



# Trinity-St. Paul UPDATE



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## SPIRITUAL FOOD

**“We did not follow after deviously crafted myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.”** (2 Peter 1:16).

Don't you love the myths of the Christmas season? Classic characters like the Grinch and Scrooge “repent” of their “scrooginess” and embrace the “Christmas spirit.” This is the theme of most Christmas series, such as the *Home Alone* and the *Santa Clause* series. Tales like these have their place. In a society such as ours that appears devoid of morality, Christmas myths teach morality and cause our hearts to “grow a few more sizes.” Your faith, however, is NOT a fable. St. Peter and the other Apostles actually saw the things they wrote about and your faith is based upon their eyewitness testimonies. The Apostles saw Jesus teaching, healing, and transfigured before their eyes. They saw Jesus betrayed into the hand of sinners, beaten, mocked, denied, crowned with thorns and forced to carry his own cross. They saw Him crucified, die and buried. They also saw Him arisen to life and walked with Him again for 50 days. Before Jesus left them to go to His heavenly home, He sent them to proclaim the Gospel, to testify to all the world that the One Who was crucified to redeem them has arisen from the dead. So when we hear the Words of the Gospel, we hear the historic facts of God's love and work of salvation for us. God's Son, Jesus, born of a virgin, took upon Himself all that God requires of us in His Law and counted everything that He did for us. We are marked as His children—even when our heart is “two-sizes too small.” Cherish the myths of Christmas for their lessons. Deck the Halls and kiss your sweetheart under the mistletoe! Then, when you talk about God coming to the manger wrapped in our flesh, be clear to those you love: “Jesus really came as a baby on Christmas to save us from our sins and will return soon to take us to heaven. Merry Christmas! --Mrs. Farrell

**Classical Education— Liberal Arts:** Progressive education in our modern society tends to narrow its content and skill-development, often focusing on students' interests and perceived abilities. Hence, curriculum becomes a kind of preparation for a specific job which the school anticipates the student is most suited to earn a living. In contrast, the goal of classical education is to elevate human beings above the natural barbaric estates, liberating them with the ability to rule well in all estates. Classical education seeks to equip and free citizens to think independently of rulers. How important this is to our students as they strive to live in an increasingly anti-Christian culture and a society in which government seeks more control which threatens our freedom to live, worship and confess our faith in the truths found in Holy Scripture. A Christian view recognizes that God calls each of us to a vocation in which we serve others on God's behalf. God inspires us to serve and places each of us in our vocation—whether we make money at it or not. Classical schools, therefore, are places that prepare students for their calling, that give them opportunity to explore possibilities, and that “liberates” them to serve in their vocation

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

If you have not sent in your child's gift for the gift exchange, please do so on Monday.

We sing at Lessons and Carols at St. Paul on Wednesday. Please be in the basement by 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, we will be visiting Unity. Permission slip is in the folder. We will be back for regular dismissal.

Sunday, your child should color the third flame on the candle. The Advent coloring books will be in their book-bag on Friday, please help your child finish them.

Our party will be Friday, December 18 beginning at 9:15. All parents are invited. Thank you to all the parents who planned our party. I am sure the children will have a great time. **We will dismiss Friday at 11:30.**

Most of the children's crayons are disappearing and/or broken. They may need a new set when we return in January. I also told them they may bring a set of markers to keep in their boxes if they would like.

Handwriting homework is in the folder, but there will not be any over break. We only have two more letters to learn when we come back!

I will collect the ring cards Friday and keep them over break.

Pay close attention to the dates in the folder. You will have to mark a couple of lines before sending it back in January.

Our memory verse for Friday is: The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:8.

Chapel will be at **St. Paul** for the month of December. Have a great and safe holiday season.

Remember the reason for this beautiful season!

God' Blessings, Mrs. Steinmeyer

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

The kids have been having fun getting ready for Christmas. They did a great job of singing on Tuesday when we went caroling.

There will be no spelling test next week or memory on Tuesday. We will have Bible verse memory on Thursday: “The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.” Isaiah 40:8. Both first and second grade will take a math test on Monday. First graders keep working on those addition facts. Second grade work on both addition and subtraction facts.

We will be going to Unity on Thursday. Permission slips are in the Friday folders.

We began our Read to Succeed program last week. If your child reads 360 minutes by February 19 they will receive a free ticket to Six Flags.

