



TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Ministry of Blessed Sacrament Church

CELEBRATING 57 YEARS

SPECIAL SUMMER 2009 EDITION



OFFICE HOURS

Summer office hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. The school office is open during the school year from 7:15 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

This coming school year, to continue our goal of becoming a more eco-friendly school, the Trinity Parent/Student Handbook will be available only online at our website, www.trinityknights.org. In the past, the school handbook has been printed and given to each family, and though it may be more convenient to receive a hard copy; the amount of paper it requires and printing costs were two main considerations in making this change. You may download your own personal copy, or if you do not have online access and would like to order a Parent/Student Handbook, it will be available for \$5.00. Handbook order requests should be submitted to the office by August 1st. It is important to note that the Parent/Student Handbook is, in essence, a contractual agreement between home and school and therefore must be read carefully. Both parents and students should consider and discuss the rules and policies it contains before signing the Handbook Governance Agreement form. This form will be enclosed in your orientation packet (one per child) and must be returned to his/her homeroom teacher no later than August 28. The form is also available for download at our website, www.trinityknights.org.

LUNCH, SNACKS & DRINKS

The Home and School Association is responsible for the Lunch Program at Trinity and will offer lunches each day, which must be ordered in advance. Students who do not purchase lunch should bring a nutritious lunch to school. Soft drinks should never be sent to school in your child's lunch. No glass containers, please.

Snack time is provided for elementary students. Please send nutritious finger foods such as fruit, crackers, pretzels, or granola bar type snacks. Please do not send snacks in squeeze tubes such as yogurt or pudding.



2009 TRINITY LADY KNIGHTS VOLLEY BALL TEAM TRYOUTS

Attention Middle School girls interested in trying out for the 2009 Knights Volley Ball Team; tryouts will be Monday, August 24th and Tuesday, August 25th from 3:00 to 5:00 at Lafayette Park. Interested students must have current FHSAA Physical & Consent forms turned into Coach Whittaker **before tryouts begin**.



2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Orientation Day will be held on **Friday, August 21st**. New families are invited to a "Lunch and Learn" Orientation from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Art Room of "C" Building. **Returning families** are asked to attend Orientation in the parish hall any time from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and then go with your child to his/her classroom to meet with the teacher. **Mrs. Fredrickson's Pre-K4** will be holding a parent meeting at **1:00 p.m.** and **Mrs. Seaman's Pre-K3/Pre-K4** will be holding a parent meeting at **1:30 p.m.** on Orientation Day in their prospective classrooms. A training meeting of all lunch parents will be held on **Orientation Day at 3:00 p.m.** in the Media Center, as a component of the required Safe Environment training. Please plan on attending this important and necessary meeting if you have opted to participate in the school lunch program as a volunteer. Uniforms are not required on Orientation Day. The first full day of school will be **Monday, August 24th**. We will have an All-School Family Mass (Feast of St. Monica) on **Thursday, August 27th at 8:30 a.m.**

Parents, please remember the immunization requirements for rising Kindergarten and 7th grade students. Kindergarteners will need TWO Varicella, five DTaP, four Polio, three Hepatitis B, and two MMR; 7th graders will need all of those immunizations, PLUS a Tetanus booster. Also, if you would like your child to have access to ANY medication next year (even over-the-counter meds), you **MUST** have your child's physician sign the TCS permission form. The "Medication Administration" form is available on the TCS website, or you may request one be sent home with your student. Please be aware that no students will be admitted to class without current health information on file in the office.

If middle school students plan to tryout for sports, a physical should be scheduled during the summer. An FHSAA Preparticipation Physical Evaluation and a Consent and Release from Liability Certificate must be submitted to the Athletic Director **BEFORE** a student can tryout for any sport. Forms can be obtained from the FHSAA website or in the school office.

