



Trinity-St. Paul UPDATE



February 26, 2010

SPIRITUAL FOOD

“The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’”
(Luke 17:5)

Often when I lead our teachers in prayer at the conclusion of morning devotions or a faculty meeting, I ask God to give us a double portion of His spirit. This is a common personal practice since assuming the position of principal at TSP. I covet the gift for which Elisha prayed and received when his predecessor was taken to heaven in a whirlwind. Left on earth in the whirlwind of TSP and family responsibilities, I imagine how easy and peaceful my job would be if only I had more...more of God’s grace, more of His courage, more of His power to affect day-to-day challenges. I’m sure the apostles experienced much of the same anxiety. In fact, when things went wrong and they complained to Jesus, He scolded His disciples, citing only their lack of faith as the cause of their failures. According to Jesus, we only need faith as small as a mustard seed to move a mountain. And, God’s grace is sufficient—we need nothing more. May we in childlike faith call down the powers of heaven and live in the midst of our daily difficulties with quiet and cheerful disposition, constantly amazed at what Christ can do! Pax Domini—Mrs. Farrell

Classical Education—A big trend in postmodern education today is Multiculturalism, sometimes confused with Diversity. With few exceptions, this concept has little to do with studying or appreciating diverse cultures. Instead, it teaches a kind of heavily politicized relativism. Postmodernists believe an individual’s identity consists primarily of the qualities that make him a member of a group, such as a race, gender, or “sexual preference.” Multiculturalism asserts that every culture has different ideas and beliefs that are true for it and criticizes those who believe their way of thinking is superior to another culture’s way. Instead of bringing an appreciation of cultural diversity within universal truths, multiculturalism attacks Western civilization, accusing Americans of oppressing certain victim groups; thus, it give power to oppressor groups, such as radical feminists, gays and environmentalists. A genuine comparison reveals that the “high” culture of every race or group shares universal elements and common attitudes towards love, family, sexual morality and property. Classical education studies local traditions from the standpoint of universal human values and appreciates common values that people of all cultures share. Most importantly, it accepts and teaches these universal traditions and values without question. In fact, it is Classical education that gave us Western Civilization. It is Christian Classical education that strives to maintain the values established by the Creator, taught by the Savior and empowered by the Sanctifier.

***Wisdom from Love and Logic:** (by Jim and Charles Fay): Wise parents know the difference between a manipulating child and one who is hurting and desperately need them to listen and understand.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported our Lenten Supper. A huge “THANK YOU” to the volunteers who helped us that evening, we could not have done it without all of you! We raised \$340.00.

We sing Sunday morning at 10:00 at St. Paul, please be in the balcony by 9:45.

Turn in your tooth chart on Monday for a special treat. The Book Fair will be set up at Trinity Mon. morning, if you’d like to purchase any books for your child.

Next week will be National Lutheran Education Week.

Monday: Wear your pajamas and bring your stuffed animal. We’ll start our day at St. Paul. **Be at Trinity by 8:00 a.m.** if your child rides the bus; otherwise, go to the 7th&8th grade room. We’ll go to the church basement for breakfast.

Tuesday: wear Red/White/Blue. We’ll leave at 8:30 to go on our Field Trip. **Don’t forget a sack lunch. We’ll dismiss from St. Paul at 3:00. The afternoon bus will be 15 minutes earlier.**

Wednesday: Dress up in your “Sunday Best” for our VIP’s. Chapel is at Trinity at 10:30. Invite all your “Very Important People” and/or grandparents to join us for chapel and lunch.

Thursday: wear your hat and shades. We’ll practice the Way of the Cross in the morning and then go to Staunton for School House Rock. **We’ll dismiss from St. Paul at 3:00. The afternoon bus run will be 15 minutes earlier.**

Friday: wear silly socks. We’ll leave Trinity at 11:45 to pick up 3-8 and head to Edwardsville to go bowling. **We will dismiss from St. Paul at 3:00. The afternoon bus will be 15 minutes earlier.**

We finished our Phonics book and tested over it this week. Stop by to see how your child did. Your child should be reading “The Box”, “Wigs in a Box”, and all previous stories. Remember to have them point to each word as they read it.

Please make every effort to read the ring cards, bag words and book every night with your child. Your child will become a better reader by doing so. Congratulations to Allison, Alyssa, Brianna, Emily, Michaela, Tina and Zoey for getting a SUPER-SPELLER this week.

Our memory verse for Friday is: I will not let you go unless you bless me. Genesis 32:26.

Chapel will be at Trinity on Wednesday at 10:30.

