Be Strong & Courageous

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever uou go." Joshua 1:9

Tiger Talk Newsletter August 28, 2026

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

The 2026-27 school year is off and running! It has been a fun start to Trinity's school year!

There are A LOT of changes at the beginning of our school new year . For Trinity, these changes are adding students, changing staff positions, and changing/updating curriculum. Let's look at some of these changes. Miss Allison Kumke moved from teaching 4th grade to joining Mrs. DeWitt as a second Preschool Teacher. We have 31 preschool students this year! We are blessed to have Miss Kumke move down grades and teach, so we can have 2 classrooms. Mrs. Carrie Swenson moved from half-day Kindergarten Teacher to full day! She is also teaching Art. What a blessing! We have combined grades in 1st-8th.

A new addition to the staff is Ms. Nancy DeLaDesmo. She is our new Music/Choir Director for Trinity. She comes to Trinity with a wealth of knowledge and experience from the Cicero School District. She is also a graduate of Concordia University-Chicago, much like many of the teachers at Trinity. She has MANY fun ideas for our students. We welcome you, Ms. DeLaDesmo!

Please join me in prayer for all of our teachers, students, and their families! It is going to be a fun year for ALL our students!

In His Service,
Mr. DeWitt

UPCOMING DATES

9/3
2:00 Dismissal - Faculty Meeting

9/4
Spirit Wear Day

9/7
Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

9/9
Mr. Mikolyzk

9/11
Family Fun Night 4:30 - 7:00

9/14
Fun Snack Monday

9/16
Picture Day

9/19
Mr. DeWitt

9/19
Scarecrow Fest 10:00

9/24-9/27
Family Camp at Camp Luther

9/27
Pastor Christian

10/1
2:00 Dismissal - Faculty Meeting

Back To School

Summer is winding down and the routine of the school year is starting back up. We are glad to have you here. If you are new to the Trinity Family, welcome! If you're returning after summer adventures, we're glad to have you back. This week marks our first full week of the 2026-2027 school year. We've already seen many of the usual 'start-of-the-school-year' events: Parent-teacher meetings, classmates catching up after summer, and crying preschoolers who have to leave mom and dad for the first time.

While every year has its fair share of curve-balls and unexpected surprises, one thing that always stays the same here at Trinity is Jesus Christ. Our curriculums change. Scientific theories are updated. Even new historical discoveries give us new insights into the past! But Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

When you send your children to Trinity Lutheran School, you can be sure that not only will they receive a fantastic and up-to-date education, but they will also learn about the love Jesus has for them. Amen!

Pastor Christian Dollar

Upcoming Athletics

Volleyball Practice:

Mon. 8/31 & Tues. 9/1 until 4:45

Fri. 9/4 until 4:30

First Quarter Chapel Offerings Will Support: "A Quiet Witness". Bible Books for Kids in Muslim Malaysia with Lutheran Heritage Foundation LHFmissions.org

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