



Weekly Note: September 19th, 2019

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K-8 School Picture Day on Monday



K-8 school picture day is coming up **this Monday, September 23rd**. Lifetouch will be taking the pictures again this year. Order went home with students last week. You can return these forms or order online at mylifetouch.com using the Picture Day ID EVTQ3KGRP.

Upcoming Events

- **Friday, September 20th**
Cross Country at CCS
- **Monday, September 23rd**
K-8 School Picture Day
- **Wednesday, September 25th**
Breakout Club Meets
- **Friday, September 27th**
CPL Fall Family Social
- **Sunday, September 29th**
K-8 Students Sing in Church
- **Monday, September 30th**
Cross Country at SJC
- **Tuesday, October 1st**
Quarter 1 Midpoint
- **Friday, October 4th**
Infant-Pre-K Picture Day, Cross Country at Camp Omega
- **Thursday-Friday, October 10th-11th**
No School
- **Saturday, October 12th**
Cross Country at Mayer Lutheran High School
- **Wednesday, October 16th**
District Busses Run Late
- **Thursday-Friday, October 17th-18th**
No District Bussing and Not Hot Lunch (School in Session at Trinity)

Breakout Club Meets Next Week Wednesday

We're excited to be offering Breakout Club to students in grades 1-8 this school year. The Breakout Club meets once a month and there is no charge. Students are given the opportunity to use teamwork and critical thinking to solve a series of challenging puzzles, open the locks, and escape! 1st-4th grade will meet in one classroom and 5th-8th grade in another. This month, 1st-4th graders will meet in Miss Bernau's room and 5th-8th graders will meet in Mrs. Wilharm's room. The first meeting will be held **next Wednesday, September 25th**, from 2:15-3:15. Come join us!



CPL Fall Family Social Next Friday



You're invited to a Fall Family Social evening at the Stadler's house next **Friday, September 27th** starting at **6:00 p.m.** See the attached flyer for their address and more details. We hope you can make it for some time of relaxation with other families to kick-off the weekend!

Fall Break in October

Every three years, our K-8 teachers head to LEA, a Lutheran Educators' Conference that is held nationally. This year, the conference will take place at the beginning of October, so there will be no school on **Thursday-Friday, October 10th-11th**. This differs from the public school's MEA break this year. School for us will be in session on **Thursday-Friday, October 17th-18th**, while ISD 15 is not in session. This means that no bus transportation and no hot lunch will be available on **October 17th-18th**. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



Alert Notifications

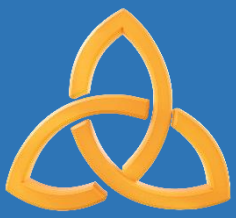


This year, our K-8 families will be receiving notifications through the FACTS/RenWeb "Parent Alert" system. In the case of severe weather or changes in scheduling, these alerts will come through as text messages and calls on the cell phones you indicated to be custodial during the enrollment process.

Singing in Church

Mark your calendars: The kindergarten-8th grade students will be singing in church on **Sunday, September 29th**, for both the **8:00** and **10:30** services. We hope you can join us!





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Donuts with Dad

Thanks to everyone who joined us for Donuts with Dad yesterday morning!



September K-8 Baptismal Birthdays



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Birthdays

- September 19th
Juliet Avery,
Zane Edwardson
- September 25th
Miss Jerrica
- September 26th
Sophia Phelps



Weekly Families In Our Prayers

- The Hauck Family
Parents: Jason and Megan
Students: Hayden (PK),
Beckham (2nd),
Addison (4th)
- The Bierch Family
Parent: Alex and Shavonne
Student: Milly (TO)



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Box Tops for Education



Do you love clipping Box Tops to donate to Trinity? Please note that Box Tops is in the process of switching over to a digital format. You can still clip and send in traditional Box Tops that you find, but if you find a product with a new "No More Clipping" label, **do not send it to school**. Use the new Box Tops app to scan your store receipt **within 14 days** of purchase. (You can search for Trinity by using the zip code 55070 and then selecting "Trinity Lutheran School" from the list of St. Francis schools.)



Coca-Cola Give

If you drink Coca-Cola products, you can support our school at the same time! Enter the codes found under the caps at <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/> using Trinity as the school you support, or drop these caps in the designated containers by either entrance, and we'll enter them for you!



Loaves for Learning



Did you know that we also collect Country Hearth and Village Hearth UPC labels at Trinity? These UPCs can be turned in to one of the drawers at either main entrance as a part of their "Loaves for Learning" program!



Do you have an announcement for the School Notes? Please send any additions to Miss Ruth Bernau (rbernaul@trinitysf.org) by Wednesdays to ensure it makes it into the weekly newsletter.



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King's Kids Corner

By Miss Nancy



- **Wednesday, Sept 25th is a special day.** Mrs. Ana Arriaza is returning to her beloved infant room after a 2 month leave to visit her family in San Salvadore. Also, it's Ms. Jerrica's birthday.



- **Friday, October 4th is King's Kids picture day.** There will be a note and flyer in your child's locker/cubby on Monday.



