



Trinity-St. Paul UPDATE



October 9, 2009

SPIRITUAL FOOD

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:6-7).

When I was a child sitting in the church pew, I looked forward to “old” Pastor Herpolsheimer reciting the words of vs 7. They usually meant, “Good! Church is almost over. All I have to do is get through the offering and prayers and I’m outta here!” I confess, sitting wasn’t my favorite activity much less listening to something hard to understand. These days a blessing spoken at the end of a sermon means much more to me. Perhaps it’s because I find more to worry about. On the surface, worry doesn’t appear to contribute anything positive to a situation. It can leave you with a knot in your stomach and no plan of action, maybe even to panic. Yet, worry is one of several emotions God uses for our good, to sharpen our senses and drive us to seek refuge in Him. Worry can also motivate us to look for the blessings in God’s plan to complete His work in us in spite of us. Just as Jesus cried out, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?” we can cry to God for His help, all the while trusting that He answers prayer and will never fails to guard and keep us safe in His care. May we ever trust in God’s promised care and find peace beyond our understanding in every situation. Pax—Mrs. Farrell

CLASSICAL EDUCATION: The Logic Stage. In the middle grades, a child's mind begins to think analytically. Middle-school students are more interested in asking, “Why?” The second phase of education in the language skills, 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, and to the way facts fit together into a meaningful framework. A student is ready for the Logic Stage when the capacity for abstract thought begins to mature. During these years, the student begins the study of critical reasoning and logic. She begins to apply critical thinking 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 inductive reasoning.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. We had such a great afternoon with our parents. Thank you all for coming and for purchasing the cool books for our classroom. No school Monday for Columbus Day.

Our field trip is Thursday. We will be leaving at 12:00. Wear your TSP shirt. Thursday is the last day your child may wear shorts to school.

We only have a half day of school Friday. We dismiss at 11:30.

The end of the quarter is Friday. I will test the children next week on material we have discussed in class. They should be able to count to 40 by 1’s and 5’s and 10’s, know the days of the week, identify and write numbers to 10, spell their first and last names, know their telephone number, and know the capital, lowercase, and sound of the letters we have learned to date.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are Thurs. and Fri., Oct. 22 and 23. Your scheduled time is in the folder. Hand-writing is in the folder. Have them tell you the letter,

“capital L”, “lowercase h”, and the sound each letter makes and something that begins with that letter.

Our memory verse for Friday is: God is faithful by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:9.

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

Have a great weekend! God’ Blessings, Mrs. Steinmeyer

1st and 2nd GRADE NEWS

Please remember -- we don’t have school on Mon. (Columbus Day) and a ½ day on Friday (Teacher In-service). After October 15 (next Thursday) your children are no longer allowed to wear shorts to school. Please make sure your child is dressing appropriately for the weather.

We’ll visit the apple farm next Thurs. We’ll leave at **noon**. The kids have done a great job, brainstorming and telling us what they know about apples. They also are very excited and interested in how apples grow.

In your child’s folder today is a schedule for Parent/Teacher Conferences. All grades 1-2 conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 22 in the afternoon and evening.

The Metro East Lutheran High change drive was a huge success. Grades 1-2 collected over \$40.00 in change and won the pizza party. **GREAT JOB!**

Please remember to keep collecting for the Skate-a-thon. All proceeds go to the schools computer fund. We will be skating on Tuesday, October 27 in the afternoon.

Make sure that you are working on memory work. Most students are doing very well with this each week.

Chapel in October is at St. Paul.

First Grade: In math we are adding doubles (9+9, 8+8 etc.). Your child should be able to tell you all of the doubles up to 9+9. We are also learning about subtraction number sentences. If your child is struggling with adding or subtracting, pull out some toys and put the toys in groups to match the addition or subtraction problem. We do this in class most days to learn our facts.

Second Grade: All of the 2nd graders did a great job giving their direction to their peers! In Language Arts we are doing a unit on nouns. We started out this week talking about nouns used to name people. We will be talking about how to make nouns plural next week. Have a wonderful weekend!

In Christ – Miss Warnier

3rd and 4th GRADE NEWS

I’m so glad parents and relatives were able to join us on Wed. Thank you to Pastor Andrus for a wonderful chapel and presentation, and thank you to the cooks for that marvelous meal. We also appreciate all the work Mrs. Bartony put into the Book Fair and her assistants that made it run so smoothly.

