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“But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

HAPPY MIDDLE OF THE SUMMER, TRINITY FAMILY!

I hope and pray that you are all having a wonderful time enjoying this beautiful summer, thus far. While many of you are enjoying the sun, hitting the beaches and planning fun family time, there are a lot of things going on behind the scenes at Trinity Christian School, so we want to give you some updates. Please take the time to carefully read through this summer newsletter, you don’t want to miss out on anything! We plan to send another one out in early August.

My first request to you all is for you to take a moment and lift the school up in prayer. We need to faithfully continue to lift this place of ministry to the Lord. There is so much to be thankful for and there are also many needs. Please join with me in asking for God to guide and direct this school into His will and plan. We can do amazing things as long as we continue to put our faith and trust in our Lord and Savior. Here are some specific requests and blessing to keep in prayer:

- Praise in the blessing of great new staff and faculty
- Pray for our new teachers and that they transition smoothly into their classrooms
- Enrollment – that God continues to bring in families and students to fill these halls
- That God would bless families seeking to send their children here, who are struggling financially
- Our maintenance crew as they work hard to get things in place for the school year
- The logistics of starting a new school year, from the first day to in-service planning

Please drown this upcoming school year in prayer. It is not too early, God will hear our prayers. Thank you for your love for our school. We’re looking forward to the new school year, but still enjoying what is left of summer!

In His Grip,
Mr. V
Administrator

JOIN US AT SHOREWOOD CROSSROADS FEST!

Trinity Christian School is participating in the Shorewood Crossroads Festival, Aug. 4 – 6. We will participate in the parade and host a Kids’ Zone tent with activities for children.

The PARADE is Sunday, Aug. 6 at noon. The theme of the parade, “Celebration,” fits perfectly with our upcoming 25th anniversary! All TCS students, families and alumni are invited. Participants receive one of our new 25th anniversary T-SHIRTS for FREE! To R.S.V.P., click on this link and complete the required information: 2017 Crossroads Parade RSVP.

We also need volunteers to decorate the float for the parade. Helpers each receive a FREE 25th anniversary t-shirt, plus volunteer hours for the 2017-2018 school year! We meet Friday, Aug. 4, to decorate. If you are able to help, please contact Mrs. Toya Thomas, Special Events Coordinator, at 815-577-9310, ext. 54, or at tthomas@trinitychristian.info.

Have some fun at the festival at the TCS Kids’ Zone tent Saturday, Aug. 5! We especially need face painters. Again, those who help will receive a FREE 25th anniversary t-shirt, in addition to volunteer hours for the 2017-2018 school year! You can help, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. or 2 - 6 p.m. To sign up, please contact Mrs. Deanne Bekermeier, Director of Development, at dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info, or at 815-577-9310, ext. 68; or Mrs. Alice Fabbre at afabbre@sbcglobal.net.

The Crossroads Festival is an awesome way to promote and celebrate our school, have fun, receive a FREE 25th anniversary t-shirt and earn volunteer hours! Join us there!
WELCOME NEW STAFF AND TEACHERS!

There have been some great additions to our staff thus far. We want to give you an update on what is going on so you can warmly welcome these individuals in their new roles here at Trinity Christian.

New Staff for Next Year

Our prayer is that we welcome our new staff with open arms and give them the support they will need to serve and teach here at a marvelous school.

**MRS. ERYNN VOLPE** is our new 5th grade teacher. She graduated from Trinity Christian College with a B.A. in Elementary Education in 1999. Mrs. Volpe comes with several years of experience in public schools, as well as a year teaching in a Christian school. She has a passion for children and a love for teaching, as her goal is to engage the kids and make learning meaningful and fun. Mrs. Volpe has a deep love for the Lord and is involved in her church, as her husband is a pastor in Homer Glen. Mrs. Volpe and her husband have four children and are extremely committed to Christian education.

**MRS. LORI BALEK** comes in as our new middle school science teacher. Mrs. Balek graduated from Western Kentucky University with a B.S. in Middle Grades Education, with an emphasis on language arts and science, in 1996. She has 15+ years of experience teaching, with most of those years being in the middle grades teaching science. Her love for the Lord is evident, as she is heavily involved in small groups and leading marriage groups with Community Christian Church in Plainfield along with her husband. Mrs. Balek is excited to share her passion for life, her love of the Lord and her knowledge of science with our students.

