



Trinity-St. Paul UPDATE



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SPIRITUAL FOOD

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared before that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10).

Christians are supposed to be different, right? We’re supposed to be happy, peaceful, and fearless! Yet, our Scripture reading tells us that we weren’t saved for eternity to merely enjoy a happy and peaceful existence on earth. Sure, Jesus already fought and won the victory over sin and death, and Christians can’t help but rejoice in our salvation and experience the peace that surpasses all understanding—Scripture calls these and other virtues “fruit of the Spirit.” So, for what purpose did God re-create us? Our passage tells us that we are saved to *do good works*—not legalistic works, but those which the Holy Spirit has worked into us. By His grace, we are compelled to *do good deeds*, practice kindness, patience and gentleness (there’s that “fruit” again)—a very effective antidote to sinful desires. And, we don’t have to go anywhere special or accomplish anything impressive. We need only to seek first the good works which await us in our home, at school, workplace and in the grocery store. As the Holy Spirit empowers us to live Godly lives according to His good and gracious will, we accomplish His purposes for us here in the present and in our future vocations, too. Pax Domini—Mrs. Farrell

CLASSICAL EDUCATION: Language-Focused. A classical education is more than simply a pattern of learning. Classical education is language focused; learning is accomplished primarily through written and spoken words rather than an emphasis on images (pictures, videos, and television). Why is this important? Language-learning and image-learning require very different habits of thought. Language requires the mind to work harder. In reading, for instance, the brain is forced to translate a symbol (words on the page) into a concept. Images, such as those on videos and television, allow the mind to be passive. In front of a video screen, the brain can “sit back” and relax, but faced with the written page, the mind is required to be intensely active. **Let’s review the Three-part Pattern of Learning (Trivium).** First, the mind is supplied with facts and images. Then the mind is given the logical tools for organization of facts. Finally the mind is equipped to express conclusions.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We all had a good time at the Apple Farm despite the weather.

I am looking forward to meeting with each of you tonight at Parent/Teacher Conferences. No school Friday for Parent/Teacher Conferences.

We have been talking about fire safety this week. Your child brought a booklet home Monday to plan an escape route out of their house and discuss where they should meet you if their house is on fire. They returned it on Tuesday for a treat. Ask them where we would meet if our school were on fire.

We made apple pies on Monday. What fun! Thank you, Mrs. Wedel and Mrs. Sauerwein, for your help. I hope they were delicious.

We made our leaf sweatshirts today. Thank you to Mrs. Behrhorst, Mrs. Ashauer and Mrs. Turner for your help.

Our Skate-a-thon is Tuesday. We will be leaving Trinity at 11:45 to pick up the 3-8. We will skate between 12:30-2:30. **We will dismiss from St. Paul at 3:00.** If you have collected money, it needs to be turned in on Tuesday.

Our Reformation party will be on Friday, October 31, beginning around 1:00 p.m. Your child may bring a nonviolent costume (no witches, devils, etc.) in a bag to change into after lunch. Parents are welcome!

There have been some reading papers in your child’s folder that have short sentences on them. Please take the time and have your child read these to you. Have them point to each word as they are reading it.

Handwriting is in the folder. Please watch your child as they are forming the letters. Have them tell you the sound each letter makes, and something that begins with that letter.

Keep practicing counting by 1’s, 5’s and 10’s, reciting the days of the week, months of the year, birthday, phone number and address with your child.

Chapel will be at St. Paul for the month of October.

Our memory verse for Friday is: For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. Romans 3:28.

Our next PTL meeting is Monday, November 9.

Have a great 3-day weekend!

God’ Blessings, Mrs. Steinmeyer

1st and 2nd GRADE NEWS

I want to apologize for not having spelling words and memory work in Friday folders last week.

Skate-a-thon is Tuesday. We will be leaving Trinity Center at 11:45. We are skating from 12:30-2:30. We will return to St. Paul and dismiss at 3:00 p.m.

Friday is K-2 Reformation party. We will start at 1:00 p.m. Students should bring their costumes in a bag and marked with their name.

Chapel is at St. Paul in October. If you are riding the bus please be at Trinity Center by 8:00 a.m.

In Friday folders are Scholastic book order forms. Please return forms and money by Friday, October 30. I will send one more home the end of November if you want to order for Christmas gifts.

First Grade: will be working on subtracting 1. We will take a math test on Thursday. Handwriting and writing skills are improving. I have seen improvement in everyone since the beginning of the year.

Second Grade: In math we will be working on coin concepts; exchanging pennies, nickels and dimes. On Monday we will be taking a Language test. We have talked about nouns and making nouns plural. There is a review sheet for homework tonight this is a great way to study.

In Christ – Miss Warnier

3rd and 4th GRADE NEWS

Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers while I have been out sick. I appreciate your willingness to change the Thursday conference time to next week.

The Skate-a-thon is Tuesday. We’ll leave at 12:00 and return by 3:15. Students may bring their own skates. Don’t forget to turn in the money you’ve collected on that day.

The classes in our building do not have Reformation parties. We will be doing some fun activities on Friday within our own classroom, however. It would be great if you could send a paint shirt for your child that will stay at school all year.

Your child will be selecting a biography for the next book report. This book will be checked out of the TSP library. The report will be due in late November.

Fourth graders will take the Unit 10 Spelling test next Friday. Unit 12 is a review unit, so start reviewing the words from Units 7-9 in preparation.

Please continue to daily check the assignment notebook and read through the entire Update for all the school news.

Don’t forget that the K-8 choir sings next at St. Paul’s Saturday evening service (6:00PM) on November 7.

Please check with your child to see if more paper, pencils, etc. are needed. Supplies run low at times.