Have a great weekend! God’s Blessings - Mrs. Steilmeyer

1st and 2nd GRADE NEWS

Thanks to all parents who helped serve our Lent dinner on Wed. We raised \$340.00 to help our children in Haiti.

Next week we will celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week (NLSW).

Monday: Pajama Day (with a stuffed animal, appropriate sized). We’ll have breakfast at St. Paul church. The bus will leave Trinity Center at 8 a.m. or meet us at St. Paul at 8:30.

Tuesday: Red/White/Blue Day. We’ll go to SLIM Good Body & the Arch. Wear a TSP shirt, and bring a sack lunch.

Wednesday: Dress up Day, VIP/Grandparents Day. We will have chapel at 10:30 at Trinity. Grandparents are then welcome to join us for lunch at the Trinity Center.

Thursday: Hats & Shades Day. We will go to a School House Rock assembly at Staunton in the afternoon.

Friday: Silly Socks Day. We’ll bowl at SIU-E in the p.m.

On Thursday and Friday afternoon we will dismiss from St. Paul Center at 3:00 p.m. You may pick up your child at St. Paul Center or if you would like to pick your child up at Trinity the bus will be back here at about 3:30.

We sing on Sun., Feb. 28 at St. Paul at 10:00 am. Meet in the balcony at 9:45 am. We sing Sun., March 7, 9:30 at Trinity.

We’ll have a review –Unit 24 in our spelling books. We’ll ha 12 words already had this year. *In Christ – Miss Warnier*

3rd and 4th GRADE NEWS

Next week we have lots of special activities planned!

Sunday – K-8 sing at St. Paul @ 10:00 a.m.

Monday – K-8 breakfast at St. Paul, Pajama Day

Tuesday – K-4 field trip – **Don’t forget your sack lunch!** – Red/White/Blue Day

Wednesday – VIP/Grandparents are invited to Chapel and lunch at Trinity, 10:30 a.m. – Book Fair – Dress up Day

Thursday – K-8 to Staunton assembly, Hat/Shades Day

Friday – K-8 Bowling – Silly Socks Day

Sunday, March 7 – K-8 sing at Trinity @ 9:30 a.m.

Fourth graders will have no spelling tests next week. We’ll pick up Unit 26 the following week. *In Christ---Mrs. Schkade*

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

Next week is Lutheran Schools Week so there is a lot going on. Please look at the schedule on the yellow sheet for all that is going on.

*7th/8th Science – will attempt to finish this section

*7th/8th History – will learn more about The Industrial Revolution.

*5th/6th Science – Matter

*5th/6th History – will bid farewell to China and go back to Europe and Greece. By the way all did a great job on the projects.

3rd Math – will finish working with shapes and get into some multiplication.

3rd Spelling – No spelling for next week.

In Christ – Mr. Hemann

5-8 LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH MEMO

*5th & 6th Grade English – we will continue our review of grammar. No Homework this weekend!

*5th & 6th Grade Reading – we are reading Harriet the Spy. Our fourth and final book report for the year will be due at the end of the quarter, March 11. No homework this weekend!

*7th & 8th Grade English – we will continue our review of grammar. No homework this weekend!

*7th & 8th Grade Reading – we are reading Johnny Tremain. Read the first two chapters for Monday.

The Young Author Books have been submitted to the judges. We should know the winning entries in about ten days. If you'd like to contact me outside of school hours, I can be reached at: home 633-2603 or cesch@whitemountainfinancial.net. I check my e-mail daily.

LATIN

3rd&4th- GRADE LATIN - On Monday, we'll have a quiz on the following vocab words: **stilus/stili; cera/cerae; gladius/gladii; habitat; fractus/fracta; obesus/obesa; durus/dura; acutus/acuta**. Nouns ending in -us are masculine singular, -i are masculine plural. Words ending in -a are feminine singular, ae are feminine plural. Adjectives take the same ending as the noun they describe.

5th&6th - GRADE LATIN - 5th & 6th graders will continue reading Scaenam Tertiam of the play in Capitulum Quartum.

7th&8th - GRADE LATIN - 7th & 8th graders are studying accusative and ablative prepositions while reading about the Roman "viae" in Capitulum Sextum.

MATH

8th-Grade MATH-- We'll take a test on chapter 4 on Monday. Then we'll review for a cumulative review test on chapters 1-4 on Wednesday.

7th-Grade MATH-- We'll explore and practice multiplying rational numbers—that's fractions and mixed numbers—and utilize them in word problems.

6th - Grade MATH-- We'll simplify fractions and work some word problems.

5th - Grade MATH-- We'll read and make graphs of various types, including pictographs and bar graphs.