Other positions to Note:

**MISS AMBER POLLY** will continue as our art and computer teacher, but will now also take on the role of 8th grade U.S. History teacher. Miss Polly has a passion for teaching and has taught history in a Christian school at the high school level previously, as well as she has taught Illinois history/government which will be a Unit this year. We believe she will make history fun and interesting to the 8th grade class.

**MR. STEVE HINKLE** will continue to be here on a part-time basis, but will be take on both 7th and 8th grade Bible this year. Mr. Hinkle continues his position as a pastor at Grace Bible Church as well. We have appreciated his expertise in the Word of God and will continue to expect him to lead our students to love the Lord through scripture, and continue to give them knowledge through our curriculum in order for our students to make their faith their own.

**MRS. ANITA LANING** will move from 4th grade and become our new 3rd grade teacher, partnering with Mrs. Woodford. This will be a good transition for Mrs. Laning after teaching 4th grade for several years. As a veteran teacher she will know exactly what the kids need to understand before moving into 4th grade.

We are grateful for these wonderful additions to the TCS family this year! The Lord has always been in the lead on this and we seek to follow his plan for the upcoming school year. I pray that we can all warmly welcome these new individuals, who bring a lot of experience, energy and excitement to our staff. Please welcome them to the TCS family and let’s remember to lift them up in prayer as they transition and get affiliated with all that is new to them about TCS!

Available Positions:

There are still several other areas and logistics being sorted out and evaluated in regards to positions. Below are some needs that we are still looking for. Please remember these jobs come with a tuition discount based on the amount of hours worked. If you or someone you know is interested in any of these positions, please send a completed application along with a resume to: Trinity Christian School, Attn: Jon Vugteveen, 901 Shorewood Dr., Shorewood, IL 60404. Applications may be found online.

**B.A.S.K. (Before and After School Kare):** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-8:15 a.m. and 3:15-6 p.m. still available. Applicants must love working with kids, be very reliable, and ideally have experience caring for children.

**Teacher Aide:** Flexibility in hours is a possibility, but the need is mainly during morning hours, 8-11:30 a.m. This would be primarily for the kindergarten classrooms, but other areas of need could arise.

**Part-Time PE:** Work alongside Mrs. Fasano in 6th-8th PE classes, and possibly take on an elective class, 11:30 a.m.-3:15 pm.

**Substitute Teachers:** If you, or someone you know, is interested in substitute teaching in K-8 for the 2017-2018 school year, please download a teacher application online. Once you have completed the application, please forward the completed application, along with your resume to the school office. College degree required and teaching certification preferred, but not required.

**Preschool CAP (after school care):** Two, three or five afternoons, 3 - 6 p.m. This position involves overseeing 10-20 preschoolers after school.

Reenrollment

We're looking forward to having your students back for the 2017-2018 school year! If you haven’t reenrolled your students yet, now is the time to do it. Give the office a call at 815-577-9310 if you have any questions.
LEAD THE WAY!

Trinity Christian School is a marvelous place to educate your child while he or she learns to be a disciple of Christ. What could be better than having such an eternal focus? To sustain this environment and help others to partake, our community raises funds in a variety of ways. Some of our fundraising efforts are required and others are not. Currently, two of the required events and one that isn’t required are in need of leaders. The Walk-a-Thon, the Benefit Event, and the Run, White & Blue 5K are each in need of leaders. Historically, these events each have two co-chairpeople to lead the way. Those who chair major events get their volunteer hours taken care of by filling that position. There are certainly leaders in our Trinity family. We’re looking for you. It is time to step up and lead! Which event will you head up? Pray about it. Perhaps this is the very thing the Lord has for you. Grab a friend and co-chair together. The work is good, valuable and it’s likely you’ll have fun. Let us know by contacting Mrs. Toya Thomas at ttthomas@trinitychristian.info. Thank you for stepping up!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Mrs. Anne Boonstra, one of our P.E. teachers for the last few years, and her family. She and her husband welcomed their baby boy, Breckin, June 25. He was 6 lbs., 15 oz. We pray for God’s blessings on them all!

