



Trinity-St. Paul UPDATE



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SPIRITUAL FOOD

“Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her...Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.” (John 8:7,11). The Pharisees often tried to discredit Jesus, especially when around “sinners.” As we commemorated St. Matthew’s Day this past week in chapel, we heard Jesus, our great Physician, tell the Pharisees that He came not to “heal” the righteous, but the “sick.” Likewise, in John 8, Jesus knew well that the adulterous woman wasn’t the only sinner involved in breaking the 6th commandment--the woman’s accusers were guilty as well. In every setting of our lives, including TSP, we encounter “the sick” for whom Jesus came, died, and redeemed. Like Matthew, we are called and TSP exists only by God’s grace for the purpose of sharing His grace and mercy with those “sinners.” We, too, heed Jesus’ words of grace and warning, of Law and Gospel. It is God’s grace (**God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense**) that enables us to hear his words, “I do not condemn you,” as we take our place beneath the cross, humbled and embracing our gift of forgiveness. It is God grace that calls us today to “go, and from now on sin no more.” May God grant us a double portion of His grace today and unto eternity! Pax Domini—Mrs. Farrell

CLASSICAL EDUCATION: Last week I began to explain that the three primary language skills, or Trivium, that build on one another and train the mind in the use of **grammar, logic, and rhetoric**. Children spend their first years of schooling in the grammar stage, ideally grades 1-4, concentrating on language. Since language is the operating system of the mind and means of written/oral communication, our ability to think and speak deepens as we enhance our language skills. Therefore, knowledge and language skills are the building blocks for all other learning and grammar is the foundation for language.

During the early elementary years the mind is best ready to absorb information. Children at this age find memorization easy and fun. So, contrary to progressive educational strategies involving self-expression and self-discovery, the classical student learns facts and rules of phonics, spelling, grammar as well as poems, vocabulary of foreign languages, stories of history and literature, descriptions of plants and animals and the human body, and mathematical facts. This information makes up the “grammar,” or building blocks for all higher forms of knowledge and education. As the classical instructor provides the needed information, terminology, history and structures of whatever is being learned, the student learns the grammar and language of history, of anatomy, of geography, etc. After hearing/reading the information, the student commits it to memory to internalize it. As students work to make the grammar their own, the teacher supervises practice, devises drills, motivates performance, and works one-on-one for mastery. In three words, the student in the grammar stage must memorize, memorize, memorize!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

What a great job the children did singing Sunday! Thank you for bringing them to church.
A permission slip for the Apple Farm is in the folder. Please sign and return on Monday.
If you have not sent in a white sweatshirt, please do so by Wednesday.
We are still collecting change for Metro East Lutheran High School. Please send in your change so we can fill our jar and win the prize.

Due to changes in the Book-It program we are not able to participate this year.

No school Thursday and Friday for SID Conferences.

Our vision and hearing will be checked on Mon., Oct. 5. If there is a problem, you will receive a letter in the mail.

Parents’ Day is Wed., Oct. 7. When you drop your child off at St. Paul, stay for chapel with our guest speaker, Pastor Andrus. Join us for lunch at St. Paul at 11:15 and then spend the afternoon with us at Trinity. The book fair will be open that day for anyone who would like to purchase books.

Please make sure your child is taking her time on handwriting. We always start at the top and go down. Some homework is coming back sloppy. 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 for Ll, Tt, Ff, Hh, Dd, Ii, and Jj.

We have been learning our telephone number, birthday, days of the week, and hands of the clock. Periodically, ask your child about these things.

We have also been doing a lot of activities using our right and left. There will be many worksheets in the folder next week. Take a look how well your child knows right from left.

The weather is getting cooler. Please practice zipping the coat/jacket your child will be wearing to school.

Our memory verse for Wednesday is: **Know the love of Christ and you will be filled with all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:19.**

Our memory verse for Friday, October 9 is: For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. Luke 14:11.

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

Have a great weekend!

God’ Blessings, Mrs. Steinmeyer

1st and 2nd GRADE NEWS

I was very proud of all my students last week. Every student got a super speller award.

Please send a white sweatshirt to school by September 30.

Our class is doing well with the change drive. Remember we have 1 more week left. Our box is fuller every day.

Parents’ day is coming up on Wed., Oct. 7. Plan to join us for chapel and lunch at St. Paul. Parents are welcome to join us for the afternoon.

Midterms are in your child’s Friday folders. Please sign and return them.

Due to changes in the Book-It program we are not able to participate this year.

Coming up October 15 we will be going to Mills Apple Farm. This will kick off our unit on Apples. Please sign and return the red permission slip for you and your child to go.

Please remember that there is no school next week on Thursday or Friday. We will do Bible verse memory on Wednesday. As usual catechism memory is still on Tuesday. **First Grade:** Your students are doing great with their math skills. I am very impressed. We have started to learn to write number sentences (addition problems). They will be continuing to practice this every day in class.

