

**FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK****Dear Parents,**

October has come and gone so quickly. We began the month with **Back to School Night**, which was very well attended. The teachers and I would like to thank you for your participation. I hope you enjoyed the presentation on Early Literacy and the classroom visitations. The past four weeks have been filled with the fun and excitement that comes with the changing season. The children were busy collecting fall treasures on their walks around the schoolyard. Each of the classes had an opportunity to travel to a pumpkin farm to learn all about the wonderful fall season. As I walked through the halls and visited classrooms, I heard stories and songs about fall and Halloween. November promises to be just as exciting with several special events planned and the holidays quickly approaching.

I would also like to thank Robin Znamirovski, for doing a great job chairing the **Sally Foster** fundraiser. From everything I have heard, it was a tremendous success. The Parents' Club raised \$2700 for the school. The Parents' Club and members of Trinity Church will be hosting our annual **Spaghetti Dinner** on Friday, November 7. It is a pleasant way to spend an evening enjoying great food and the company

of other Trinity families. Please try to join us for what promises to be an evening full of fun. The Scholastic Book Fair will be up and running beginning Tuesday, November 4 and concluding the night of the Spaghetti Dinner. Books will be on display in the conference room for your shopping convenience. Books make such wonderful gifts and with Christmas right around the corner this would be an ideal way to begin your holiday shopping.

The Kindergarten children will be traveling to the **Jacksonville Senior Center** to perform a Thanksgiving play, share a snack and complete a craft with the seniors on Monday, November 24. This trip has become an annual event, which is enjoyed by young and old alike. **Kindergarten Conference Day** is Friday, November 14. Mrs. Willard will be scheduling times to meet with you to discuss your child's progress. **Kindergarten will be open for children on Friday, November 14.**

**Individual pictures** will be taken this year on Mon. and Tues., Nov. 17 and 18. You will receive a flyer and order form shortly.

Trinity will be hosting a **Fall Open House** this year. Please let friends and neighbors know that they are invited to visit Trinity on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 19, 20, and 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Thanksgiving Chapel** will take place on Wednesday, November 26. We will have two services in order to accommodate all of our families. The first service is at 9:30 and the second at 10:30. Please check the schedule in this newsletter for your child's chapel time and information regarding our Thanksgiving food donation to Paul's Place. School will be closed for Thanksgiving holiday immediately following chapel service and will reopen on Monday, December 1. **There will be NO a.m. or p.m. Extended Day on November 26.**

There has been a change made to our school calendar that will affect our Kindergarten children. **TCDS will be closed for everyone, both preschool and Kindergarten on Friday, December 5.** Our staff will attend a staff development session that day.

Several of our Trinity friends had great fun having lunch and playing with their friends in Miss Danielle's classroom last week. If you would like your child to spend an additional hour at school socializing with friends and having lunch with either Miss Danielle or Miss Debbie remember to sign them up for **Lunch Bunch** which meets every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. It is a great opportunity to make some new friends too. Our friend, Mrs. Woodie, is still having her famous Tea Party every Wednesday afternoon during Extended Day. Also, if you need care for your child on a day that he/she does not attend Trinity, our after school care is available for you to use.

Trinity Day School will once again be working in cooperation with the Baltimore County Department of Social Services for our holiday outreach project. We will conduct a toy drive to collect toys for children up to age 14. The Department of Social Services has requested that the donated items be unwrapped toys with a value ranging in price from \$10 to \$30. There will be a collection box outside the school office beginning Monday, December 1. All donations must be collected by Friday, December 12. Last year 1,479 families, representing 3,400 children, were assisted during the holiday season with gifts and food from various sponsors. Your generosity will certainly brighten some family's holiday and put a smile on the face of a child Christmas morning.

As we approach this busy time of year, I invite everyone to take time out of your busy schedules to enjoy the simpler things in life. Days, weeks, and months have a habit of passing by very quickly. Take the time to spend a day doing things with your family just for fun. As the Thanksgiving holiday draws near, I look forward to the arrival of my family. Our house will be crowded and noisy and I would not want it any other way. In closing I would like to wish all our Trinity families a Very Happy Thanksgiving. Sincerely,  
Lynn

## THANKSGIVING CHAPEL

On Wednesday, November 26, all are invited to attend our Family Thanksgiving service. Ms. Sue Cusick has been working hard with the children and all will be singing the songs they have learned in music class. All **three year olds and their parents will meet their child's teacher in the classroom.** They will walk together to chapel.

