

Trinity Lutheran School

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Dear Families,

Our school year is off to a terrific start, and we are so thankful it includes each of you! We are blessed to have 61 students enrolled in our school this year, and we look forward to helping them establish a foundation built on faith in Christ Jesus. You will notice many new faces on the Trinity staff this year, and perhaps a few inevitable bumps in the road as we get going, but our core values remain Christ-centered. We're grateful for your thoughts and prayers as we get started with an exciting new year sharing God's love with you and your children. We look forward to getting to know each and every one of you.

In Christ,
Trinity Faculty

Before School Procedure

One change we have to make this year at Trinity is that the 1st-6th grade classrooms will be closed during staff devotions. Students who arrive during this time are asked to wait in the hallways by their lockers. We believe this will help us provide the safest environment for you children as the staff finish up their morning devotions. Thank you for your understanding.

Acceptable Use Policies

Each student should have received an acceptable technology use policy form earlier this week. If you have not already done so, please sign these and return them as soon as possible. Thank you!

Fall Sports

Cross country and soccer practices have begun! If your child would still like to join a team, it is not too late! We thank Jake Olson for coaching the cross country team and Jake Yatcoske for coaching soccer this fall. Watch the [website calendar](#) for up-to-date game and practice information.

Picture Day

Picture day is fast approaching on Monday, September 21st. Look for more information about this going home in the near future.

Upcoming Events

Friday, September 11th

- Cross Country at SJER

Sunday, September 13th

- Trinity Lutheran Church's Rally Day, Volunteer Fair, Fish Boil

Tuesday, September 15th

- Soccer Game at CCS

Thursday, September 17th

- Scholastic Book Orders Due
- Soccer Game at SJC

Friday, September 18th

- Cross Country at Home

Monday, September 21st

- Picture Day

Tuesday, September 22nd

- Soccer Game at Home vs. Hand in Hand

Thursday, September 24th

- Soccer Game at Home vs. Trinity Lone Oak

Friday, September 25th

- Franconia Sculpture Park K-8 Field Trip
- Cross Country at CCS

Tardy Policy Handbook Change

Please note the new School Board policy in the handbook for this school year. Students who arrive after 7:40_{A.M.} will be required to check in to the school office before coming to class. They will be given a "late slip" to give to their teacher. Also, starting with the fourth tardy in a quarter, families will be assessed a \$10 fee for every additional tardy. Families will be notified by e-mail each time a tardy is recorded, before any charges are incurred. At the beginning of each new quarter, this count will be reset to zero. Contact the office if you have any questions or concerns. We hope this policy will help us maintain an environment that allows the maximum amount of time for learning.

Book Orders

Scholastic book orders went home in your child's classroom this week. September orders are due next Thursday, September 17th. You may order online at www.scholastic.com/readingclub using the code HZQWM, or you may also return a hard-copy order form with checks made out to Scholastic.

Baptismal Birthdays

This year at Trinity, we would like to recognize students' baptismal birthdays. Some families may be receiving a form from the office to help us collect this information. Thanks for your help.

Trinity Apparel Order

This year, we are working with a new company for Trinity apparel. The school will be placing an initial order for t-shirts very shortly. Every Trinity student is required to have one of these shirts for field trips, spirit days, etc. If you need to purchase a new shirt, these are \$10 apiece. The initial order forms for these are due tomorrow, Friday, September 11th. Checks can be written out to Trinity. You also have the option of ordering directly through the My Locker website during the year as well, but as a higher cost: <http://www.mylocker.net/minnesota/saint-francis/trinity-lutheran-school/index.html>

Email Accounts

This year, we asked you to provide us with information for your 3rd-8th grader's Gmail account, so that teachers can help students with any problems. The idea is to save time for both teachers and parents if logons are forgotten, etc. For the future, however, we are looking into the possibility of providing official @trinitysf.org accounts for our students through Google Apps for Education. This would protect their identity, safeguard the privacy of information, and encourage responsible digital citizenship for the future. We have to learn more before we can do this well, so we'll have to keep you posted.



Birthdays

September 3rd

- Jonathan Chickering

September 6th

- Jack Anderson

September 12th

- Addison Hauck

September 14th

- Charlotte Herrick

Baptismal Birthdays

Coming soon!

Chapel Offerings

The first part of the school year, we are collecting chapel offerings for the Orphan Grain Train. OGT purchases large white Melamine boards, cuts them into 8 x 11 pieces, and ships them with erasable markers to schools in need in areas such as the Philippines, Nicaragua, Haiti, Latvia, and so forth. They provide these white boards for about \$1 apiece in places that have no tools for education at all. Let's see how many boards we can donate to this wonderful project.

K-8 Fall Field Trip to Franconia Sculpture Park

The whole school, Kindergarten to 8th grade, will be taking a field trip to the Franconia Sculpture Park at the end of this month on Friday, September 25th. We will leave at about 9:15 a.m. and the students will need a cold lunch. The cost is \$5 per student. Look for a permission slip for this going home shortly.

LEGO League

LEGO League has begun its 2nd year. If you like robotics and planning skits, come join us on Tuesdays and Sundays. For more information, call Gwen Moritz at (612) 221-4771.

Stamp Program

The LCEF stamp program is up and running again this school year. Valerie Morton will again be coordinating this program. The first stamp day will be Wednesday, September 16th. On Wednesday mornings, stamps will be available at the main entrance next to the elevators. This is a great program to help students learn about the importance of saving. Visit http://lcef.org/yi_club/index.cfm for more information.

Lunch Volunteers

We like food. We like children. No, we're not going to eat your kids, but we would like to make sure we can continue to provide food for them in our hot lunch program. We've got a strong base of parents involved already, but we're still in need of a few volunteers to help serve the food and clean up. It's a once a week time commitment over Trinity's lunch hour. If you're interested in helping, contact Gretchen Moritz, or leave a message at the school office.

Singing in Church

The school children will be singing in church on Sunday, September 27th.

Weekly Note Submissions

If you have any submissions or pictures that you would like included into the weekly note throughout the school year, please send them to Miss Bernau (rbernau@trinitysf.org) by Wednesdays. Thank you!



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