Second Grade: In Language Arts students will be giving a short speech. On Tuesday students will choose something they can give directions on. They will draw pictures of each step of their directions. On Wednesday they will use their pictures to help them tell the directions to their classmates. Please practice with a small audience on Tuesday night.

Have a great weekend!

In Christ – Miss Warnier

3rd and 4th GRADE NEWS

We had beautiful weather for our field day on Tues. When the ribbons are mailed, I will post the results in the Fri. folder.

Next week is a 3-day week due to a Teachers Conference. Fourth grade has a **Science A1 test on Monday**. Third and

fourth grade will take the **Social Studies Chapter 1 test Tuesday**. Fourth graders have the **Unit 6 (Review) Spelling test on Wednesday**.

During the following school week (October 5-9), **book reports are due on Monday**. Parents Day is Wed. with chapel, morning classroom visits and lunch at St. Paul.

The book fair will be set up for purchasing books.

The 3rd graders will take the **Science A1 test on Fri**.

Please watch your child's assignment notebook daily for information about homework and other possible tests.

Check out the News and Notes section for other important school events.

Your child's mid-quarter report is in a sealed envelope in the Friday folder. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about it. In Christ, Mrs. Schkade

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

***7th/8th Science** – will be having fun with the States of Matter.

***7th/8th History** – is finding out how the Constitution was put together after the Articles of Confederation failed.

***5th/6th Science** – will try to extract some DNA from onion cells next week plus build a model of DNA using the four bases. The following week they will use this information to see how Recessive, Dominant Genes combine. We will plan on a test around the 8th of October.

***5th/6th History** – have a test next Wednesday on Chapter 2.

3rd Math – is working with place value and expanded forms. Some are having a hard time picking up the concept. We will keep at it till they get it.

3rd Spelling – will continue to next week. They lost two class days and math has taken more time. So next week they will finish Unit 5. Please review the words with them. The homophone words are difficult to learn without knowing the definition. We will have the word test on Tuesday.

In Christ – Mr. Hemann

5-8 LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH MEMO

***5th & 6th Grade English** – we continue our study of punctuation with Question Marks, Exclamation Points, Hyphens and Underlining. We will have a combination punctuation/ preposition test on Thursday, October 8. No homework this weekend!

***5th & 6th Grade Reading** – we will watch "Because of Winn-Dixie" on Mon. and Tues. Our next selections in our reading text are two short stories, "The Boy Who Talked with Animals." and "Rikki-tikki-tavi." These stories will work great for our study of personification and conflict. No homework this weekend!

***7th & 8th Grade English** – next week we will write friendly and business letters. Then we will continue working with clauses, fragments and run-ons. We will have a test over dependent and independent clauses, fragments and run-ons, simple sentences, compound sentences and complex sentences on Thursday, October 8. No home work this weekend!

***7th & 8th Grade Reading** – we will continue working with Unit 7 in our textbook. The 8th grade students will finish their Iliad adventure on October 8th. Together we will finish our look at Mythology with a Unit test on Thursday, October 15. No homework this weekend!

LATIN

3rd & 4th-Grade Latin – We suspect we have memorized more Latin words than the 5th & 6th graders-- that's our job as "classical grammar" students— memorize, memorize, memorize. No class next week due to a special guest on Mon. and teachers' conference on Fri. We'll have a quiz on Mon., Oct. 5 that covers all vocab we've had so far. I'll print the Latin word and students will write its meaning.

5th - 8th - Grade Latin—5th & 6th graders will have a vocab quiz this Tues. on the words recorded in their binders. We hope to finish reading the second chapter the following week and get ready for the grammar lessons. 7th & 8th will finish the grammar lessons and take a test over chapter 2 the following week.

8th-Grade Math – We've explored rational numbers and will move from recognition to adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing them over the next 2 weeks.

7th-Grade Math – Integers have become our best friend as we've graphed and added them. We'll move on to multiplying and dividing them and work with 2-D coordinate system next week, using graph paper.

6th - Grade MATH – We explore exponents for the first time next week. The following week we'll estimate products, multiply decimals use the concepts to solve word problems.

5th - Grade MATH – We'll review on Mon. and take our chapter 2 test on Tues. Then we'll review and take a Unit test the following week over all we've covered so far this year.

5TH-8TH GRADE ART CLASS—Due to teachers' conference, our next art class will be Tues., Oct. 6. Be sure to bring your extra shoe!

OPEN HOUSE for PARENTS OF GRADES 5-8

Don't forget the open house for **this coming 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. We'll also discuss preliminary plans for our 2011 7th & 8th-grade field trip.

