



Trinity-St. Paul UPDATE



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SPIRITUAL FOOD

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” (John 6:60). Parents or teachers share this same frustration—children don’t listen and complain the work is too hard. Jesus’ students were some of the 5000 men whom Jesus fed bread and fish. They were so impressed with this miracle and were so satisfied with His ability to feed them well that they wanted to make Jesus king. When Jesus left them to get some much-needed rest, they pursued Jesus and pressed him for answers to their questions about what they expected of God and what work they could do to please God. Jesus answered, “...**believe in Him whom [God] has sent**” (v. 29) and “**I am the living bread that came down from heaven... whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life ... abides in me and I in him**” (vv. 51, 54, 56). Eventually, these men “**turned back and no longer walk with [Jesus],**” reported (ironically) in John 6:66.

As New Testament Christians, we can understand how Jesus’ disciples were confused at His words. His words confuse us too, sometimes, maybe more often than not. Praise God for continually drawing us to Himself and feeding us with the truth in His Word. At TSP, our children feast daily on God’s Word through which their faith in Jesus is nurtured *miraculously*. May we also enjoy our regular supper of God’s Word and Sacrament, trusting Jesus to sustain and strengthen our body, mind and spirit eternally. Pax Domini—Mrs. Farrell

CLASSICAL EDUCATION: So far I’ve tried to emphasize how Classical Christian education extends to our students knowledge from “great thinkers” of the past and present and nurtures students to become efficient, effective, and lifelong learners. In this sense, the task of classical education is to eventually liberate students from formal instruction by equipping them with the fundamental skills and arts that enable them to independently ask significant questions to find the meaning, purpose, and value of things. A classical education nurtures the basic language skills necessary at the earliest levels of education. The ancients believed that an educated person needed seven skills or arts to be an efficient learner-- three primary skills called the **Trivium** -- and four secondary called the Quadrivium. The three primary language skills involve training the mind with the use of **grammar, logic, and rhetoric**. These language skills build on one another in order and are best taught with instructional strategies appropriately matched to the child’s intellectual maturity—when the child has the greatest interest and ability to learn them. The early years of school are spent absorbing and memorizing facts (grammar stage) which systematically lays the foundations for advanced study. In the middle grades, students learn to think through arguments (logic stage). In the high school years, they learn to express themselves (rhetoric stage). I’ll explain the specifics of these stages in subsequent articles over the next few weeks.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We sing and play the Kristal Bells Sunday at Trinity. Please be in the back of church by 9:15 a.m.

Pay close attention to how your child is forming the letters. We always start at the top and go down. Your child should be able to identify the capital and lowercase letter, the sound the letter makes, and tell you a word that begins with that letter. So far the letters are Ll, Tt, Ff, Hh, Dd and li. If asked what a letter is, the response should be “capital L” or “lowercase f”.

We have been learning our telephone number, birthday, days of the week, right and left, and hands of

the clock. Periodically, ask your child about these things.

We are counting to 23 by one’s and 20 by five’s and ten’s.

We are still collecting money for the small change drive benefiting MELHS and have no money in our container! **BRING IN YOUR CHANGE!**

Please send a white sweatshirt to school by Sept. 30.

Our memory verse for Friday is: You cannot serve God and money. Matthew 6:24

Chapel will be at **TRINITY** for the month of September.

Have a great weekend! God’ Blessings, Mrs. Steinmeyer

1st and 2nd GRADE NEWS

Please remember we sing on Sunday at Trinity at 9:30. K-2 will sing “Seek Ye First” and playing Kristal bells. We need everyone’s help to make this successful.

Don’t forget we are collecting change for MELHS’s small change drive to help with their dinner auction in November. The classroom that has the most money wins a pizza party.

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First Grade: Your child is learning some comprehension strategies and skills in Language Arts and Reading class.

While you read at home, please try to ask them some questions about what happened in the story. We will take another math test on Monday. You may want to review the math homework sheets and guided practice. We will begin learning about addition and addition facts.

Second Grade: During Language Arts we will work on the writing process (Pre-write, first draft, revise, proofread, publish). Each child will chose a place that they have visited and write about it. In math we continue to work on our addition facts. We will review dividing shapes and what fraction of a shape is shaded. On Friday is another math test.

Have a great weekend! In Christ – Miss Warnier

3rd and 4th GRADE NEWS

We are enjoying studying about the parts of plants. Third graders are learning the parts of a flower. Please ask your children to bring home their science books periodically so you can help them review the vocabulary and main concepts. Doing this will help the information to “stick” for test time .

