



Trinity-St. Paul UPDATE



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SPIRITUAL FOOD

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother (the first commandment with a promise), that it may go well with you that you may live long in the land.” (Eph. 6:1-3).

How important it is for children to obey this command from God! Yet, how difficult it is for parents to enforce it! Children want to be in charge—to do what they want when they want. So do adults. It’s our sinful nature that insists we “blindly” take total charge of our lives. Yet, God established the family to be a place where children gain security from knowing where their boundaries are. Teaching obedience is lovingly creating boundaries and nurturing in our children a greater sense of who they are in the order of God’s creation and how God uses this order to provide them with earthly protection and guidance. On a good day, this “truth” is relatively simple. Parents set rules, establish consequences, hold to them—end of story. But, some days we are worn down, tired of the inevitable struggle that comes with disciplining and being sucked into debating the house rules. We realize that God has given our children free will and they may choose to resist our teaching. Still, we love our children with an unconditional love and pray that God might strengthen us to weather the parenting storms, stick to our loving plan of discipline and confidently deal with temporary and/or persistent resistance. As God’s representatives in our children’s lives, we model for our children that God’s love never changes even as together we endure the struggles of growing and learning His will and ways, to the glory of His holy name. Pax Domini—Mrs. Farrell

CLASSICAL EDUCATION: “Why teach Latin?” is a frequent question by those who believe that Latin is a “dead” language. I usually respond by saying that Latin is very much alive and an important part of classical education. First of all, it greatly enhances the young child’s grasp of the English language. Latin is the basis for a rich English vocabulary. Studying Latin enhances a student’s vocabulary and spelling skills since well over 50% of English words find their roots in Latin. Latin can be very helpful in improving the English reading skills of students. Because it is a phonetic language, its study, especially practice in reading aloud, often brings to students the basic understanding of the phonetic principles that they may never have mastered when first learning to read English. Few people can really understand grammar by studying their first language. They need the discipline of studying a rigorous and coherent language like Latin. A rich vocabulary and a command of grammar are the essential bases for effective writing and speaking. In addition to our own English language, most of the languages of Western Europe have evolved from Latin. Students who study Latin when they are younger find that the languages they take in high school come much more easily, since the foundation has already been laid. I’ll discuss more on this topic in the weeks to come.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

It was very nice meeting with all of you during parent-teacher conferences. If you ever have a concern or question, please call.

What a great time we had skating! Thank you to the older students for helping us learn to skate.

Thank you to all the parents who planned and/or helped at our Reformation party. We all had a great time!

Book orders are in the folder. Please return by Wednesday. Books make great gifts. Just mark on the slip and I will hold them for you.

A new reading program starts on Monday called Raging Rivers. Your child needs to read 150 pages before December 11 and he/she will receive a free ticket to Raging Rivers Water Park in Grafton.

We are talking about vowels in our phonics book. Ask your child to tell you how many there are and name them for you. We will be finishing our first phonics book next week.

Keep reading the short sentences on the papers that are coming home. 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.

Practice counting (up to 50), reciting the days of the week, birthday, phone number, address and months of the year with your child. Also, practice tying shoes and zipping coats.

Our memory verse for Friday is: ***Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God. Matthew 5:3.***

PTL meeting is Monday, November 9 in our room beginning at 7:15. Hope to see you there!

Chapel will be at **Trinity** for the month of November.

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

1st and 2nd GRADE NEWS

First Grade: Language test on Monday. We have been talking about main ideas of stories. We will also have a math test on Wednesday. Keep working on those addition facts.

Second Grade: Math test on Wednesday. We are continuing to work with fractions, time and dimes and pennies.

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Thanks to all the parents who came and helped with the Reformation party. The kids enjoyed it.

Have a great weekend! In Christ – Miss Warnier

3rd and 4th GRADE NEWS

Happy Reformation and All Saints Day! Have a safe and happy weekend. Don’t forget to set your clocks back for Daylight Savings time.

Raging Rivers reading program begins on November 2.

Forms are in the folders. Also in the folder is a sample book report poster. Your child has chosen a biography and should be reading it.

