



Trinity-St. Paul UPDATE



March 19, 2010

SPIRITUAL FOOD

“Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” (John 11:40).

Taking the time to listen—that’s the hard part when addressing a problem, when disciplining a child, when trying to fit in too many details into my busy schedule. “Give me the 2-minute version of the problem!” may be one way to address a need while “multi-tasking” my day. But, some things need more time, more attention, more patience. Martha had this challenge. Her life was busy with service to our Lord and to so many of His people. No time for listening. No time for details. No time for sitting at Jesus’ feet. No time, at least until sickness and tribulation came her way. Brother Lazarus became ill, this time seriously ill. Martha was forced to drop everything and send word for Jesus to come and heal him. Then she waited! But, Jesus didn’t come. Lazarus died. Now Martha had to wait more patiently, this time for Jesus to come and raise Lazarus from the dead. Finally, the message comes to Martha: “The Master is here and calls you.” And, Martha saw the glory of God. Your trials and sorrows are often incomprehensible. Yet, through them God calls you into fellowship with Him as you pray constantly that he would remove them from you. Still, God has something greater in mind. He will reveal to you His *glory* when you believe. May we ever pray: “I believe Lord. Help my unbelief! To you be the glory forever!” Pax Domini—Mrs. Farrell

Some History of Classical Education—The essence of classical education is the Liberal Arts curriculum. The word “liberal,” derived from the Latin *libera*, means freedom (ask any of TSP’s 5th-8th graders!). For the ancient Greeks and Romans, a liberal education was necessary for a man to be free. Slaves would receive vocational training, but free citizens required an education that enlarged the mind and cultivated the soul. Classical education aimed at the apprehension of the true, the good, and the beautiful. The ancients believed that cultivation of virtue, knowledge of the world and of human nature, active citizenship and practical action required an education with this purpose. The “arts” in a liberal education were seven in number (a significant number in Holy Scripture). The “arts” comprised a comprehensive curriculum of study that engaged all human faculties. The Severn Liberal Arts developed in the Middle Ages consisted of two parts: the *trivium* of grammar, logic and rhetoric; and the *quadrivium* of mathematics, music, astronomy and geometry. Once these arts of learning were mastered, the student was equipped for the study of the *sciences*: natural science (physical & metaphysical), moral science (history, politics, and law), and theological science (religion and first principles). After this regimen, a student could study for the professions—law, medicine, or the church.

***Wisdom from Love and Logic:** (by Jim and Charles Fay): Kids are more likely to talk about difficult issues if they are interacting with us over some fun activity. Next time your child seems upset, play a game with him, start a woodworking project or bake some cookies together. You might be surprised what comes out!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We did a great job Thursday night at The Way of The Cross! I hope everyone enjoyed it.

Report cards are in the folder today. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Handwriting homework is in the folder.

Iowa Test of Basic Skills begins on Monday. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest and eats a good breakfast. We only test about 30 minutes each day.

We are reading “Seasons” in our new reading book. Please make sure they are pointing to each word as they are reading it. Also, read the ring cards and bag words. I added new words to the bag.

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

Our memory verse for Friday is: Jesus said to them: “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am. John 8:38.

Chapel will be at **TRINITY** for the month of March.

Have a great weekend!

God’s Blessings - Mrs. Steinmeyer

1st and 2nd GRADE NEWS

Report cards are in Friday folders. Please be sure to look at them.

Next week we have Iowa Basic Testing in the morning. Please make sure your child gets plenty rest and eats a good breakfast.

Thank you to all who brought their children, and came, to “Way of the Cross”. The kids did a great job!

Collecting for Jump Rope for Heart has begun. We will be jumping rope at St. Paul Center on March 31 from 1-3 p.m.

Chapel is at Trinity for the month of March.

First Grade: In Math we will learn more about fractions. Keep working on those addition facts!

Second Grade: In Math we will continue to work on area and how we find area in square inches using multiplication. Keep working on multiplying by 0, 1, 2, 5 and 10!

In Christ – Miss Warnier

3rd and 4th GRADE NEWS

Report cards are in the folders, as well as third grade reading test results. Please contact me if you wish to discuss your child’s grades.

Next week, we’ll be taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. I have been instructing the class in the format and procedure of this test and I think they’re ready. Please give your child an extra boost by making sure bedtimes are enforced and good breakfasts are eaten. Studies have shown that those two factors alone can increase test scores.

There has been lots of sickness in our school lately. Please remember the school policy that says your child must be well for 24 hours before sending him or her back to school. If your child is sick during testing next week, we have a make-up day scheduled, so please keep the sickness at home!

Fourth grade will be on Spelling Unit 28 next week!

Third and fourth will wrap up Social Studies Unit 4 with a test on Tuesday, March 30.

Book reports are due on April 16, but can be turned in anytime before that. In Christ--Mrs. Schkade

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

Next week is Iowa Basic Skills testing. We will do as in the past. All 3rd-8th will be in the church basement. Please have your rest and a full belly (breakfast) to start the day. This really helps. We will also have a mid morning snack for them.

*7th/8th **Science** – is working on machines. Science class will be mixed with history in the afternoon because of testing.

*7th/8th **History** – will finish up the chapter on Reforming.

*5th/6th **Science** – and history will also be mixed together because of testing. Science is working with acids and bases.

*5th/6th **History** – Greece – mainly Athens & Sparta.

3rd **Math** – will not meet because of testing.

3rd **Spelling** – Unit 23 is due next week. The boys have been working on the Unit in class. Some are done others about half.

In Christ – Mr. Hemann

5-8 LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH MEMO

***5th & 6th Grade English** – we will not have class time until Friday because of Iowa Basic testing; however, we will make our March shut-in cards on our own. They will be due Friday. No home work this weekend!

