



# Trinity-St. Paul UPDATE



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## **SPIRITUAL FOOD**

**“We are treated...as sorrowful, yet we are always rejoicing.”** (1 Corinthians 6:10).

I challenged my teachers this week to repeat and remember this mantra: “My joy has nothing to do with the events of the day.” A full work week with several gloomy, rainy days meant our students were forced to remain indoors for recess, increasing the difficulty of our challenge to remain joyful always. How difficult is it as teachers and parents to remember that true joy of believing souls does not consist of high-charged “spiritual states” that are entirely free from pain or stress. True joy is not a result of brief, isolated moments that come and go with blessings or accomplishments. No, our joy as the Child of God is natural and genuine without false stimulation or exalted suggestion. Christian joy is life itself, continuously surging despite hardship or challenge in our daily life. Christian joy may fluctuate strongly and rapidly between sorrow and happiness, between fear and calm, between smiles and tears. Life is complex, and life in God is even more so with these strange contradictions. As we grow in faith, we learn that our joy in the Lord can neither be won nor kept without sorrow. We see that to be deeply grieved because of our own self-love, worldliness, laziness and unwilling spirit is the only soil in which our joy in the Lord can grow and thrive. As we approach a joyful season of Thanksgiving, let us ever rejoice in God’s grace, both in joy and in sorrow, in fear and in calm, in anxiety and in blissful rest! Pax Domini---Mrs. Farrell

**CLASSICAL EDUCATION:** Allow me this week to “wax eloquently” on my personal experiences with education. I’ve always believed that the mark of a good teacher is one that is ever the learner, and I have enjoyed my explorations of educational methods and philosophies. In my 30+ years of teaching and learning, I’ve observed continuous shifts in educational philosophy, ranging from “back to basics” to “innovative progressive” approaches. All claim to improve the overall education of children. Still, almost every progressive “fix-all” philosophy pushed through the educational ranks of public and parochial education has been doomed to fail and replaced with another. In my experience, many educational approaches are credible and beneficial to education when NOT taken to extreme or used exclusively for all students. I also believe that most modern methodologies fail because each replaces the former rather than enhance and balance the current method. What makes classical education different from modern methods is the duration of use throughout history. This “tried-and-true” approach to education prepared the great philosophers and inventors for centuries, at least the class of people who were considered “worthy of education.” Classical education was “lost” when progressive thinkers convinced the masses that a truly liberating education for the masses was not necessary. At TSP we believe that God values ALL people and has given us the mission to educate and develop the gifts of ALL children for service to His people.

## **KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who sent in the ornament money.

Otis will be at the St. Paul center on Monday at 2:00. He needs “kid friendly, easy access food” (cereal, juice boxes, fruit snacks, pop top cans). Please send it to school on Monday. **We will dismiss from St. Paul at 3:00 on Monday.**

On Monday, we would like everyone to wear their leaf sweatshirts that we made.

We will draw names Tuesday, for our Christmas gift exchange. It will be stapled to the folder. The gift should be around \$5.00.

Handwriting is in the folder. There will be no Update next week, but folders will be coming home on Tuesday. No homework over Thanksgiving.

Christmas gift shop is Friday, December 4. Envelopes will be in the folder on Tuesday. Fill out all information and send to school on Monday.

No school Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Don’t forget to thank God for all the blessings He has given you. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

Keep practicing counting, reciting the days of the week, birthday, phone number, months of the year, tying shoes, zipping coats and **ESPECIALLY THEIR ADDRESS.**

Are you reading for Raging Rivers? Turn in the paper as soon as you are finished.

Our memory verse for Friday, December 4 is: This is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.” Jeremiah 23:6

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

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

## **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE NEWS**

Keep reading for Raging Rivers. Many students have already read 150 pages.

Otis Woodard is coming on Monday. We are still collecting “kid friendly” foods and paper products.

Remember there is no school next week Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.

Please wear your leaf sweatshirts on Monday. We will dismiss from St. Paul on Monday.

On December 4 we will have a Christmas gift shop for the kids to shop for Christmas presents for their family.

