. These are the dates that we are trying to fulfill first. There are other dates available that are posted on the PPT board.

- August 27th 2nd shift 11:15-3:00 and 4th shift 5:15-9:00
- August 28th 1st shift 8:15-12:00, 2nd shift 11:15-3:00, and 4th shift 5:15-9:00

Come and join your School Board members and Parent Project Team at the "Great Minnesota Get Together!"