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The mission of
Trinity Lutheran
School is to assist
families to make
fully devoted
followers of Jesus
Christ through
Christ-centered
education.

Weekly Family Devotion from the Principal (and this week, from a Dad)

"The Beauty in the Struggle"

Dear Trinity Families,

This week, I'm writing not as your principal, but as a dad. After attending our recent parent-teacher conferences, I found myself reflecting on a question that's been sitting in my heart: *"Why do I feel so strongly that my kids need to get straight A's or have it all together?"*

Is it because of social pressure, the constant drumbeat that success is measured by grades, trophies, and test scores? Or is it because I feel that my own success as a parent is tied to how my children perform? Those thoughts have humbled me this week. It reminds me that life is messy, we are messy, and yet God meets us in the mess and carries us by his strength.

As I prayed about it, God reminded me that His goal for my children - and yours - isn't perfection, but formation. He desires that our kids grow in wisdom, perseverance, and faith. Romans 5:3-4 says, *"We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,*

and endurance produces character, and character produces hope." As much as I want to protect my kids from frustration or disappointment, I'm learning that these are the very moments where God shapes them most deeply.

These are the years for our children to face challenges, make mistakes, and learn resilience while we walk beside them, not paving the road smooth, but guiding them along it. My goal isn't to make their life easy, it is to help them build the habits and work ethic that lead to lasting success. When we allow them to struggle, we give them the gift of strength, humility, and faith that will prepare them for the harder roads ahead.

Deuteronomy 31:8 comforts us with this truth: *"The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you."* The same God who goes before us goes before our children, too. We can trust Him to use every challenge, every "less than perfect" grade, to grow their hearts and their faith.

I'm [sharing an excellent video](#) from Ms. Kopper that made me stop and think about the beauty in the struggle and the gift of resilience. (This would be great to also share with your middle-schooler!) It reminded me that learning, like faith, isn't about ease, but endurance. Our focus should be on helping each child develop grit, independence, and pride in doing their best, not just getting the best grade.

This week I invite you to join me in praying not for perfect report cards, but for growth over perfection, effort over ease, and hearts that are being shaped by God's perfect plan.

In Christ,
Mr. Brown – Principal (and parent)

SCHOOL PICTURES are coming home today! If you did not order, your student should still have been given a proof. Retakes are next week after Chapel.

SOUP AND OTHER ALA CARTE ITEMS Mrs. Chilcutt's chicken noodle soup is back on the menu every Friday! It is an ala carte item and costs \$1 which will be billed to

your lunch account. Per government lunch guidelines, students must have either a lunch from home or a school meal to go with the soup or any ala carte item ordered – ala carte items cannot be the only thing a student is eating for lunch. If they do not have food from home to go with an ala carte item, they will be given a meal and it will be changed to RenWeb. Thank you.

STUDENT V STAFF VOLLEYBALL GAME On Friday, October 24 at 4:00, the varsity girls volleyball team will take on the amazing and athletic Trinity staff in our annual student v. staff game. Everyone is welcome to watch and enjoy the fun.

PEP SQUAD It's time for Pep Squad! Students in grades 1/2/3/4 can join this club and cheer at the JV home basketball games in November and December. See the updated flyer for more details. Or contact Mrs. McMahon.



SAVE THE DATE – DINNER DANCE 2026 Mark your calendars now for Saturday, February 28, 2026. The 8th grade hosts its annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser at the Italian American Cultural Society to support the class's spring trip to New York City. Tickets will go on sale around Thanksgiving. Hope to see you there!

WAVE PROJECT is a [non-profit organization](#) which provides a mobile shower service to homeless men and women every week, as well as some new and gently used clothing. One of our parents is involved with their organization and is collecting new or gently used jeans, hoodies, and winter coats for adults. A collection box will be in the Coffee Oasis for the month of October if you are interested in donating. ADULT SIZES ONLY, PLEASE.

STUDENT ABSENCES When an absence is necessary, parents should always contact the school office (not just the teacher). Please call (586) 468-8511 first thing on the day of the absence to indicate the student name, grade, and reason for the absence. If it is before 7:30 a.m., please leave a voicemail. Email is also an acceptable way to share an absence and may be sent to Mrs. Nyboer and Mrs. Steenkamp with an explanation.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND CEF is a savings program that students may support each week. You can read about the non-profit work of CEF [on their website](#). Students “purchase” stamps, and the money gets put into an account for them at Church Extension Fund. Parents must be on the account with their minor children. The money earns interest, and you’ll get statements regarding the balance on a regular basis. CEF will begin on October 10 and be on Fridays this year.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS Did you know Trinity participates with Kroger in their Community Rewards program? If you are a Kroger shopper, you can designate Trinity Clinton Township as a recipient of Community Rewards money from Kroger! Use the app [or the website](#) to check your account and enroll for Trinity (organization number WL 109).

OCTOBER CHAPEL OFFERING is going to Operation Christmas Child. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way by sending gift-filled shoe boxes to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan’s Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations. Thank you for supporting this ministry through chapel offerings this month.

OCC BOXES In addition to October chapel offering supporting Operation Christmas Child, third grade teacher, Mrs. Huff, has empty boxes if you would like to fill a shoebox as a family. Boxes need to be filled and returned to Mrs. Huff by Friday, November 21. If you are interested, please email Mrs. Huff at chuff@trinityct.org. Third graders will deliver empty boxes to your child's classroom to be sent home if requested. Thanks so much for joining us in this exciting outreach.