Next week, the 4th graders will be on Unit 8 in Spelling. 3rd & 4th grade has an English Chapter 3 test on Wed. We’ll start a unit that uses Aesop’s Fables as a model for writing.

The 3rd graders have been studying the author Patricia Polacco. We have enjoyed getting to “know” her family and their traditions. We’ll wrap up our study in a few days.

In Religion, we are working our way through Genesis. Next week, we’ll talk about Adam and Eve’s fall into sin.

Enjoy your 3-day weekend! In Christ, Mrs. Schkade

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

It was a pleasure to see all the parents here on Wed.

On Tues. grades 5-8 planted perennials around the flag pole. Next spring it should really look great. Many thanks, to those who donated to the cause.

Every Wed. at 2:10 for the next 10 weeks the 5-6 grades will have D.A.R.E.

***7th/8th Science** – is about ½-way through the chapter on the States of Matter and can look forward to a test next week.

***7th/8th History** – took a test on Chapter 7 on Wed. Now

they will get to study the workings of the Constitution itself. This will require lots of time.

***5th/6th Science** – didn't get as far as intended, so the test for this week has been moved to next Tues. or Wed.

We'll cover the last section and then review the material.

***5th/6th History** – had a chapter test on Monday. Next up for them is Ancient Egypt.

3rd Math – is progressing. At present they are working in place value plus reviewing from previous lessons.

3rd Spelling – will work on Lesson 7. Pre-test is on Mon.

In Christ – Mr. Hemann

5-8 LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH MEMO

***5th & 6th Grade 7th & 8th English** – we will begin work on Capitalization. We will also write to our homebound members for Oct. from Trinity and St. Paul. If you know of anyone who may not be on the official homebound list but would enjoy hearing from us, please let Mrs. Esch know. No homework this weekend!

***5th & 6th Grade Reading** – we will finish "The Boy Who Talked with Animals." We should also be able to read "Rikki-tikki-tavi" next week. In these stories, we are especially looking at personification and conflict. No homework this weekend!

***7th & 8th Grade English** – we will also write our first "business" letter. In our work books we will start the unit on Verbs. No home work this weekend!

***7th & 8th Grade Reading** – we will end Unit 7 in our textbook with three stories from Norse Mythology. There will be a unit test on Thursday, October 15. Our next selections will be in the "Chills and Thrills" unit. We will take a special look at Edgar Allan Poe's work. No homework this weekend!

LATIN

3rd & 4th-Grade Latin – We actually took our quiz on Friday instead of Monday since the long weekend make it hard to remember to study. My apologies if that disappointed anyone. On Monday we'll continue reading the saga of Marcellus' visit to the home of Flavius and learn even more new vocabulary.

5th - 8th - Grade Latin – 5th & 6th graders will work with the grammar lessons of "Tres Capitula". 7th & 8th graders are running through "Una Capitula" with ease.

8th-Grade Math – We'll use our short week to explore square roots & real numbers.

7th -Grade Math – As we finish our work with 2-D coordinate system, we begin to review for a chapter test. **6th - Grade MATH** – We've done well with estimating products and multiplying decimals. Next we'll explore algebraic properties that will keep us focused on why we can do what we do when solving algebraic problems using variables.

5th - Grade MATH – The distributive property is difficult to grasp, especially at first attempt. We'll work hard at solidifying that concept before moving on to multiplying whole numbers and sharpening our facts.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES—PARENTS OF GRADES 5-8 – Look for the packet prepared for you to assist your preparation for the conferences schedules Thursday and Friday, Oct. 22 & 23. Bring your questions so we can work together to resolve any concerns you may have for your child(ren)'s educational needs here at TSP.

BRASS CHOIR

Whoa – where did that fantastic –sounding baritone come from?! Great class this week. Two weeks ago, the competition was stiff as Chase and Randy elbowed out the reigning champion to share the title Potentate of Practice, while Adam was once again Regent of Rehearsal. This week Cyrus was back in the Potentate spot and Randy was the Regent. Students should log at least 20 minutes of practice 5 days this week. Our book exercises are numbers 21, 22, 23 and 25 on page 7. If you do not have cleaning supplies for your instrument, pick up a brass cleaning/maintenance kit next time you drive by the music store. It should include valve oil, slide grease, and brushes and won't cost more than \$10.00.

