



Weekly Note: December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

# Trinity Lutheran School

3812 229<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, St. Francis, MN 55070 • www.trinitysf.org • (763) 753-1234



## Upcoming Events

- **Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Basketball at King of Kings
- **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Girls Basketball  
at PACT Charter
- **Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Caroling Field Trip to  
GracePointe in Cambridge,  
Basketball at SJC
- **Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Musical  
7:00p.m. in the Family Center
- **Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Public School A.M. Busing  
Running 90 Minutes Late
- **Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>-  
Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
No School, Christmas Break
- **Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Electives Day Volunteer  
Sign-Up Forms Due
- **Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>-  
Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**  
7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball  
Tournament at CA
- **Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**  
5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ski Trip  
to Wild Mountain
- **Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Basketball at Trinity Hudson

## Volunteer Opportunities.

*We count volunteers as a true blessing from God here at Trinity! We have several areas in which we could use some extra help at this time of the year. Peruse this newsletter for more information on how to help in the following areas:*

- Christmas Musical
- Book Fair
- A Few Drivers for the Caroling Trip
- Lunch Helpers
- Electives Day

*Thank you to all of the volunteers that help us here at Trinity. We appreciate you!*



## Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Caroling Field Trip

Next **Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**, the school will be taking a trip to GracePointe Crossing in Cambridge. The students will be Christmas caroling for the residence there. We will be taking the bus, but we are also looking for a few additional parent drivers. Students will also need a bag lunch. Permission slips are going home today. Please return these by Tuesday. Thank you!

## Christmas Musical- *Something's Up Down in Bethlehem*

The Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Musical, *Something's Up Down in Bethlehem*, will be held on **Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.** Students are asked to report to their classrooms by **6:30p.m.** Students are asked to dress up in nice clothing. (No jeans, please)

If you are unable to join us that evening, you are invited to watch our dress rehearsal that morning at **9:00a.m.**

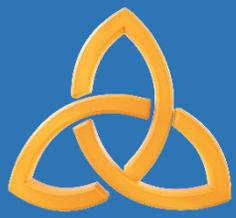
Experience the joy of Christmas as we follow the story of Ruby, a young shepherd girl on her journey to see the newborn Savior. Cookies and lemonade will be served following the musical. We hope you can join us!



## Christmas Musical Cookie Donations and Cookie Gathering Help Needed

As the Christmas musical approaches, we are asking for help in a few ways to make this event a success. As with previous years, we will be serving cookies and lemonade following the musical. If you are able to help us out with a donation of cookies, please bring these donations to the kitchen by the end of the school day on **Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you!

We are also looking for several adults to help us prepare cookie trays and make lemonade on the night of the musical. If you are able to help with this role, or if you have any questions, please contact the school office or talk with one of the teachers. It would be great to have a parent volunteer from each classroom. We truly appreciate all of the ways you donate your time to help things run smoothly here at Trinity.



Weekly Note: December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

# Trinity Lutheran School

3812 229<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, St. Francis, MN 55070 • [www.trinitysf.org](http://www.trinitysf.org) • (763) 753-1234

## Mid-Quarter

It's hard to believe that this Friday already marks the midway point through the second quarter! This is a great time for you to check your child(ren)'s grades on Ren Web or check in with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) for a progress report. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you!

## Scholastic Book Fair

We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair again this year that will run from **Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>** during National Lutheran Schools Week. Miss Bernau is currently looking for volunteers to help set up the fair and help out with the fair. If you are open to helping with this, please email her at [rbernau@trinitysf.org](mailto:rbernau@trinitysf.org). Thank you!

## Electives Day

Trinity Lutheran School will be hosting an Electives Day for the students on **Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>** as a part of National Lutheran Schools Week. (A schedule with a more detailed overview of LSW, including Grandparents Day information, will be going home next week.) We are currently looking for volunteers to share their God-given talents and lead electives. If you would be interested in leading an elective, please fill out a sign-up sheet and return it. If you have any questions about this, please let us know. We request that sign-up sheets are returned by **Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your help!

## Lunch Help Needed

We are in need of some additional lunch help on **Thursdays** and **Fridays**. If you are able to help with this, please contact the office or Gretchen Moritz.

## Winter Apparel Reminder

As colder weather sets in, please keep in mind that students should be prepared to head outside for recess each day. We will plan to be outside when the wind-chill temperature is 0° F or above. Students should have gloves, a hat, and a warm coat each day. Also, please remember boots and snow pants as the snow starts to fall. Thank you!

## Weather Related Announcements

For delay or cancellation purposes via radio or TV, Trinity follows the St. Francis School District and will not be listed by name. (Note that we are not St. Francis Christian School.) All school families will also receive an email regarding delays or cancellations.



## Birthdays

- **June 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Aubrey Peterson  
*(Half Birthday)*
- **June 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Brook Bowers  
*(Half Birthday)*

## Baptismal Birthdays

- **December 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Matthew Kreitinger
- **December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Vicky Osterman
- **December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Jared Moritz



## Weekly Family In Our Prayers

- **The Bruins Family**
- **Parents:** Paul and Amanda Bruins
- **Students:** Lilyana (1<sup>st</sup>Grade), Keira (Kindergarten)



Weekly Note: December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

# Trinity Lutheran School

3812 229<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, St. Francis, MN 55070 • [www.trinitysf.org](http://www.trinitysf.org) • (763) 753-1234



## Our Staff Members

**Pastor Keaton Christiansen**  
Associate Pastor/  
Executive Director  
[kchristiansen@trinitysf.org](mailto:kchristiansen@trinitysf.org)