Parents must be fingerprinted, attend the Sexual Abuse Workshop, read the Diocesan Code of Conduct for Church Personnel and Volunteers and sign the required form and read the Policy and Procedural Guidelines Relating to Sexual Abuse by Church Personnel and Volunteers and sign the required form before any interaction with the students as a lunch parent, volunteer or field trip driver. The Driver Information form must be completed at the beginning of each school year in order to drive on a field trip.



Monday - August 24, 2009

ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-8 ARE REQUIRED TO BE IN UNIFORM

School begins at **7:50 a.m.** with assembly on the playground for the Pledge of Allegiance for Grades 1 through 8. Algebra students are required to report to the Middle School Building **no later than 7:15 a.m.** The late bell will ring at **8:00 a.m.** Any student arriving after 8:00 a.m. will have to come through the Main Office and obtain a tardy pass before proceeding to their classroom. Kindergarten students may be dropped off at 7:40 a.m. at the Kindergarten building. Pre-Kindergarten students are to be dropped off at 7:50 a.m. at their respective classrooms.

Morning supervision on the Trinity playground will begin at **7:15 a.m.** for students in **Grades 1 through 8. NO STUDENTS SHOULD BE DROPPED OFF BEFORE 7:15AM!!** Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten will dismiss at **2:30 p.m.** and Grades 1 through 8 will dismiss at **2:45 p.m.**

UNIFORMS

Students in Grades 1-8 wear uniforms to school unless a no-uniform day is announced. The students must wear dress uniform on days they attend Mass. Grades 1-5 attend Mass each Thursday and Grades 6-8 on Wednesday. Usually an all-school Mass is held once a month. Watch the newsletter for all-school Masses and remind your children to listen carefully to morning and afternoon announcements so that phone calls can be avoided.

All students in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten wear comfortable play clothes to school (uniform optional). Students are expected to come to school looking neat and clean. We ask for your cooperation in meeting the uniform code. Students are expected to wear their uniforms properly during school hours and when representing our school off campus.

CELL PHONES

Parents, if you would like your child to carry a cell phone in his/her backpack for use once he/she has left the school property **ONLY**; a Cell Phone Permission Request Form must be on file in the office.

PowerSchool

Please remember to keep your student(s) PowerSchool Username and Password from the 2008-2009 school year. These Usernames and Passwords will be enabled for the 2009-2010 school year come August. Thank you!



BOO-HOO BREAKFAST

All Pre-K and Kindergarten parents are invited to spend a special time of caring and sharing with our school counselor, Marilyn Hammond, on Monday, August 24th. This gathering will take place in the Parish Hall at 8:00 a.m. Mrs. Hammond will be discussing how parents may feel about “letting go” after leaving their children in the classroom on the first day of school.



WHAT IS “KNIGHTS OUT”?

One day a month, Trinity has an early release day with dismissal at 12:15 PM (Pre-K & Kindergarten at 12:00 PM). This day is called a “Knights Out”. Beyond the Bell is available on these early dismissal days; however, the program at Lafayette Park is not open to accommodate our students at 12:15 p.m.



Trinity will continue to use SmartTuition for payment of tuition and other fees. SmartTuition will provide monthly reminders of payments due and timely reminders when payments are past due. All families will receive a Login ID and password for access to Smart Tuition online. Parents can review last payment information, edit bank card information, edit personal information, view itemized fees and print a report of all payments made in a particular school year.



PROGRAMS TO HELP TRINITY

Campbell Soup Labels – The school collects Campbell soup labels so that our teachers can order enhancements at no cost to the school. We will collect these labels all year. Please ask your neighbors, friends, and relatives to save labels for us.

Target Department Store Rebate – Purchases made at Target stores using the Target Guest Card can help Trinity. One percent of all purchases are returned to the school.

Box Tops for Education – Save General Mills Box Tops from cereals, snacks, soups, and many other items. Trinity will get money for each box top.

Ink Cartridges – The school collects empty ink cartridges. Accepted brands include all Hewlett Packard inkjet cartridges, all Lexmark inkjet cartridges, Cannon BC01/02/05, BC20, BX3 Inkjet cartridges, all Compaq inkjet cartridges, and Epson inkjet single and tricolor cartridges. Trinity will receive money for each cartridge.