DRESS CODE On most Fridays during the school year, theme shirts or Trinity spirit wear tops may be worn with uniform bottoms (free) or jeans (\$1). This is NOT a dressdown day, therefore there are intentionally less options. Please take note of the following guidelines:

ALLOWED -

Theme shirts from current or past school years
Trinity spirit wear tops

Uniform bottoms (free) or Jeans (\$1)

NOT ALLOWED -

No Michigan State Spartans clothing

No sweatpants, joggers, leggings or other non-jeans/nonuniform bottoms.

No Thrivent shirts (we love them, just not on Fridays)

Please continue to follow the guidelines so we may keep Spirit Wear Fridays!

SIGN UP FOR REMIND 101! Mr. Brown will be using Remind again this year to send school cancellations or other quick messages. If you haven't already, please text 81010 to get signed up. Put the below code in the message body. You only need to sign up for one group.

K-2 - @ag9ff4

3-5 - @64f2ch

6-8 - @c6cagd

SCHOOL CALENDAR

October 22	8:20 Chapel
October 24	Advanced Band to LHNW
October 26	Reformation (9:00) Confirmation (11:00) Grades 3 and 4 sing at 9:00 Worship
October 27	Grade 8 to Future Mustang Day at LHN
October 29	8:20 Reformation Chapel Picture retakes after Chapel
October 30	Fall Sports Awards Night
October 31	Reformation Day Paid Casual Day \$1 tops, \$1 bottoms
November 2	Daylight Saving Ends – Fall Back!
November 4	Vision Screening Grades: 1,3,5,7
November 5	8:20 Chapel
November 7	Paid Casual Day for Thanksgiving Baskets \$1 tops, \$1 bottoms
November 9	Grades 5 and 6 sing at 9:00 Worship
November 12	10:00 Veterans Day Chapel Service
November 13	First Trimester Ends
November 14	NO SCHOOL – Staff Accreditation Mtg
November 17-21	Book Fair
November 18	Report cards sent home
November 19	8:20 Chapel
November 26-28	NO SCHOOL
November 26	7:00p Thanksgiving Worship
November 27	Thanksgiving
November 30	Advent begins Advanced Band plays at 9:00 Worship

LUTHERAN HIGH NORTH UPCOMING EVENTS

October 21 – Elementary Art Night for 2nd Graders

Second grade students are invited to join Mrs. Wilson, Lutheran North's art teacher, along with some of our talented LHN art students, for a fun and creative art experience!

November 7 and 8 – Mary Poppins Join us for our Theatre Department's enchanting production of Mary Poppins.

November 8 and December 13 - High School Placement Test & Parent Q&A Session Incoming students test while parents have questions answered about academics, student life, and what to expect during your child's transition to high school.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

K/1/2 LUNCH AND RECESS VOLUNTEERS Grades K/1/2 are looking for volunteers to help each day in the lunchroom and on the playground. Duties include walking around the lunch tables, opening packages, walking kids to the restroom and waiting in the hallway, and walking the playground to monitor students with other staff members. **A Parent Participation Form is required to volunteer.** No siblings, please, so attention can be on K/1/2 students. Use [THIS LINK](#) to sign up.

3/4 RECESS VOLUNTEERS Third and Fourth Grades are looking for Recess Volunteers for Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. **A Parent Participation Form is required to volunteer.** When you arrive, please sign in to the office and pick up a volunteer badge. [Review the available slots to sign up.](#)

CHURCH HELP Don't forget, volunteering with church activities may also count towards your volunteer hours. [Read the Announcer](#) weekly to learn all the ways you can be involved.

CHURCH INFORMATION -----

WEEKEND CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00

Saturdays at 5:00

ANNOUNCER ONLINE Read all about the exciting activities happening at Trinity in the weekly Announcer. Sign up to receive it in your email, or [visit the website](#) to read online.

SUNDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES—Trinity's Sunday morning schedule has some new additions:

- Adult Bible study—A pastor-led Bible study is offered every Sunday in the Church Lounge at 10:10 a.m.. It focuses on the scripture used in the service each week
- Youth Group—A Bible study group for those in grades 6-12 meets in the Youth Lounge beginning at 10:10 a.m.

- Sunday School is held between services for those in grades K-5. Learn more about Sunday School and how to volunteer to get involved at the table in the foyer.
- The nursery is available between services for infants through preschoolers who need a place to go during these events.

E3 CONTINUES Life with Jesus is available for those who want to become members, but the new format makes it engaging for all adults. The youth group meets in the Youth Lounge, a children's program and the nursery will also be available. Programming begins at 6:30 p.m.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER -----

ECC ACHATZ PIE FUNDRAISER From October 2 through November 7, the ECC will be holding an Achatz Pie fundraiser. Order forms are available at their front desk. Please contact tlcecc@trinityct.org with any questions.

THE ECC IS HIRING—The ECC is looking for a compassionate and dedicated childcare provider who will have a passion for nurturing and teaching children, creating a safe and engaging environment for their growth and development. This role involves caring for children of various ages, from 2 to 14 years old. The position is full-time, Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (35 hours). Complete an application at trinityct.org/eccemployment