



Trinity Christian School
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Welcome back to a new school year at Trinity! I hope that you and your family have enjoyed a restful and relaxing three months of summer vacation. As many of you have said, "the summer is going by so fast," but I am here to share with you that the Trinity Christian School staff have anxiously been preparing and awaiting the return of the children. Hallways filled with movement, classrooms filled with laughter, and Christian teachings all around are something we all look forward to and are only a few weeks away.

As we embark together on the outstanding journey for 2009-2010 school year, excitement, eagerness, and anticipation fill Trinity Christian School! With returning to Trinity, there will be a few pieces of information you will find helpful. First, the staff for 2009-2010 will be as follows:

- Principal: Nichole Laven
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- Early Childhood Coordinator: Mary Grote
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- Office Manager and Accounts Receivable: Julie Morgan
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Secondly, many of you received an informational letter regarding the financial issues which challenged the Trinity Community this summer and would like to encourage all of you to be reassured the School Board has put policies in place to prevent this for the future. Indeed, over 30 % of this past due tuition has been collected! Last year was an extremely difficult year for many of our families coping with a loss or transition of employment, illnesses, or other unexpected family situations. It is with the power of prayer and the Lord's guidance that many of these families have become employed, well, or resolved extenuating circumstances. Thank you for your prayers for all who reside in the Trinity Community!

As a member of the Trinity Community, Trinity was in an unfortunate financial situation over the summer and we encourage all of you to read thoroughly through the new parent/student handbook you will each receive at the Open House on September 3rd at 6:30. Annually, the parent/student handbook is reviewed and modifications or changes were made. Please take the updated handbook home and read it over as multiple sections have been modified to improve and clarify such policies including tuition. Changes are important to developing a program structure that maintains and enforces the students' best interest and the continuation of the stellar Trinity program for children!

Another change in the Parent/Student Handbook includes the information regarding Health Aide, Free and Reduced Lunches, and Medications. For example, many want to know more about the Health Aide that assists at Trinity Christian School each day. How awesome it is to have a Health Aide in the building provided to us through the North Branch Public School by non-public Health state funding. It is changes like these that together as a community and with guidance from the Lord, we can make a significant difference for the 2009-2010 school year!

Thirdly, enclosed you will find your child's school supply list, school wish list, calendar and a letter from Julie Morgan, our Office Manager and Accounts Receivable staff member who many of you know. Within these letters you will also find important changes as well as information for the 2009-2010 school year.

You are encouraged to bring your child's supplies on Open House, as it will make the first day of school that much easier. In addition, encourage your child to write his/her first and last name on each item as this activity serves two purposes: 1) Allows the child to practice writing his/her name and 2) The outcome is that mom and dad don't have to label anything as the child has already done so!!

May you have peace and an exciting couple weeks left of summer until we meet at Open House, September 3rd, 2009 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall!

Blessings,
Mrs. Laven