Cell Phones – Trinity is conducting an on-going cell phone fundraiser. There’s nothing to buy. We are simply asking for donations of used digital cell phones. All proceeds will benefit Trinity.

Tyson Labels – Please clip and save Tyson Project A+ redemption labels from various Tyson products. Make certain you cut off the entire label with A+ symbol. Trinity will get money for each label.

REQUIREMENTS FOR NO UNIFORM DAYS

Clothes worn on no uniform days must be in good taste. T-shirts with suggestive pictures or suggestive writing are not allowed. No bare midriffs – including when arms are raised – shoulder straps must be four inches wide, no hats. No clothing that is too tight, no pajamas. No shorts for either boys or girls in Grades 6-8, no mini skirts/dresses for girls in Grades 6-8. Shoes must have backs, including sandals. Socks are required in Grades 1-5. Middle School students may elect to wear shoes without socks. In Grades K-5, shorts may be worn by both girls and boys but must be knee length and girls may wear dresses as long as they are knee length. All clothing must fit properly, be neat, clean, and in good repair. Uniform shorts must be worn with the complete uniform.



CLASS SUPPLIES

A list of school supplies needed for each grade is included in the summer packet and is also posted on the Website. These supplies should be brought to school on Orientation Day. If you ordered supplies from the Home & School Association, they will be waiting in the classroom.

All students must provide a lunch container and a backpack and should be clearly labeled with the student’s name. Lunch containers should be small and soft. No oversized coolers are allowed.

On Orientation Day, we will be selling school planners for \$6.00 and bank bags for \$2.00 in the Parish Hall. After that day, they will be available in the school office. Planners are required for **Grades 2-8**.

Please remember that supplies need to be replenished throughout the school year.



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Administration strongly urges attendance at each of the Home & School Meetings. It is a statement to the faculty, administration and to the children of your support and interest. It also provides an opportunity for getting to know all of the Trinity families. It is another way, besides newsletters, to keep informed and be an integral part of your child’s education. Parents can earn 2 volunteer hours for attending these meetings. Babysitting is provided.



Just a reminder . . . we still have openings in all grades. Please consider recommending Trinity Catholic School to your friends and family!



UNIFORM CLOSET

Mark your calendar for the start of the school year. The uniform closet will be open on August 20th – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the **Parish Hall. THE UNIFORM CLOSET WILL NOT BE OPEN ON ORIENTATION DAY.** The TCS logo is now required on **all** uniform shirts (with the exception of the Peter Pan collared blouse worn under the jumper.) All newly purchased jumpers are also to be monogrammed. The Uniform Closet will no longer accept items without a logo. Sorry, items with holes, stains, or excess wear are not acceptable for exchange. Donations are always appreciated and they may be dropped off in the office any day during summer office hours (Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)



SUMMER READING

The Summer Reading Lists are posted on each Classroom page at trinityknights.org – Choose the grade your child will be entering in the Fall to find the list. Studies show that summer programs ensure that school children retain reading and learning skills over the summer. Make time to read with your little ones, too. Check the Kindergarten, First and Second grade pages for suggested reading lists. Happy reading!



BEYOND-THE-BELL PROGRAM

After school care is provided by Beyond the Bell. A registration form is included in the summer packet and should be submitted to the office **by August 1st** for anyone wanting to enroll his or her child/children for the 09-10 school year.



There will be one more order date during the summer. Orders are due in the office no later than 11:00 a.m. on Monday. Orders will be available for pickup between the hours of 12:00 and 1:00 on Friday. The next order date is:

Monday - July 13th with pickup on Friday - July 17th

Please call Robin Avrett at 509-3679 with any questions.



ITBS TESTING

Students in Grades 3-8 will be taking standardized (ITBS) tests October 5-9, 2009 so please be sure not to schedule any appointments or vacations.