***The Principal’s Pen*** 

**Trinity Lutheran School, Alma, Missouri** [**www.trinitylutheranalma.com**](http://www.trinitylutheranalma.com) **(660) 674-2444 January 8, 2020**

**Happy New Year!**

Revelation 21:5 (ESV) records the words of Jesus as “*Behold, I am making all things new*”. As we turn the calendar pages and begin 2020, we have much newness to look forward to at Trinity Lutheran School. The new year will bring exciting newness at TLS such as: changes in our Early Childhood options, the possibility of new middle school classrooms, a new administrator, and other positive advancements. As the new year begins, be reminded that *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come*. (2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV). Christ’s redemptive work washes our sins away and gives us a new relationship with Him and others. Celebrate the new life you have in Christ. Give God praise for His continued blessings of newness at Trinity Lutheran. Happy 2020!

**Upcoming January Events**

10 Second quarter report cards, Principal meeting in Sedalia

14 Tornado Drill

15 Chapel 8:20 Mr. Nolte; Second quarter awards

17 Principal Conference in Columbia

20 No School, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

21 Board of Education 6:00 p.m.

22 Chapel 8:20 Mr. Bickel

26 K-8 students sing at Trinity Lutheran

29 Chapel 8:20 Rev. Miille; Baptism celebration

**Upcoming February Events**

06 Fire Drill

07 Principal meeting in Sedalia

14 No School, Valentine’s Day

17 No School, Presidents Day

19 Safety/Intruder Drill

24 Parent and Teacher League

26 Ash Wednesday, Lent begins

***Breakfast Menu January 13-17***

*All meals include juice, milk, applesauce, and raisins*

*Monday -* Breakfast Jammer, cereal, yogurt

*Tuesday –* Chocolate chip muffin, yogurt

Wednesday – Bacon and cheese eggstravaganza, toast, yogurt

Thursday – Cheese omelet, cereal

Friday – Pancakes and sausage stick

***Lunch Menu January 13-17***

*All meals include milk.*

*Monday –* Grilled chicken patty, baked beans, peaches, hot wheat rolls

*Tuesday –* Taco crunch, beans refried, corn, pears

*Wednesday –* Pizza, Romaine lettuce, mixed fruit, cake

*Thursday –* Chicken and rice, green beans, Mandarin oranges, bread sticks, brownies

*Friday –* Corn dogs, carrot sticks, potato triangles, applesauce, cookies

**TLS Tiger Basketball + Go Tigers!**
January 8 - 5/6 Girls practice 3:20-5pm & 5/6 Boys practice 3:20-5pm; 7/8 Boys Game at St. Peter Tournament @5pm; 7/8 Girls Game at St. Peter Tournament @6pm
January 9 - 7/8 Boys and Girls Tournament at St. Peters
January 10 - 5/6 Boys practice @3:20-5pm, 5/6th Girls practice 5-6:30pm; January 10 - 7/8 St. Peters Tournament
January 11 - 7/8 St. Peter's Tournament

**January Tiger Birthdays**

Gus Finkeldei 1st

Kinlee Fitzwater 18th

Laney Ballenger 27th

**Third Quarter + School Chapel Offerings** Our TLS third quarter Chapel offering will be used to help support the comfort dog ministry.

**Band/Choir/Strings Substitute**

Dr. Kruger is very committed to our students and our school music program. There are times that she is unable to teach, due to illness. We are seeking names of potential substitutes for times that Dr. Kruger may not be able to be at school. Please share any names and contacts with the school office. Thank you.

**Box Tops for Education**

Thank you for participating in the Box Tops for Education program. TLS recently received a check in the amount of $131.30. Contact Bev Bargfrede, (660) 815-7071, if you have any questions. Your continued support is appreciated.

**Annual Fund Drive**

Our first annual fund drive is underway. So far, $5,530.00 has been donated. Contributors may choose from the following categories: Tuition Assistance, Curriculum, School Expansion, or Where Needed Most. Please contact the school office if you would like more information. Thank you very much to all of our participants.

**January Tiger Baptism Celebrations**

Eli Hemme 1st

Logan Wilsie 3rd

Brody Graver 4th

Lauren Kennon 7th

Gus Finkeldei 18th

**Sixth Grade Pajama Day on Thursday**

Our 6th graders collected 36 pairs of gloves, hats, and scarves for the mitten tree in the church narthex. As a reward for surpassing their goal, they may wear pajamas to school on Thursday, January 9.

**Chapel Offerings to Haiti + $244.93**

Our Chapel offerings for the second quarter totaled $244.93. The full amount was sent to *Mission Haiti* to provide aide in helping to

share the love of Christ with the people of Haiti.

Thank you very much for your weekly Chapel offerings.

**Second Quarter Report Cards**

Second quarter report cards will be sent home on Friday, January 10.

**Epiphany Season Begins**

The Christmas season is concluded and we are now in the church year season of Epiphany. During the eight Sundays of the Epiphany season, among other events, we will commemorate the visit of the Magi to the child Jesus, the Baptism of Jesus, the purification of Mary and the presentation of our Lord, and the transfiguration of Jesus on the final Sunday of Epiphany on February 23. The next season of the church year, Lent, will begin on February 26 with Ash Wednesday. Please read the article found at <https://blogs.lcms.org/2016/epiphany/> for a broader description and explanation of the Epiphany season.

