



NOVEMBER
2014

PTO NEWS

WORKING TOGETHER

WHAT'S HAPPENING

November, 6th/7th

Half day of school on the 6th, no school on the 7th. Parent/Teacher Conferences start the evening of the 6th and go through the day of the 7th.

Monday, November 10th

No School. Professional Development day. Pray for our teachers and staff as they hear from Trudy Ludwig, acclaimed author and speaker on the impact of bullying in schools.

Tuesday, November 11th

No School! Have a great long weekend!

Friday, November 14th

1st Script order due by 8:30a. Submit order/payment to the office for the PTO mailbox.

November 26-28th

No School. Thanksgiving break. We wish you and your family a happy Thanksgiving!

CHAPEL SPEAKERS

You are invited to join your child for chapel every Wednesday 8:30-9:15am!

November 5th

Pastor Shimkus

November 12th

Kara Kaufman from Portland Lutheran School

November 19th

7th/8th grade classroom

November 26th

NO SCHOOL

change is in the air 

AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN BULLY AWARENESS WEEK, NOVEMBER 17-21

This year, TLS is participating in National Bully Awareness week, November 17-21, and we are super excited about it! Each day will focus on a different aspect of bullying and your child will be asked to make a promise, individually and collectively with their peers, to STAND UP against bullying at TLS! Here are a few ways you can jump into the action and we sure hope you do!

- Attend the launch assembly Monday, November 17th at 8:30am. The 3rd/4th grade classroom will put on a skit showing how a whole school made a promise to stick together and STAND UP against bullying. All students will be invited to make the same promise!
- Talk with your child about bullying. Share your own bullying story with them from your childhood. There are all kinds of tips on the internet on how to start these conversations with your child or come to the school library and check out one of the many books we have on bullying. The important thing is to help your child be at ease in talking about it with you.
- Become familiar with the TLS PROMISE and invite your child to make the promise—talking about what each part of the promise means and how your child feels about it.
- Attend chapel on Wednesday, November 19th at 8:30am. The 7th/8th grade classroom will be sharing what they've been learning about bullying. They want to send a message to their schoolmates that TLS can be a safe place and we can STAND UP against bullying together!
- Come celebrate the success of the week with us at our assembly on Friday, November 21st at 2:15pm. We will congratulate students who've made the TLS PROMISE and honor acts of kindness we've seen throughout the week!



JOIN THE CONSPIRACY

Advent season is just a few short weeks away and we are gearing up for a school-wide conspiracy. This might sound a little funny—but we are joining Advent Conspiracy. If you know nothing about the Advent Conspiracy movement your left eyebrow might be raised but this is a good one—WE ARE CONSPIRING TO CHANGE THE WAY WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS at TLS!

Watch for a newsletter to come home sharing the four tenants of Advent Conspiracy and inviting you to participate however seems right for your family. You can check out the Advent Conspiracy website to get a jump start on the conspiracy at adventconspiracy.org.

Our family has been participating in Advent Conspiracy since 2006 and it has revolutionized the way we celebrate Christmas—making it all about Jesus and our relationships with each other rather than the hustle and bustle of a stressed out season and maxed out credit cards!

Contact Event Coordinator, Jessica Riedl to volunteer to help at the PTO hosted DIY CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR and get ready to sign up for craft sessions to make your family Christmas gifts. You don't have to be crafty—we've got you covered and it will be a lot of fun for the whole family!

SAVE THE DATE! DECEMBER 6th, 1-5PM! MORE INFO SOON!

NEW! Check out the PTO calendar on the website by using the "calendars" drop down!



LIKE Trinity Lutheran School on FACEBOOK! When we hit 400 likes, one lucky Facebook fan will win a prize!

Happy Thanksgiving

“Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.”
1 Chronicles 16:34

This is David’s psalm of thanks. This song tells us that we are to give thanks for thanksgiving. A definition of Thanksgiving is expressing gratitude, especially to God and David urges us to give thanks to God for expressing his goodness and love toward us.

Two of God’s primary characteristics are celebrated in this verse: His goodness and His love. David said that God is good. What does that mean? It means God’s essence and character are the epitome of goodness and righteousness. Because God is so good, we are to give thanks.

Feasting and football sells well in a secular world, but it is a far cry from the biblical intention of focusing on God as the recipient of our thanks. David helps us understand and recover the meaning of Thanksgiving by focusing our attention on the true purpose of the day – to remember and rejoice in the goodness and love of God.



Are you budgeting or planning family gatherings for the holidays? Scrip gift cards can help with all your shopping needs. The PTO will be placing scrip orders on the following dates:

- Friday, November 14 (cards ready for pick up no later than 11/21/14)
- Friday, December 5 (cards ready for pick up no later than 12/12/14)
- Friday, December 12 (cards ready for pick up no later than 12/19/14)

Completed order forms, along with payment, should be given to the office no later than 8:30am on each of the Fridays. If you have any questions, contact Michelle Smith at 503-319-6838 or msmith@trinityportland.org.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Each week, more and more volunteers are helping out and dollars are still coming in and we thank you! We’ve had a successful fundraising season and have much more planned throughout the year. Get involved in one of our upcoming events or an area of interest! Most of all, we want you to have a great time with us as we work to do good things for TLS!

VOLUNTEERING:



BUDGET:



Make your donation today! The first \$50 goes to your child’s field trip account, then goes to PTO events, projects, etc.



from the desk

BY ASHLEY POINDEXTER, TEACHER, PS3

Right now we are working on our Tree Unit. We have been exploring the outdoors, picking up pine cones, sticks and leaves.

Even the families are getting involved by going on nature walks with their kids. It is so great to have families involved in what their child is learning!

I must say that I have been blessed with some amazing families this year and am so grateful to be able to build on the relationships with them. I encourage all parents to get involved in the school and in their child's classroom. The best thing about this school is the sense of community we have with each other.

Looking forward to the rest of the school year!

THIS IS MS. POINDEXTER’S THIRD YEAR AT TRINITY AND SECOND YEAR TEACHING!

TLS IS ON FLASH ALERT

For info on school closing, head to www.flashalert.net. Trinity Lutheran School is located under Multnomah County Private Schools. Also check all the TV stations as listed in your Parent/Student Handbook.

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