SPORTS INFO

Mark your calendars – Volleyball Family Fun Night is scheduled for Friday, October 23. More information will be sent home next week. Boys Basketball Practice can begin on Monday, October 26. We have the players – but we are still in need of a **BOYS BASKETBALL**

COACH – contact Mrs. Steinmeyer if you or someone you know is interested.

NEWS & NOTES

***WE RECYCLE!** – Please collect Box Tops, Campbells Labels, Nestle water bottle labels, soda cans and tabs, Capri Sun pouches, Nabisco cookie wrappers, used printer cartridges and cell phones, old keys and eyeglasses. Collection boxes are in both centers. (Due to a change in the program, we are no longer collecting milk jug lids).

***CALLING ALL PHOTOS** – The TSP Public Relations Committee is looking for photos your already-taken or future photos. Please email me the photos jashauer@gmail.com as attachments with some details about the photo(s) – sporting events, community projects, special events, etc. I will submit them to the area newspapers. Let me know if you have questions (618-806-9820). Thanks!

***BRING-A-FRIEND DAY** – TSP is proud to announce a Bring-A-Friend Day, Tues., Nov. 24, 2009. On this day we will give TSP students the opportunity to bring their friends from different schools to TSP with them. (Edwardsville Public Schools do not have school on this day). We will have all sorts of fun activities planned for this day. More details will follow, please check the Update as the date gets closer.

***MELHS Small Change Drive**—and the winner is--Miss Warnier's 1st & 2nd grade class! Your prize – a Pizza party!
BUS PROTOCOL—Just a friendly reminder to heed state driving laws regarding our school bus just as you would any other bus school on the highway. Illinois law reads: "The driver of a vehicle meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus stopped on the highway shall stop before reaching such school bus when there is in operation on said school bus the flashing red lights and said driver shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion or the flashing red lights are no longer actuated." To increase our safety efforts, we ask parents who pick up their students from the St. Paul center when the bus is present before and after school to enter and exit the front parking lot in the appropriate directions. Thanks for your cooperation!

RAIN ENTERANCE—Parents dropping off their students at the Trinity center during wet, "puddly" whether should use the gym door entrance, or knock on Mrs. Steinmeyer's door and she'll let you in!

EVENTS

FRIDAY (10/9) – VB Tournament @ Peoria

SATURDAY (10/10) – VB Tournament @ Peoria

SUNDAY (10/11) – Church and Sunday School – VB Tournament @ Peoria

MONDAY (10/12) – No School – Columbus Day

TUESDAY (10/13) – VB @ Edwardsville @ 5:30

WEDNESDAY (10/14) – Chapel @ 8:30 @ St. Paul

THURSDAY (10/15) – K-2 Apple Farm Trip – VB @ Staunton vs. Litchfield @ 6:30

FRIDAY (10/16) – End of 1st Quarter – Teacher In-service – ½ Day Dismissal – Trinity @ 11:30, St. Paul @ 11:45

MENU

MONDAY (10/12) – No School – Columbus Day

TUESDAY (10/13) – Hot Dog/Bun, Buttered Carrots, Pears, Dessert, Milk

WEDNESDAY (10/14) – Taco Crunch, Lettuce/CROUTONS, Fruit Cocktail, Dessert, Milk

THURSDAY (10/15) – Farmers Delight, Corn, Roll, Peaches, Dessert, Milk

FRIDAY (10/16) – No Lunch Served – ½ Day Dismissal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Faith Keune – October 10

Emily Miller – October 10

Mr. Eddie Blotvogel – October 14

God's Blessings to all of you!

TRINITY SAUSAGE SUPPER

Trinity Lutheran Church – Worden, will host their 59th Annual Sausage Supper on Sunday, October 25 serving from 12 Noon – 6:00 p.m. The cost for adults and carry-outs is \$8.00 and children are \$3.00. Liver, pork and blood sausage, ribs and backbones will be sold at Worden Food Market on Friday from 8:00-5:00 and Saturday from 8:00-Noon.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 11

Trinity Church

9:30 – Chelsea Behme; Olivia Daube

St. Paul Church

7:45 – Elizabeth Steinmann; Chelsey Lippoldt

10:00 – Alex Michheimer; Sean Michheimer