

Trinity Lutheran School—Traverse City, Michigan

# Trinity Today

## Welcome to the 2010-2011 School Year

### Special points of interest:

- “Equipping to Proclaim” is the theme for 2010-2011
- “Trinity Today” replaces the “In Touch”
- Newsletters to be emailed
- Phone Messages delivered to all school parents
- Achievement Test results will be available at Registration

Welcome to our new school year and the many promises that it holds for all of us in the Trinity family.

Although school is many weeks away, it is never too early to begin the planning process and sharing information with you.

Every school year is marked with a theme. This year’s theme, “Equipping to Proclaim,” is based on Psalm 96:2 which encourages us to praise God and “to proclaim

his salvation.” We want to firmly teach our children to always praise and thank God and to share the Good News of salvation.

Although the faculty has not met to decide our mission projects for the year, this is going to be a year of “fixing our eyes on Jesus” and sharing that with others through service projects, outreach, and teaching the children about their daily walk with Christ.



***Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.***  
- Psalm 96:2

## New School and Family Communications

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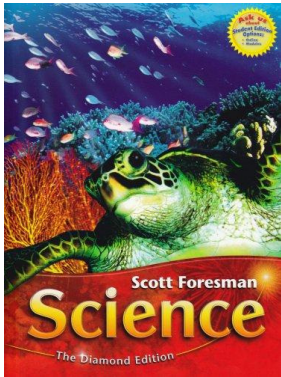
The “In Touch” of prior years has been replaced with “Trinity Today”. This will be the new format for our weekly newsletter. It will be delivered to your home by email (hard copy for those who prefer). The email addresses will be “undisclosed” for privacy and you may start sending your email addresses to our

new school secretary at [aso-biech@tctrinity.org](mailto:aso-biech@tctrinity.org). We will also be collecting them at Registration, too.

**Direct Called Messages**  
Trinity will also utilize a calling service to communicate with all parents on special occasions. This will be used for snow days, school

emergencies, or to communicate important messages and/or reminders as needed.

At Registration, you will be asked if you wish to participate and what number(s) you prefer.



*Every formula which expresses a law of nature is a hymn of praise to God.*

—Maria Mitchell

## New Science Curriculum & Textbooks

Over the past two years, the faculty has been writing a new science curriculum. This is based on national standards, the state recommended grade level expectations, and the Lutheran standards which also integrate the faith into each major component. (Religion isn't just taught in Religion class.)

Once the curriculum was written, the staff began to examine current textbooks to see which series most closely matches the curriculum. Although the textbook is not the curriculum and teachers need to supplement, a "core" text is selected. The faculty adopted Scott, Foresman *Science 2010* as our core.

We believe that science is best learned with a strong knowledge base and "hands-on" discovery. Our selection is cutting edge and provides for both.



## Trinity Math Scores Beats TCAPS 3 to 1!

As our Eighth Graders were preparing to transition to TCAPS, they needed to take a placement exam to receive high school credit for Algebra. In order for this to happen, a TCAPS teacher needed to administer the TCAPS Algebra Exam over a two

day period. 100% of our Eighth Graders passed the exam and to Mr. H for his hard efforts. Mr. Helmreich worked very hard to make certain that our students could take these exams pass the test! Mr. H also and is to be commended. It proves again that our math and all of the same students is working in all grades! passed the State Exam.



## Textbook Use Fee Implementation

Given the economic times, tuition has only increased by \$50 per student over the last four years. This has meant that we have not always been able to replace our textbooks as frequently as determined by the faculty.

