

Trinity Summer Newsletter

2020-2021 School Year

A Word from Our Principal – Mr. Zachary Klug

Hello, and happy summer! I am very excited, but a little anxious about the upcoming school year! It will be different for sure, but we have the opportunity to continue to provide a high quality, Christ-centered education. This education is one that is based on the guaranteed hope of salvation in Jesus Christ. Even during the unknown of what the next weeks, months, and year may look like, our future is known and certain.

I know that there may be some (or a lot of) worry and anxiety about this coming school year. I pray that you are able to find peace in sending your child to school with us. There will be some things that will look different, but we are working on a plan to make the school year the most comfortable for our students that we possibly can. We will be utilizing air-conditioned spaces for all classrooms during the early part of the year, and utilizing the outdoors as much as it is possible. We will be adding more recesses to the schedule for all of our students in preschool-8th grade.

We know that some of us are struggling with the idea of the students wearing a mask all day. Students will not have to wear them all day. For certain, not at lunch, recess, or anytime they are outside. (We are hopeful that may also end up being that way in classrooms, as well, but we will wait and see. Also, the use of face shields or desk sneeze guards does not eliminate the need for a face covering.) Classrooms have been measured and will allow for a maximum of twenty students in the classrooms while maintaining social distancing.

The other thing that will occur is a daily temperature check and screening for COVID-19 symptoms. We are working on a daily process that makes this as easy as we possibly can including the possibility of parents doing a pre-arrival screening from home. More information will come out about this in the near future.

While all of these procedures are new to us, we are doing the best we can to keep our students, teachers, and staff as safe as possible, while continuing to provide a high-quality education. We know there may be questions, so please do not hesitate to ask.

It's Time for School

The first day of school for Early Childhood – 8th Grade is Thursday, August 20th. School will be in session for K-8 until 11:30 that day, and until 1:00 pm on Friday, August 21st. The Early Childhood classes will have full days both of those days. K-8 classes will begin with regular dismissal (3:00pm) on Monday, August 24. The doors will open at 7:45 am. Students will need to participate in quick symptom screenings daily before entering the classroom part of the building.

Changes for the Year

We are carefully planning all of the classes for this school year. Most things will remain the same, but we are postponing Choir and Physical education to start the school year. We will be adding recess time to replace Physical Education and will evaluate Choir as the school year goes on. These and other more regular items may change.

Chapel will be done differently to start the school year too. We will not have mass worship as we normally do, we will be doing these in the classrooms to start the year.

Registration Night

We will not be having registration as regularly planned. We will be doing it over three days by appointment in the school office. Be watching for reservation sign-ups for August 11,12, and 13. Please be on the lookout for more information on Sign-Up Genius via email, facebook, and the school app.

School Theme for 2020-2021 Year - "Anchored in Hope"

"We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul." Hebrews 6:19a NRSV

All students will receive their themed t-shirt this fall and they will be allowed to wear them daily as part of the school uniform attire.

Kindergarten - 8th Grade Supply List

For your convenience, we will be purchasing most of the school supply items for students. These items will be purchased through the school as part of your registration cost. This year we will collect \$100 per child at registration. (In the past additional costs were collected, this replaces all of those costs.) This will cover school supplies and all other additional costs that usually were incurred at registration including PTL dues. Students will still need a backpack, gym shoes, and returning students will need their ESV Bible and Catechism (if they have one). New students will receive those in their classrooms. If you child is new to Trinity and they already have those materials, feel free to contact the school office to let us know.

Extended Care Program – Before & After School Care

Both programs will continue to run as in previous years. There will be no lunch or extended care on 11:30 dismissal days. When we dismiss at 1:00 pm, both will be available, but extended care will require reservations so that we can provide proper staffing. All new protocols will continue in extended care. We will make a focus on being outside as much as possible this year during extended care.

K-8th Family Support and Tuition

Hopefully, you have received your green tuition form, and have returned that to the office. If you have not received yours or you misplaced it, please contact the school office and we can have a new one sent to you.

Teacher Meetings

Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you would like to have a meeting with them prior to the school year. Also, Your child's teacher may contact you requesting a meeting as well. Unfortunately, we will not be doing home visits or in mass meetings to start the school year.

School Calendar

A school calendar is included with the packet. Please read this carefully and mark dates on your calendar now. The calendar for 2020-2021 will be minimal at the moment, as special events are being put on hold for the time being.

Student-Parent Handbook

The Student-Parent handbook will be available on our new school portal, Sycamore, by the end of August.

Sycamore

Sycamore Education is our new school portal. It replaced TeacherEase. You will receive your user name and password once it gets closer to school.

Just a few things you can utilize Sycamore for are: viewing your child's grades, ordering lunches, checking account balances, and much more. There will no longer be a communication portal included in Sycamore, so all electronic contact is done through email. The standard email for our teachers is as follows: [first name initial][Last name] @trinity-lutheran.com

Zachary Klug: zklug@trinity-lutheran.com

The school office is school@trinity-lutheran.com

Emergency Forms

Emergency forms will be available at registration or downloaded and printed off the website prior to that date. Please complete and return to the office prior to the first day of school.

Communication

Tiger Talk

Every week (usually Friday) you will receive an email with Tiger Talk included. It will contain information for the coming weeks and important information about current and upcoming events. These announcements help you stay connected with what's happening at Trinity.

Trinity App.- (TrinitySpfld)

We will continue to use the App to push out information, and you can use it to stay connected with Trinity. Remember that you can subscribe to the groups and classes you only need.

Sycamore App.

The new portal has an app for families available in your app store. Please look for sycamore education.

Social Media

Follow us on social media. These can be found through our website, app, or a search within the platforms.

Parenting Plans

Families that have a court-directed parenting plan should provide the office with a copy. Contact the school office if you have any questions.

Kindergarten-8th Grade Uniform Dress and Ordering Uniforms

A copy of the dress code for 2020-21 school year is attached. Please note orders must be placed with Luers for all uniform shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, fleeces, and t-shirts. Orders may be placed with Luers by phone ([\(217\) 528-1012](tel:2175281012)), internet – <https://www.luersgroup.com> or by visiting their store at 1520 S. MacArthur Blvd in Springfield. Please be sure to place your orders early so they are ready for school.

All re-enrollment shirts will be available at registration in August.

Interested in Attending Church Services at Trinity?

We would love for you to join us for worship! We offer four services a week right now. Three are on Sunday mornings at 8 am (Church), 9:15 am (Parish Hall), and 10:30 am (Chhurch). There is also a Saturday night service beginning at 5:30 (Parish Hall).



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