# Trinity in Touch Monthly

## October 2023

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### **Upcoming Events...**

October 1	Book It! Begins
October 4	Walk To School Day
	7:00 PM Booster Festival Mtg.
October 6	2:15 Living Rosary
October 9-13	Fire Prevention Week
October 9-13	National School Lunch Week
October 13	8:45 Tour Fire Department
October 16	No School- Teacher Inservice
October 17	School Pictures
October 19	School Bd. Mtg4:00 Protivin
October 20	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr.
October 21	4:00 PM Lawler All School Mass
October 23-27	Red Ribbon Week
October 27	Family Group Mind Games
October 30	1:50 Dismissal
October 31	Saints Movie & Popcorn Party
	Happy Halloween
Wed., Nov. 1	8:45 AM All Saints Day Mass
Thurs., Nov. 2	1:50 Dismissal
	2:00-7:30 Parent Teacher Conf.
Fri., Nov.3	No School

A Note from the Principal

The month of September has flown by, and the students are fitting nicely into the school routine. I have been enjoying my time at Trinity as I am getting to know the staff and students. They certainly showed me their resilience and determination to learn surviving those hot humid days in August!

The Grandparents' Mass in St. Lucas on Sunday, September 17th was a huge success! The students did a wonderful job in the liturgical ministries, showing their confidence in public speaking, and mass participation. Our next opportunity for weekend mass ministry will be Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at OLMC in Lawler at 4:00 mass.

We have recently completed the Fall Fast Assessments in reading and math. The staff have met and reviewed these results to determine the areas of support each student needs. The assessment results will be shared with families during Fall conferences on Thursday, November  $2^{nd}$ .

We are off to a great school year and looking forward to all the events that Trinity Catholic School has to offer the community! God Bless and Happy Autumn!

Katie Fahey



#### **Summer Reading Reward**

What a beautiful day to celebrate all the reading the students did over the summer! As a reward the students enjoyed bowling and had lunch and playtime at the park in New Hampton. Everyone had a great time!



#### Breezers

In science the TK/Kindergartners made breezers. The breezers will help us see the wind as weather watchers.





#### Weekend Masses

The students enjoy participating in the weekend Masses too. We have a Mass at each of the six parishes each school year. Our first Mass was held at St. Luke on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. Our next Mass will be in Lawler on Sat., Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM.

#### Weekly Mass

Students look forward to our weekly Masses. Each week we have a different grade from our school prepare the liturgy. This helps our students grow in their faith and we get to work on public speaking and leadership. When the younger students have Mass, our older students act as mentors to help them out. We all work together as a family.



Visiting with Fr. Radloff

We are keeping Fr. busy with teaching the students what is in the church. The Kindergartners did a church scavenger hunt with Father. It was fun to look around and find the items on our list. The 1st and 2nd graders enjoyed taking a tour of the church with Fr. Radloff. He explained where items were and what they are used for. We enjoyed our tour very much! Thank you Fr. Radloff. Fr. also visited with the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. They created a list of questions for him to answer.

## School Pictures Tuesday, October 17th

#### Level 1 Investigator

Mrs. Fahey is designated as the Level 1 Investigator for TCS, who would respond to allegations of abuse of students by an employee. Superintendent of Schools, Cathy Walz is the alternate Level 1 Investigator.

## Parent Teacher Conferences Thursday, November 2nd 2:00 PM – 7:30 PM

#### **Internet Policy input**

Attached you will find a copy of the most recent Archdiocesan Internet Policy (AFFC and ACSB Policy 2511 Edition: 090116). You are asked to give input on this policy if that is a desire. You are invited to attend the November board meeting at Protivin to offer suggestions. We will have a 'public hearing' to review the policy, answer questions and add input. After the meeting Board action will be needed stating that the policy was reviewed and input given. This will be reflected in the Board minutes at the November board meeting.

## Festival of Friends November 18<sup>th</sup>

#### National School Lunch Week is Oct. 9th-13th.

The students enjoy lunchtime at Trinity. Make sure you thank Bonnie for all the great meals she is serving. This year we have a lot going on at lunch time. We have a Birthday Table once a month that the students get to sit at. Fr. Radloff has also been joining us for lunch occasionally. The students enjoy visiting with him. We also will have a few "Try It" days this year. Bonnie is periodically trying to introduce some new foods to the student's each year. We are hoping to get some more items from area businesses to promote their products. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

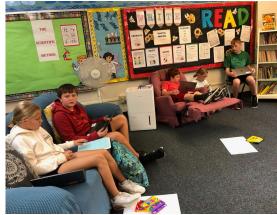


Lunch Time - 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are enjoying their lunch.

#### **Norman Borlaug Education Day**

The 5th/6th graders attended the Norman Borlaug "Inspire" Education Day. They did a prairie walk, insect talks (including holding a hissing cockroach!), plant talks, and their favorite activity packing meals. A good day was had by all!





Above: The  $5^{th}/6^{th}$  graders are working on health posters for PE. Below: The Kindergarteners practiced reading with a partner. We used our ABC books that we've been working on.





#### Science

Above: The 3/4th graders are learning about pollination. They ventured out to find the pollen dusters and stigmas of the flowers. Below: The 5th/6th grade students did a variety of experiments as they studied the scientific method. Not all of them worked out so they had to think about how to do it differently, just like real scientists!

