



# Tiny Tales



TRINITY CHURCH DAY SCHOOL

OCTOBER, 2015

## ***FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:***

Dear TCDS Parents and Families,

In the words of L.M Montgomery (Author of *Anne of Green Gables*), "I am so glad that I live in a world where there are Octobers." The air is growing crisp and the leaves on the trees are turning bright shades of yellow and red. Our Trinity Angels are feeling more comfortable here and Music, Movement, Chapel and Library have begun.



Our Parents' Club has been extremely busy getting this year started. There was an incredible turn-out for the Ice Cream Social, and I think a good time was had by all. The weather was pleasantly warm and the ice cream was deliciously cold. The Parents' Club already has a chair for each event this year, but will happily accept volunteers as each event comes up. If you were unable to attend one of the Parent Orientation meetings and would still like to volunteer for something, please contact Elizabeth Miller, Jen Collins or Jody Dengler. Lastly, if you are interested in volunteering for lunch duty (while we have our monthly staff meetings), please let us know in the office.

By now you should have received your Joe Corbi's Packet. Corbi's offers a variety of frozen pizzas, cookies, cakes, pies and desserts to choose from. Orders are due by October 19<sup>th</sup> and will be delivered on or before November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our annual Spaghetti Dinner will take place on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and the Scholastic Book Fair will run from Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. More information about both events will be coming home shortly.

Funds donated to the school from the Parents' Club were used to purchase a master station for our *Great Room* as well as technology enhancements in classrooms. Five out of our six classrooms are now equipped with interactive smart boards, mounted projectors and computers! We are so thankful to Roy Lancraft and Bob Newton for installing the technology and to the Parents' Club for their generosity.

Fire Prevention Week is October 5th - 9th. The Long Green Fire Department will be visiting Trinity on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup>. The children will get a close up look at a fire truck and all the special equipment that a firefighter uses. We did a wonderful job exiting the building quickly and quietly last week at our first fire drill. We will have another drill on October 5<sup>th</sup> so



that we can show the department how amazing we are in emergency situations. Please discuss with your child/children the importance of practicing the proper way to exit a building (whether home or school) in case of fire. It is also important to show children how to dial 911 so they are able to call for help in case of an emergency.

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## ***FROM THE DIRECTOR 'S DESK continued...***

October is a busy month for field trips at TCDS. On Monday and Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, our two year old classes will host *Fall Fun Days* here on campus. The three year old classes will venture to *Farmer Stan's Agricultural Farm* those same days. Ms. Kim's MWF and Ms. Chrissy's MWF classes will go to *Farmer Stan's* on October 19<sup>th</sup> and Ms. Pam and Ms. Kim (Tu/Th) will attend the field trip on Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup>. Our 4 year old classes will travel to Cromwell Valley on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be Enrichment Class and Extended Day available after the field trip as usual.

In an effort to keep all families in the know, we have been sending out Friday Updates via email. With everyone's busy schedules we feel that these updates will help to keep you informed about upcoming events and happenings at school. If you have not been receiving our weekly email updates please let us know, as we may not have your correct email address.

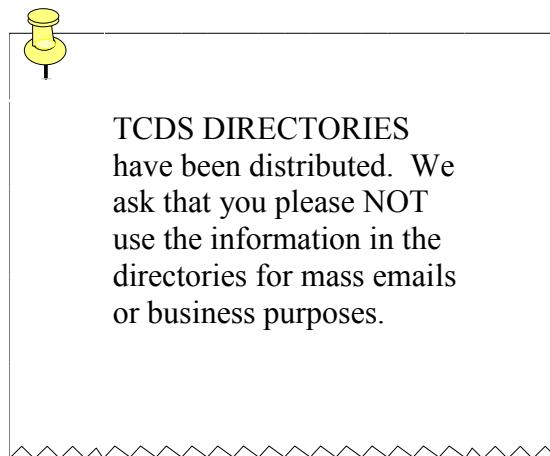
With the change of weather, the cold and flu season will soon be upon us. Please refer to our Parent Handbook to read the school's policy regarding illnesses. Also, remember to change your child's extra set of clothing (stored in his/her cubbie) from short to long sleeve shirts and pants.

As a reminder to all, the fenced-in area at the top of the playground is designated for our two-year-olds. If you are using the playground after school please refrain from allowing older children in this area. Please be sure to observe the posted safety rules while using the playground. Our school's policy is that only children in the 4 year old classes are allowed on the big slide. To clarify, younger children are not permitted on the big slide from 9am until 3pm on school days.

