

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL  
TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS  
BOARD OF CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL  
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***Trinity Lutheran School exists to challenge and enable young people to grow in both Christian Spirit and academic wisdom, and to prepare them to be witnesses in God's Kingdom.***

Trinity Lutheran School is a place where the students are taught God's Word daily. It's a place where His grace is shared hourly, and it's a place where His love is proclaimed at all times. What a fantastic environment for students of all ages. The writer of Proverbs, inspired by God's Holy Spirit, tells us, *Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not turn from it.*" (Proverbs 22:6) The members of the Christian Day School Board, along with Trinity's faculty and staff, take those words of Scripture very seriously, and believe Christian education is at the heart of Christian training.

As the board members, students, faculty, and staff embark on the 151<sup>st</sup> year of proclaiming and teaching God's love and message of eternal life to the village of Tinley Park and the surrounding communities, we do so with abundant gratitude to the members of Trinity Lutheran Church and School. The dedicated members of our church continue to support the ministry of Christian education, through both financial and spiritual support. In the year of our Lord 2010 Trinity it is a place where His grace is shared with almost 270 students. Thank you, congregational members, for your gifts of love.

Trinity is blessed to be a quality Lutheran school, as evidenced by maintaining both National Accreditation and State Recognition. A visitation team from National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) will be on campus in April to once again determine if Trinity will receive national accreditation. Please pray for this enormous process. We thank our gracious God for His continued blessings upon our congregation and the families involved in worship and education.

Currently the ministries of Trinity Lutheran School include:

- one session of the two day a week 3 year-old Pre-Kindergarten
- two sessions of the three day a week 4 year-old Pre-Kindergarten
- An option for enrollment in a full or half day Kindergarten class
- two - second grade classrooms
- two - fifth grade classes
- two - seventh grade classes



The remaining grades consist of one class per level. By the grace of our awesome God, Trinity has the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) largest enrollment for a K – 8 school in the Northern Illinois District. Please continue to thank God for the workers in our midst, for each other, and for His love given daily to all who worship Him.

Since our report to the congregation in October, 2009 a number of activities and actions have occurred:

- A Student Council sponsored Veterans' Day ceremony.
- Celebrated Red Ribbon Week.
- Hosted another successful "Pack the Gym Night" raising (thanks in part to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans matching funds program) over \$7,500 for 5 year-old Sydney Meekma.

- A student council sponsored dance for all 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the congregation. (Another one scheduled for this month)
- Parent - Teacher Conferences for the Pre - Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> grade families.
- Completed the fall PTL fundraiser earning (thanks again to Thrivent Financial additional funds) over \$5,600.00 dollars.
- A Christmas band concert.
- The annual Thanksgiving Feast.
- The PTL sponsored Santa's Secret Workshop.
- The holding of the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual National Geography School Bee in December with Bob Lallky, a seventh grader, achieving the honor of school champion.
- Participation in the winter sports season involving over 60% of the children in grades 5 – 8.
- Collected donations to assist "The South Suburban Crisis Center" in distributing needed items for struggling families, and collected items for the earthquake victims in Haiti.
- Students in grades 3 – 8 wrote essays on the "Sanctity of Life" and submitting their creations to Lutherans for Life of Illinois.
- Sponsored, along with Trinity's PTL, two Coffee Ands ... for parents.
- Began the "Read to Succeed" program for 2010.
- Forty-one (41) fifth graders attended out-door education at the Walcamp Retreat Center in Kingston, IL, February 15 – 19.
- Participated in the South Suburban Lutheran Spelling Bee.
- Began the 2010 version of Art Club for students in grades 2 and 3.



With a variety of athletic opportunities throughout the school year for boys and girls, along with experiences in music (choirs and band), journalism, drama, and service organizations such as NJHS and Student Council, the students' lives are enhanced to give glory to God for their gifts. The students at Trinity are daily encouraged to serve others in their school, church, and community. Whether it is sending cards to shut-ins, using their musical talents at nursing homes or collecting donations for children and families who are struggling, the students do understand God expects them to help others and He is pleased when they do so because of their love for Him and the gift of His Son, Jesus.



Looking forward to the next few months, we highlight the following events:

- Lutheran Schools Week, March 7 – 14, with many activities, including: student and faculty choirs at worship services, NJHS Induction ceremony, an OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, March 10, from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., the annual 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade basketball game, and Celebration Sunday on March 14.
- Volleyball and Track season



- A Dinner Theater, presented by the junior high students of Trinity, On April 30 and May 1.
- Two remaining PTL meetings, one in March the other in May.
- Achievement testing for grades 2 – 8 in April.
- An additional Coffee And... involving Board members, Trinity's administration, and parents.
- Hosting Open Houses for members of the community.
- The annual Walk-A-Thon for Lutheran Education.
- The seventh (7) grade trip to Springfield, IL scheduled for Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

- The eighth (8) grade trip in April.
- Hosting the Solo Band Contest on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The annual Talent Festival scheduled for Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>
- Offering the PTL sponsored Dad - Daughter Dance on March 20, for all members of Trinity and their friends.
- Hosting the NLSA Visitation Team in hopes of receiving national accreditation.



- Additional field trips for the students in grades K – 8.
- The Trinity Singers, Trinity's Junior High Choir, sharing the gift of music with the residents of The Lutheran Home in Arlington, Heights, IL on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Cherub Choir (and Kindergarten) Operetta scheduled for Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.

- The Fine Arts Festival on May 20, involving Trinity's Band and select choirs.
- The Graduation Banquet on Friday, May 28, followed by the Graduation Worship Service on Sunday, May 30, at 11:30 a.m.
- Enrollment for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten for the 2010 - 2011 school year has begun. Enrollment for grades 1 - 8 will begin soon. Member families received information through the U.S. mail regarding enrolling their children in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten. PLEASE ASSIST US IN THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS BY TELLING YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ABOUT TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL.

During the remainder of this school year, the Board's actions will include:

- Finalizing staff placement, class size, and number of homerooms for the 2010 - 2011 school year.
- Considering the purchase of additional SMART boards for classroom use.
- Developing the 2010 – 2011 budget, along with the church treasurer and compensation committee, for presentation at the May Voters' Assembly.
- Adopting the 2010 - 2011 school calendar.
- Finalizing the National Accreditation process for the on-site visit in April
- Contemplating the purchase of new textbooks in a curriculum area.
- Continued sponsorship of both Girl and Boy Scout troops
- Completion of a Technology Plan

Tentative plans for the 2010 - 2011 school year depend upon enrollment numbers as identified in April. Full or half-day Kindergarten will again be an option for parents. We ask for your prayers as we begin the enrollment process. Dealing with enrollment is always a difficult issue for the Board. Your prayers are greatly needed and appreciated.

Trinity's Board of Christian Day School believes each and every child attending Trinity should receive the finest Christian education available. We continue to strive for that goal, for that is what our Lord would expect us to do!

Serving the Master Teacher,

Members of the Board of Christian Day School