JUMP-START DAY!

Mark your calendar for August 18 and join us for Jump-Start Day! This event takes place at Trinity Christian School and will be LOADS of fun as we welcome everyone to get a jump on back-to-school fun. From 8-9 a.m., document pickup starts for new families ONLY, then, 9 a.m. - noon, all families are welcome to attend document pickup. During this time, families have an opportunity to meet the teachers, pick up all needed information, sign up for volunteer hours and meet other families.

Then join us for our Jump-Start Picnic, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., right here at the school, in conjunction with document pickup. Bring a picnic lunch (or fast food) and head to the soccer field and park for fun and games provided by PTM. Come enjoy some time meeting new classmates and catching up with the old. Watch for more information coming soon. We look forward to seeing you there!

MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES

Elective choices for 7th and 8th grade students for the 2017-2018 school year will be emailed home to your family email in late July or early August. Please discuss the choices with your 7th or 8th grader, then email the top three choices to Mrs. Becky Lapp at blapp@trinitychristian.info. The first semester elective will be included in the schedule each student receives at Jump-Start Day, Aug. 18. Sixth graders are assigned electives.

WALK-A-THON IS SEPTEMBER 23

Trinity Christian School’s 2017 Walk-a-Thon is Saturday, Sept. 23, right here at Trinity, 8:30-10:30 a.m. This annual event is one of three major fundraisers that we all participate in together. It is always a great time and is followed by the Back-to-School Bash, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Bash is a time to enjoy some food and games after we are done walking our fundraiser. We anticipating an enjoyable morning of fun and fellowship! Please begin to PRAY and start making a list of all the family and friends who you are going to contact to ASK for donations and SPREAD the word about our great school. More details to come soon! If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact Mrs. Toya Thomas, Special Events Coordinator, at 815-577-9310, ext. 54, or ttthomas@trinitychristian.info.

SUMMER SCRIP

Order Scrip all through the summer to support Trinity and work on your family’s 2017-2018 Scrip commitment. Order Mondays before 9 a.m., and pick up your order in the front office Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon. Scrip also has a mobile website available so you can keep up with your order from your mobile device. To learn more about ScripWallet, watch this video or visit the website. New to Scrip? Learn more here: www.trinitychristian.info/required/scrip-program.

COLLECT BOX TOPS OVER THE SUMMER

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Hot Lunch Ordering Opens Aug. 1

We hope you all are enjoying your summer vacations! Aug. 1, we will open ordering for August AND September. Ordering closes after Jump-Start Day, Aug. 18, at 5 p.m. Late orders will not be allowed. When ordering, please notice that your student has been moved to the correct grade, but this is NOT their classroom assignment. Each student has been placed randomly in a classroom so hot lunch can be ordered and will be corrected when assignments are complete. Hot lunch will be served to students beginning Aug. 28.

If you are a new family or this is your first time using our online lunch ordering system, an intro can be found on the Trinity website www.trinitychristian.info/parents/hot-lunch-ordering with more detailed instructions on how to set up your account in the parent letter. Volunteers will be on hand at Jump-Start Day, Aug. 18, to help you as well.

Important facts to remember for hot lunch ordering:
- Menus are active for ordering from the 1st of each month through the 14th at 9 a.m. of each month
- Orders and payments need to be received by the 14th at 9 a.m. for the following month’s lunches
- All orders must be paid during the ordering process. Unpaid orders are automatically deleted.
- The system will not allow you to make a late payment
- Live checks are not accepted, especially after the cutoff
- Refunds are not given if you order and your child misses school for that day (the lunch has already been prepared for them)
- Teachers should notify you well in advance of field trips so you know when not to purchase lunch

If you have any problems setting up your account or hot lunch ordering in general, please feel free to email Mrs. Lisa Viramontes at momto4tvs@yahoo.com. Like Trinity’s Facebook page; reminders to order are posted there!

All students entering kindergarten or sixth grade, and transfer students must have a physical exam form completed and ready to turn in by JUMP-START DAY, AUGUST 18, 2017.