I know that we will have another fabulous year. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or stop by the office at any time.

All The Best,

***Lizzie***



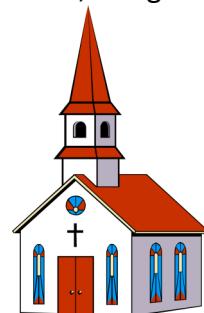
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## **FROM OUR RECTOR:**

I miss seeing all the new faces as well as noting how much my old friends have grown over the summer while I am on sabbatical. I am glad that I will be able to be there for chapel on October 7 when I am back at Trinity, although only for a week. My sabbatical resumes after that week, but I will be back for Thanksgiving Chapel.

I invite all of you to Trinity's annual Blessing of the Animals, to take place at noon on October 4 on the lawn by the large Celtic Cross next to the church. Every year, on the Sunday closest to St. Francis Day, we bless the animals that are such an important part of our lives. We do so because St. Francis had a special love for all of God's creation and especially for all animals. We do not own the world, rather, we are a part of it and God has given us the job of taking care of all that God has created. Blessing animals helps us to remember that important truth. So bring your animals (appropriately leashed or crated) on Oct. 4 so that together we can give thanks to God for the whole of creation. If your pet doesn't travel well, bring a stuffed surrogate or a photo.

See you soon,  
Fran+



## **EXTENDED DAY NEWS:**

Welcome to the Extended Day Program. We would like to welcome Ms. Olivia Price to our Extended Day Staff this year. Extended day is available Monday through Friday for all students who are potty trained. We offer morning care from 8 to 9 a.m. and after care from 12 noon to 5:30 p.m. Your child may attend the extended day program even if it is not their regular school day. Sign up sheets are located in the library hallway and are posted monthly. We have made some changes to our system this year. Pre-paid punchcards are available in the office for purchase. You can buy a discounted card for 20 or 32 hours.

October will be a fun-filled month! Come join us for fall festivities. There will be stories, songs and crafts. We will also be enjoying a lot of outdoor play time while the weather is still mild. Remember to wear warm jackets on cooler days.

Our Halloween celebration will be held on Friday, October 30th. Sign up today for a *spooktacular* time!



Mrs. Vicky, Ms. Mindy and Ms. Olivia

## Music Notes

### October 2015

For those of you new to the school, my name is Sue Cusick, and this is my thirteenth year teaching music and movement at Trinity. My degree is in Music Education, and I'm looking forward to making music with the Trinity Angels! As I mentioned at Back-To-School Night, in every newsletter I'm going to include a section about the importance of music and movement in preschool curriculums and the National Association for Music Education's guidelines for preschool music. (See below.)

Music classes are on Wednesday and Thursday. Ms. Nicole's and Ms. Pam's classes have music two times each week; all the other classes have music once a week. Movement class is on Friday for the three- and four-year-old classes so ***please dress your children appropriately for movement – no sandals or open-toe or open-heel shoes, no boots, no long dresses or skirts, and no jewelry or large hair bows.***

On Wednesday, September 23, we had our first Chapel. All the classes sang the "Trinity Angel Song" which uses the words from the School's code of conduct. (Two-year-old classes do not attend Chapel.)

The four-year-old classes made music using rhythm instruments, voices, and hand/body movements to the poem, "There Was An Old Singer Called Fred". We had a lot of fun while learning the rules for the instruments and practicing as part of an ensemble.

The two- and three-year-old classes participated in a sound activity, "Music Is All Around Us" - can you make the same music that a cow makes, a fire truck makes, etc.?

All the classes (except the two's) sang a name game, "Willabee, Wallabee", to help me learn the children's names. Every class also learned to sing and sign (ASL – American Sign Language) at least one hymn. During each class, children participated in a "listening" activity such as, "Shake Your Sillies Out" or "Can't Sit Still" when they had to listen and then follow the directions given in the song. In addition to the musical concepts of style, rhythm and tempo, these songs help develop motor planning skills and promote cooperation and team skills.

During October, we'll be preparing songs for Thanksgiving Chapel and learning seasonal songs about autumn and Halloween.



#### Did you know? Music...

Stimulates creativity, imagination, and encourages self-expression (the ability to express feelings and ideas)

Develops reasoning skills, concentration, and self-confidence

Improves memory and recall – Do you find yourself still humming the "Alphabet Song" when you are filing? Would you remember the words to the "Star Spangled Banner" if you were not singing them? Do you remember the theme song of your favorite childhood television show?