We’ve been taking unit tests in reading. Results will be in the Friday folders by next week.

Fourth graders have entered a chapter in math on addition skills. Next week, they’ll be on Unit 5 of spelling. Unit 6 is a review of the first 125 words. Start reviewing early!

On Sunday, K-8 sings at Trinity’s 9:30 service. We ask all students to wear soft-soled shoes (tennis shoes) since the balcony hardwood floor gets quite noisy. After service, feel free to join in the Friendship Sunday potluck and activities.

Tuesday is our Field Day at MELHS. Students must wear TSP shirts and tennis shoes and bring a sack lunch. Concession stand money is optional!

We are collecting coins for Metro East Lutheran High School. If we have the most in the school, we’ll earn a pizza party. Let’s fill up our jar!

Keep working on the book report. It is due on October 5 – 2 weeks from this coming Monday. Book order forms are in the folders, if you wish to place an order, please return by Wed., Sept. 23. Checks should be made payable to Kristi Schkade.

In Christ, Mrs. Schkade

5th and 6th GRADE (3rd/4th Grade Math) NEWS

***7th/8th Science** – will have a test on Wednesday over Chapter 2

***7th/8th History** – will be following the development of the U.S. Constitution

***5th/6th Science** – is in the middle of learning about mitoses and meiosis and how this relates to reproduction of plants and animals. Take time to read and review this with your student.

***5th/6th History** – next week will be learning how Israelites, Phoenicians and Lydians played a role in the development of civilization.

3rd Math – has been going great. They are being introduced to three digit addition. Next week we will do an investigation with pictographs and bar graphs.

3rd Spelling – Last week perfect spellers were – Zachary and Riley – Great Job. Unit 5 for next week.

In Christ – Mr. Hemann

5-8 LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH MEMO

***5th & 6th Grade English** – we will start our study of punctuation and work on all the normal punctuation marks except for commas. (commas will be included in the writing portion of our classes. No homework this weekend!

***5th & 6th Grade Reading** – we have finished reading “Because of Winn-Dixie” by Kate DiCamillo in class. We will spend next week working on our book reports. We should have time this week to watch the movie. First Book Order of the year is in the Friday Folder. Please return by next Wed., Sep. 23. Make checks payable to Mrs. Schkade. No homework this weekend!

***7th & 8th Grade English** – we continue working with punctuation and capitalization. Next week we will be stressing capitalization. No home work this weekend!

***7th & 8th Grade Reading** – we have started to look at Unit 7 in our textbook entitled “Roots of the Western Tradition.” This unit contains Literature from the Bible, Greek and Norse Mythology. In addition, the 8th graders are reading twelve selected books from the Iliad. First Book Order of the year is in the Friday Folder. Please return by next Wednesday, Sep. 23. Make checks payable to Mrs. Schkade. No homework this weekend!

LATIN

3rd & 4th-Grade Latin-- It’s amazing how well our young students pick up English skills from our Latin instruction (or is it Latin skills from their English instruction?) We’re inadvertently hitting on some grammar during our readings. Keep up the good work on memorizing those vocabulary words—spelling them and writing their meanings.

5th - 8th – Grade Latin-- I’m pleased with how comfortable our Latin students have become with their reading. We’ll soon finish our second chapter of *Lingua Latina* and work directly with grammar exercises. These should be easy since we’ve taken our time working the grammar during our readings. Keep up the good work!

8th-Grade Math-- We’ll waste no time with Chapter 2, adding and subtracting positive/negative integers and beginning our study of rational numbers.

7th –Grade Math— Now that we’ve gotten our feet wet with positive/negative integers, we’ll begin some adding and subtracting with them.

6th – Grade MATH-- Our first unit test will be on Tues. Then we’ll forge on to multiplying with whole numbers.

5th – Grade MATH— We’ll spend some time developing strategies for adding and subtracting BIG numbers, mentally and using some paper/pencil methods. This will build some “number sense” which is very helpful in applying math to daily life.

OPEN HOUSE for PARENTS OF GRADES 5-8

We’ve completed our first month of the school year, adjusted the schedule—twice, settled into routines and are preparing your students’ first midterm reports. Because our teachers desire to help students better adapt to expectations and class requirements and be successful throughout the school year, we have planned an open house for Wednesday, September 30 @ 7:00 p.m. Mr. Hemann, Mrs. Esch and Mrs. Farrell will have printed handouts available with their protocols, requirements, and methods of grading. Please plan to attend and bring your questions!