Immunizations: State law requires that all students entering school be immunized against polio, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (Tdap), measles, mumps, rubella, Hepatitis B (for 6th grade), and varicella (chicken pox). Also, a meningococcal conjugate vaccination (MCV4) requirement recently went into effect for students entering sixth grade. Sixth graders must show proof of one dose of MCV4. Proof of immunity is verified by documented evidence by a health care provider of the student having received the vaccine or of having had the disease. State law provides that students who do not meet these requirements be excluded from school.

Religious Exemptions: For families who have a religious objection to examination or immunization, Illinois law has recently changed. According to Public Act 099-0249, families with such objections must submit a completed Certificate of Religious Exemption for each student. The certificate must also be signed by the child’s health care provider responsible for performing the child’s examination for entry into kindergarten and sixth grade. This signature affirms that the provider educated the parent or legal guardian about the benefits of immunization and the health risks to the student and to the community from the communicable diseases for which immunization is required in Illinois.

The religious objection provided need not be directed by the tenets of an established religious organization. However, general philosophical or moral reluctance to allow physical examinations, eye examinations, immunizations, vision and hearing screening or dental examinations will not provide a sufficient basis for an exception to statutory requirements.

Please be aware that students who have not been immunized will be excluded from school for a period of time, determined by the state, if they have been exposed to some of these diseases.

Key Points:
All kindergarten, sixth grade and transfer students shall have their physical exam completed and turned in by Jump-Start Day. Please fill out the “History” section on the top of the second page prior to coming.

To be in compliance with state law, students who do not have proper immunizations or forms completed prior to the first day of school, will not be allowed to begin school until the form is completed.
FALL SPORTS
Information about soccer and volleyball is being sent via email by the beginning of August. If you do not receive any information by Aug. 4, please contact Mr. V at school by phone or by email at jvugteveen@trinitychristian.info. The first games of the season begin the last week of school, so practices/tryouts will begin the week of Aug. 15. More information will be coming soon so stay tuned!

Volunteer Nation
Get a head start on 2017-2018!

Summer Needs
- Possible summer teacher projects
- Summer building/landscape help
- Possible summer office/technology help
- **Shorewood’s Crossroads Festival, Saturday, Aug. 5: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. OR 2-6 p.m.
- **Shorewood’s Crossroads Parade, Sunday, Aug. 6
- Pre-Jump Start Day help, 1-2 weeks prior to Friday, Aug. 18
- Jump Start Day, Friday, Aug. 18
- Jump Start Picnic, Friday, Aug. 18: help PTM with set-up, during, tear-down

**Get a free TCS 25th Anniversary T-shirt for volunteering to work Shorewood Crossroads Fest or Parade!!!

2017-2018 Early School Year Needs
- August/September Daily Needs for Morning Greeters, Recess and Lunch help

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: We are starting a new year, so please rejoin the "Remind" app for our volunteer group (TCSVolunteers), and get a reminder the day before via text or email (your choice) of your daily volunteer serve, and be notified of last minute needs. Instructions on how to sign up are available here.

Volunteer opportunities may be found by going to the TCS website homepage, hover over “Parents,” click on "Volunteer Opportunities,” then “Volunteer Needs” or simply click here. Please contact Mrs. Janine McDavitt at 815-577-9310, ext. 66, or jmcdavitt@trinitychristian.info to sign up or for information.

School Supplies
School supply lists are updated on our school’s website here under the Parents’ Corner link. Click on Forms & Handbooks to find the supply lists in the dropdown menu. Please locate the correct grade level for your child. Students may bring their supplies to their classrooms on Jump-Start Day, Aug. 18, to be ready for the new year!

Update on Terranova Test Scores
This spring’s TerraNova 3 test results have been delayed because of a technology platform conversion at Data Recognition Corporation. DRC has communicated to us that printed score report projection dates have been pushed back. The current information that we have is that the date for printing of Individual Profile and Group List Reports is to begin the week of July 17. Unfortunately, previous dates for score delivery have not been realized, and ACSI has no control over this current projection. We will update you when we receive them. Thank you for understanding.