Teaches phrasing and sequencing

Teaches patterning, rhythm, and rhyme

Teaches listening skills



As always, if you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Musically,  
Ms. Sue



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES** to our Trinity friends who celebrated birthdays in **September**: Dane Angeles, Mrs. Kim Leyen, Sabrina Occorso, Kate Lowe, Carolyn Collins, Mrs. Sandy Lancraft, Mrs. Lizzie Radebaugh, Ms. Laura Fertitta and Grafton Bruso.

To our friends celebrating birthdays in **October**: Madeline Barnes, Mrs. Nicole Kase, Nolan Castle, Reese Andrulot, Gunnar Gibbons, Ella Deford and Anderson Woods.



**PLEASE JOIN US for Trinity Church Day School's Restaurant Night @ The Greene Turtle Hunt Valley**  
**Tuesday, October 13, 2015**  
**11:00 a.m.—2:00 a.m.**

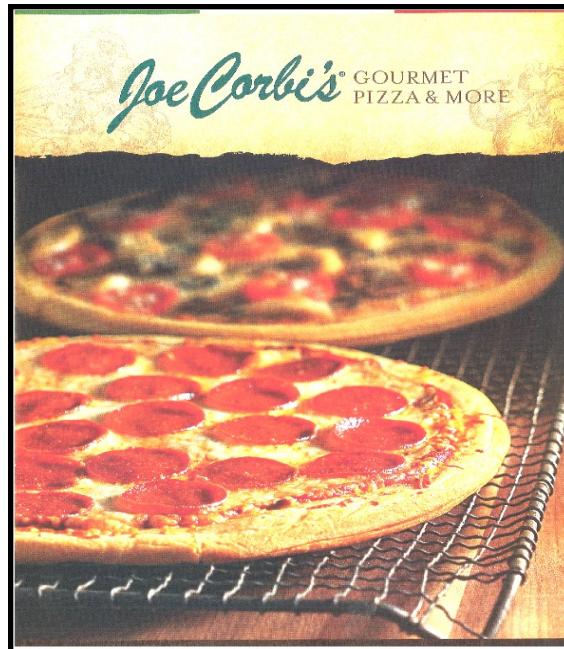


Every little Box Top you collect is worth 10¢ for our school.

Attached to this newsletter is information on products that offer Box Tops for Education and a collection sheet.

**Keep up the good work!**

Please visit :[www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) to register for contests to win bonus boxtops for Trinity and to see a complete list of participating boxtop products.



# \*\*\*\*\* Library News!

The library is now officially open! The children were very excited to check out books!

The library schedule is as follows: Monday is library day for the M/W/F classes. Tuesday is library day for the Tu/Th and five day classes.

**Please remember to return books on your child's library day.**

A Parent Library is located in the hallway outside of the library. Feel free to check out a book by signing your name on the card in the back of the book and leaving the card with Lizzie or Laura in the school office.

HAPPY READING!

Mrs. Jen



October	1	Fall Fundraiser begins
	13	Restaurant Night
	19-20	Fall Fun Days for 2's
	19-20	3's Field Trip to Agricultural Farm
	23	4's Field Trip to Cromwell Valley
	23	Professional Development for Teachers (12-3)

# PARENTS' CLUB NEWS



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year! The first couple weeks back to school have been wonderful meeting new families and catching up with old friends. I want to thank everyone who stopped by the "meet and greets" and spoke to Jody, Jen and . We were able to line up chairs for each fundraiser or event, which truly shows the dedication of the parents to Trinity. A huge thank you to the chairs and volunteers for being willing to take time out of their already busy schedules to help our children.

Thank you to all of the families that spent their Friday evening with us at the Ice Cream Social. The Prigel ice cream was a huge hit. We could not have been blessed with better weather. Huge success!

The Joe Corbi's fundraiser is in full swing. Please turn in all order by October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mark your calendars for October 13<sup>th</sup> at Greene Turtle Hunt Valley. This is an all-day fundraiser for the school and 20% of each receipt put in the designated Trinity box (at the hostess stand) will go straight back to TCDS. Kids eat free with a paying adult.

Also, remember to keep bringing in your Box tops for Education. This is a very simple way to contribute to TCDS. Look for those Box Tops on many of your food products.

Here's to some exciting, fun Fall at Trinity Day School. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or thoughts you might have.



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