



Trinity Summer Newsletter

2021-2022 School Year

Welcome!

I hope this newsletter finds you all enjoying your summer! We are excited about the 2021-2022 school year and all of the changes we have made for this upcoming year to make Trinity the best possible learning environment for your children. We are coming off of what may have been the strangest school year ever, so we are anxiously awaiting what we hope will be a more normal routine when we reconvene on the first day of school.

In addition to adding some new faces to our faculty, some of our returning teachers have made some changes to different grade levels. Please see below for a list of the 2021-2022 Faculty & Staff.

Two-Year-Old Town - Alia Hollenback - ahollenback@trinity-lutheran.com

Two-Year-Old Aide - TBD

Preschool - Katie DeGroot - kdegroot@trinity-lutheran.com

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Pre-Kindergarten Aide - Taylor Finney - tfinney@trinity-lutheran.com

Kindergarten - Caitlin Reichert - creichert@trinity-lutheran.com

Kindergarten - Jill Schaefer - jschaefer@trinity-lutheran.com

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Second Grade - Sue Rodgers - srodgers@trinity-lutheran.com

Third Grade - Kimberly Garvue - kgarvue@trinity-lutheran.com

Fourth Grade - Pam Sausaman - psausaman@trinity-lutheran.com

Fifth Grade/Math & Religion - Brett Moll - bmoll@trinity-lutheran.com

Sixth Grade/Language Arts- Erin Picon - epicon@trinity-lutheran.com

Seventh Grade/Science - Cindy Good - cgood@trinity-lutheran.com

Eighth Grade/Social Studies - Morgan Grillot - mgrillot@trinity-lutheran.com

Education Inclusion Specialist - Carrie Coon - ccocon@trinity-lutheran.com

Pastor/Confirmation Teacher - Rev. Paul Hemenway - rev.hemenway@trinity-lutheran.com

Parish Administrator - Jake Klug - jklug@trinity-lutheran.com

Enrollment Coordinator/Part-Time Math - Heather Daniel - admissions@trinity-lutheran.com

Marketing Coordinator - Karen Hemenway - marketing@trinity-lutheran.com

Administrative Assistants - Stephanie Poorman & Kathy Eggleston - school@trinity-lutheran.com

Principal - Alicia M Klug - aklug@trinity-lutheran.com

For more detailed information about each of our teachers, please go to the following link:

<https://school.trinity-lutheran.com/faculty-staff/>

First Three Days of School Schedule

Monday, August 23rd -

11:15 AM Dismissal - Early Childhood (Two-Year-Old Town - Pre-Kindergarten)

11:30 AM Dismissal - Kindergarten - 8th Grade

*No Extended Care Today

Tuesday, August 24th -

12:45 PM: Dismissal - Early Childhood (Two-Year-Old Town - Pre-Kindergarten)

1:00 PM: Dismissal - Kindergarten - 8th Grade

*No Extended Care Today

Wednesday, August 25th -

Regular School Hours with Extended Care Available

Schedule Changes

I am excited to share that we are bringing back some of the classes, like band, choir, physical education, and middle school electives, that we were unable to have last year due to COVID. We will also be back to having chapel together in the Parish Center. Speaking of chapel, it will now be on Monday mornings instead of Wednesday mornings. We are excited that we will be able to start each school week with worship.

Back to School Night

This evening will be an opportunity for you and your student(s) to visit classrooms, meet teachers, and hear a little bit about the upcoming school year. Every group will start in the Parish Center at their scheduled time for a welcome and some whole group announcements and then head to their children's classrooms for the remainder of the time.

5:30 - 6:15 PM: Early Childhood (Two-Year-Old Town, Preschool, Pre-Kdg, & Kindergarten)

6:15 PM - 7:00 PM: Primary Grades (1st Grade - 4th Grade)

7:00 - 7:45 PM: Middle Grades (5th - 8th Grade)

If you are unable to attend this event, please email your child's homeroom teacher to find out what you will miss and if there is another time you could come to visit the classroom. Thanks!

School Year Theme for 2021-2022

"For the joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10b

In addition to integrating our school year theme into our classrooms, chapel, and memory work, all of the students will receive a Trinity t-shirt with the school year theme this fall, and they will be allowed to wear it as a school uniform shirt.

