



# Trinity-St. Paul UPDATE



October 16, 2009

## SPIRITUAL FOOD

**“Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven”** (Matthew 18:3).

Parenting generates many and various challenges for even experienced parents. When comparing the challenges of raising our older children versus our younger child, I’ve concluded that each stage of raising our older children was like utilizing training wheels for the next stage while our current challenges are perpetually like riding a Harley without a helmet. Perhaps, I’ve forgotten much of our former struggles or I’m simply blessed with more intense opportunities to grow in wisdom. Kids can really humble us, especially when we face the consequences of their misbehavior or realize that even our bright, capable children have weaknesses with which they must learn to compensate or overcome. In our humbled (and often exhausted) state, God promises us “[greatness] in the kingdom of heaven.” Jesus knows and understands parental distress that fills our days and nights with worry, fear and frustration. It is through our humbleness that we best find comfort in His promised presence, wisdom, courage and power. Even today, Jesus stands before us in the midst of our needs with his pierced hands wide open and says, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” Then, hang on for the ride!

Pax Domini—Mrs. Farrell

## **CLASSICAL EDUCATION: The Rhetoric Stage.**

This final language skill in classical education builds on the skills of grammar and logic. The high school student at this level learns to write and speak with force and originality. The student goes beyond memorizing and analyzing what others have contributed to the conversation and offers his own insight. The student of rhetoric applies the rules of logic learned in the middle grades at TSP to the foundational information learned in the early grades and then expresses his conclusions, applications, and evaluations in clear, forceful language. Our goal at TSP is to give our students the depth and breadth of content and logic skills that enables them to maintain and articulate their perspective and true valuation of creation as God Himself teaches in Holy Scripture.

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

End of the quarter is today. I will give you your child’s report card next Thursday at Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Picture retakes will be on Thursday, October 22.

No school Friday for Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Our Skate-a-thon is Tuesday, October 27. Permission slip is in the folder. Are you collecting pledges? We are raising money for computers.

Handwriting is in the folder. Please watch your child as they are forming the letters.

The weather is getting cooler. Please practice zipping the coat/jacket your child will be wearing to school.

Chapel will be at ST. PAUL for the month of October.

Our memory verse for Friday is: Let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor. Ephesians 4:25  
Have a great weekend! God’ Blessings, Mrs. Steinmeyer

## 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE NEWS

Please keep working on memory work. Having your child read or say it 5-10 times the day or two before will help them learn it.

No school next Friday for Parent Teacher Conferences.

I will give you your child’s report card on Thursday night at your conference.

Keep collecting for the Skate-a-thon. We will be skating on October 27. Please return the permission form in your Friday folder.

*First Grade:* I am sending home flash cards with your child. Please practice these and send them back on Monday.

*Second Grade:* Will have a math test on Tuesday. Continue to work on addition facts as this is a big part of the test.

In Christ – Miss Warnier

## 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS

It’s hard to believe that we’re at the end of first quarter. I look forward to speaking with parents at conferences next week. If you need to change your appointment time, just let me know. Your child’s report card will be sent home on Wednesday. Please bring it with you to our conference.

Third graders have started a science chapter about animals. See the “Family Activity” sheet in the Friday folder that lists the vocabulary and topics of the chapter.

Fourth graders will take the **Science A2** test on Tuesday. Their **Spelling Unit 9** test will be on Thursday.

Our writing unit in English focuses on Aesop’s tale “The Lion and the Mouse.” We’ll read, discuss, rewrite and illustrate this story.

We’re going to discuss Genesis 3-7 in Religion class. Stories we’ll cover include The Fall, Cain and Abel and The Flood.

Please encourage your child to continue collecting Skate-athon pledges to support our technology fund. Pledges will be turned in on October 27. A permission slip for skating is in the folder.

Cooler weather is jacket weather. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor recess and P.E.

In Christ, Mrs. Schkade

## 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math) NEWS

Don’t forget conferences on Thursday and Friday. See you all then.

\*7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> **Science** – will have a test on Chapter 3 Monday. Then on to Element, Compounds and Mixtures.

\*7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> **History** – is working with the Constitution.

\*5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> **Science** – has completed one of the most challenging units in the book – Chapter 2. The test scores were great. Chapter 3 – Adaptations is the next topic and will be much easier.

\*5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> **History** – is just getting into Ancient Egypt. We will be doing some activities not found in the book.

3<sup>rd</sup> **Math** – had a test on Thursday. Please look in the folders for them. I have been having trouble with some students not completing their assignments on time. Please check their assignment note book on a regular basis.

3<sup>rd</sup> **Spelling** – for next week is Unit 8. The pre-test is on Monday. Workbook pages are due on Thursday and the word test is on Thursday.

In Christ – Mr. Hemann

## 5-8 LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH MEMO

\*5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> **Grade English** – we continue working on Capitalization. We will practice our new skills by writing many of our own sentences. No homework this weekend!

