



2023 | 2024

December 1, 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 5	Children's Boutique
Dec 4,5,6	% Boys Basketball Tournament @
	Swan River
Dec 8	Pizza & Italian Soda Fundraiser
Dec 11-12,	14 5th Grade Boys Basketball
	Tournament @ TLS
Dec 15	2pm K-2 Christmas Program
Dec 19	PreK Green & Blue Christmas Program
	6pm 3rd-8th Grade Christmas Program
Dec 20	PreK Red Christmas Program
	11:30 Early Release
Jan 2	School Resumes
Feb 10	Save the Date! Annual Auction!

The Mission of TLS:

Real Hope, for Real People in Jesus

The Vision of TLS:

Responding to the grace of God in Jesus Christ, we partner with families in the nurture and education of their children for service to Christ on earth and for eternity.

Our Values:

Proclaim Jesus Christ
Nurture Faith
Achieve Academic Excellence
Serve in Love
Show Integrity
Instill Lifelong Learning



Principal's Corner

It's that time of year again. Time for all the preparations of the Christmas season. Sometimes it feels like there is so much to do that it can become overwhelming and not enjoyable. There are presents to shop for, decorations to put up, special food to prepare and a tree to decorate. Of course we can't forget Christmas programs and class parties to prepare for. All of this can put us in a mood that is anything but joyful.

So how do you do it all and still have joy?

- Pace yourself. Do a little preparation each day and get the whole family involved. All of this work can't be done by one person.
- 2) Make it fun for everyone! Even the youngest children can help. It may not look exactly the way you wanted it to, but that's ok.
- 3) Give yourself permission to **not** do it all. Eat off of paper plates, simplify gift giving, have tasty, but simple meals, use the crockpot so dinner is ready when you get home.
- 4) Find time each day for a family devotional and quiet time. There's no better place than to dig into the Bible. Compare the account in Matthew and in Luke.
- 5) Go to Adventures in Advent on December 7, 14 and 21. This is a great way to draw your family together and dinner is already prepared. A message of Jesus and a Christmas craft, what a great family time!

My prayer is that you will be filled with the Joy of the Lord this Christmas season!



Chapel

December 6
December 13
December 20

Pastor Brian K-2 Dress rehearsal

5th Grade

Chapel starts at 8:20am and parents, grandparents and family are always welcome!

In November and December we will be donating food items as well as dollars and coins to the local food bank. We will be helping with their Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. Each class was assigned a specific food item. Your child's teacher will let you know what item is for their class, but of course, the food bank will accept any non-perishable food.

Raised so far: Jello: 20 boxes

Broth: 30 cans

Green Beans: 90 cans

Pumpkin, yams, sweet potato: 20 cans

Onions: 7

Cream of Mushroom soup: 45 cans

Evaporated Milk: 39 cans Cranberries: 13 cans Fruit Cocktail: 13 cans Stuffing: 9 boxes Gravy: 29 packets Olives: 5 cans

Hot chocolate: 146 packets

Families In Touch

This coming week we will be lifting up our childcare children, their families, Mr. Holladay & all of the childcare staff in prayer.

Quicklinks:

Educate - informational video
(email the office for password resets)
TADs Tuition Accounts
School Year Calendar
Middle School Website
Hot Lunch Website



<u>It's Christmas Sweater</u> Time

Ugly or beautiful...it's Christmas sweater time!
Each Friday in December wear your most festive sweater to bring some fun and cheer to school!

SALT Opportunities

Each family (K-8th) is asked to serve 25 volunteer hours each year. This can also be donated to the school at a rate of \$20/hour. Here are some available options for serving:

- Pizza & Italian Soda fundraiser <u>SIGNUP</u>
- Volunteer in the lunchroom. (11:30 12:00 for grades 1-4 and 12:00 12:20 for grades 5-8)
- Hang artwork in the halls Friday afternoons
- Clean the school kitchen each Friday after
 1pm: mop, wipe counters and cupboards
- Sign up for Concessions during the 5th grade Boys Basketball Tournament <u>HERE</u>
- Buy items off the Amazon Auction Wishlist
- Sign up for Snow Shoveling HERE
- Empty garbages on the playground weekly

Ray of Hope and Peggy's House

Each year, Mrs. MacGregor's pre-k class gathers funds so her students can shop for Ray of Hope and Peggy's House. Mrs. MacGregor uses the funds to buy food, gifts, cleaning and paper products and stocking stuffers. She then creates a mini- store in the entryway of the church so the children can "shop" for others in the community. This year our generous families and Thrivent Financial donated \$3,197 to this very worthy cause. It is so amazing that our youngest students learn how to give to others this Christmas season. They will be blessed by sharing with others.