Books make great Christmas presents! Book order forms are in the folders. Please return them by Wednesday and make a special note if it’s a gift. Make checks to “Mrs. Schkade”.

We spent this week discussing Martin Luther and the Reformation. Ask your child who he was and what he taught.

We continue our journey through Genesis and are talking about Abram and Sarai.

We’ll be doing another retelling of an Aesop’s fable next week. The Lion and Mouse stories turned out well, and I’m excited to see what the kids come up with this time.

Fourth grade will be on Spelling Unit 11 next week. The review lesson is Unit 12, so start studying early!

Third grade will take the Science A2 test on Thursday. Review vocabulary, lesson review questions and chapter review questions. Check the science folder for worksheets to review also.

K- 8 sings at St. Paul on Saturday, November 7.

Our Patriots Night Out theme basket is “Pamper Yourself.” Please bring items for the basket by November 13. So far, we only have one item for our basket.

Otis Woodard is coming on November 23. We’d like to collect “kid-friendly” items for homeless families. Please bring pudding cups, snack bars, pop top cans of ravioli, spaghetti, etc.

Please read the News and Notes section for more important TSP news. In Christ---Mrs. Schkade

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

*7th/8th Science – We should complete this chapter next week.

*7th/8th History – They will complete the Constitution next week with a test. Not sure what day though.

*5th/6th Science – We have been having a great discussion on how animals have changed – Don't worry NOT Evolution. Next week we will focus on Response to Environment and Behavior. We will test the following week.

*5th/6th History – We are on the Unit of Ancient Egypt. They have been enjoying making the sandals, but we are also working on a large map of Egypt and checking out interesting facts about Egypt. Right now the book is a guide to the different areas we will check out.

3rd Math – Everyone did great on the 80 addition/subtraction facts. Next week I will do the same but shorten the time and mix up the addition and subtraction. This coming week we will be practicing word problems both addition and subtraction.

3rd Spelling – Perfect spellers on pre-test were Ryan and Zachary. On the final test were Riley, Viki, and Zach. Congratulations! I have sent home the word list for this section. Many students are practicing but some have yet to study for the tests. Mondays are pre-test – if they are correct they don't have to take the final test on Friday.

In Christ – Mr. Hemann

5-8 LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH MEMO

*5th & 6th Grade English – we will start our verb unit and continue with verbs through Thanksgiving. This first week, we will concentrate on memorizing our helping verbs and studying direct objects. No homework this weekend!

*5th & 6th Grade Reading – we will finish our Treasure Map Project, and we will read a selection from Harriet the Spy. Our book report for this quarter will be over selected poetry readings. For the book report itself, everyone will make a pop-up book of their three favorite poems. No homework this weekend!

*7th & 8th Grade English – we will continue working in our verb unit. We'll concentrate on learning by memory the helping and linking verbs and study the transitive and intransitive ones. No homework this weekend!

*7th & 8th Grade Reading – we will finish reading Edgar Allen Poe and start a look at two units - Unit 8 The Short Story and Unit 9 Poetry. Our book reports for the second quarter will be a combination of short stories and poetry. We continue to add fictional characters to our haunted house of fame. No homework this weekend!
Book Orders are going home today. Please return by Wed., the 4th. Make checks payable to Mrs. Schkade.

LATIN

3rd & 4th Grade Latin – No homework this weekend. We'll review vocab, then begin a new story on Mon.

5th - 8th Grade Latin – 5th & 6th graders have found our "capitulum primo" relatively easy and enjoyable. Remind your student to date and compile their notes taken during class on Tues. and Wed. for my inspection and credit on Thursdays. 7th & 8th graders are reading and translating "capitulum tertium" like--pros! We'll take a vocabulary test on Wed. and work on the accusative case and verbs in the grammar section of our chapter.

MATH

8th Grade Math – We're reviewing how to evaluate equations with variables, using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Next, we tackle multi-step equations with variables.

7th Grade Math – Terms, like terms, coefficients, variables—Algebraic language can be confusing, but the concepts are important to solving equations. We're slowing down a bit to make sure our skills are solid.