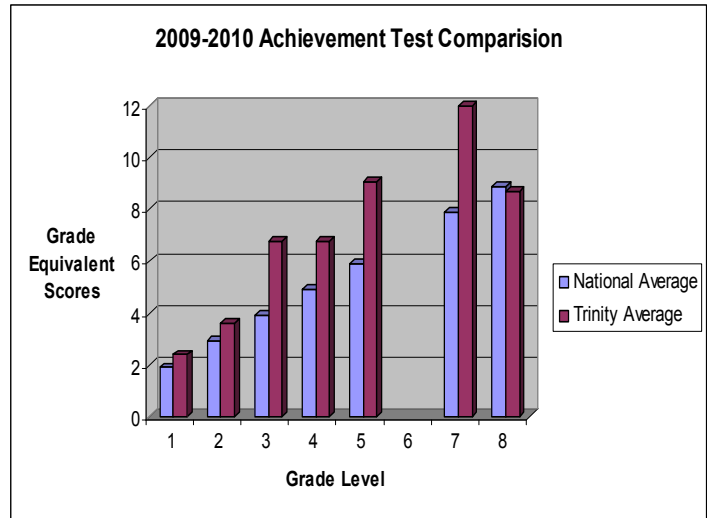
To address that problem, School Board has instituted a Textbook Use Fee which will be implemented on a voluntary basis for the 2010-2011 school year. At Registration, you will be asked if we can add \$50 per child to your tuition.

This will accrue in a restricted fund for textbooks only. In 2011-2012, this fee will be required for all students in addition to tuition. Please give this worthwhile expense your prayerful consideration.

## 2009-2010 Achievement Test Results

Once again, you can see that God continues to bless us with academic success. Please note that Trinity enrolls students with various abilities, but as the Trinity years progress students generally make significant gains over the national average (2+ years after the initial grades).

Three points of interpretation to note are that (1) Kindergarten uses a different scale, (2) There was no Sixth Grade this past year and (3) Eighth Grade only had three students so the small number skewed the results. We are proud of all of our students and thankful to God for the “gifts differing” that He has provided to each one. Test results will be available at Registration after all materials have been processed.



## 2010-2011 School Calendar Enclosed

The 2010-2011 Academic Calendar is enclosed for your review and use. This is a tentative calendar and may have a few minor modifications made later. However, the important dates including first and last day of school, major breaks, and conference times are fairly firm. This is based on the Master Calendar provided by the TBA Intermediate School District and most major dates will be observed by

TCAPS as well.

Please note that Parent-Teacher Conferences have become two half-days instead this year instead of a half-day on Thursday and all day on Friday.



## Meningococcal Disease and Vaccine

Michigan School Law requires that every school inform parents of the vaccine requirements especially the meningococcal meningitis disease and vaccine. To that end, please note the following:

- Meningitis affects the brain and spinal cord.
- It can lead to brain damage, severe disabilities or death.
- Common symptoms include a fever, rash, headache or stiff neck.
- It is spread through close contact: coughing, kissing and sharing food or drinks..
- Meningococcal vaccine can protect children and teens.
- It is usually given at the 11-12 year old check up.
- This vaccine is very effective.
- Some children develop some redness and pain where the shot was given.
- Summer is a great time to discuss this with your healthcare provider.

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*A Lutheran education provides children with academic excellence enhanced with traditional Christian values. Lutheran school teachers have the unique opportunity to mold every aspect of a child's growth and development. Foremost, in this development is the spiritual—educators teach the message of Jesus each day.*

*Hallmarks of a Lutheran education include high academic standards, self-discipline, safety, a sense of community, and belonging to God's Family at Trinity. Pastors, teachers and parents work together to provide each child with the very best .*

**We're on the web at**  
**[www.tctrinity.org](http://www.tctrinity.org)**

**“Equipping to Proclaim”**

## Trinity Lutheran Preschool & PreK

Under the direction of Mrs. Carole Rice, Trinity operates both a Preschool Program (Ages 3-4) and PreK (Ages 4&5) Program. This fall, Preschool will meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:00—11:30AM. PreK (Junior Kindergarten) meets Mondays through Friday at the same time.

The students are also invited to stay for lunch and eat with their friends.

In the afternoon, a less formal program continues for students in both programs until 3:00PM. Mrs. Rice teaches the PreK classroom and interviews are being conducted for a new Preschool Teacher.

After Care (formerly Latch Key) is

available for students from Preschool through Grade 8. The Lead Teacher and Older Students Teacher is Mrs. Patte Richards. The Younger Students Teacher is Mrs. Linda Pantenella.

These programs are licensed by the State of Michigan .



### **Free Tuition?**

**Did you know that for every student that you refer who enrolls for the entire year, you receive a 25% reduction in your tuition bill.**

**If you refer four students who enroll, your tuition for one child becomes free.**

**If you have more than one child, you begin recruiting a second child ...**