Christmas Program Attire

All students in K-8 grade can dress in their Sunday, Christmas best for the Christmas programs. What does that look like?

Boys
Dress pants
Collared shirt or sweater

Girls Dress or skirt

*No jeans please

K-2nd program is December 15 @ 2pm 3-8th program is December 19 @ 6pm

Thrivent Members

Calling all Thrivent members! If you have not yet applied for your two Action Team grants for this calendar year and are willing to apply for a \$250 grant to support a classroom auction project, please reach out to Mrs. Elliott at sarahelliott@trinityed.org. She will help you with all the details and application process. Thanks for considering!

STEM Items needed

Miss Groeling and Miss Ogilivie are requesting some items you may have at your home and are willing to donate. The items can be old and even in poor condition and they will still take them. They are looking for: pool noodles, pvc pipe, cardboard, paper towel tubes, duck tape, dominoes or jenga blocks. All items can be brought to the STEM tub in the foyer by the school office.

Adventures in Advent

It's time to prepare for Christmas! Not just the trees, the lights and the gifts, but preparing our hearts for Jesus' birthday! We invite you to prepare for Christmas by coming to Adventures in Advent.

We will have dinner, then a short message followed up by Christmas crafts for the whole family.



Bring cans of soup to stock the food pantry at FVCC!

Auction Donation

The Auction Decor team is looking for **BOOKS**!

Books of all kinds, shapes and sizes to use as decor at our upcoming "Once Upon a Time" themed auction. Please bring books to the office at your convenience. All books will be donated afterward.

Right Now Media

RightNow Media is a Christian Streaming platform with tons of content for your family.

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If you missed your invitation to join RightNow Media, follow this <u>LINK</u>.

You won't want to miss this great opportunity, and it's all free. This is a gift from Trinity Lutheran School.

Trinity SCRIP Program Get the SCRIP app:



by ShopWithScrip

Enrollment Code: B569EC7429822
Use the app all year to offset your tuition! You can also stop by the office to pick up gift cards we keep on hand.

Have questions? Ask Heidi in the school office.



New School App!

Coming soon! A school app for your phone that will allow you to have access to all things Trinity in one place!

More info to come - rolls out for 2nd semester!



Auction Raffle Sales Update

School Total Sales: 464

Top Classes:

PreK - 104 6th grade - 67 7th grade - 59

Top Individual Sellers:

Anabelle Seltmann: 49
Hobbs Thompson: 42
Audree Canavan: 29
Hudson Wildhaber: 29



YOU'RE INVITED! FEB 10, 2024 @ SNOWLINE ACRES

Don't miss the biggest event of the year!

This event sells out fast!
Please reserve your seat today - don't delay!

2024 Theme: Once Upon CA Time

As always - Dress Up OR Dress Down - simply come as you are!

Please note: we assign seats. The ONLY way to ensure who sits with you is to purchase a table



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Your Auction Dollars at Work:

With your generous support at our 2023 Spring Auction, the Trinity community was blessed with:

*Over \$25K in scholarships

*A down payment of \$60K towards roofing & a new HVAC system

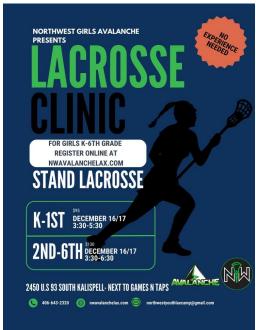
*50 IPads & 5 Promethean Boards for \$30K+ to enhance technology within the classrooms

*10% Tithe - standing in awe of God's abundant blessings

*Curriculum, chromebooks, classroom desks/chairs, laptop charging stations, and so much more!

Thank you again for partnering with us!









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Worship Schedule

8:00 am - Traditional 9:30 am - Sunday School & Bible Studies 10:45 - Blended/Contemporary Worship

Watch sermons online <u>HERE</u> **Current Sermon Series:**



Christmas Worship Services
Advent Services: Dec. 7, 14 & 21 ~ 5:15 pm
Christmas Eve Eve ~ 7 pm
Christmas Eve ~ 10 am, 5 pm & 9 pm
Christmas Day ~ 10 am

