

Holy Trinity Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

No School (Labor Day)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

No School

(District Lutheran Educators
Conference)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

Thunder Reading Bus

1st - 5th graders will have the
opportunity to visit the Thunder
Reading Bus
starting at 10:00am.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Oktoberfest

More details to come!

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran School! Whether you are a returning student or this is your first year with us, we are so glad you are here!

We look forward to a wonderful year with your children. To keep you posted on classroom and school news, this monthly school-wide newsletter is published. **Please take the time to read it.** We use this newsletter as a way to communicate important information to our families. Other ways to stay informed is through our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/HTLSOK and our NEW HTLS app. Please see the details on the left about how to download this app.

By now most of you have received your security cards. Please remember to use them. We have this system in place for security purposes and it is extremely distracting to the staff and students when the doorbell continues to ring. Please check into the office before proceeding to your child's classroom if you do not use the carpool line for pick-up. Be sure to read and follow the policies in our student/parent handbook as it relates to drop-off and pick-up.

It was great to see so many of you at our Rally Day celebration on August 19th. If you were unable to attend Rally Day I encourage you to consider getting a Rally Day t-shirt. For more information on getting one please see the attached flyer. We use these for field trips and other school activities.

As a reminder please add the important dates listed to the left on your calendar.

Lastly, I would like to thank you for entrusting your children into our care. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful faculty and staff here at Holy Trinity Lutheran School.

Please feel free to call or stop by the office if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

In HIS Service,

Debbie Swanson, School Director



THINGS TO KNOW

MOMS IN PRAYER GROUP

You are personally invited to join other moms here at Holy Trinity to pray for our children and our school. The group meets in room 115 the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesday of each month from 2:30-3:15pm. This is a great opportunity to gather with other moms and be involved in our children's lives through prayer!

For more information please contact Melanie Skolaut at (405)237-5956 or visit MomsInPrayer.org.

***Join us at our first Moms in Prayer meeting on Tuesday, September 4th at 2:30 in room 115.*

LIBRARY BIRTHDAY CLUB

A month before your child's birthday, we will send home a note asking if you would like your child to participate in the Library Birthday Club! This program is for students in kindergarten through 8th grade.

To participate in this program, you will purchase a book of your choosing (must be approved by the school).

We will adhere a birthday plaque with the student's name on the inside cover and label it on the outside as a birthday book. It will be placed in our school library in recognition of your child's special day. If your child has a summer birthday you may choose to do this at their half birthday during the school year or we can do it in May at the end of the school year. This is a great way to help us grow our library.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Baptismal Birthdays are just as important to celebrate as Birthdays and we want to celebrate them with your child! Please let the office know your child's Baptismal Birthday so we can celebrate and recognize them during Chapel.

TIMOTHY TEAM

Please see the flyer included in this newsletter to learn about Timothy Teams. We would love to have your child participate!

THANK YOU

Did you see our back to school sign on the first day of class for our Kindergarten-8th grade students? We would like to say THANK YOU to "Smiles for ALL Occasions" who graciously donated the fun sign for our first day! Please contact Laura Lamberth at 405-757-7426 for all your yard sign needs! She even does singing telegrams!

3-YEAR OLDS

Welcome to preschool! September is an exciting month as we continue to work on our school routines and classroom procedures. Our September themes are: All about me, the Zoo, and Caterpillars and Butterflies. We will begin introducing the alphabet in addition to studying colors, shapes, and numbers through daily lessons, songs, and play. Most importantly, we will spend time each day learning about Jesus, our Savior! I am excited to get to know each student and their families throughout the school year!

Rachel Trowbridge

PRE-K (HALF DAY)

We have hit the ground running! Our classes have been learning school procedures, routines, and rules. Thanks to all parents who came to our Parent Night. September will be a month of fun filled themes to help the children learn how precious they are in God's eyes and how He created the world in which we live. We have booklets to make, reading and writing homework, and memory work each week. September reading homework sheet is due October 1. Please check your child's backpack daily! Refer to the monthly calendar for weekly themes, letters of the week, and Bible words for the week.

In His Service,
Mrs. Hartman & Mrs. Self

PRE-K (ALL DAY)

Greetings Pre-K Parents!

Welcome to the HTLS 2018-2019 School Year! I am looking forward to getting to know all of my students while having lots of fun with learning during the process!

Our first two weeks are being used to help each child settle into school. The first week of school we took the time to learn the school rules, procedures, habits and classroom schedule. We took a walk to see the music room, gym, where we have Chapel, and also met some of the Church Staff. The playground is always a BIG hit!