Please remember that Wednesday is Lessons and Carols at St. Paul. Please meet in the basement no later than 7:00 p.m.

Remember that Friday is our Christmas party in the morning and we will dismiss at 11:30.

Have a great weekend and a Blessed Christmas!

In Christ – Miss Warnier

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

Merry Christmas (a little early)! This is our last Update of 2009, so I'm taking the opportunity to wish your family a blessed Christmas and joyous New Year.

Third grade has no tests next week but 4<sup>th</sup> have Spelling Unit 16 on Thursday and Math test 10 on Thursday also.

Please sign and return the permission slip for our trip to Unity on Thursday.

Next week, we may be going outside for recess. Please make sure your child is appropriately dressed.

The students have picked out a book report book. They can read it over Christmas break if you want. I'll hand out the report instructions in January.

Our party is on Friday morning. School dismisses at 11:45 that day. Students may bring their class Christmas presents on Thursday or Friday.

With Christmas excitement building and school work still continuing next week, it is imperative that your child be well rested. Some of the kids are saying that they go to bed at 11:00 or 11:30 at night, and I have seen the groggy, crabby results of this! Children this age should get 10 hours of sleep per night. Please enforce this for the health of your child.

Please bring a dessert and join us at the TSP Soup Supper at St. Paul, 5:30-6:45 on Wednesday. Your children should be lined up at 7:00 in the basement for the Lessons & Carols service.

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

This coming week will be busy in about every respect. Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> is DARE graduation in the church basement at 7:00 p.m. Monday afternoon the kids will practice and have pizza. Tuesday and Wednesday look to be a "normal day". Wednesday evening is Lessons and Carols at St. Paul. We would like the children to be here starting at 6:45 in the church basement. They will then walk or march in and sit in front of the church. Friday is a ½ day with St. Paul letting out at 11:45 a.m. Christmas parties and exchanges are in the morning. Busy-Busy-Busy.

\*7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Science – will have a test on the chapters on Wednesday.

\*7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> History – will also have a test on the chapters on Wednesday.

\*5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Science – is working on the Biomes yet.

\*5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> History – will investigate the Great Pyramid and have a take home test on Thursday.

3<sup>rd</sup> Math – will be working on reading numbers, directions and measuring in the coming weeks.

3<sup>rd</sup> Spelling – will play catch up with Lesson 14.

In Christ – Mr. Hemann

### 5-8 LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH MEMO

\*5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade English – we will be writing Christmas letters to the homebound members of Trinity and St. Paul. When we return from Celebrating Christmas, we will start our noun unit. No homework this weekend!

\*5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading – we will read and study several of the more famous Christmas poems. We'll add these to our poetry folders. On Thursday we will watch the animated poem version of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." When we return from celebrating Christmas, we will start Unit 2 Family Matters. No homework this weekend!

\*7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English – we will write Christmas letters to the homebound members of Trinity and St. Paul. When we return from Celebrating Christmas, we will begin our study of adjectives and adverbs. No homework this weekend.

\*7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading – we will put together our poetry pop-up books, and we will read several of the more famous Christmas poems. When we return from celebrating Christmas, we will start Unit 3 Catastrophes, Natural and Unnatural. No homework this weekend!

*A Blessed Christmas to Everyone!*

### LATIN

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Latin – We only have one class next week. No quiz until the new year. Keep studying those vocab cards!

5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Latin – We'll take a test on the vocabulary from Capitula prima on Thursday. We'll begin Capitula tertia in January.

7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Latin – we'll finish "grammatica Latina in Capitula tertia next week and start a new chapter when we get back in January.

### MATH

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math – Due to the illness of both our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, we'll finish our review on Monday and take our chapter test on Tuesday. Then we'll prepare for our new chapter on ratios and proportions.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math – We'll continue our study of factors by recognizing monomials and explore some exponents.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math – We'll continue our chapter on organizing and displaying data with a quick study on histograms and solving problems with graphs.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math – We'll begin a new chapter next week on relating division and multiplication and estimating quotients.

### BRASS CHOIR

I don't need anything this year, but I wanted to ask for some things for the Brass Choir. First, please give Cyrus and Adam (aka Potentate of Practice) whatever is on the top of their lists because they have been such good practicers this year. Tyler and Sean could both use 800 of your finest, sharpest pencils to make it crazy fun for

them to write down their practice minutes. Randy would like an extra happy DVD to cheer him up after *Marley & Me* (naturally he'll put in his practice minutes before he watches it). Finally, please give Chase (aka Regent or Rehearsal) a shiny trombone of his very own because he is WAY TOO GOOD to keep playing the school clunker.

