



Trinity-St. Paul UPDATE



February 12, 2010

SPIRITUAL FOOD

“Pray without ceasing. Give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus” (1Thess.5:17-18)

Growing up, I remember the old green “memory book”—I still have it. Inside the front cover my mom taped my bus card. At the top of the First Grade list of passages were the three words of 1 Thessalonians 5:17. I’m sure the author didn’t begin this textbook with this Scripture passage merely because of its simplicity. Since first grade, these words have forever been imprinted on my heart and mind. In ancient times, prayer was often referenced as the “breath of the soul.” Through breathing our bodies are constantly renewed. Although we eat 3 or 4 times a day, we breathe all day and all night. Like breathing, the child of God’s morning prayer will not be sufficient until noon, nor is our noon prayer sufficient for the evening. The peace-filled, joyful Christian life is possible only to those who have learned the deepest secret of daily renewal—unceasingly turning to God and receiving new, fresh power from the realm of eternal glory. Even in our darkest hours of trial and pain, we are blessed in prayer with the presence and fellowship of God and more... *Never think that you are kneeling or standing alone, rather think that the whole of Christendom, all devout Christians, are standing there beside you, and you are standing among them in a common, united petition, which God cannot disdain.* Luther, AE 43:198 Pax Domini!--Mrs. Farrell

Classical Education—Here’s a continuation of the review of the basic philosophy and methodology of Classical education. The 1st stage of the Trivium is called the “Grammar Stage” and the 2nd stage of education is called the “Logic Stage.” By 5th grade, a child’s mind begins to think more analytically. Middle-school students are less interested in finding out facts than in asking, “Why?” The 2nd phase of classical education, the “Logic Stage” is a time when the child begins to pay attention to cause and effect, to the relationships between different fields of knowledge relate, to the way facts fit together into a logical framework. A student is ready for the Logic Stage when the capacity for abstract thought begins to mature. During these years, the students begins algebra and the study of logic, begins to apply logic to all academic subjects. The logic of writing, for example, includes paragraph construction and learning to support a thesis’ the logic of reading involves the criticism and analysis of texts, not simple absorption of information; the logic of history demands that the student find out why the War of 1812 was fought, rather than simply reading its story; the logic of science requires that the child learn the scientific method.

***Wisdom from Love and Logic:** (by Jim and Charles Fay): Every time we lecture a child about what he or she has learned, or say something like, “Now, have you learned our lesson?” we rub salt into the wounds and damage the parent-child relationship. Kids learn most from consequences when we keep our mouths shut and let the consequence by the “bad guy.”

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Thank you, parents, for bringing your child to Zion Sunday. They were so surprised at how talented we were. They enjoyed it very much! Also a BIG thank you for the Valentine’s party. The children had a great time!

We have been talking about our teeth. We visited Dr. Stark’s office Thursday and learned a lot about our teeth. There is a tooth brushing chart in the folders. Have your child brush his/her teeth for two weeks and return it on Monday, March 1.

If you have not sent in your \$5.00 for the Lenten Supper, please do so on Tuesday. We still need help that evening. I only have one volunteer!

We are reading “Nan and Fan” and “We Can” in our reading book. Make sure they are using their pointer finger and pointing to each word as they are reading it. Some children may have these stories memorized, which is okay. By pointing to each word they are seeing it and are memorizing the word.

No school Monday in observance of Presidents Day.

Reminder – no bus service on Tuesday. Please drop off or pick up at Trinity if you indicated so on sheet. We have transportation for those who need it. Don’t forget a car seat!

Read to Succeed is due Friday, February 19.

The second group of Presidents (15-29) is due Friday, February 19.

Handwriting homework is in the folder. Have your child say or sound out the words as they are writing them.

Congratulations to Allison, Brianna, Emily, Michaela, Tina and Zoey for getting a SUPER-PELLER this week.

Our memory verse for Friday is: So now faith, hope and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13.

Chapel will be at **St. Paul** for the month of February.

Have a great 3-day weekend!

God’s Blessings - Mrs. Steinmeyer

1st and 2nd GRADE NEWS

Thanks to all those who sang at Zion, Carpenter on Sunday. They really enjoyed it.

Don’t forget that Read to Succeed needs to be turned in by Friday.

