



Trinity Christian School

Growing His Kingdom... One student at a time

Son Times

September 2, 2010

“Understanding God’s grace in all it’s truth”

Colossians 1:6b

Time for Truth with Dr. Lones...

In his book, *Changing Schools from the Inside Out*, Robert Larson asks the question, “How can already good schools become even better by building on their success?” I agree with Larson when he states that if you are not searching for ways to get better, you are delegating your school to mediocrity. As a Christian ministry, it is often easy to sit back on our laurels (we had a wonderful year last year) and make excuses for not improving the quality of our school. However, I believe God calls Trinity to a standard of excellence through our Lord Jesus Christ. It is therefore, important that Trinity constantly and consistently strive for excellence in all aspects of our ministry and make improvements where needed.

This is one of the benefits of the accreditation process. It helps us make a candid assessment of our school to see if there are changes that need to be made to increase our effectiveness. While we have not yet begun the accreditation process, we have started laying the preliminary groundwork necessary to enter into the official year-long process of accreditation. A couple of the major things we are presently working on are:

- Identifying specific curriculum standards and objectives
- Mapping out the proper scope and sequence of the planned instructional program
- Reviewing and establishing policies to see that the educational and spiritual needs of the whole child are being met on the basis of Biblical principals, professional ethics, and high standards

Please join us on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. for our first Curriculum Night. This evening is designed to help you discover what your children will be learning throughout this school year.

Curriculum Night gives you an opportunity to connect with our teachers and learn their overall educational strategies and communication process. Although Curriculum Night does not allow enough time to address specific concerns, you will gain insight into your child’s day here at Trinity and leave feeling better informed about the educational goals we have for our students. We ask all parents to be respectful of the general intent of this evening and if necessary, please make an individual appointment with your child’s teacher for a later time to address student specific concerns. To make the most of this time together, this is a PARENT ONLY event. Childcare will not be provided. We hope you can join us!

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Spirit Gear Day

Catch the Trinity Spirit! Friday, September 3 is our 1st Spirit Gear Day!

Students and staff are encouraged to wear their Trinity Christian Spirit Gear TOPS. Students must wear their regular uniform bottoms. This is not a dress down day.

September

Fri, Sep 3 -

Room Parent Orientation
Mtg . 8:35
Round Table With
Dr. Lones 8:45
Spirit Gear Day!

Mon, Sep 6 -

NO SCHOOL

Tue, Sep 7 -

HOT LUNCH STARTS!
Gyros, Fruit & Salad

Wed, Sep 8 -

Chapel - 8:35 -Jason Domingo
Moms In Touch—9:30
Hot Lunch—Pizza

Thu, Sep 9 -

Hot Lunch—Burgers & Chips
VB/Soccer Home
Calvary @ 4:15

Fri, Sep 10 -

Hot Lunch—Spaghetti W/
Meatballs

Reminder

Hot Lunch



Don’t forget to order your child’s hot lunch for the month of October. The hot lunch link will be pulled off the website at 9 sharp on Mon, Sep 14. There are no exceptions so please make sure you get your order in on time.

Reminder

Round Table

Fri, Sept. 3 - 8:45

Join Dr. Lones for this year’s first Friday round table beginning at 8:45am in the Main Building conference room.

ALL parents are welcome!

CHAPEL

Our first chapel was an amazing start to a great year. "Bible Action Heroes—Put Your Faith in Action" is our theme this year. Our Chapel verse for the start of the year is 1 Thessalonians 1:3. This week's chapel was led by Worship Pastor Jason Breda of The Source Church in Oswego. He spoke of the Ultimate Hero, Jesus Christ, and he challenged the kids to look through their "lenses" to learn from the many Bible heroes we will be looking at this year. It was a great time as our student body all came together in praise and worship. What a great way to restore ourselves in the middle of the week. Remember, all parents, grandparents, and siblings are able to attend chapel with us every Wednesday morning from 8:35-9:15.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE

See *You at the Pole* is an annual worldwide event in which students come together in prayer and song around their school's flagpole to make a difference for the world. We will come together around our flag pole for a time of unity and a time of worship on September 22 at 7:30. Please watch for more information about this event in the near future. For more details you can visit www.SYATP.com.

TRINITY FAMILY & BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Your directory will be sent home shortly with your child. Please remember, you may only use it for the purpose of calling parents for school related activities. Please respect our families privacy: under NO circumstance is any information to be disseminated or used for personal business related reasons. Thank you for your cooperation.

Trinity Uniform Sweatshirts

Uniform sweatshirts are available to order by contacting Mrs. G. at 815-577-9310 ext 54 or by sending a check in to school, payable to Vision Creations.

Prices are as follows:

Youth Small/Medium/Large \$18
Adult Small/Medium/Large \$20

You're Off the Hook by Kim McCool

Throughout history, God has moved in ways that are unexplainable. This mystery of God can be challenging for those of you, like me, who need to know the facts and analyze the data. Faith is often described as believing in the unseen. Yet, even if our faith is secure, too often the world comes crashing down on us in subtle ways, and in profound ones. How is your faith doing? In good times, I find it always easier to believe in God's faithfulness. After all, things are going great and God is a good God. These are mountaintop times. We are in a mountaintop time at Trinity right now and we are praising the Lord for His faithfulness! It gets tricky though when things aren't so great. A job is lost, a relative is ill, your child has a rough start to school or a marriage/relationship weakens. Some of our surrounding Christian schools are experiencing this kind of valley and we need to pray for them. Today in Chapel we sang, *Mighty to Save* and it got me wondering whether we really believe that all of the time? If we always had mountaintop times, our faith would not be challenged because why would God need to act? If we had it all figured out, for what would we need Jesus to save us? If we were the perfect parent and spouse, why would we need grace? Let me encourage you to take a deep breath and invite the Lord to walk with you right now through the valley or on the mountaintop. He IS mighty to save us all and He takes the burdens we keep to ourselves in the palm of His hand. You are off the hook – God has it and wants you to lift up all your worries to Him! You are free! Our God has everything under control and brings us to our current circumstances hoping we depend on Him and come to know Him better. That's what our students do every day at Trinity. They meet with God and they know God is faithful. Won't you follow their lead and meet with God today? Our kids notice the difference in us when we do.



Don't forget to go out and start getting your pledges this weekend! Remember :

If you believe it, you can achieve it!!

EAGLES ARE SOARING IN SPORTS

Our soccer and volleyball teams have been working hard in preparation for their first games this week. Both sports have a record number of student participation this year. We are excited to see what the girls and boys can do on the court and the field. Please come out and support your Eagles! Schedules are located on the Trinity website.

Serving from the Heart

Serving from the Heart is at the core of the Trinity Volunteer Program and boy did we Serve from the Heart at Document Pick-UP Day. The majority of the volunteer opportunities were filled that day. What a great way to start the year. God is so Good! If you didn't have a chance to sign up, please contact me for volunteer opportunities at melissag@trinitychristian.info or 815-577-9310 ext 54.

Shine on,
Mrs. G

Serving from the Heart

September Volunteer Opportunities

Position	Day	Time
Recess Helper	Fri	11:25—1:00
Hot Lunch Helper	Wed, Thu, Fri	11:00 –1:00
Weekend Warriors	Sat, Sep 11	7am

If you are able to volunteer please sign up in the office or contact Mrs. G at melissag@trinitychristian.info