**Pastor Timothy Vaughan**  
Senior Pastor  
[tvaughan@trinitysf.org](mailto:tvaughan@trinitysf.org)

**Mrs. Dannette Meeks-Hull**  
ECRC Director  
[dmeekshull@trinitysf.org](mailto:dmeekshull@trinitysf.org)

**Mr. Aaron DeLong**  
7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
[adelong@trinitysf.org](mailto:adelong@trinitysf.org)

**Miss Ruth Bernau**  
5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
[rberнау@trinitysf.org](mailto:rberнау@trinitysf.org)

**Mrs. Elizabeth Schmidt**  
3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
[eschmidt@trinitysf.org](mailto:eschmidt@trinitysf.org)

**Mrs. Megan Basham**  
1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher  
[mbasham@trinitysf.org](mailto:mbasham@trinitysf.org)

**Mrs. Gail Petroff**  
Kindergarten Teacher  
[gpetroff@trinitysf.org](mailto:gpetroff@trinitysf.org)

**Señora Rebekah Christiansen**  
Spanish Teacher  
[rchristiansen@trinitysf.org](mailto:rchristiansen@trinitysf.org)

**Mr. Corey Callison**  
Technology Coordinator  
[ccallison@trinitysf.org](mailto:ccallison@trinitysf.org)

**Mrs. Jessica Walther**  
Secretary  
[jwalther@trinitysf.org](mailto:jwalther@trinitysf.org)

## Thank you, Mrs. Hass!

This past Sunday, we took time to thank Jan Hass for her many years of service as secretary at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. Her work has helped us spread the Gospel with countless individuals and has been greatly appreciated. We wish her continued blessings as she enjoys her retirement.



## Congratulations, Gabriel!



The 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students took part in a "Mayor for a Day" essay contest this fall that was sponsored by the League of Minnesota Cities. Congratulations go out to 6<sup>th</sup> grade student Gabriel whose essay was selected as one of the three winning essays out of approximately 450 entries. His essay will be published in the January/February issue of *Minnesota Cities* magazine. Great work, Gabe!

## Special Christmas Services

You are invited to join us here at Trinity at our upcoming special advent and Christmas services:

- *Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00a.m. and 10:30a.m. – Musical Services*
- *Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p.m. – Sunday School Christmas Program*
- *Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. – School Christmas Musical*
- *Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00p.m. – Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols*
- *Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00p.m. – Candlelight Service*
- *Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00a.m. and 10:30a.m. – Christmas Day Worship*
- *Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm. – New Year's Eve Service*

## December Book Orders

December book orders are due today, **Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. You can still order online through midnight at [scholastic.com/readingclub](http://scholastic.com/readingclub) using the code HZQWM. Books make great Christmas presents!

## Peanut Butter Jars Needed

This spring, we will be hosting an Art Fair here at Trinity. In preparation for this event, we are collecting peanut butter jars (**28 ounce size or larger**). Please send in any jars you are able to save. There is a collection box in the school office. Thank you for your help!

*Do you have an announcement for the School Notes? Please send any additions to Miss Ruth Bernau ([rberнау@trinitysf.org](mailto:rberнау@trinitysf.org)) by Wednesdays to ensure these announcements make it into the weekly newsletter. Thank you!*

**INFORMATION: Submit by January 6<sup>th</sup>**

1. Length of Elective: 45 minutes

2. Examples of Electives:

Woodworking  
Cooking  
Puzzles

Quilting  
Tie-Die  
Rocket/Planes

Photography  
Special type of art  
Etc. Etc. Etc.

3. Times of Electives: 9:20 – 10:05 a.m.  
10:10 – 10:55 a.m.  
12:15 – 1:00 p.m.  
1:05 – 1:50 p.m.

4. Determine grade level of Elective. (i.e. grades K-3; grades 4-8; grades 6-8, grades K-8)

**ELECTIVE SIGN-UP**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your Elective \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a short 1 or 2 sentence description of your Elective:

Will there be a cost to each student taking your Elective? \$\_\_\_\_\_ per student

Times you will present your Elective: \_\_\_\_\_ 9:20 – 10:05 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10:10 – 10:55 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ 12:15 – 1:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1:05 – 1:50 p.m.

Maximum number of students per elective presentation: \_\_\_\_\_ students

Do you have any special needs for this Elective?

Will you have to meet outside the building? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Would you need transportation to a location off-campus? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

**RETURN THIS FORM TO Trinity by Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.** This program will be implemented only if there are enough Electives made available to students.



Dear Trinity Families,

12/5/16

The observance of Lutheran Schools Week will be January 22<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2016. A schedule of events in which the students will be participating will be published and will be coming to you through our School Notes.

Trinity will conduct “Electives Day” on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, in which parents and other adults will have the opportunity to share their God-given talents and skills. This becomes an excellent opportunity to share the blessings we have in our daily vocations and give a model for Christian service to one another in everyday life. We would like you to volunteer to conduct an elective class on that Friday as an example of Christian service through everyday things we are given to do. You could conduct this elective one, two, three, or four times during the day, depending on how many students sign up for the class. Each session would be limited to no more than 12 students and would last for approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour.

Electives Day has become one of the students’ favorites. Please read through the following information and then, if you desire, sign up to lead an elective. We look forward to offering many electives for the students to participate in.

If you are willing to teach an elective, please fill out the attached sheet and return it to the office or your child’s teacher by Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. We will then arrange which rooms will be used for each elective. Students will sign up for classes with the oldest students getting first choices because they will be graduating sooner than younger students.

If you have any questions about this fun-packed day, please contact us.

In Christ,

Trinity Lutheran School Staff