
THE KINGSMAN



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL & ECC

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2009-2010 Theme: **“Christ is our Cornerstone” Ephesians 2:20, 21**

January 15, 2010

PARTNERS IN PARENTING: “What are you looking at?”

From Julian Petzold, Principal

I was giving one of my children “the look” the other night as they attempted to “steal” an extra chocolate chip cookie after supper. (My real concern, to be honest, was not their health and nutrition. It was more along the lines of: “How many are left for me once they are in bed?”) Most every parent has a version of “the look” to use to help their children. My child noticed my stare and responded with, “What are you looking at?” I quickly let this child of mine know: “I’m looking at a dirty, rotten, little thief!” They knew I was joking as well as being somewhat serious, so they shared the cookie with me. Afterward, I thought more about the statement, “What are you looking at?” I was looking at a child doing something wrong. I was looking at a Petzold child. I was looking at someone taking action to get another cookie, just as I wanted to do. I was also looking at a righteous child of God. I think it is easy to forget that we are all forgiven through Christ, and therefore, we are righteous. You may have a variety of descriptors for each of your children when considering who they are, but is righteous one of the descriptors? It really should be because it is a descriptor used by God. Paul reminds us of this fact: *“Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.”* (Romans 5:18, 19) Look at your children tonight and this week. What do you see? Study them. Write descriptive words for each one. Don’t forget to view them as righteous.

Family Discussion Points

Share one word with each member of the family to describe each person in some way.

Share what righteous means (perfect, holy).

Ask the question: Who is righteous?

Help everyone understand that they are righteous ONLY because of the forgiveness we have in Jesus.

Talk about having a view of each other like God views us.

SCHOOL NEWS

School information to help you stay up-to-date

Report cards & parent-teacher conferences

The second quarter ends on Friday, January 22. Report cards will come home on Friday, January 29. Parent-teacher conferences will be held in the evenings on February 3 and 4. Watch for more information from your child’s teacher.

Free dental care available

Children ages 15 and younger can receive free dental care on Friday, February 5, between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., if they are not currently receiving dental care. This is provided through Lakeland Dental Society. Call Dianna at 269-925-2113, if you have any questions or would like to sign up!

Reenrollment time is almost here

Reenrollment information will be coming home soon. All families with children currently enrolled will have until March 1, at the very latest, to reenroll for next year. Watch for the mailing to come home before the end of January.

Coffee with the Principal

On Thursday, January 28, at 8:10 a.m. and 5 p.m., we will meet to discuss a few important matters for the school and ECC. Two main topics will be school finances and tuition projections for 2010-11, and a program by which you could have a significant portion of your tuition returned to you in the future. Please plan to attend so you can learn what is being planned and provide Mr. Petzold with your feedback.

Winter Family Retreat

March 6-7 will be Camp Lutherhaven's Winter Family Retreat with the theme: *Picture This!* We have sign-up material in the office, and you can learn more about this great opportunity by calling 260-636-7101, or visiting www.lutherhaven.org

SCRIP – Your help is needed

The SCRIP program decreases your tuition for the following year AND it provides some money to our Tuition Assistance Fund for families in need. In an attempt to increase involvement and support for the SCRIP program, we will be asking parents from certain grades to sell each Friday from 3 to 4 p.m. We will provide a "veteran" seller to teach new parents the process. Please volunteer to help sell by stopping by or calling the office (983-3056). Here is the schedule for February through May:

Feb.: 1st and 8th grades April: 3rd and 6th grades
Mar.: 2nd and 7th grades May: 4th and 5th grades

REMINDERS

Hot lunch account balances

Thank you to those who do a great job of keeping your hot lunch balances in the positive! At times, some parents do not realize that the account has fallen into the negative. Please keep an eye on your hot lunch account to keep it current. We will continue to send notices of negative balances on a regular basis, and you can check the balance any time through Fast Direct (accessible through the school's Web site at www.DiscoverTrinity.org/school.htm).

However, if your hot lunch account reaches a negative balance of \$-75, your child(ren) will no longer be able to eat hot lunch until the balance is paid in full. Thanks for your understanding with this new procedure.

Tuition payments

Please remember that all tuition and fees are due by the 10th of the month (December 10 for current tuition). On the 21st of the month, a late fee of \$20 is applied to your account. If there is a balance remaining on the last day of the month, our procedure is to have that be the last day of attendance until the balance is paid in full. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Petzold at the school office (269-983-3056 x101).

Visitors MUST sign in

Please remember that all visitors to the school must stop in the office in order to receive a visitor badge. That includes all parents. Thank you.

Early Childhood Center Dad's Night 2010

The Trinity Lutheran ECC will hold its annual Dad's Night on Thursday, January 21. Preschoolers and their dads will meet in the gym from 6:30 to 8, for a night of fun and fellowship. The theme is Safari, so come dressed and ready to search for wild animals, travel to faraway places, do many activities and enjoy a delicious wild animal snack together. In the event that Dad is not able to attend, a grandfather, uncle or other special friend is welcome to participate with the child. The teachers look forward to seeing you there.

Calendar:

Jan. 18 No school
Jan. 28 Coffee with the Principal, 8:10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Lunch Menu for the week of January 18:

Mon: NO SCHOOL
Tues: Shrimp poppers, fries, green beans, pineapple, brownie, milk
Wed: Hot dog, chips, baby carrots, grapes, cookie, milk
Thurs: Sliced turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, peaches, roll, milk
Fri: Soft taco, corn, mandarin oranges, ice cream, milk

*Check the lunch menu any time at the school's Web site:
www.DiscoverTrinity.org/school.html*

SPORTS CORNER

Upcoming games:

January 19

5:30 p.m.: 7th/8th boys' basketball vs. ML (Home) with Poms performing at halftime

January 20

6:30 p.m.: 7th/8th girls' basketball vs. Christ (Away)

January 21

4 p.m.: 3rd/4th girls' basketball vs. Grace (Home)

5 p.m.: 5th/6th girls' basketball vs. Grace (Home)

January 23

TBD.: 5th/6th girls' basketball (ML Tournament)

CHURCH NEWS

Worship information and upcoming church activities

Please join us for Worship

Sundays 8:00 a.m. Service
9:15 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Service

Mondays 6:30 p.m. Contemporary Service