

Trinity in Touch Monthly

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Trinity Catholic School-St. John-St. Luke-Holy Trinity- OLMC-St. Mary's-ABVM

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Upcoming Events...

February 1	8:45 AM Mass-Dress up -3 rd /4 th Fr. Radloff talk about vocations
February 2	Cresco Fitness Center Wear Team Gear
February 3	6:00 PM Mass St. John's - Fort
February 7	Feb. Birthdays
February 8	8:45 AM Mass - 1 st /2 nd Grade
February 13	Valentine Parties
February 14	8:45 AM Mass - Ash Wednesday 5 th /6 th Grade
February 15	4:00 PM School Bd. Mtg. -Protivin
February 16 & 19	No School - Teacher Inservice
February 19	Parent Teacher conferences
February 22	8:45 AM Mass - 3 rd /4 th Grade
February 29	8:45 AM Mass - 1 st /2 nd Grade

A Note from the Lead Teacher,

Another exciting Catholic Schools week has finally arrived. It has been a week filled with learning and some added fun activities. Trinity is a great school because of its small size, dedicated community members, and faith filled families. It is a blessing to be able to pray, worship and learn about God in our classrooms daily.

All our students have recently completed their Winter FAST testing. These tests are administered three times a year. The FAST tests check the growth of our students' reading and math skills. These scores will be shared with the families during parent/teacher conferences.

We look forward to spending time with each family during the upcoming parent/teacher conferences on Monday, February 19 from 2:00-7:30. Thank you for allowing us to move the conference date up from the end of March. This will allow for more time for the staff to work with your child on the needed items discussed at conferences.

Thanks to everyone who continues to put trust in our school and staff that work hard to educate your children daily. Please help us celebrate our faith by attending our All School Mass this Saturday, February 3, in Fort Atkinson at 6:00 PM.

Mrs. Riehle



Author

To kick off Catholic Schools Week we had local author, Dakota Hruska visit with all the students. She read one of two of her published books. Dakota brought in a life-sized poster of her horse that is featured in the book. If the student bought a book beforehand she signed it that day for them.



Advent Service Project

For Advent the students raised money for the Clip and Stitch Guild, from New Hampton, that makes compassion quilts for families in need or going thru a difficult time. The students raised over 1000.00!!! Three families of Trinity have been recipients of a quilt.

Parent Teacher Conferences
Monday, February 19th
2:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Kindergarten Come and See Day
Sunday, March 3rd
After the 8:30 AM Mass in Protivin



Catholic Schools

United in Faith and Community

Trinity School Emergency Operations Plan

The state of Iowa has required all public and nonpublic schools to have a formal plan in place, in case of any hazard that could take place during the school day. Trinity School will utilize walkie-talkies to communicate with staff when any emergency incident takes place. The IRIS Alert System will be used to communicate with parents in some of these instances.

There are five emergency calls we will use here at the school to indicate the specific danger. Here is a brief summary of how these will be handled here at Trinity:

- 1) **SHELTER IN PLACE** Called here at the school when hazard outside of the building. Ex. Bank robbery taking place in neighboring community. NO ONE is allowed into the building during this alert, including parents. School will continue teaching within the locked school. Families notified via IRIS.
- 2) **LOCKDOWN** Called when the probability of imminent danger within the school ground buildings (School, church, community center). Ex. Someone carrying a gun has been seen near the school. All classrooms / students will be locked in their rooms, with the lights off. Staff / students will remain quiet in the room until the first responders open their door. NO ONE is allowed into the building during this alert. An IRIS Alert will notify when / where the parents will reconnect with their student(s).
- 3) **EVACUATE** Called to move staff and students from a school location to another. Ex. Bomb Threat called into the building. Staff will lead the students to the safe location. Families will again be notified via IRIS Alert.
- 4) **SAFE SPOT** Called when protection is necessary due to weather, environmental, or man-made

emergencies. Ex. Tornado Drill - Practiced 4 times per year.

5) **FIRE** Called when suspicion of a fire in the building. Traditional fire alarm in building pulled. Practice 4 times per year.

Open Enrollment Notice to Parents

This message should be shared in school newsletters ONLY in those elementary and K-8 schools where there is no Catholic School option beyond the final grade at the school. "Parents or guardians whose child will attend a public-school next year must request open enrollment if they want their child enrolled in an attendance center in a school district that is different from the school district in which the family resides. The request for open enrollment must be submitted to both the resident school district and the receiving school district by March 1 of the year prior to the school year for which enrollment is sought. The open enrollment request form is available at any public school district or is available online at <https://educate.iowa.gov/media/5739/download?inline=>

Wellness Policy

We will be reviewing our wellness policy in April if anyone would like to be on the committee, let our principal know.



Music

The 5th and 6th grade students are learning how to play the ukulele. It is a unique experience for them. They are borrowed from our local Keystone Area Education Agency.

Reminder: Parents may fill out a free/reduced lunch application at any time during the school year.