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# THE KINGSMAN

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## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL & ECC

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

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November 12, 2009

### PARTNERS IN PARENTING: “Taking the same path”

From Julian Petzold, Principal

(Reprinted from November 6, 2008)

I met with a parent the other day who was trying to describe to me where she lived. She referenced roads, buildings, and the “where the old...used to be.” I was completely lost, since I don’t get to that area very often. It made me realize that I pretty much take the same path to and from school every day. I seldom take a “different path” than what I am used to for going to the mall, grocery store, gas station, work, friends’ houses, etc. I go with the familiar way each time. Isn’t that our nature? This made me consider the implications for daily Christian living. Am I taking the “same path” as society in the way I live my life, spend my time, and engage with my family and friends? Or am I different? I think it is so important to help our children learn the path God wants us to take above the path the world shows us. Parents are so instrumental in this. I think it is important to evaluate from time to time – how “different” from the way of the world are my kids? How much of the “same path” as the world are they taking? How do I lead them to not take the same path as everyone else in this life? What are the benefits?

*“But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”* Joshua 24:15.

#### Family Discussion Points

Do you take the same path to work, church, store, etc. each time? Why not try a different way?

What are some of the reasons to be different than the world?

Discuss the questions above.

Share similarities and differences amongst all family members. God made us each unique!

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#### Parent-teacher conferences

Thanks for being here for parent-teacher conferences. Our partnership for the benefit of your child is essential to their success. We all thank God for your support!

#### Coffee with the Principal

We will meet on Thursday, November 19 at 8:10 a.m. ONLY! Due to a basketball game, there will be no 5 p.m. meeting. We will have a short devotion before evaluating various aspects of the school. Mr. Petzold will be asking for your input on things like: climate for students, climate for parents, our Web site, ECC changes, technology needs of students vs. our ability to provide for their needs, athletics, and a host of other topics. We genuinely desire your feedback!

#### Tuition payments

Please remember that all fees are due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month (Nov. 10 for current tuition). On the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month, a late fee of \$20 is applied to your account if the account isn’t paid. 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 at (269) 983-3056, ext. 101.

#### First quarter Honor Roll awards

At chapel next week, Mr. Petzold will be awarding certificates to all students in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade who have earned the right to be on the first quarter Honor Roll. Chapel begins at 8:05 a.m. in the church. We hope to see you there!

#### Preschool Thanksgiving feasts

Join us on Monday, November 23, and Tuesday, November 24. Be on the look out for Native Americans and Pilgrims in the Early Childhood Center!

#### NO SCHOOL

Nov. 13	K-8 closed	PS & Child Care open
Nov. 25	PS-8 closed	Child Care open
Nov. 26-27	PS-8 and Child Care closed	

#### School-age care available on Wednesday, Nov. 25

School will not be in session on November 25, as part of the Thanksgiving holiday. Child Care will be open, and school-age care will be available for those who reserve a spot in advance. Look for forms to come home with your student on Monday, November 16. If you have any questions, please call the ECC office at 983-0040, ext. 200.

### Picture retake day

November 17 is picture retake day. If your child was absent during our picture days in October, they will have their picture taken on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Also, if you are not satisfied with your child's pictures (when you receive them), you need to return the pictures on retake day for a new photograph to be taken.

### Fever-free for 24 hours

Please remember that Trinity's policy is (and has been for years) that children must be fever free for at least 24 hours before returning to school. This applies to childcare, preschool, and school children. We have had a few children with low-grade fevers in school this week. We are sending home any child who has a fever of any kind. We want to keep everyone here as safe as possible, so please be prepared to have your child at home if it becomes necessary. Thank you for being prepared.

### Veteran's Day chapel

It was great to be able to honor our veterans once again at chapel on Wednesday. The students did a great job with their leadership of the service. Mrs. Krokker put the service together with the help of the other teachers, and our own Pastor Tom Batsky was the guest speaker. We are thankful for all our veterans and those currently serving our country in the armed forces.

### **TRINITY SPIRIT**

*Opportunities to show your Kingsman Spirit by supporting our students*

### Poms squad!

On Friday, November 20, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., there will be an extended practice for our poms team, which is comprised of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls who are interested in performing. In general, practices will take place during some gym classes, but the special November 20 rehearsal is designed to give the squad concentrated time to put together the routine. If your daughter is planning on being on the team but cannot make the November 20 practice, please have her notify Mrs. Krokker or Mrs. Maynard.

### 2009-2010 volleyball season concludes

Trinity's two volleyball teams faced challenging seasons this year, but their determination and teamwork allowed them to have some well-earned wins and close finishes. The 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade team ended their season with a 5-6 record. Coached by Kim Wojahn and Julie White, the team included fifth graders Katie Dowling, Anna Raschke, and Rachel Raschke; and sixth graders Morgan Brunsting, Karah Meier, Ashley Musikantow, Jazmyne Pedde, Emily Raschke, Samantha Rock, Ehren White, and Aubrey Zuccarelli. Finishing their season with a 1-9 record, the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade team was coached by Heather

Steffens and Kim Kelly and included sixth graders Chloe Powell and Leah Wojahn; seventh graders Abby Buller, Grace Haase, and Hannah Kelly; and eighth graders Kim Berry, Liz Gomez, Sarah Roth, and Caitlin Swim. Thanks to all of the girls on both teams for your Kingsman Spirit!

### Calendar:

Nov. 13 NO SCHOOL: Parent-teacher conferences  
Nov. 17 Picture retake day  
Nov. 22 Senior Youth Thanksgiving dinner, 5 p.m.  
Family pizza/movie night, 5 p.m.  
Nov. 25 NO SCHOOL – Childcare available  
Nov. 26-27 NO SCHOOL: Happy Thanksgiving!

### Lunch Menu for the week of November 16:

Mon: Pizza, corn, peaches, cookie, milk  
Tues: chicken patty, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, pears, milk  
Wed: sub sandwiches, chips, baby carrots, grapes, cookie, milk  
Thurs: nachos, corn, pineapple, ice cream, milk  
Fri: cheese omelets, sausage links, hash brown, mandarin oranges, biscuit, milk

### SPORTS CORNER

#### Scores from the week of November 9:

##### Boys' Basketball:

- 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>: Nov. 9 vs. Trinity Berrien Springs – L (36-34)
- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>: Nov. 10 vs. BH Charter – W (36-32) and Nov. 11 vs. LMC – L (49-21)

(Scores from Nov. 12 games will be printed next week)

#### Games for the week of November 16:

##### November 16

6 p.m.: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> boys' basketball vs. Christ, Stevensville (Away)

7 p.m.: 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> boys' basketball vs. Christ, Stevensville (Away)

##### November 19

4 p.m.: 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> boys' basketball vs. Trinity, Berrien Springs at Grace Lutheran School

5 p.m.: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> boys' basketball vs. Grace Lutheran School at Grace

5 p.m.: 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> boys' basketball vs Benton Harbor Charter (Home)

### CHURCH INFORMATION

#### 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