If you really want to get me something, you could send an elf to the house of everyone in Brass Choir and remind them to work on the exercises on page 11 for at least 100 minutes this week. Make sure these elves are very good at counting eighth notes to help everyone along. -- Mrs. Curtis

### SPORTS NEWS

\*Game Addition – Please add the following game to your Basketball Schedules –

**Boys "D" Team Game – January 14 @ 6:30 @ Prairietown**

### NEWS & NOTES

\*Soup Supper – It's time for our annual TSP Soup Supper on Dec. 16 from 5:30-6:45 PM. The meal is in the St. Paul basement and will conclude right before the Lessons and Carols Service, in which the children sing. Please join us in support of the School Scholarship Fund. We ask each TSP family to provide a dessert for this event. Thrivent Financial is providing matching funds.

\*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.

### EVENTS

**TONIGHT (12/11)** – BBB @ Troy @ 6:30

**SUNDAY (12/13)** – Church and Sunday School

**MONDAY (12/14)** – BBB Practice 3:30-5:00 – 5&6 DARE Graduation @ St. Paul Church Basement @ 7:00

**TUESDAY (12/15)** – GBB Game @ TSP vs. Prairietown @ 5:30 – BBB Game @ Home vs. Prairietown @ 7:30

**WEDNESDAY (12/16)** – Chapel @ St. Paul @ 8:30 – Soup Supper 5:30-6:45 – K-8 Sing @ Lessons & Carols @ St. Paul @ 7:15 p.m.

**THURSDAY (12/17)** – K-4 Unity Trip – BBB Practice 3:30-5:00 – GBB Practice 5:30-7:00 @ TSP

**FRIDAY (12/18)** – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter – Christmas Parties – ½ Day Dismissal @ 11:30 Trinity; 11:45 St. Paul

**Christmas Break – December 18 – January 3**

**MONDAY (1/4)** – School Resumes – BBB Practice 3:30-5:00 – GBB Practice @ Staunton 5:30-7:00

**TUESDAY (1/5)** – GBB Game @ Staunton vs. Edwardsville @ 5:30 – BBB @ Staunton @ 7:30

**WEDNESDAY (1/6)** – Chapel @ Trinity @ 8:30

**THURSDAY (1/7)** – GBB Holy Cross B Team Tourney

**FRIDAY (1/8)** – GBB Holy Cross B Team Tourney

**SATURDAY (1/9)** – GBB Holy Cross B Team Tourney

### MENU

**MONDAY (12/14)** – Pizza Stromboli, Fresh Veggies & Ranch Dip, Pineapple, Dessert, Milk

**TUESDAY (12/15)** – Snack Wraps, Lettuce, Chips, Pears, Dessert, Milk

**WEDNESDAY (12/16)** – Beefy Taco Skillet, Corn, Strawberries, Cake, Milk

**THURSDAY (12/17)** – Oven Baked Chicken, Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Roll, Green Beans, Peaches, Dessert, Milk

**FRIDAY (12/18)** – No Lunch – Early Dismissal

**Christmas Break – December 18 – January 3**

**MONDAY (1/4)** – Lasagna, Salad, Bread Sticks, Apricots, Dessert, Milk

**TUESDAY (1/5)** – Hamburger/Bun, French Fries, Carrot & Celery Sticks/Ranch Dip, Pears, Dessert, Milk

**WEDNESDAY (1/6)** – Taco Crunch, Corn, Lettuce, Pineapple, Dessert, Milk

**THURSDAY (1/7)** – Salisbury Steak, Smashed Garlic Potatoes, Gravy, Bread, Green Beans, Hot Apples, Dessert, Milk

**FRIDAY (1/8)** – Fish Sticks, Macaroni & Cheese, Peas, Fruit Salad, Dessert, Milk

### ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

**Sunday, December 13**

**Trinity Church**

**9:30 – Chelsea Behme; Olivia Daube**

**St. Paul Church**

**7:45 – Chelsey Lippoldt; Rachel Brunsworth**

**10:00 – Melissa Pipkin; Jenna Inman**