***5th & 6th Grade Reading** – we will not have class time until Friday because of Iowa Basic testing; however, chapters 5 and 6 in Harriet the Spy are assigned for next week, and there will be a quiz over them on Friday. No homework this weekend!

***7th & 8th Grade English** – we will not have class time until Friday because of Iowa Basic testing; however, we will make our March shut-in cards on our own. They will be due Friday. No homework this weekend!

***7th & 8th Grade Reading** – we will not have class time until Friday because of Iowa Basic testing; however, we will continue reading in The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. Chapters 9-12 for Monday, 13-14 for Tuesday, 15-16 for Wednesday, 17-18 for Thursday. There will be a test over these chapters on Friday.

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 will read more about the military habits of ancient Rome, complete with appropriate Latin vocabulary. No quiz next week, however, we'll gear up for a vocabulary quiz the following Monday, March 22. So far the words students will need to know are: **quid est; galea; gladius; pilum; scutum; cave; lorica; siste; pugio; relinque; ecce; periculosus.**

5th & 6th - GRADE LATIN – We'll finish Penum A, B & C. Then, we'll begin memorizing tables of noun cases.

7th & 8th - GRADE LATIN – We'll finish our chapter study and take time to review solidify our skills using prepositions with the ablative, accusative and genitive cases.

MATH

8th-Grade MATH – Graphing solutions to equations is how we will show relationships between equations. Then we'll graph linear equations.

7th-Grade MATH – We'll practice adding and subtracting unlike fractions, then move onto measures of central tendency and solving equations with rational numbers—sounds more like high school stuff!

6th – Grade MATH – We'll work with mixed numbers—whole numbers and fractions, then relate fractions to decimals.

5th – Grade MATH – We'll make histograms and stem and leaf plots—my personal favorite.

6th & 7th Grade Parents! We will meet this Tuesday, March 23 at the Trinity center at 6:15 p.m. to discuss our 2011 Washington D.C. trip. Let me know if you cannot attend. Thanks! Mrs. Farrell

BRASS CHOIR

Current Brass types: This week we're sticking with page 19, adding page 20, and paying special attention to exercises 103 and 109. WRITE DOWN your practice times and get them signed. Adam is the Potentate of Practice and Chase is Regent of Rehearsal.

Prospective Brass types: The Brass Choir will be visiting a classroom near you! If you're in 4th-7th grade, start thinking how clever you'd look with a trumpet, the respect you'd garner as you shouldered your trombone, the awe with which humanity would gaze on you and your French horn! We'll come around soon to let you try out the instruments and inaugurate your journey to greatness.

NEWS & NOTES

***Report Cards & Registration Forms for the 2010-2011 School Year** – are in your student's Friday folder today. Take advantage of the reduced registration fee and kindly register your child(ren) as soon as possible so we can make accurate and exciting plans for next year. Thanks!

***Iowa Test of Basic Skills!** A brochure was included in last Friday's update. Please take a few moments to read

it over and begin preparing your child for this annual event, scheduled to begin Monday, March 22.

***Flower Orders** – Anyone interested in ordering flower plants or bulbs should contact one of the following 6th & 7th grade students – Tyler Fulks, Chase Langendorf, Cody Hellmann, Sean Michheimer, Randy Stark or Brooke Webb – to see the brochure and to place an order. There is a beautiful, wide variety available.

***SPECIAL HOLY WEEK CHAPEL OFFERING!** – We will collect canned and dry food and goods for our local pantry during Holy Week. Please bring your offering anytime on or before Wednesday, March 31.

***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.

***Basketball Camp – Mark your calendars** – The Neal Reising Memorial Basketball Camp is scheduled for June 28-July 1 @ MELHS from 6:00-8:00 for boys and girls entering 2-4 grades. Registration forms will be available in April at the school. There will be a school supply drive for Unity Lutheran in East St. Louis and students from Unity will be sponsored for this camp.

***Orchestra Anyone?** – Ms. Carolyn McCall has offered to facilitate violin lessons for Grades 3-8 at TSP during the 2010-2011 school year at a very reasonable cost. Laurie Cunningham has several used violins for sale, too. Let the school office know if you're interested in this opportunity for your child next year as soon as possible.

EVENTS

SUNDAY (3/21) – Church and Sunday School

MONDAY (3/22) – Iowa Testing – Teacher Appreciation Week Begins – Teacher Classroom Doors will be decorated

TUESDAY (3/23) – Iowa Testing – Breakfast provided for teachers

WEDNESDAY (3/24) – Chapel @ Trinity 8:30 – Iowa Testing – Heart Messages presented to teachers – Lenten Services

THURSDAY (3/25) – Iowa Testing – Chair Massages for teachers

FRIDAY (3/26) – Iowa Testing – Lunch provided for teachers

MENU

MONDAY (3/22) – Chicken Parmesan, Salad, Garlic Bread, Mandarin Oranges, Dessert, Milk

TUESDAY (3/23) – Hot Dog Twists, Broccoli, Peaches, Dessert, Milk

WEDNESDAY (3/24) – Taco, Lettuce, Pears, Dessert, Milk

THURSDAY (3/25) – Chicken Noodle Soup or Chili, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Carrot Sticks, Crackers, Applesauce, Dessert, Milk

FRIDAY (3/26) – Chef Salad, Breadsticks, Pineapple, Dessert, Milk

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

God's Blessings to Chloe Langendorf – March 28

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 21

Trinity Church

9:30 – Randy Stark; Sam Whitmore

St. Paul Church

7:45 – Elizabeth Steinmann; Chelsey Lippoldt

10:00 – Sean Michheimer; Brooke Webb