Week two we review what we learned in week one and also start name recognition, shapes, colors, and numbers. Our weekly newsletters will be sent home starting this month inside binders with our classroom news and updates along with any letters or reminders from the school office.

Thank you to all who attended Back to School Night! It was a great time with sharing some of the learning activities that students will experience in our classroom, answering questions, going over how our classroom is setup and also getting to know each of you. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to partner with you in your child's foundation of learning. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year!

God's Blessings Always,
Ms. Cambrice

KINDERGARTEN

Welcome to Kindergarten!

We have gotten off to a wonderful start. This group of children is so delightful, smart and fun. They all get along really well.

In September, we will be learning around the units of Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, Apples, and Rhyming. We have started phonics program. We will be learning the letters O, G, H and T. We will learn the sound each letter makes and how to write them. We will start stringing these letters together to make words. Our Show & Tell will be something that begins with the letter of the week. I will note which letter we are on for the week on the class calendar in your child's notebook. They should bring one item in the show and tell bag along with three clues to describe it. There will be a piece of paper inside the show and tell bag for you to write on.

In Math, we will continue to learn how to write the numbers 1-10 and also put them in order. We will also learn about shapes, graphing, ordinal numbers 1st through 5th and patterning.

In Religion, we will learn about God blessing Abraham, Isaac being born, Jacob and Esau, and Joseph and his brothers.

In Language Arts, we will continue to make class books. The children love to make books in which they have contributed to. The children will start to bring the class books home to share with you. Please write a review in the front of the book on the "Star Review" page and return it to school the following day.

In Social Studies, we will learn about how to make and keep friends at school, how to stay well at school, and the rules of our classroom and school. Rules keep us safe!

Love & Hugs,
Mrs. Baker & Mrs. Gerrad

1ST GRADE

Welcome to 1st grade! We are happy to have all of your little ones in our classes! We are truly blessed by each and every one of them! This year we are excited to have two new students who have joined Holy Trinity. WELCOME to Savannah and Ryder!

We started off the year with a unit on apples and how they grow. Our tummies were very happy at the end of this unit as we got to taste a lot of different apple varieties and choose our favorites. Yum!

Now 1st grade is in full swing! Thank you for making sure that homework is turned in on time and helping your little ones study their spelling words, sight words, and Bible verses. If you have not been recording your reading minutes on the reading log in the front of the binder, please do so. Their weekly at-home reading grade comes solely from this sheet.

In September, we will continue reviewing the letters and sounds of the alphabet and will begin working on blends (for example: pl, gr, str...), dividing words into syllables, and rhyming.

In Math we will study the attributes of shapes (sides and angles) and begin working on how to write addition and subtraction sentences. We will also start to work on counting money (starting with pennies). Watch for flash cards to come home as we memorize our addition facts. Please practice those with your children regularly.

In Social Studies, we will be talking about the difference between rules and laws. We will learn about what it means to be a citizen in a community and discuss our rights and responsibilities. We will also discuss how government is involved in our communities through leadership and services.

In Science, we will learn about common tools and safety practices used in science as well as use our senses to explore the world around us.

Our Bible lessons started at the beginning with the creation of Heaven and Earth. Our studies continue, focusing on the books of Genesis and Exodus. As students learn about families in the Bible, they will see many similarities to their own families, including sin and conflict. But most importantly, students will see how God is gracious and merciful to His children. God knows what is best for His children and even uses those bad things that happen to us for good. Students will see the depth of our heavenly Father's love for His children through the blessing of His Son, Jesus, as our Savior.

We hope everyone has a great September!

Love -Mrs. Wyckoff & Mrs. Yoder

ART

Greetings Parents and Families. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Lindsey Carter a.k.a. Art Teacher Extraordinaire. I am the wind of creativity that lifts your children's imaginations to new heights! No canvas is too big, no brush is too small, no project is too messy, and no obstacle is too tall! I began at Holy Trinity last November and I have enjoyed every moment with the kids, molding young minds to jump outside of the box and make something new out of it! Why does it always have to be a box? Why can't it be a spaceship or a dinosaur's cave? I look forward to continuing our journey into the Awesome Artistic Adventures throughout the school year and beyond!

-Lindsey Carter

2ND GRADE

August was such a successful month with the start of school and beginning the journey with you and your child in second grade! I am so pleased with the progress I am already seeing as far as how our classroom functions. The students are showing respect to each other and to teachers. I think my class is the sweetest! You will continue to receive a weekly newsletter from me, but here is a summary of what to expect in September:

Bible: We will continue the study of Old Testament Bible stories from the books of Genesis and Exodus. Make sure your child is practicing the memory verse every day at home. While we do practice verses at school, practice at home is vital.