School Supplies

For your convenience, we will be purchasing most of the school supplies for our students. These items will be purchased through the school as part of your registration costs. This fee should have already been paid, but if you have not paid it yet, you can pay this when you come to Back to School Night. All students (Early Childhood

through 8th Grade) will still need a backpack, a lunch box, and a reusable water bottle labeled with their names. Early Childhood students (Two-Year-Old Town - Pre-Kindergarten) will need a change of clothes, and if they are full day, they will need a blanket, pillow, and stuffed animal that will be sent home every Friday to be washed.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Our school is blessed to be connected to Trinity Lutheran Church. If you are not a member, we would love for you to join us for worship, Sunday School, and Bible Study! We also offer a live streaming option through our website. Please see below for the times.

Saturdays -

Worship Service @ 5:30 PM in the Parish Center (515 S. MacArthur Blvd, 62704)

Sundays -

Worship Service @ 8:00 AM in the Church (220 S. Second Street, 62701)

Bible Study & Sunday School @ 9:30 AM in the Parish Center (515 S. MacArthur Blvd, 62704)

Worship Service @ 10:30 AM in the Church (220 S. Second Street, 62701)

As a reminder, families enrolled in the school as Trinity Lutheran Church members are encouraged to attend at least three worship services per month (nine services during a three-month quarter.) Online worship will count for a maximum of two services per three-month period. Worship attendance will be reviewed quarterly by the Board of Elders. These guidelines are in place to support the spiritual health of our families – which is our top priority!

Worship attendance can be submitted using the Trinity app. To install the Trinity app on your smartphone, search “Trinity Lutheran Springfield” in Google Play or the App Store. To submit church attendance, choose “Church” then “Attendance” in the bottom left corner. Worship attendance may also be submitted using the “Record Worship Attendance” form found under the Worship Services heading on the homepage of our church website: church.trinity-lutheran.com.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you in the spiritual development of your children in the years to come!

Extended Care Program - Before & After School Care

If you are in need of either morning or afternoon extended care, both are available for all of our students. However, there is no afternoon extended care available on the first two days of school (August 23rd & 24th), the day before Christmas Break (December 22nd), or the very last day of school (May 27th). There is no morning extended care on the first day of the school year (August 23rd). When we have 1:00 early dismissals for faculty professional development, there will be extended care, but we will require reservations, so we can provide proper staffing. Extended care is included in the tuition for students in preschool and pre-kindergarten, but is an additional fee for K-8 students.

Green Tuition Forms

If your child is in kindergarten - 8th grade, you should have already received and returned a green tuition form. If you have not received yours or misplaced it, please contact the school office, so you can get a new one sent to you.

If your child is in one of the early childhood classrooms, you should find a green schedule & tuition form in this packet. Please fill this sheet out and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The school office is currently open everyday from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM. You can also drop the form in the mail and send it to: 515 S. MacArthur Blvd, Springfield, IL 62704. Thanks so much for your help with this!

School Year Calendar

A school year calendar is included in this packet. Please read it over carefully and mark dates on your calendar now. In the near future, you will also receive a condensed version of this calendar in magnet-form to place on your refrigerator that will be distributed on Back to School Night. We are so excited to be able to add some of the events we were unable to have last school year!

Sycamore Education

Sycamore Education is our school portal. You will receive a username and password at Back to School Night. Sycamore will allow you to view your child's grades, order lunches, check account balances, and much more. There is not a communication portal through Sycamore, so all electronic communication with the school office and parents will be done through email. As you saw on the first page, the standard email address for our teachers is as follows: [first name initial] [last name]@trinity-lutheran.com.

Important Paperwork Needed

Please fill out the *Parent Authorization for Medication* in this packet, and please see below for the additional paperwork needed in the school office before school starts.

*All Two-Year-Old Town, Preschool, & Pre-Kindergarten Students:
copy of birth certificate, most recent immunization record, most recent physical exam

*All Kindergarteners & New Enrollees in Kindergarten - 8th Grade:
copy of birth certificate, most recent immunization record, most recent physical exam, most recent dental exam, most recent eye exam

*All Second Graders:
most recent dental exam

*All Sixth Graders:
most recent dental exam, most recent physical exam, 6th grade immunization record

Communication

There are various means of communication available at Trinity. Please see below for more information.