BRASS CHOIR

Thanks for your patience, parents! That practice time is starting to pay off. Since we're all sounding so great, our new practice minimum is 20 minutes a day, 5 days a week. Students should be perfecting the B flat concert scale through concert F (that's C through G for trumpets). They should also keep working through the exercises on pages 4 and 5 of their books. Cyrus remains the Potentate of Practice and Adam is the Regent of Rehearsal for another week – won't somebody give them a run for their money? *Instruments should be serviced outside of class. We do not have enough time for people to be oiling valves while we're practicing together.*

THIS WEEK IN YOUR STUDENT'S FRIDAY FOLDER

All students should have received the Photo Release Form, Parent-Teacher Conference Form; and Patriots' Night Out Flyer. Please complete and return the forms by next Wed., 9/30. Students in grades 1-8 received their Midterm Report to be signed and returned. Invoices for parents who have not yet paid their non-fundraiser fee are also included. Sports' participants in Grade 3-8 received a Waiver of Liability and & Hold Harmless to be returned asap. Finally, prize money has been paid to deserving sales people. Thanks to all who sold magazines to benefit our sport program.

NEWS & NOTES

***BOX TOPS** – Visit Dierbergs between 9/22/09 and 10/05/09 to get 70 Bonus Box Tops. Buy any 10 participating General Mills products and receive a certificate for 70 Bonus Box Tops (\$7 value) at the checkout.

***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** – will end on Wed. Sept. 30.

***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.

***LATEST NEWS FROM THE ISBE** – Contrary to reports initially made by the Regional Office of Education, we received formal notification today that the Illinois State Board of Education and the Governor recommended the fiscal year 2010 appropriation NOT be awarded to the Parent Guardian Transportation Reimbursement Program. This means parents who applied for assistance last spring should not expect their normal payments in December for the 2008-2009 school year. In the event that these funds are restored, the ISBE promises prompt disbursement of payments.

SOFTBALL PARTICIPANTS – We apologize for the inconvenience caused by the “last-minute” cancellation of the softball tourney game last Thursday. We’re working hard to reschedule the game and will let you know the time/place asap. Thanks for your understanding.

EVENTS

SUNDAY (9/27) – Church and Sunday School

MONDAY (9/28) – VB Practice @ TSP 3:30-5:00

TUESDAY (9/29) – VB Game @ Prairietown @ 6:30

WEDNESDAY (9/30) – Chapel @ Trinity @ 8:30 – MELHS Small Change Drive Ends Today – Open House for 5-8 Parents @ 7:00

THURSDAY (10/1) – No School – SID Teachers Conference

FRIDAY (10/2) – No School – SID Teachers Conference

SUNDAY (10/4) – Church and Sunday School

MONDAY (10/5) – Vision & Hearing Screening – VB Game @ Staunton vs. Bethalto @ 6:30

TUESDAY (10/6) – VB Practice @ Staunton 3:30-5:00

WEDNESDAY (10/7) – Parents Day – Chapel @ 8:30 @ St. Paul – A.M. Visit @ St. Paul – Lunch @ St. Paul for all K-8 students and parents – P.M. Visit @ Trinity – Book Fair @ St. Paul

FRIDAY (10/9) – VB Tournament @ Peoria

SATURDAY (10/10) – VB Tournament @ Peoria

SUNDAY (10/11) – Church and Sunday School – VB Tournament @ Peoria

MONDAY (10/12) – No School – Columbus Day

MENU

MONDAY (9/28) – Baked Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Applesauce, Dessert, Milk

TUESDAY (9/29) – Chicken Patty/Bun, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Mandarin Oranges, Dessert, Milk

WEDNESDAY (9/30) – Taco Crunch, Corn, Lettuce, Pears, Dessert, Milk

THURSDAY (10/1) – No School – SID Teachers Conference

FRIDAY (10/2) – No School – SID Teachers Conference

MONDAY (10/5) – Pizza, Corn, Pears, Dessert, Milk

TUESDAY (10/6) – Chicken Nuggets, Bread & Butter, Carrot Sticks, Apricots, Dessert, Milk

WEDNESDAY (10/7) – Parents Day – Mostaccoli, Salad, Breadstick, Peaches, Texas Cake, Milk

THURSDAY (10/8) – Nachos, Bread & Butter, Peas, Applesauce, Dessert, Milk

FRIDAY (10/9) – Hamburger/Bun, Green Beans, French Fries, Pineapple, Dessert, Milk

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cyrus Bartony – September 25

Allison Biver – September 25

Erica Webb – September 30

Pr. Wm. Weedon – October 4

Calvin Cunningham – October 6

Faith Keune – October 10

Emily Miller – October 10

God’s Blessings to all of you!

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 27

Trinity Church

9:30 – Olivia Daube; Michelle Williams

St. Paul Church

7:45 – Cody Hellmann; Chase Langendorf

10:00 – Sean Micnheimer; Alex Micnheimer