

Trinity TidingS

January 7, 2021

Principal's Corner When I taught in North Carolina, I took

my 6th grade class to Camp Broadstone, an outdoor adventure camp in the North Carolina mountains. One of the activities was to climb the Alpine Tower, a manmade structure built with large wooden poles. At the top you are 60 feet above the ground. To get down, the instructor who had you secured on the belay (safety) rope, told you to slide off the perch and dangle in the air supported by this rope held by one person. It is a scary feeling to slide off and dangle from a single rope that high in the air with only one person running the rope. It



took trust. I can tell you each time I slid off, I did so with hesitation. It is hard to not have something to hold onto and to let someone lower you slowly down to the ground.

Although I trusted them, it was still hard to put your body and life totally into their hands.

To **Put Your Trust in God** is easy to say, but sometimes a difficult thing to do. Like sliding off that secure platform hanging in the air totally dependent on someone else, it is hard to give control of your life completely to God. Even though God tells us He will be with us and protect us, sometimes it still is difficult to do. But if you don't, you will be stuck where you are. Just like if I did not slide off the platform I still would be sitting on top and not safe and secure on the ground. So, slide off where you are and **Put Your Trust in God**. He cares for you and loves you.

January Chapel Offerings will be given to support Lutherans for Life (LFL). LFL believes that every human life, from conception to natural death, regardless of physical or mental challenges, is precious in God's sight.

The focus of LFL is very clear that death is not an acceptable God-pleasing way to deal the life's problems. Offerings are being

collected in baby bottles in the classrooms. Students can add money every day during the month. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause as we reflect on the sanctity of life that God has given each of us.

Toys for Tots In addition to the 199 toys we collected in December, we were able to send a check for \$201.44.

PARENT DRIVE DAY Friday, January 22

JWP will NOT be in session - no bussing.

NO SCHOOL Friday, January 29 Teacher workday

Cold Weather Clothing

It is our practice to have students go outside for recess, even in colder weather. Being outside and getting fresh air in the lungs is good for students. All students will go outside unless they have a note from the parent excusing them for medical reasons.

We know that air temperature and feels-like temperature are different, and that each student is affected by temperature differently. The following guidelines are recommendations. The teacher on duty will make the final decision as to what clothing is needed.



Below 55 long sleeves

Below 50 sweatshirt or light coat

Below 45

- winter coat
- hat or hood that ties on the head
- gloves or mittens

When there is snow on the ground, in order to sled or play in the snow, they <u>must also wear snow pants and boots</u>. They will stand on the sidewalk if they do not have either of these items.

When it is **muddy** outside, students <u>need to wear boots</u>, or will be required to stay on the pea rock or concrete basketball court.

SLEDS that are soft/foam or roll up may be brought and left at school.

ALL STUDENTS are to have a <u>pair of tennis shoes that</u> <u>stays at school</u> for gym class and if they forget their shoes.

Camp Oz Cares is a care package series that will be available to students who have <u>experienced the loss of a loved one</u>. For details, please see the attachment emailed with today's *Trinity Tidings*.



Masks Parents, with everyone wearing masks, it would be helpful if you <u>mark your child's masks with their name</u>. Thank you.



Casey's REWARDS

CASH for CLASSROOMS

Thank you to all who have designated TLS when participating in **Cash for Classrooms**, part of **Casey's Rewards**, we received \$79.80 which will go into our Student Activity Fund.

With Casey's Rewards, you can earn points on everyday Casey's purchases – in-store, online, or at the pump. Turn those points into donations to our school. To participate in this program, sign up at caseys.com/schools.

Be True to Your School! Thank you to Janesville

State Bank for their recent donation of \$5,383.97 to TLS! This represents funds earned by JSB customers using the JSB "Cardinal" debit card for purchases from December 2019 through November 2020. Due to COVID this year, debit card usage has been higher increasing the size of the check. Since this program started in 2014, JSB has donated \$23,069.19 to our school with this Cardinal debit card program.

Currently, there are **259 active "Cardinals" cards**. If you do not have a Cardinals Debit Card, get yours today and every time you use it for a purchase, JSB will donate to TLS! Stop in at JSB or give them a call at 507-234-5108.



Basketball Season has Begun!

PRACTICE started this week for A squads. Here is the practice schedule starting January 11th:

A Boys:

Tuesday/Thursday/Friday – 4:30-6:30 Wednesday – 4:30-5:45

A Girls:

Monday – 4:45-6:00 Tuesday/Thursday – 3:15-4:30

B Squads:

Monday/Wednesday/Friday - 3:20-4:30 Girls and boys will practice at the same time but will split the gym.

When picking up your child, please wait outside for him or her. We will follow the same school restrictions of no parents entering the building.

Scheduled Basketball Games

Thurs, Jan 21 – Away Games vs Martin County @ MLHS in Northrop

3:00 Bus

4:30 A Girls

5:30 A Boys

Thurs, Jan 28 - Home Games vs Immanuel Mankato

4:30 A Girls

5:30 A Boys

TENTATIVE: Tues, Jan 26 - Games vs Risen Savior

A Girls

A Boys

Important Information

- Players will be required to have a water bottle since water fountains are turned off.
- The state requires masks be worn during games both on and off the court.
- Masks might be required during practice.
- Players should come to practice in practice clothes to avoid using locker rooms. When we are physically in school, only two players at a time will be able to use the locker room to change.
- For away games, whether parents transport or a bus is used, no visiting fans are allowed. We will have the same expectation of visiting teams at our gymnasium.

Thank You to our Coaches:

A Girls - Melissa Oachs & Chris Walz

A Boys - Kevin Born & Andy Dimmel

B Girls - Joe & Kristin Ziemke

B Boys - Bruce Mertens