K-2 will be hosting a Lenten Supper on Wednesday, February 24, from 5:30-6:45. 2nd grade is asked to bring \$5.00 by Wednesday. 1st graders are asked to bring in a dessert by 5:00. If you can help us serve please let Mrs. Steinmeyer or myself know as soon as possible. We will be serving spaghetti, salad and dessert.

We are going to the Winter Kinder Konzert on Tuesday. Remember that the bus leaves at 8:15 a.m. from the St. Paul Center, and we will dismiss from St. Paul at 3:00 p.m.

President reports 15-29 are due on Friday. You can always turn them in if you want to work ahead.

On April 28 K-2 will be going to Springfield.

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First Grade: We have been working hard on learning what a verb is and how to use them. We will have a test in Language over verbs on Friday. We will be measuring objects to the nearest inch in Math class this week.

Second Grade: We have been working on adjectives in Language. We will be having a test over adjectives on Friday. In Math we will be using the metric measuring system.
In Christ – Miss Warnier

3rd and 4th GRADE NEWS

Happy Valentine’s Day! Thank you, room parents, for the delightful party games and treats. Thank you, class, for the chocolate(!) and other gifts.

We enjoyed the Gospel Illusionist. What a show!

Science and English test results are in the folders. I am proud of how the class did overall.

Here’s a rundown of next week’s activities:

Monday – No School, Presidents Day

Tuesday – Field Trip to the Orchestra and Science Center – **Leave at 8:15 from St. Paul. Please wear a TSP shirt and bring a lunch.**

Wednesday – Chapel at St. Paul

Friday – 4th Grade Spelling Test 24 (review test over Units 19-23), Box Tops Tailgate Party

In Christ---Mrs. Schkade

5th and 6th GRADE (3rd/4th Grade Math) NEWS

Next Thursday (February 18) the 5th & 6th grades will go to MELHS for a shadow day. Metro will send out their bus to pick us up about 9:00 a.m. and return us about noon after they feed us.

***7th/8th Science** – is involved with designing a hydraulic system for this chapter (forces in fluids) and will also construct a paper airplane.

***7th/8th History** – will start a new chapter on Tuesday.

***5th/6th Science** – will start the next chapter on Changes in Matter.

***5th/6th History** – will continue with chapter 10 over China.

3rd Math – did GREAT on the fractions! I will be working them into multiplication next week.

3rd Spelling – is Unit 20 for next week. The word list was sent home last week. In Christ – Mr. Hemann

5-8 LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH MEMO

***5th & 6th Grade English** – we will continue working with adverbs and the four kinds of sentences. No homework this weekend!

***5th & 6th Grade Reading** – we will finish our Number the Stars project. Our fourth and final book report for the year will be due at the end of the quarter, March 11.

This book report will be over a book of the student's choice (with my approval). No homework this weekend!

***7th & 8th Grade English** – we will continue working in our pronoun unit. If there are no snow days, we will have a pronoun test on Friday. No homework this weekend!

***7th & 8th Grade Reading** – we are reading several short selections from our literature book. On Thursday we will watch Romeo and Juliet. No homework this weekend!

Young Author books are due Monday, February 22nd. If you'd like to contact me outside of school hours, I can be reached at: home phone 633-2603 or cesch@whitemountainfinancial.net. I check my e-mail daily.

LATIN

3rd & 4th - GRADE LATIN - We only have class on Friday next week and will continue with the saga of Candidus and Corinthus who accompany Flavius' family Eboracum. Keep studying those vocab cards!

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7th & 8th - GRADE LATIN - We hope to wrap up Capitulum Quintum next week!

MATH

8th-Grade MATH-- We'll finally wrap up our focus on weighted averages and tackle direct and indirect variation next week. Whew! My brain hurts just thinking about it!

7th-Grade MATH-- We'll review for our chapter 4 test which we'll take on Wednesday. Then we'll begin a new chapter, exploring fractions written as decimals.

6th - Grade MATH-- We'll take a unit test on Tues., then forge on to exploring divisibility & prime/composite numbers.

5th - Grade MATH-- We'll review for our unit test that we'll take on Friday—weather permitting!

BRASS CHOIR

A snow day when we're supposed to have Brass Choir? What twisted person thinks of these things?! Thank goodness we had our music to keep us busy and warm. Pages 16 and 17 are sure to sound great since we've had so much time to practice them. We'll breeze through them on Tuesday – unless, of course, our lives are all threatened again by another inch of snow.

