



# Good News Trinity!



**2023 / 2024**

**August 18, 2023**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug 24 Back to School BBQ and Open House
- Aug 30 First day of school
- Sept 4 Labor Day - No School
- Sept 5 Hot Lunch Starts
- Sept 10 Blessing of the backpacks

If you need to get in touch with the school office outside of these hours, please leave a message @ 406-257-6716. Mrs. White is often here beyond these hours.

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### 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

As summer comes to an end and back to school season begins, it can be hard to get back into the rhythm of a regular schedule - for both kids and adults. The trick, of course, is to plan ahead. Start preparing everyone now to have a successful first day of school.

Here are a few tips you may find helpful:

1. Set sleep schedules back to "school time" two days before the start of school.
2. Encourage your children to read everyday between now and the start of school.
3. Let your child choose a planner or scheduling tool that they're excited to use.
4. Have a back up transportation plan in case you can't make it in time for pick-up.
5. Cut back or eliminate screen time.
6. It's helpful for younger students to practice eating lunch. Can he open containers? Can she complete her lunch within 20 minutes? Encourage your child to throw away their own trash and clean up after themselves.
7. Make mornings hassle free by doing as much as possible the night before: pack lunches, lay clothes out, place backpacks by the door.
8. Establish a specific place for homework to be completed.
9. Ask your child to set goals for themselves for this school year.
10. Pray with and for your children!

## Open House / Barbecue

You won't want to miss Open House on **Thursday, August 24**. Here is the schedule we have planned for you:

**5:30-5:50pm** - Meet in the Sanctuary for information about the 2023-2024 school year.

**6:00-6:20pm** - Visit classrooms and drop off school supplies.

**Dinner on the playground anytime after 6:00.**

Everyone is welcome!! This is a great time to meet new friends.

## First Day of School

We will have chapel on the first day of school (August 30) at 8:20am. All parents are invited to attend along with your child. This is such a great way to kick off our school year!

## Blue Polos

Blue Polos will **not** be required on the first day of school. The church is going through a process of acquiring a new logo. We were hopeful this logo would be available for shirts before the start of school, but no luck. The plan is for the school to purchase iron-on logos that we can pass onto our families. In the meantime, we recommend you purchase a navy blue polo from Old Navy, JCPenney, Gap, Target, Walmart or Lands End. It will be ok if the shirt doesn't have a logo at the start of school. We will also accept the old logo design so students can wear their shirt from last year.

## CPR and First Aid

Trinity staff members will be taking a CPR and first aid course on August 23. There are openings for a few additional people to take the class with us. The class will run from 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m. and the cost is \$70. If you have an interest in taking this course, please contact Mrs. White at [LauraWhite@Trinityed.org](mailto:LauraWhite@Trinityed.org).

## Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 10 will be a big day at Trinity! All students will have a chance to come forward during the services (8am & 10:45am) to receive a blessing. All teachers from Trinity, the public school, homeschool, Sunday School, childcare etc, will also receive a blessing.

## New Teacher Welcome

On September 10 we will also welcome Catherine O'Brien, our new first grade teacher, Hannah Howard our choir teacher, and Daniel Freeman our band instructor. Please give a warm Trinity welcome with cards, gift cards, Montana gifts, household items etc.

## Band Teacher

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Daniel Freeman as our band instructor for 5th - 8th grade students. Mr. Freeman also works for Whitefish school district as an elementary music teacher.

This year, we are inviting Flathead Woodwinds and Brass, a local instrument vendor, to our welcome back BBQ. Representatives will let students try instruments and provide parents an opportunity to set up a rental contract for the instrument of their choice. The school will provide a free instrument to any families that do not wish rent an instrument, but renting an instrument has many advantages including:

- Your student is guaranteed to be able to play the instrument of their choice rather than what is available through the school.
- It is a rent-to-own program meaning your family will eventually own the instrument.
- Your student's instrument will travel with them to high school when they finish 8th grade.
- All instruments are high-quality, name-brand instruments
- A low-cost maintenance plan is available. This is highly recommended.

While sticker prices on the rental plans may be prohibitive, they are due to the high cost of quality instruments. For more information on the rental program, please visit <https://flatheadwwbrass.com/rental-program>. Please make sure that you have a method of payment on-hand if you are considering starting a contract.

Any parents planning to purchase instruments in another way are encouraged to reach out to the band teacher.

Mr. Freeman will be at the barbecue on August 24 with band instruments.

## Choir / Music Teacher

Trinity school would also like to welcome Hannah Howard to Trinity. We are excited for Miss Howard to be teaching our elementary and middle school music and choir classes.

## Dress Code

- No hats in the building.
- Straps on shirts must be 4 fingers wide.
- If the student raises their hands over their head, no midriff will show.
- Shorts are fingertip length.
- Blue polos are to be worn all day on chapel days (With the exception of the first and last day of school).
- Jeans without holes in them can be worn.

## Drop off and Pick-up

The school doors will open at 7:55am and class starts at 8:10am. Students can be dropped off at the main church doors and enter by the back hallway or parents are also welcome to park and walk their child into class.