**\*First Grade** – we will begin a unit on nouns. Keep working on those addition and subtraction problems.

**\*Second Grade** – will take a math test on Monday.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving! In Christ – Miss Warnier

## **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS**

This is the last Update of November! Next week is a two-day week with Thanksgiving break, and then it’s on to December.

Mid-terms are in the folders. Please sign and return them before Thanksgiving break. You may set up a conference with me if you’d like to discuss your child’s progress.

Upcoming Events:

**Friday night** – Patriot’s Night Out

**Monday** – Otis is coming! Bring food for homeless kids. No 4<sup>th</sup> grade Spelling test this week.

**Wednesday-Sunday** – Thanksgiving break, church services.

**Monday (11/30)** – Book Reports are due, 4<sup>th</sup> grade oral tests on adding 0-5 without using fingers, 4<sup>th</sup> grade Spelling Unit 14

**Tuesday** – English Chapter 5 test

**Wednesday – Friday** – Check the assignment notebooks to keep track of daily assignments and upcoming tests. Of course, do this Monday and Tuesday as well.

I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration. God is good and has blessed us richly. In Christ---Mrs. Schkade

## **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math) NEWS**

A Blessed Thanksgiving to all. Thank God for all the good blessings that have come your way.

Next week the 5-8 grades will be baking mini pies.

Students will need to bring pastry blenders, rolling pins and whisks on Monday. So Monday afternoon 5-8 will mix the dough for the pies and on Tuesday they will bake them.

Also next week is Bring a Friend to School. Make sure that if your child is bringing someone that the forms are filled out.

It's still not too late to bring in items for Otis Woodard – who is coming on Monday.

**\*7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Science** – has started a new chapter on Motion.

**\*7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> History** – has completed the Constitution!

**\*5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Science** – will start the new chapter on bions next week.

**\*5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> History** – is doing research on various topics on Ancient Egypt in the Computer Lab. This past week they have researched the animals and plants. Next will be the various gods and goddess.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Math** – is doing well with mastering their addition and subtraction facts. Keep working over the break so that there is no let down.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Spelling** – we will not start a new unit this next week. After Thanksgiving break they will continue with Unit 13.

In Christ – Mr. Hemann

#### 5-8 LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH MEMO

**\*5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade English** – we continue working in our verb unit. We are concentrating on our linking verbs and the predicate nominatives and adjectives that go with them. No homework this weekend!

**\*5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading** – we will be working on our poetry folders and pop-up books. No homework this weekend!

**\*7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English** – we have started our noun unit and will be working with nouns for the next couple weeks. We will also be reviewing simple, compound, complex and compound/complex sentences. No home work this weekend!

**\*7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading** – we will finish our pop-up books and read the last selections in our poetry and short story units. We are still working on memorizing our poems for our poetry recital the Monday after Thanksgiving. No homework this weekend!

#### LATIN

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Latin** – Next week we will focus on a few Latin words we've already learned that serve as roots for English words. The following week we'll focus on making each Latin verb we've learned so far into the first person "I" conjugation and take quiz on them on Friday, December 4.

**5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Latin** – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders will continue to review the new vocabulary of Capitulo Primo and finish it with a focus on the "grammatic Latina." 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders will continue "captiulo tertio," reading and translating scaena tertia.

#### MATH

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math** – The week of Nov. 30 –Dec. 4, we'll solve algebraic equations with formulas and work with measure of central tendency (aka: means and mode).

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math** – The week of Nov. 30 –Dec. 4 we'll try our hand at using formulas to solve word problems, of course with variables and mathematical operations.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math** – Next week, we'll begin our unit review, continue it the week of Nov. 30-Dec. 4 and take our unit test, God-willing on Wed., Dec. 2.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math** – We'll review for our chapter test on Monday and take the test on Tues. the following week, Dec. 1. Then we'll review and take the unit test that Friday, God-willing.