**Four year olds and Kindergarten children** will meet in their classrooms and will walk over to the church with their teacher. **Parents of four and five year olds** may go straight to church. Please refer to the schedule for your child's chapel time:

### **Chapel arrival times:**

#### **Arrive 9:15 a.m./Chapel 9:30 a.m.**

Mrs. Ryan's Five Day Fours  
Mrs. Radebaugh's Threes (both classes)

#### **Arrive 10:15a.m./Chapel 10:30 a.m.**

Mrs. Willard's Kindergarten  
Ms. Ervin's Fours  
Mrs. O'Ree's Threes

Two year olds are welcome to come to either service with their families. Children will meet their parents outside the church after the service and dismiss for the day. There will be **no extended day.**

As in the past, the children will present their **Thanksgiving food offering** at the service. The non-perishable donations will be sent to Paul's Place. Your food donation may be brought to your child's classroom ahead of time or with them on Thanksgiving Chapel day.

## **Thanksgiving Chapel Donations**

### **Three year olds**

Canned vegetables

### **Three day Four year olds**

Canned fruit

### **Five day four year olds**

Boxed stuffing

### **Kindergarten & Two Year Olds**

Canned or box potatoes

## FROM OUR RECTOR

### Thanksgiving

November happens to be a favorite month for me. The days are cooler, but not yet bitter. Snow and ice are still weeks away, but I can start wearing sweaters and sweatshirts. The leaves turn wonderful colors and even though raking them can be a pain, it can also be fun to watch children do what I no longer dare to do – jump into a pile of leaves. I do regret the shortening of days, but it seems a small price to pay for all the pleasures November brings.

My favorite holiday happens in November – Thanksgiving. Families gather with no agenda other than sharing a meal and time with one another. No presents. No over-stimulated children. Just quality family time.

It's all too easy to slip into the mistaken notion that is primarily asking God for something we want or need. Thanksgiving reminds us that thanking God for the blessings we have should precede our request. What a great occasion to teach your children to be thankful – by giving thanks yourself. Talk about how thankful you are for the family that will share the meal with you, for the food they will prepare and bring, for the love of those who cannot share

that meal with you. You can help your child learn a new grace or thanksgiving prayer to say at the meal time, or have them share one they use at school.

I give thanks for your children and wish you and your family a very blessed Thanksgiving this year.  
Fran +

### **MUSIC NOTES FROM MS. SUE**

Congratulations to the Kindergartners who sang, "Jesus Loves the Little Children" at St. David's School on October 15. They were wonderful representatives of our school!

The Kindergarten and Five Day Four's classes have learned the eight note musical alphabet (scale) and the SOLFA hand signs for each note. We'll be practicing those throughout the remainder of the school year. They have learned a Halloween poem, "Ghost Paul", and set it to music with rhythm instruments, and they sang the song, "Halloween", and learned to tap rhythm sticks only on the syllables of the word, "Halloween".

All the classes have learned fall and Halloween songs. Ask your child to share a favorite with you! (Apple Tree? Black Cat Up in a Tree? All Around the Haunted House? I Saw a Ghost?). We learned a Halloween Dance and played a freeze march game to the music, "Halloween On Parade". During the month, we've been practicing ensemble skills by starting/stopping at the same time and by saying a word or phrase at exactly the same time as the rest of the group! For preschool children, this can be quite a challenge, but it is

an essential skill for further musical instruction.

In November, we will continue to practice songs for Thanksgiving Chapel and start working on songs for Christmas Chapel. (Please note there will be a different schedule for Christmas Chapel). We'll also learn seasonal songs and work with rhythm patterns. Kindergartners will listen to a story about J.S. Bach as an introduction to his life and music.

***A special note about Thanksgiving Chapel. I will ask the three-year-olds to come to the front of the church to sing one song. If your child is uncomfortable with that, please just have him or her stand in the pew beside you to participate. Please do not force a hesitant child to "perform" in front of a group! There will be plenty of opportunities for that later when the child feels more self-confident and will enjoy singing for you.***

If you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know.  
Musically,  
Sue Cusick

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES** to our Trinity friends celebrating in **November:** Jake Stewart, Madison Turnbaugh, Timothy Hartka, Mrs. Lou Hearn, Andrew Cox, Chad Henry, and Mrs. Mary Lou Mester

### **TRINITY ON THE WEB**

Our newsletters and other information about our school can be found on our website: [trinitychurchdayschool.com](http://trinitychurchdayschool.com). We can also be contacted by email - [trinitychurchdayschool@verizon.net](mailto:trinitychurchdayschool@verizon.net)

## **IRVIN SIMON PHOTOGRAPHERS**

will be here on Monday and Tuesday, November 17 & 18 to take individual pictures. The Monday 2's, M/W/F classes and Kindergarten will have their pictures taken on Monday, November 17. The Tu/Th 2's, Tu/Th 3's and Five Day 4's will have their pictures taken on Tuesday, November 18. An order form will be distributed shortly. Please return the order envelope with payment by picture day if you would like to have your child's picture taken.