Language Arts: We will be working in small groups for guided reading, creative writing, and hands-on word work activities, which reaffirm our whole group lessons. In our whole group setting, we will continue stories from our text book, learning different types of genres, vocabulary, grammar, phonics, and reading comprehension. We will begin Accelerated Reading (AR) tests after Labor Day.

Math: We will continue graphing information, identifying ordinal positions, identifying odd and even numbers, and calendar skills. We will really be working hard on building math fluency in addition and subtraction. We work on these things as a whole group and in small groups.

Science: We will be learning about the solar system. This is one of my favorite units to teach and students always seem to really enjoy this topic!

Social Studies: We are learning the differences between urban, rural, and suburban communities. The students should be able to identify these communities by characteristics. They are doing a great job so far!

Thank you for your support and for being so involved. I think I hit the parent jackpot with this group! Your lovely children are a result of your great parenting and I appreciate you all so much. Have a blessed month of September and enjoy your Labor Day weekend!

Hugs and prayers- Mrs. Ward

3RD GRADE

Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful start to the year in Third Grade! They have enjoyed reading with our partners in class and also with our kindergarten buddies. The class has demonstrated creative thinking with the S.T.E.M. challenges that we have been given. For example, the students attempted to build the tallest gumdrop tower! We will continue practicing our creative thinking skills and problem solving with more challenges in September. The class will also be learning about force and motion through hands on experiments.

In Social Studies, they will begin learning about Oklahoma- state symbols, bodies of water, cities and landforms. In math, students will work on increasing our speed in addition and subtraction. Every time they pass an addition or subtraction timed test, they will earn a "belt". They will enjoy working their way up to a black belt in addition and also in subtraction.

As the students strengthen these skills they will use them in class to add and subtract 2 and 3 digit numbers. In addition, they will learn to round to 10 and 100, practice comparing numbers and solve addition and subtraction word problems.

In writing, each student will have a chance to be king or queen of the day. The students will use the information about the king or queen to write a simple paragraph about their friend, including a topic and concluding sentence. They will also work on adding adjectives to their descriptive writing. In reading, they will be practicing reading strategies and identifying story elements and character traits in the stories

In Bible, students will learn about God and His word and How the Holy Spirit blesses the church.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Villagran

4TH GRADE

Welcome back to the ranch!!!!

We have been settling in and learning the ropes of 4th grade. Here's what's been happening.... In religion we have been learning about God's wonderful creation and exploring the amazing world he has given us. We have met some of the first people and have discovered how their choices have impacted our lives today.

Math has us reviewing and fine tuning skills we know in order to move on to new material. We will be focusing on place value, ordinal numbers, and addition and subtraction.

In reading we are enjoying the story of Bunnica by James Howe. It is a delightful tale of friendship and loyalty written from a dog's point of view.

Science finds us exploring living things....We will be delving in to both the plant and animal kingdoms.

In social studies we are learning about maps. We will learn about directions, latitude and longitude, as well as the different types of maps. Hopefully we won't get lost!

I am really enjoying getting to know this class, they are very sweet and extremely hard working. I can tell we are going to have a great year.

On His trail,
Mrs. Reusch

5TH GRADE

Our 5th grade class is very energetic and excited about all subjects!

Currently in Math we are comparing numbers and place value. In Science we are looking at rocks and fossils. We are studying landforms, lakes, and rivers in Social Studies. In Religion we are studying God's Word.

We are currently reading Old Yeller. Of course we are all very excited about our trip to Washington D.C. More to come later!

Mr. Moore

COMPUTERS

Welcome back to the Computer Lab!

I'm Becca Stewart, Computer Teacher at Holy Trinity. This is my second full year, and I'm excited to once again teach technology and computer concepts to your students. Over the course of the year, your students will be learning about the parts of a computer, online safety and digital citizenship, coding, proper keyboarding skills, and much more.

In September, younger grades will be focusing primarily on how to use a laptop computer, how a computer works, and how to find specific folders on the computer. Grades 3-8 will be working on proper keyboarding skills, creating slideshows and documents with their knowledge. We will also spend time talking about online safety and how to find credible sources online.

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me at bstewart@htlcok.org.