Tiger Talk

Every Monday, you will receive an email with *Tiger Talk* included. It will contain information for the week and any other information about upcoming activities. This newsletter will also contain a section titled *Tiny Tiger Talk*, which will include information that particularly pertains to our early childhood students. Hard copies will be sent home upon request.

Trinity App

We use an app called *TrinitySpfld* to push out information. You can subscribe to the groups and classes that apply to your child.

Sycamore App

As mentioned previously, we have a school portal called *Sycamore Education*. This portal also has an app that you can use on your phone if you would like.

Social Media

Please follow us on social media. Trinity is visible on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

Website

We keep our Trinity website up to date with information. Please check it out at <https://www.trinity-lutheran.com/>.

Parenting Plans

Families that have court-directed parenting plans should provide the school office with a copy. Please contact the school office if you have any questions about this.

Kindergarten - 8th Grade Uniforms

This will be the second year that Trinity's kindergarten through eighth grade students will be wearing uniforms. Please visit Luer's Group at 1520 South MacArthur Boulevard, who carries our uniform polos, sweatshirts, sweaters, fleeces, t-shirts, skirts, and much more. For the rest of the month of July, they are hosting a "Back to School Sale" where everything is 20% off. At our Back to School Night on August 19th, parents will have the opportunity to take or swap used uniform items, as well. For additional information about school uniforms, please go to the following link: <https://school.trinity-lutheran.com/school-uniforms/>.

Athletics

Trinity is pleased to host a number of athletic opportunities for our students. In the fall, both girls and boys in grades 3-8 can participate in Cross Country, and girls in grades 5-8 can participate in volleyball. In the winter, both boys and girls in grades 5-8 can participate in basketball. In the spring, boys and girls in grades 5-8 can participate in track and field. Trinity also offers a cheerleading team during basketball season. Sometimes the 5th & 6th grade teams will also include 4th graders if there still is room on the team.

In addition to the aforementioned sports, Trinity is also participating in co-op baseball for boys and co-op softball for girls with Calvary and St. Aloysius. If you are interested in learning more about this, please contact Heather Daniel at admissions@trinity-lutheran.com.

Spirit Day Schedule

We have school spirit days on Fridays twice a month. On one of the Fridays each month, students have the opportunity to wear jeans or sweats as long as they are modest and appropriate. On the other Friday each month, students can dress out of uniform as long as they participate in the theme of the day. Please see the light blue sheet in this packet for the Spirit Day schedule. This schedule will also be posted on our website.

Trinity's Board of Christian Day School

Trinity is blessed with a dedicated and versatile group of individuals to serve on our school board. They hold meetings once a month and discuss many school-related topics, and they implement changes and improvements in the school in partnership with the principal and the pastor. Please see below for a list of the current school board members.

Brent Radtke - Chair
Heather Daniel
Rhonda Goeres
Shawn Opperman
Kate Patton
Rachel Trower

The school board's next meeting will be Monday, August 2nd. Mask-wearing and COVID protocol for this upcoming school year will be discussed at that meeting, so more specific information about this will be shared after that.

Hot Lunch Program

All of our students (preschool - 8th grade) have the option to either bring a sack lunch from home or purchase a hot lunch each day. The hot lunch menu for each month will be posted on Sycamore Education and the school website. A hot lunch costs \$3.00 per day. Families can pay for hot lunches in the school office with cash, check, or credit card. Students who have a lunch from home, but still need to purchase a drink can purchase milk or chocolate milk for 30 cents. When you have an outstanding balance, our hot lunch coordinator, Kathy Friday, will keep you informed.

Praise God!

There are so many things to be thankful for each school year. This year, we praise God for a larger student population than we have had in several years with over 220 students enrolled as of mid-July. We also thank Him for some wonderful new additions to our faculty and staff, and we feel very blessed to have so many awesome teachers returning to serve for another year at Trinity Lutheran School. On behalf of the faculty and staff, we are very eager and excited to see your children in August as they continue to learn and grow in Jesus!

In Him,
Alicia M Klug
Principal