#### BRASS CHOIR

Once upon a time there was a Brass Choir. It was a dear little Brass Choir and loved to play Jingle Bells. The Brass Choir was directed by a big pregnant lady. When people came to Brass Choir without their instruments, it made her sad. She worried that if people kept coming to Brass Choir without their instruments it would make her cry. She thought how very bad the dear trumpeters and baritonists and tromboneadores would feel if they made a big pregnant lady cry! So she knew that the next week EVERYONE would remember his instrument, and that made her happy. She was also happy about the fantastic practice numbers many members of the Brass Choir were putting up. Only Adam could be the Potentate of Practice, and only Randy could be the Regent of Rehearsal, but everyone who practiced the exercises on page 9 and "Angels We Have Heard on High" earned the big pregnant lady's respect and admiration. And the Brass Choir played happily ever after.

#### NEWS & NOTES

**\*Gift Cards Available** – Christmas is quickly approaching. We have a wide-selection of gift cards available daily at Trinity St. Paul school office (St. Paul Center). Please stop by and get yours.

**\*The Patriots Night Out** – dinner auction is tonight. 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. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner is at 7:00 p.m. The meal is catered by Fema's.

**\*Chapel Offerings** – for the months of Oct. and Nov. will go to Lutheran Outreach. Otis Woodard will visit this Mon., Nov. 23 at 2:00. There's still time to bring in your non-perishable, ready-to-eat "kid-friendly" foods" and paper products.

#### EVENTS

**SUNDAY (11/22)** – Church and Sunday School

**MONDAY (11/23)** – Otis Woodard Visit @ 2:00 – All K-8

Students Dismiss from St. Paul Center @ 3:00 – BBB

Practice 3:30-5:00 – GBB Practice @ TSP 5:30-7:00

**TUESDAY (11/24)** – Bring a Friend to School Day – GBB

Practice @ Staunton 5:30-7:00 – BBB Practice 5:00-6:30

**WEDNESDAY (11/25)** – No School – Thanksgiving Break

**THURSDAY (11/26)** – No School – Thanksgiving

**FRIDAY (11/27)** – No School – Thanksgiving Break

**SUNDAY (11/29)** – Church and Sunday School

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

**TUESDAY (12/1)** – GBB Game @ Litchfield @ 5:30 – BBB

Game @ Litchfield @ 7:30

**WEDNESDAY (12/2)** – BBB Practice 7:30-8:00 a.m. –

Chapel @ St. Paul @ 8:30 – Advent Services

**THURSDAY (12/3)** – BBB Practice 7:30-8:00 a.m. –

**FRIDAY (12/4)** – Christmas Gift Shop – BBB (D) Game @

TSP vs. Edwardsville @ 5:30 – GBB (C) Game @ TSP vs.

Bethalto @ 6:30 – BBB @ TSP vs. Staunton @ 7:30

#### MENU

**MONDAY (11/23)** – Chicken Alfredo, Peas, Breadsticks, Peaches, Dessert, Milk

**TUESDAY (11/24)** – Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Rolls, Strawberries, Cake, Milk

**WEDNESDAY (11/25)** – No School – Thanksgiving Break

**THURSDAY (11/26)** – No School - Thanksgiving

**FRIDAY (11/27)** – No School – Thanksgiving Break

**MONDAY (11/30)** – Pizza, Salad/Croutons, Peaches,

Dessert, Milk

**TUESDAY (12/1)** – Hot Dog Twist, Chips, Carrot & Celery

Sticks/Ranch Dip, Jello/Fruit, Dessert, Milk

**WEDNESDAY (12/2)** – Beef Burritos, Spanish Rice, Corn,

Pineapple, Dessert, Milk

**THURSDAY (12/3)** – Chicken & Dumplings, Green Beans,

Roll, Peaches, Dessert, Milk

**FRIDAY (12/4)** – Mostoccoli, Salad/Croutons, Garlic Toast,

Mandarin Oranges, Dessert, Milk

#### ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

**Sunday, November 22**

**Trinity Church**

9:30 – *Shelby Steinmeyer; Michelle Williams*

**St. Paul Church**

7:45 – *Jason Johnson; Connor Cunningham*

10:00 – *Sean Micnheimer; Alex Micnheimer*

**Sunday, November 29**

**Trinity Church**

9:30 – *Randy Stark; Jacob St. Peters*

**St. Paul Church**

7:45 – *Chelsey Lippoldt; Melissa Pipkin*

10:00 – *Veronica Bartony; Hannah Stroh*