## **SNOW POLICY**

In case of inclement weather, we will follow Baltimore County school policy. If Baltimore County schools are delayed 1 or 2 hours, Trinity will open at 10:00 a.m. (No morning extended day). If Baltimore County schools are closed, Trinity is closed for the day. If Baltimore County schools must close during the day due to inclement weather, Trinity will close and afternoon enrichment and extended day will be cancelled. Please pick up your child as soon as possible.

## **TUITION REMINDER**

Tuition payment #3 is due November 1. Please make checks payable to Trinity Church Day School.

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| 1 day 2's           | \$121.00  |
| 2 day 2's           | \$315.00  |
| 2 day 3's           | \$314.00  |
| 3 day 3's & 4's     | \$471.00  |
| 3 day 4's + Enrich. | \$942.00  |
| 5 day 4's           | \$784.00  |
| 5 day 4's + Enrich. | \$1255.00 |
| Kindergarten        | \$809.00  |
| Kindergarten + En.  | \$1292.00 |

## **TRINITY SHIRTS AND TOTE BAGS**

have been distributed. We have a few shirts and tote bags available for purchase in the school office.

**CAT'S MEOW** replicas of Trinity Church are available for purchase in the school office for \$20.00.

Proceeds benefit the day school.

## **PARENTS' CLUB NEWS**

Fall is here and the Parents' Club is in full swing! Thanks to all who have signed up to help with our Book Fair and Spaghetti Dinner next week. I hope to see everyone enjoying these fun events. We are still taking reservations for the Spaghetti Dinner, so send in your reservation form today! Call me with any questions about the event.  
Mary Laudeman

## **Sally Foster Update**

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Sally Foster Wrapping Paper Fundraiser. We sold over \$5400.00 worth of products which is a profit of \$2700.00 for our school. That is something to be proud of! Thank you to all our sellers, but especially to the following students who were our top sellers:  
Overall Top seller –  
Andrew Savage – Mrs. Willard's K  
Top sellers –  
Avery Ashton – Ms. Jessica's M 2's  
Leighton Alsip – Ms. Jessica's Tu/Th  
Cole Matulonis – Ms. Debbie's Tu/Th  
Oliver Beattie – Ms. Lizzie's Tu/Th  
Drew Yelton – Ms. Lizzie's M/W/F  
Wally Radebaugh – Ms. Danielle  
Piper Laudeman – Ms. Amy's 4's  
Timmy Hartka – Ms. Kelly Jo's 4's

Ms. Amy's M/W/F 4's class was the winner of our ice cream party for being our top selling class! Congratulations!  
Thank you for supporting TCDS Parents' Club!

### **Box Tops for Education**

You can make a difference for our school every time you shop for groceries and by shopping online! First, clip the Box Tops for Education coupon from your favorite products. Your child can put the coupons in the collection box located in each classroom. Every Box Top coupon collected earns 10 cents for our school. Do you like to shop online? You can also earn money for our school by shopping online at the Box Tops Marketplace. Log onto [www.boxtops4education](http://www.boxtops4education), sign up to support our school by entering Trinity Church (DO NOT use TCDS), select the store of your choice and start shopping! With the holidays just around the corner, this is a great way to earn extra money for our school! Last year we earned \$93.60. Let's beat that total! See the attached flyer for specific product and store information.

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Don't forget to visit the annual TCDS Scholastic Book Fair beginning Tuesday, November 4 through Friday, November 7. This is a great way to encourage reading with your child and support Trinity at the same time. You can shop each day from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and during the Spaghetti Dinner on Friday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be a large selection of children's books, so

come and get a head start on your Christmas shopping! Each \$5 purchase on Tuesday and Wednesday earns a raffle ticket for a drawing to win \$10 certificates forward the purchase of more books. Drawing will be held on Wednesday afternoon. You do not have to be present to win. Cash, check and credit cards are accepted. We hope to see you there!

### **Santa's Workshop**

Mark your calendars for Santa's Workshop, December 11 & 12. More information and volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted soon. We are accepting wrapping paper donations. Rolls of paper may be delivered to the school office.

### **November Calendar**

- 1 Tuition payment #3 due
- 4 – 7 Scholastic Book Fair
- 7 Spaghetti Dinner
- 14 Kindergarten Conference Day (Kindergarten open)
- 17 Individual pictures
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- 19-21 Fall Open House
- 24 Kindergarten to Jacksonville Senior Center
- 26 Thanksgiving Chapel
- No Extended Day**
- 27 Thanksgiving Holiday – school reopens Monday, Dec. 1