## Right Now Media

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

If you missed your invitation to join RightNow Media, follow this [LINK](#).

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

## Volleyball

Volleyball for girls in 5th - 8th grade will begin on Thursday, August 31 immediately following school. Students should wear shorts and a t-shirt and bring a water bottle for practice.

## Parent Pulse

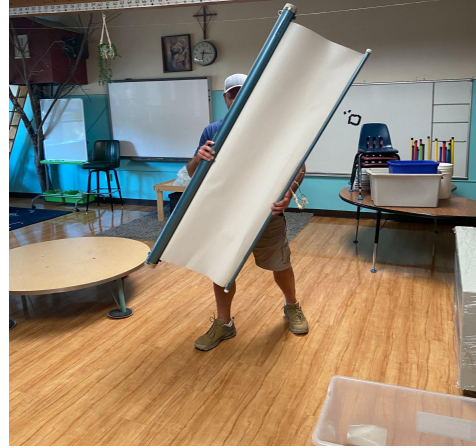
As Trinity grows, it is important to us to continue to improve. One way for us to improve is to keep lines of communication open with our families. Parent Pulse is one avenue we will use to continue to listen to our families and strive for excellence. Through Parent Pulse, you will receive brief surveys quarterly. It is through this feedback we will be able to keep a close eye on how we are serving our families. We are looking forward to the outcomes.

## Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who came out for the projects and Dilly bar night on August 1. It was impressive how much we accomplished. Mrs. White and the teachers are all so grateful!

Here are a few things we accomplished:

- Painted the 6th grade classroom.
- Pulled a ton of weeds and cleaned up our outdoor spaces.
- Deep cleaned the lunchroom tables and chairs.
- Assembled, bookshelves, lamps, desks, storage carts.
- Unboxed Chromebooks, desks and chairs and delivered them to classrooms.
- Moved desks and tables from the shed into the building.



## Attendance

Attendance is an indicator of student success. It is important for your child to be in school and on time every day.

Please note Trinity's attendance policy:

*Trinity Lutheran School's academic program is designed to support in-person instruction. When a student is frequently absent, undue strain is placed on the learning experience for the student, the class, and the teacher.*

*Students who are absent more than **20 days in one academic year** (or 20 periods from the same class) for any reason other than school-sanctioned events may be asked to leave Trinity because of the stress the absences place on the Trinity community. When the student has reached **10 absences**, the family will be required to meet with the classroom teacher and the principal. Failure to meet after 10 absences will put your student's enrollment in jeopardy.*

Please keep this in mind when scheduling appointments and vacations during the school year.

## GoGuardian

Trinity has adopted GoGuardian, a platform for monitoring student devices. This will be used in our middle school. Our teachers will receive training before the start of school and you will certainly hear more about this at the start of school.

## Trinity SCRIP Program

Get the SCRIP app:



**RaiseRight**<sup>™</sup>

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 onhand.

Have questions? Ask Heidi in the school office.

## SALT Ideas to Consider

Through the year we offer many ways to fulfill your SALT commitment. Here are some ongoing needs that we'd love to have someone commit to long term. Contact the office to commit!

- Be the point person for pizza and Italian soda fundraiser.
- Be the "Lost and Found" liaison. This would involve going through the Lost and Found to look for student names on items and taking it to Flathead Industries in December and June.
- Empty garbages on the playground - weekly

## Hot Lunch Info

This year we are again offering hot lunch everyday brought to us by District 5 - Kalispell School District and Mrs. Michele Bauer will again be our amazing lunch coordinator!

- Returning families - go to [www.mymealtime.com](http://www.mymealtime.com) to put money on your student's account.
- New families - Michele has not entered you into the system yet. When she does, each student will be given an ID # which we will email to you.
- All families - You are welcome and encouraged to apply for the Free & Reduced Lunch Program! Go to [www.mymealtime.com](http://www.mymealtime.com), then click on the gold MealTime Apply Online button. We also have paper copies on the office counter that can be sealed in an envelope and placed in Michele's mailbox to be turned in. Both application options are confidential.

Hot lunch will begin on Tuesday, September 5th. Everyone must bring a lunch for the first week of school.

### Important Information:

- If your child arrives at school without a lunch, your child WILL be fed!
- If there is no money in your lunch account, your child WILL be fed!

If / When these scenarios take place, your lunch account WILL be charged and a fee notice will be sent home the following week, which will need to be taken care of ASAP.



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**Summer Worship Schedule:**  
**8:00am & 9:30am at church,**  
**and 11:15am at Trinity Camp**  
**Through August 27**

**Come to church at camp and then stay and  
play at the lake.**

*Fall worship times will begin on September 3.*



**TRINITY  
LUTHERAN CAMP**

**Mel Reiner - Camp Director**

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch our amazing Camp  
video. Don't forget to share on Insta,  
Facebook, Twitter, TikTok, etc. and invite  
friends and families.



Matthew 19:14

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