- **Monday, October 7th,** the church is putting in a new sidewalk at the north entrance where most families enter. This may take the entire week to finish. You will be asked to use the south entrance by the gym. You are welcome to park down there. Sorry for the inconvenience but we will have a safer sidewalk.



- Speaking of safety. When you drop off or pick up your child, they must be with you at all times. They are not allowed to be up at the entrance area or any other place by themselves. We want to keep accidents from happening. Also, please hold your child's hand if possible in the parking lot.



- **Coming next month: "Star of the Week".** This is our activity that will allow each child to tell us all about themselves and their family. We rotate to a new student each time and let you know in advance. This involves making a poster board with pictures. Teachers have the information to give to you.



- **Did you know?** Birthdays are SO special to children! We celebrate the day God sent each child to earth by making them a crown and giving them a certificate with a free treat at the DQ here in St. Francis.



- **Are you thinking about winter?** Be sure to get jackets, snow pants, mittens, hats and LABEL-LABEL-LABEL! Imagine having 25 kids in one class. That's a lot of equipment to keep track of. We will go out whenever weather permits.



- **On Our Wish List:** We are looking to build our stock of back-up clothes. We now need socks, shoes, pants, and underwear... mostly in sizes 18 months to size 5. We do have tax deduction receipts if you want one.

We love being Partners with Parents.



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Cross Country

Thank you to all who came out to cheer on our runners at Trinity's Cross Country Meet last Friday!





You're invited to a social event
for all Trinity Lutheran parents
and students. Mingle with other
school families and enjoy some
outdoor fun. Please bring a snack
to share. Beverages will be
provided. See you there!

FALL FAMILY SOCIAL

Friday, Sept. 27th
at 6:00 p.m.

The Stadler Home
645 229th Avenue NW
St. Francis, MN 55070

(Feel free to park on the grass.)

Questions? Contact Janice Stadler
at janicestadler@yahoo.com.

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CPL Meeting Notes 9/12/19

Attendees:

Board of Education: Vincent Grochow, Jeff Hass

School Board: Tim O'Brien, Todd Johnson, Chester Jones

Staff: Pastor Christiansen, Ms. Bernau, Mrs. Wilharm, Nancy Porter (daycare director)

CPL Attendees: Michael Guse, Kelly Ferguson, Chelsie Grochow, Megan Hauck, Janice & Kevin Stadler, Miranda Johnson, Amie Paulson, Jake Yatckoske

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fall Social Event: Stadler Family will host – Friday, Sept 27th at 6pm (Chelsie or Megan will create flyer)

Donuts with Dad: September 18th at 7am

Milk/Juice: 2 gallons of each - Kelly Ferguson

Coffee: Bring down Keurig coffee machine

Donuts: 8 dozen – Jake will pick up (Megan will order ahead of time)

6 pack of gluten free option

Jake, Michael, and Jason H. to set up items and help serve if needed

Reformation Party: Need someone to coordinate set-up (Kelly F.) (Megan H. will be out of town)

- Sunday, October 27th
- Vincent G. runs the Chili Cook-off
- Do we want to designate donations received for another group?

Other Ideas/Discussion:

Spending money of classroom funds? – approved providing teachers with \$100-\$200 for classrooms

- Future spending - create a vision of what we want to promote in the classrooms – **further discussion needed**

We recognize need for marketing our school to increase enrollment – **further discussion needed**

- Religion – yes; but need to promote our academics and the importance of small class sizes

Bring back selling clothing items for parents & students? – **discuss via email**

Other Idea: Create a sharing clothing area for used Trinity clothes

- Ideal for students leaving the school to offer Trinity clothing to new students

Joint Questions/Discussion with Board of Ed and School Board

New Bus Discussion

- Fits 55 passengers (current enrollment = 45 students)
- Cost \$28,000 (sell our current bus for approximately \$10,000 or trade?)
- 15 passenger van requires a CDL license – regular license covers a 12-passenger van
- Current bus requires repairs (up to \$5,000) + DOT and winterization (\$2,000) = \$7,000
- Is there an option to contract busing? – buses from district not option, limited schedule, or expensive (\$600/trip)
- Funding: split between 3 different groups (approx. \$10,000 from each group) – balances below
- Auction account (\$22,770)

- School Wish (\$20,958)
- Day School Special (\$32,406 w/ \$13,000 for technology fees/Chromebook deposit)
- Voted that CPL would be willing to cover 1/3rd of new bus cost

Other Joint Questions/Discussion

- Admissions Committee – Possible need to re-establish an admissions committee
- Marketing/Promotion – Need for developing a marketing committee
- Nancy mentioned other schools hiring someone to help with school promotion (cost unknown)
- Temporary signage? (use temporary signs to promote school)
- New permanent sign (digital sign possible?) (need to go to city council for approval)
- Social Media – promote what stands out about school?
- In process of switching over website (about 4 weeks to develop basic site)
- School Accreditation Committee (to be discussed by School Board) – accreditation would create more options for grants/funding
- Linking CPL bank account to Facebook non-profit fundraising (approved by Board of Stewardship)
- Extra stuff being stored in gym – work with Trustees to clear clutter

New CPL Positions

Megan Hauck – President

Chelsie Grochow – Secretary

Michael Guse – Treasurer

Kelly Ferguson - Volunteer Coordinator