Here's to another great year. -Becca Stewart

MIDDLE SCHOOL

SOCIAL STUDIES

I am so excited for another year at Holy Trinity. I make it a habit to start the kids off fast in class to show that we can accomplish a lot when we work together. The focus for the 6th grade this year is on Western geography where we cover South America, North America, the Caribbean region, and the Arctic. The focus for the 7th grade is on Eastern Geography where we cover Africa, Europe, the Middle East and Holy Lands, the Rest of Asia, Oceania, and Antarctica. The 8th graders have already finished studying the motivations of the early colonists and now are learning about the events that led to the American Revolutionary War. Eighth grade will then progress through U.S. History until we reach the civil war reconstruction and finish out the year with significant Supreme Court cases.

If you ever have a question, please contact me. Thank you for the trust and the blessing to teach your children.

Mr. Higgins

SCIENCE & MATH

Welcome to the new school year. I am very excited this year to share my love of science AND math with all of your students. While this is my first year of teaching math, I have always loved math and look forward to teaching the subject.

We spent the first day just reorienting to our classroom, learning what each class will study this year and how our studies will happen on a daily basis. Then we dived right in to math and science.

Math is taught as a semi-self guided class. For those students who have strong skills and are willing to work on their own, they are allowed to forge ahead. I provide a small lesson for those who need it and then answer questions for all students as they are working on their homework.

In science, 6th graders are studying the basic principles while taking notes and doing homework. The 7th graders are starting a unit about living things with the study of cells. They should have completed two activities by the time you read this. The 8th graders are beginning a unit on chemistry with a study of atomic model development and the periodic table. They have also completed several activities.

Your child is a blessing to teach. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me personally.

Blessings -Debra Hagemeyer

LANGUAGE ARTS & LITERATURE

Welcome back, Middle School Families! I hope your summer was restful and joyous. We are slowly easing into our school routine and classwork learning. Sixth grade is doing a great job acclimating to their rotations and course load. We are reading Freak the Mighty in literature and learning about plot mapping and static and dynamic characters. In language arts, we are working on formulating multi-paragraph essays and what the expectations are in sixth grade writing. Vocabulary tests are every Friday so be sure your student is studying 5-10 minutes each evening. Seventh grade is reading Wednesday Wars and practicing response-to-literature writing and character analysis. Eighth grade is working through Hounds of the Baskervilles, a Sherlock Holmes mystery. We are learning how to predict and infer based on text evidence. In addition, we are working on compare/contrast writing in preparation for our writing focus this year-the argument essay.

It's going to be a busy year, but I plan on all of us enjoying it along the way! As always, thank you for sharing your greatest blessings with me.

In His Mercy,
Mrs. Higgins

EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

SEPTEMBER 21st	NO SCHOOL- DISTRICT TEACHER MEETING AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN
OCTOBER 9TH -10TH	FALL PICTURES
*OCTOBER 14th	HTLS FALL FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 31ST	ALL SCHOOL COSTUME PARADE AT 9:15 IN THE GYM
NOVEMBER 9TH	VETERANS DAY PROGRAM - 10:00 ASSEMBLY (1ST - 8TH GRADES)
*NOVEMBER 15TH	THANKSGIVING FEAST 11:00 A.M.
*DECEMBER 3rd- 7th	CHRISTMAS STORE
DECEMBER 4TH	PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT 6:30
DECEMBER 12th	1ST THROUGH 8TH GRADE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT NOON
DECEMBER 13th	1ST THROUGH 8TH GRADE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT 6:30 P.M.
JANUARY 27th- FEB. 2	NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK
JANUARY 31ST	OPEN HOUSE
FEBRUARY 28th	DONUTS FOR DADS 8:00 A.M.
MARCH 14TH	PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN SPRING PROGRAM 6:30 P.M.
MARCH 8TH	FAMILY FUN NIGHT - BINGO
APRIL 2nd	1ST- 3RD GRADE SPRING PROGRAM 6:30 P.M.
APRIL 4TH	4TH -8TH GRADE SPRING PROGRAM 6:30 P.M.
MAY 3rd	1ST -8TH GRADE TRACK MEET (TENATIVE DATE)
*MAY 6TH - 10TH	TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
MAY 9TH	MUFFINS FOR MOMS 8:00 A.M.
MAY 13th	ALL SCHOOL FUN DAY
MAY 19TH	SWEET REWARDS PROGRAM 1ST -8TH GRADES 5:00 P.M.
MAY 17th	EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION 5:30 P.M.
MAY 22nd	PRESCHOOL BLESSING DAY 11:00 A.M.
MAY 23rd	KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION 6:00 P.M.