BRASS CHOIR

This week students should be practicing pages 4 and 5 in their books and working on the B flat concert scale up to concert F (that’s G for trumpets). Keep working on long tones, and remember to sit up straight and breathe deep! Cyrus and Adam retain their titles as Potentate of Practice and Regent of Rehearsal, respectively – any

wonder these guys are sounding great? Sign up for a Sat. if you haven’t yet – 459-3979, rmgcurtis@gmail.com .

SPORTS NEWS

SOFTBALL TOURNNEY—Please note that game times for next week’s tournament are 4:00 or 5:30 on Tuesday and Thursday. However, we will not know our exact time for Tuesday until Monday and we won’t know Thursday’s time until Tuesday. Game times will depend on the final win-loss record. So, stay tuned and we’ll inform you asap!

NEWS & NOTES

***FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY** – This Sunday, Sept. 20th is our annual Friendship Sunday at Trinity. A special service with the TSP children is planned. NO Bible Class or Sunday School that day. A potluck dinner begins at Noon. We’ll have a jump house, sand art, cookie decoration, pony rides, snow cones, framed pictures and candy bags. What a fun and exciting day this is going to be! Hope to see you there!

***PRO-Life** – More than just anti-abortion – a presentation by Dr. Robert Weise of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis will be held on Wednesday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Parish Hall in Worden. All are welcome!

*** MELHS Small Change Drive**—began this past Monday, Sept. 14 and will end on Wed. Sept. 30. The classroom that collects the most per student wins a pizza party!

***WE RECYCLE!** – Please collect Box Tops, Campbells Labels and Nestle water bottle labels, soda cans and tabs, Capri Sun pouches, Nabisco cookie wrappers, used printer cartridges and cell phones, old keys and eyeglasses. Collection boxes are found in both centers. (Due to a change in the program, we are no longer collecting milk jug lids).

***CALLING ALL PHOTOS** – I am on the TSP Public Relations Committee – I am looking for photos you may already have taken or are going to take in the future. Please email me the photos as attachments with some details about the photo(s) – sporting events, community projects, special events, etc. I will submit them to the area newspapers. Let me know if you have questions. Email: jashauer@gmail.com or phone 618-806-9820. Thanks!

***STUDENT GARDNERS PROJECT** – In Oct., we will set bulbs for spring blooms and plant perennials (Day Lilies and Iris) for more summer flowers. If you have perennials you would like to split this fall, the 5th-8th grade students would love to have the extras for their project. Just contact Mr. Hemann, 633-2584 or Mrs. Esch, 633-2602 for details.

***BRING-A-FRIEND DAY** – TSP is proud to announce a Bring-A-Friend Day, Tues., Nov. 24, 2009. On this day we will give TSP students the opportunity to bring their friends from different schools to TSP with them. (Edwardsville Public Schools do not have school on this day). We will have all sorts of fun activities planned for this day. More details will follow, please check the Update as the date gets closer.

EVENTS

SUNDAY (9/20) – K-8 sing @ Trinity @ 9:30 – Trinity’s Friendship Sunday Potluck @ Noon

TUESDAY (9/22) – 3&4 MELHS Field Day – Softball Conference Tourney – VB Practice @ Staunton 3:30-5:00

WEDNESDAY (9/23) – Chapel @ Trinity @ 8:30 –

THURSDAY (9/24) –Softball Conference Tourney – VB @ Litchfield @ 6:30

FRIDAY (9/25) – 1st Quarter Mid Terms Sent Home – Volleyball C-Team Tourney @ TSP

SATURDAY (9/26) – Volleyball C-Team Tourney @ TSP

MENU

MONDAY (9/21) – Chicken Alfredo, Garden Salad, Pears, Dessert, Milk

TUESDAY (9/22) – Snack Wraps, Carrot Sticks, Chips, Grapes, Dessert, Milk

WEDNESDAY (9/23) – Enchilada Casserole, Peas, Bread & Butter, Hot Apples, Dessert, Milk

THURSDAY (9/24) – Baked Chicken, Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Peaches, Dessert, Milk

FRIDAY (9/25) – Pasta Salad, Corn, Breadstick, Pineapple, Dessert, Milk

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 20

Trinity Church

9:30 –Shelby Steinmeyer; Chelsea Behme

St. Paul Church

7:45 – Sydney Anderson; Rachel Brunnworth

10:00 – Hannah Stroh; Jonathan Klingler