
THE KINGSMAN



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL & ECC

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

December 4, 2009

PARTNERS IN PARENTING: “Dealing with issues now is better!”

From Julian Petzold, Principal

This past Saturday morning, I woke up with a scratchy throat. It didn't really bother me that much at first, but as the day wore on; my condition grew worse and worse. I felt even worse when I woke up Sunday morning. I tried to remedy my sore throat with cough drops and some other over-the-counter medication. Well, it's now Thursday, and I'm writing this from a doctor's office. I have progressively gotten worse as the days continued to pass. I'm looking for some help and relief. I think parenting can be much like my scratchy throat. Parents (and I've been guilty of this in the past) can see a problem in a child developing, but they think it will go away on its own in a little while. It doesn't take care of itself, and it can become a much bigger problem. For instance, let's consider lying. A child lies to his parents. His parents know it, but decide to not make a big deal about it since he is just a little boy. The lesson learned is, “Hey, this works. I can do it again.” Over time, lying becomes a normal way of avoiding responsibility. Lying can become chronic, and an inability to trust the child becomes a serious issue. It is helpful to look ahead when parenting. Consider what the long-term impact will be on the child regarding the issue before you now. If an issue is not dealt with, it usually will not go away on its own. It can become part of the character of the child. Deal with it in a loving manner right away!

Hebrews 12:11, *“No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”*

Family Discussion Points

Parents – share one issue from your childhood that you still deal with today.

Parents – consider each of your children. What is one struggle that would be good for you to gently and lovingly help them through?

Ask each family member to share something that is difficult to overcome. It may seem insignificant to you, but take each person seriously as they share.

Pray together as a family asking Jesus, our ultimate healer from all sin, to help us live for Him and improve on the issue that is difficult to overcome.

Mid-quarter reports

Monday, November 30 is the mid-point of the second quarter. Mid-quarter reports will be viewable on Fast Direct on Friday, December 4. Please remember to check your children's reports.

Excellent Chapel offerings – again!

Thank you, everyone, for doing a great job with remembering to bring chapel offerings each Wednesday! This has been the case all year. Offering in November totaled over \$1,000 to go toward the Wish Tree families in need at Christmastime. Each week, I try to remind the students that our offerings are brought out of a love response to God because of all His blessings to us. Please give that message at home as well. God is pleased when we want to give due to the motivation of our hearts instead of due to our guilt or obligation. Once again, it is about our hearts.

Parents' night out

On Saturday, December 12, from 4 to 10 p.m., the Senior High youth will hold a parents' night out in the fellowship hall. This is an opportunity for parents to drop their child/children off at Trinity and have them watched by the Senior High youth while they go Christmas shopping, to a movie, or just have an evening to themselves! Dinner will be provided along with games, movies and fun! This is a fundraiser for the youth program, and a minimum donation of \$20 is suggested. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Wold in the church office at (269) 983-5000.

The schedule for the evening follows:

4 p.m. Children arrive

6 p.m. Dinner is served

10 p.m. All children should be picked up by this time

* (games, movies, and activities will be provided in the open hours)

Advent services

The next two Wednesday evening Advent services will be lead by our K-8th grade students. K-3rd grade will lead on December 9, and 4th – 8th grade will lead on December 16. They will also be doing these services for chapel in the mornings on the same dates. Please feel free to invite grandparents and other guests to chapel at 8:15 a.m. or the evening services at 6:30 p.m.

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).

TRINITY SPIRIT

Opportunities to show your Kingsman Spirit by supporting our students

Thanks for supporting the Christmas concert

Thank you for supporting our students and staff as they presented the Christmas band and choir concert on December 3! Our bands and upper grade choirs warmed our hearts in spite of the blowing snow outside. Thank you for sharing your gifts! Parents, please keep encouraging your children to practice and share their gifts. What a blessing for all of us!

Trinity's 2010 Geographic Bee

The first round of the 2010 National Geographic Bee will be held on Friday, December 11. The winners of Trinity's preliminary classroom contests will compete at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary. They are: 8th graders Chandler Graham, Ben Jakubs, and Jacob Turner; 7th graders Noah McGuigan and Isabella Wah; 6th graders Matthew Corbin and Jacob Roth; 5th grader Emma Schaffer; and, 4th graders Deja Alston and Christopher Wyse. Alternates are 8th graders Kim Berry and Brandon Astopenia.

For the 22nd year, the National Geographic Society is holding the National Geographic Bee for students in the fourth through eighth grades in thousands of schools across the United States and in the five U.S. territories, as well as in Department of Defense Dependents Schools around the world. The 2010 Bee is sponsored by Google.

The winner will advance to the next level of competition, a written examination to determine state competitors. All school winners are eligible to win the national championship and its first prize, a \$25,000 college scholarship, at the national competition May 25 and 26, 2010, in Washington, D.C.

Calendar:

Dec. 9 Advent service, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 11 Geography Bee, 2 p.m., sanctuary
Dec. 16 Advent service, 6:30 p.m.

Lunch Menu for the week of December 7:

Mon: Mini corn dogs, tater tots, green beans, pears, milk
Tues: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, biscuits, milk
Wed: Chicken sandwich, chips, baby carrots w/dip, grapes, brownie, milk
Thurs: Nachos, corn, pineapple, ice cream, milk
Fri: Ham and cheese sandwich, fries, broccoli w/dip, peaches, milk

SPORTS CORNER

Boys' basketball scores:

- 5th/6th: Nov. 30 vs. Berrien Springs – Loss (27-26)
- 7th/8th: Nov. 30 vs. Christ – Loss (55-15)

Upcoming games:

December 7

4 p.m.: 3rd/4th boys' basketball vs. Christ (Away)
6 p.m.: 5th/6th boys' basketball vs. St. Paul S.H. (Away – at Trinity B.S.)

December 10

4 p.m.: 5th/6th boys' basketball vs. LMC (Home)
5 p.m.: 7th/8th boys' basketball vs. Countryside (Home)

December 11-12

5th/6th boys' basketball tournament at OSL, Grand Rapids

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

Advent services

Wednesday, December 9 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 16 6:30 p.m.

Christmas services

Thursday, December 24 4 p.m. family worship
6:30 p.m. candlelight
11 p.m. candlelight
Friday, December 25 10 a.m.