I’ll see ya’ll next week!

In Christ---Mrs. Schkade

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

Skate-a-thon is next week!

*7th/8th **Science** – Chapter 4 – Elements, Compounds & Solutions.

*7th/8th **History** – Constitution. They have a hand out over the first Seven Articles. We will use these to digest the working of our government.

*5th/6th **Science** – has been working with section one on adaptations and the life processes. Lesson 2 discusses how plants can change with time.

*5th/6th **History** – Lesson two the Dynasties of Egypt. It will deal with the old and new kingdoms.

3rd **Math** – has been working with adding three digit numbers, ordering and comparing. Next week they will work with word problems and subtracting three digit numbers.

3rd **Spelling** – is unit 9 for next week. Perfect spellers this week were Riley, Ryan and Zachary. Way to go guys!
In Christ – Mr. Hemann

5-8 LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH MEMO

*5th & 6th **Grade English** – we will finish our unit on Capitalization with a test on Friday. No homework this weekend!

*5th & 6th **Grade Reading** – we will be working on our Treasure Map Project. We will also have a quiz over “Rikki-tikki tavi” on Thursday. No homework this weekend!

*7th & 8th **Grade English** – we will continue working in our verb unit. We will concentrate on verb tenses especially the perfect and progressive. No home work this weekend!

*7th & 8th **Grade Reading** – we will be reading more works by Edgar Allen Poe and working on our Haunted House of Literary Characters. No homework this weekend!

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3rd & 4th-**Grade Latin** – New vocabulary words are due Monday. Please practice them and previous words with your student, just as you would with spelling words. We’ll take a quiz on them next Friday.

5th - 8th – **Grade Latin** – 5th & 6th graders have accomplished amazing feats with our “grammatic Latina.” We hope to finish “capitulo secundo” next week and move onto “capitulo primo.” 7th & 8th graders are excited to move onward to “capitulo tertio,” reviewing the exciting saga enacted last year of “Puer Improbis.”

8th-**Grade Math** – We’ll review for a chapter test that we’ll take on Thursday. In our next chapter we’ll solve algebraic equations with variables using addition and subtracting.

7th –**Grade Math** – We’ve been exploring the use of the distributive property with algebraic equations containing variables. How we love distributing those coefficients over the terms and combining like terms! We’ll continue that study, of course with more depth!

6th – **Grade MATH** – We’ll begin Chapter 4 on Monday with estimating quotients to check our ability to divide whole numbers.

5th – **Grade MATH** – We’ll wrap up our chapter with some problem solving, then review for our chapter test the following week.

BRASS CHOIR

Ad astra per aspera, Brasslings! The only way to get good is to PRACTICE! Cyrus was this week’s Potentate of Practice and Adam was the Regent of Rehearsal. Now that we’re out of the first quarter, we’ll keep a running total of practice times for the rest of the year so we can honor an all-time Potentate and Regent at Awards Night. This week we’re working on exercises 27, 28, 29, 30A and 30B, and 31 on page 8. We’re also adding concert G to our repertoire (that’s A for trumpets), so start including it in your B flat concert scale. Remember to oil, grease, and otherwise prep your instrument when you practice on Monday nights so you’ll be ready to go for class on Tuesdays. Finally, please do not give Mrs. Curtis any more heart attacks by claiming not to know about or appreciate such individuals as Bach and Mozart.

SPORTS NEWS

***We have a basketball coach!** We are happy to announce that Mr. Roger Ernst (the younger) from St. Paul has accepted the position of coach for both A and C boys teams! He hopes to begin practice sometime next week. Stay tuned!

NEWS & NOTES

***Skate-a-thon** – This is the last weekend to collect pledges to our Skate-a-thon which will occur this coming Tuesday, October 27 at the Great Skate in Troy from 12:30-2:30. We’ve received a lot of nice prizes, including cold, hard cash!

EVENTS

FRIDAY (10/23) – No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences

SATURDAY (10/24) – VB Conference Tourney Continues @ MELHS

SUNDAY (10/25) – Church and Sunday School – Trinity Sausage Supper 12:00-6:00

TUESDAY (10/27) – Skate-a-thon @ Great Skate, Troy

WEDNESDAY (10/28) – Chapel @ 8:30 @ St. Paul – PNO Meeting in 7&8 classroom @ 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY (10/30) – K-2 Reformation Party

MENU

MONDAY (10/26) – Pizza, Salad/Croutons, Apricots, Dessert, Milk

TUESDAY (10/27) – Hamburger/Bun, Green Beans, Hot Apples, Dessert, Milk

WEDNESDAY (10/28) – Panchos Party Supper, Corn, Peaches, Dessert, Milk

THURSDAY (10/29) – Chicken Noodle Soup or Chili, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Crackers, Carrot Sticks, Applesauce, Dessert, Milk

FRIDAY (10/30) – Fish Square/Bun, Tator Tots, Peas, Pineapple, Dessert, Milk

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Adam Behrhorst – October 27

God’s Blessings to you, Adam!

TRINITY SAUSAGE SUPPER

Trinity Lutheran Church – Worden, will host their 59th Annual Sausage Supper on Sunday, October 25 serving from 12 Noon – 6:00 p.m. The cost for adults and carry-outs is \$8.00 and children are \$3.00. Liver, pork and blood sausage, ribs and backbones will be sold at Worden Food Market on Friday from 8:00-5:00 and Saturday from 8:00-Noon.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 25

Trinity Church

9:30 – *Randy Stark; Sam Whitmore*

St. Paul Church

7:45 – *Cody Hellmann; Jason Johnson*

10:00 – *Hannah Stroh; Megan Pellock*