6th Grade Math – We'll divide decimals by whole numbers and explore using variables with multiplication and division equations.

5th Grade Math – We'll take our chapter test on Monday. Our new chapter will begin with multiplying whole numbers by decimals and decimals by decimals. Our biggest challenge will be to keep track on how many place values are behind the "dots."

NEWS & NOTES

***Auction Baskets** – Just a reminder – to all 3-8 grade families – Donations for class baskets for the auction are due by November 13.

***Calling all Families** – The Patriots Night Out dinner auction is fast approaching. We are in need of more donations. If you can donate anything or know anyone else who could donate, we would greatly appreciate it. The Patriots Night Out is Trinity St. Paul's largest annual fund raiser. The 2008 auction proceeds allowed us to redo the St. Paul Center bathrooms and locker rooms in addition to putting new carpet in the Trinity Center classrooms. This year we plan to continue with the gymnasium renovations and more updates at the Trinity Center. Donations can be dropped off at the school (either center) anytime. If you want your name in our program, please be sure to put your name on the donated item(s). Tickets are now on sale thru the school office or at the scrip table after church. The cost is \$10.00 each. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner is at 7:00 p.m. The meal is catered by Fema's. Join us for a night of fellowship.

***Chapel Offerings** – for the months of October and November will go to Lutheran Outreach. Otis Woodard will visit Monday, Nov. 23 at 2:00 and asks we collect non-perishable, ready-to-eat "kid-friendly" foods" again this year. These might include crackers, pop-top canned fruit, spaghetti, ravioli, vegetables, and soups; snack bars, jello/pudding cups, cereal, peanut butter, and squirt cheese. Paper products are also appreciated.

***Thanks to Parents** – who paid their lunch bills this week. Lunch bills are routinely sent out at the beginning of each month. If possible, we ask that parents pay these bills by the 20th of each month to help keep our Lunch fund accounts current. We value the contribution our lunch program makes to education here at TSP. Your help in keeping our lunch program solid is very much appreciated.

***Box Tops** – Thanks to Mrs. Lisa Meinzen for facilitating this program which provides some valuable resources for our school. Please continue to collect box tops for TSP. If you want to get them out of your house, you may bring them into your child's classroom at any time. Or, you can save them for January when we'll run a collection contest between classes, rewarding the top class with a tailgate party.

EVENTS

SUNDAY (11/1) – Church and Sunday School

MONDAY (11/2) – Raging Rivers Reading Program begins today for K-6 – BBB Practice 3:30-5:00 – GBB Open Gym @ TSP 5:30-7:00

TUESDAY (11/3) – GBB Open Gym @ Staunton 5:30-7:00

WEDNESDAY (11/4) – Chapel @ 8:30 @ Trinity – BBB Practice 3:30-5:00

THURSDAY (11/5) – BBB Practice 3:30-5:00

SATURDAY (11/7) – K-8 Sing @ St. Paul @ 6:00

SUNDAY (11/8) – Church and Sunday School – St. Paul Sausage Supper 12:00-6:00

MONDAY (11/9) – BBB Practice 3:30-5:00 – PTL Meeting @ Trinity @ 7:15

WEDNESDAY (11/11) – No School – Veterans Day

MENU

MONDAY (11/2) – Chicken Parmesan, Salad/Croutons, Peaches, Dessert, Milk

TUESDAY (11/3) – Sloppy Joe/Bun, French Fries, Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges, Dessert, Milk

WEDNESDAY (11/4) – Taco Crunch, Lettuce, Pears, Dessert, Milk

THURSDAY (11/5) – Farmers Delight, Corn, Bread, Pineapples, Dessert, Milk

FRIDAY (11/6) – Pancakes & Sausage, Carrot Sticks, Bread, Applesauce, Dessert, Milk

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Brendan Steinmeyer – November 8
God's Blessings to you, Brendan!*

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 1

Trinity Church

9:30 – Chelsea Behme; Michelle Williams

St. Paul Church

7:45 – Hannah Kipp; Elizabeth Steinmann; Rachel Brunsworth

10:00 – Natasha Meinzen; Kayleigh Meinzen; Brooke Webb