BRASS CHOIR

Book work is suspended for the week so you can give all your attention to our performance pieces. Warm up with the full octave of the B flat concert scale, and I want to hear nice, clean high C's! Or B flats! Whatever you kids are calling them these days! Hit *Let's Go Band* and *Ode to Joy* hard so we can blow some VIP minds on Wednesday. You'll need your instrument, music and music stand at the Trinity Center, so make sure they come to school AND make it onto the bus that day. Adam reigns as the Potentate of Practice and Chase has the Regent of Rehearsal spot.

SPORTS NEWS

TONIGHT: Family Fun Night –February 26 at 6:30.

GIRLS: Bring your purple uniforms including socks to school on Thursday. We will have both our Volleyball and Basketball pictures taken with Staunton.

TRACK: Those interested in track this year must let Mrs. Steinmeyer know by Wed. what events you wish to try. The events include running, high jump, long jump, ball throw, triple jump and shot put. As of now, the dates of meets are April 17, 22, 24 and May 8.

NEWS & NOTES

****"Why We Celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week"--**

Be sure to read the gold sheet in your child's Friday folder!

***K-8 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.

***Book Fair Set-Up** – I'll set up the book fair in the Trinity Gym after the K-8 sing at St. Paul on Sunday. I'd appreciate help from anyone available. It should only take an hour.

***Way of the Cross** – Each school family is asked to donate 2 dozen cookies to be used for refreshments at the "Way of the Cross". Please deliver all cookies by Thursday, March 11.

Thank you – Social Committee

***Family Fun Night** – Trinity St. Paul has reserved the Edwardsville YMCA Meyer Center Skate Rink on Sunday, April 25, 2010 from 5:15-7:15 p.m. The facility will be closed to the public at this time. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Admission is free. Skate rental is \$2.00 per person for those that need skates. Concessions will be open. We are extending the invitation to our supporting congregations as well. Be sure to encourage everyone to attend! See you there!

***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.

***American Girl Trip** –Please let me know if you can come Saturday, July 31, 2010. I will collect payment in April. The cost is \$35.00/ person. The event is Chartered Bus to Chicago – American Girl. We'll leave Hamel 6 am. and return to Hamel around 10 pm. Limited seating available, first come first serve. Included: American Girl movies & non-alcoholic drinks and snacks on the bus. The bus will drop us off in front of American Girl (Water Tower Place on Michigan Avenue) & pick us up at the same location. You're 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. No student is allowed to enter w/out a completed form.

EVENTS

FRIDAY (2/26) – Family Fun Night @ 6:30

SUNDAY (2/28) – K-8 Sing at St. Paul at 10:00

MONDAY (3/1) – *Pajama /Stuffed Animal Day* – All School Breakfast at St. Paul – MELHS Devotional Speaker – Way of the Cross Practice 9:30-11:00

TUESDAY (3/2) – *Red/White/Blue Day* – K-4 Slim Goodbody/Arch Trip – Book Fair 3:00-3:30 – All K-8 Students Dismiss from St. Paul Center

WEDNESDAY (3/3) – VIP Day – *Dress Up Day* – Chapel @ Trinity 10:30 – All School Lunch @ Trinity @ 11:15 – Orchestra & Brass Choir Demonstrations – Book Fair 10:30-12:30 & 5:30-7:00 – Lenten Supper @ Trinity 5:30-6:45 – Lenten Services

THURSDAY (3/4) – *Hats/Shades Day* – Way of the Cross Practice – All School Lunch @ St. Paul – School House Rock Assembly @ Zion, Staunton – Musical Chairs & Relay Races Book Fair 3:00-3:30 – All K-8 Students Dismiss from St. Paul Center

FRIDAY (3/5) – *Silly Socks Day* – Bowling @ SIU-E 12:30-2:30 – Book Fair 3:00-4:00 – All K-8 Students Dismiss from St. Paul Center

SUNDAY (3/7) – K-8 Sing @ Trinity @ 9:30

MENU

MONDAY (3/1) – Pizza, Salad/CROUTONS, Peaches, Dessert, Milk

TUESDAY (3/2) – Hot Dog Twist, Carrot Sticks, Applesauce, Dessert, Milk

WEDNESDAY (3/3) – VIP DAY – Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Slaw, Green Bean Casserole, Roll, Fruit Salad, Cookies, Milk

THURSDAY (3/4) – Farmers Delight, Corn, Bread, Oranges, Dessert, Milk

FRIDAY (3/5) – Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Crackers, Peas, Pineapple, Dessert, Milk

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

God's Blessings to you, Mrs. Candace Esch – February 27

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 28

Trinity Church

9:30 – Usher

St. Paul Church

7:45 – Sydney Anderson; Elizabeth Steinmann

10:00 – Megan Pellock; Melissa Pipkin