SPORTS NEWS

We are still in need of a track coach! Please call Mrs. Steinmeyer if you are interested.

Thank you to everyone (those that worked the gate, sold candy, ran the clock, kept the scorebook and whatever was needed) who helped make this volleyball and basketball season a success.

Family Fun Night – Friday, February 26 at 6:30.

NEWS & NOTES

***Way of the Cross** – Parts have been cast for our Way of the Cross presentation. We were able to provide costumes for some, but not all, of the students. An order form is in the folder that gives you the opportunity to purchase costumes from Oriental Trading Company. Please return by Tuesday, February 16.

***K-8 Sing – Mark your calendars** – Children sing at St. Paul at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 28 and at Trinity at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 7.

***Summer Camp – Mark your calendars** – Camp Piasa in Grafton – Sunday, June 27-Friday, July 2 for students currently in 5th&6th grades and Sunday, July 4-Friday, July 9 for students currently in 7th&8th grades. Registration forms will be available in March.

***Magic House** – You are invited to the Magic House on Thursday, February 18, 2010 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 per family payable at the door. Jen Ashauer's multiples group has rented the old part of the Magic House for a private party night. You are all welcome to attend. Let me know if you are coming. jashauer@gmail.com 618-806-9820

***American Girl Trip** – Please let me know if you can come. I am starting the list and will collect payment in April. The cost is \$35.00/ person. The date is Saturday, July 31, 2010. The event is Chartered Bus to Chicago – American Girl. We will leave from Hamel 6 a.m. and return to Hamel around 10 p.m. Limited seating available. First come first serve.

Included: showing of American Girl movies on the bus ride, non-alcoholic drinks and snacks on the bus. The bus will drop us off in front of American Girl (Water Tower Place shopping Center on Michigan Avenue) & pick us up at the same location. You are on your own while in Chicago. Please contact Jen Ashauer for more information and to reserve a spot. jashauer@gmail.com or 618-806-9820.

***MELHS Dancer Knights** – will host a "Semi Lock-In" for Junior High Boys & Girls (6th, 7th, 8th grade) on Friday, February 19th, 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. at Heavenly Rhythm Dance Studio, 2229 Vandalia (Rt. 159), Collinsville. The cost is \$3.00 per student. Lots of fun activities are planned! Pizza, hotdogs, drinks, and snacks will be available for purchase. Parent permission forms will be available at the door or can be requested by e-mail. RSVP to randidh@gmail.com or 618-580-4836. No student will be allowed to enter without a completed form.

EVENTS

SUNDAY (2/14) – Church and Sunday School

MONDAY (2/15) – No School – Presidents Day

TUESDAY (2/16) – 1-4 Field Trip to Powell Hall & Science Center – GBB Practice @ Staunton 5:30-7:00 – BBB Practice 5:30-7:00

WEDNESDAY (2/17) – Ash Wednesday - Chapel @ St. Paul 8:30 – Kindergarten Visitation 12:30-3:00 – Church Services

THURSDAY (2/18) – 5&6 Shadow Day @ MELHS

FRIDAY (2/19) – Read to Succeed Ends Today – GBB & BBB C-Team Shoot-Out – Girls play Holy Cross @ 6:00 – Boys play Bethalto @ 8:00

SATURDAY (2/20) – GBB & BBB C-Team Shoot-Out Continues

SUNDAY (2/21) – Church and Sunday School – GBB & BBB C-Team Shoot-Out Concludes

MENU

MONDAY (2/15) – No School – Presidents Day

TUESDAY (2/16) – Hamburger/Bun, French Fries, Carrot Sticks, Mandarin Oranges, Dessert, Milk

WEDNESDAY (2/17) – Tacos, Lettuce, Peaches, Dessert, Milk

THURSDAY (2/18) – Chicken Noodle Soup or Chili, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Carrot Sticks, Crackers, Applesauce, Dessert, Milk

FRIDAY (2/19) – Chef Salad/Croutons, Bread Sticks, Pears, Dessert, Milk

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 14

Trinity Church

9:30 – Chelsea Behme; Emily Behme

St. Paul Church

7:45 – Jason Johnson; Austin Werner

10:00 – Jonathan Klingler; Sean Micnheimer