\*5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> **Grade Reading** – we will start Unit 5 on “Mystery and Adventure.” The first reading comes from “Treasure Island.” We will also begin work on our first project, “Making a Treasure Map.” No homework this weekend!

\*7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> **Grade English** – we will continue working in our verb unit. We will concentrate on irregular verbs and memorizing the helping and linking verbs.

No home work this weekend!

\*7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> **Grade Reading** – we will start Unit 5 on “Chills and Thrills.” Our first selection will be “The Tell-Tale Heart.” We will also begin work on our first project

“Designing a Haunted House.” Ours will be based on literary characters from poetry and fiction. No homework this weekend!

### LATIN

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>-Grade Latin** – We'll finally get a chance to take that vocabulary quiz on Monday. It'll be exactly the same as the quiz we took last week. Then we'll continue learning new vocabulary as we read about Flavius and the governor's visit.

**5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> – Grade Latin** – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders will work on "grammatic Latina," recognizing how the nouns change according to gender and number and distinguishing between nominative and gender cases. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are plowing through the "capitula prima" and enjoying the ride. We hope to finish the chapter next week so we can get into some real drama that unfolds in the "Familia Romana."

**8<sup>th</sup>-Grade Math** – We'll write equations, solve them, then use formulas to find the dimensions of geometric figures.

**7<sup>th</sup> –Grade Math** – We've been reviewing for our chapter test that we'll take on Tuesday. Then we'll continue with Chapter 3, exploring the distributive property with algebraic terms.

**6<sup>th</sup> – Grade MATH** – We'll review for our chapter test which we'll take on Wednesday. Then we'll continue with Chapter 4, estimating quotients.

**5<sup>th</sup> – 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 scheduled this Thursday evening and Friday morning, Oct. 22 & 23 (no school Friday). 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

Keep working on exercises 22A and 22B, 23, and 25 on page 7. Everyone should be able to read the notes names and time values in every exercise. We're still shooting for a minimum of 20 minutes of practice, five days a week (and remember that practice means actual playing time, not "fiddling around with my trumpet" time). Adam was this week's Potentate of Practice and Cyrus was the Regent of Rehearsal.

### SPORTS INFO

**VB and SB Photos**-- will be taken this coming Thursday, October 22. DON'T FORGET YOUR HATS. I will collect all laundered softball uniforms afterwards. VB will also take their picture with Staunton, but it will be in the spring. You choose which one you would like to purchase.

**\*Wanted—Boys Basketball Coach.** Must be available after school or evenings for practices and games throughout the week and some weekends. Practice should begin the week of October 26. Please contact Mrs. Steinmeyer if interested.

### NEWS & NOTES

**\*Picture Retakes/Sports Pictures** – Retakes and Volleyball and Softball pictures will be taken on Thursday, October 22. If you wish to have your picture retaken, please return your original package with you on Thursday. Volleyball and Softball players make sure you bring your uniform with you to school. Softball uniforms should be laundered and ready to be turned in. Softball players – BRING YOUR HAT!

**\*Skate-a-thon** – Keep collecting for the Skate-a-thon being held on Tuesday, October 27 at the Great Skate in Troy from 12:30-2:30. We have started receiving a lot of nice prizes.

**\*BUS**--Thanks to the parents and staff who helped to facilitate transportation on Wednesday when our bus wouldn't start! Let's pray we can get everything up and running before winter!

### EVENTS

**FRIDAY (10/16)** – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter – Teacher In-service –

½ Day Dismissal – Trinity @ 11:30, St. Paul @ 11:45

**SUNDAY (10/18)** – Church and Sunday School

**MONDAY (10/19)** – VB Practice @ TSP 3:30-5:00

**TUESDAY (10/20)** – VB Conference Tourney @ Holy Cross – TSPZ plays Belleville @ 7:30

**WEDNESDAY (10/21)** – Chapel @ 8:30 @ St. Paul

**THURSDAY (10/22)** – Picture Retakes, Volleyball & Softball Pictures – Parent/Teacher Conferences

**FRIDAY (10/23)** – No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences

**SATURDAY (10/24)** – VB Conference Tourney Continues @ MELHS

### MENU

**MONDAY (10/19)** – Mostaccoli, Salad w/Croutons, Garlic Bread, Applesauce, Dessert, Milk

**TUESDAY (10/20)** – Chicken Pattie/Bun, Carrot Sticks, Pineapple, Dessert, Milk

**WEDNESDAY (10/21)** – Taco Squares, Corn, Peaches, Dessert, Milk

**THURSDAY (10/22)** – Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn Bread, Pears, Dessert, Milk

**FRIDAY (10/23)** – No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Brooke Webb – October 21  
God's Blessings to you, Brooke!*

### TRINITY SAUSAGE SUPPER

Trinity Lutheran Church – Worden, will host their 59<sup>th</sup> 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 18**

**Trinity Church**

**9:30 – Emily Behme; Shelby Steinmeyer**

**St. Paul Church**

**7:45 – Hannah Kipp; Sydney Anderson**

**10:00 – Jenna Inman; Brooke Webb**