



TINY TALES



TRINITY CHURCH DAY SCHOOL

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Dear TCDS Families,

Summertime offers many of us a much-needed break from the hustle and bustle of daily lives. We are able to slow down, enjoy the company of those we love, and remember what is truly important in life. This time allows us all to prepare for a new school year that is sure to bring us countless new growing experiences and many wonderful memories to cherish. Welcome to the 2019-20 school year, TCDS families! The school supplies have been neatly organized, the classrooms have been set up just right, and the staff is ready and eager to meet their new Angels. I hope you are as excited as I am to get the fun started!

We are very excited to announce a few staff changes for this school year. First, we are happy to welcome Mrs. Sarah Ali and Mrs. Liz Price as the new assistants in the 3's and three-day 4's classes, respectively. They both come to us with previous classroom teaching experience and abundant enthusiasm to help our teachers and students have a successful year. Also, we are excited to have Mrs. Elaine Parks as the assistant in the two-day 2's class through December. Ms. Elaine has been (and will continue to be) a fabulous substitute for our school these past two years and will be great working with our littlest Angels. Finally, we are happy to say that Mrs. Lauren McDonald will be taking on the five-day 3's and Mrs. Marcie Maher will teach the two-day 3's in addition to the three-day 3's! I believe these ladies will bring a lot of positive energy to the program!

Please mark your calendars for September 12th for Back to School Night. This evening begins at 7 pm and offers parents a chance to learn more about the school and specific information about their child's classroom. The evening will begin in the multipurpose room at 7:00 with a school-wide information meeting, then classroom session #1 beginning at 7:30 and classroom session #2 beginning at 7:55. I hope that you can make it! Because we are sharing teachers and classrooms this year, please note the following information when planning your evening:

- Ms. Jamie's morning class should go to her first session and the Enrichment class should attend Ms. Jamie's second session.
- Ms. Melissa's and Ms. Marcie's parents can attend either session.
- Ms. Nikki's parents will attend a meeting at 7:35 in room 108 after the school-wide meeting.

In your back-to-school packets, you received information from our Parents' Club officers, Cari Santiago, Colleen Castle, and Brian Johnson. The Parents' Club plays a vital role at Trinity Church Day School as they organize many fun events that bring our community together and raise money for our school. The funds that this fabulous group raises go directly to help supplement the school's budget and make our school an even better place for the students. The Parents' Club *Meet and Greet* sessions will take place on Wednesday, September 11 and Thursday, September 12 right after

morning drop-off under the portico. We hope you will be able to stop by, meet this year's officers, and learn more about how you can help. There are so many wonderful events and fundraisers in which our families can become involved. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and have fun while supporting your child's school. If you are interested in learning more, please join us under the portico for some refreshments and more information!

Our first Parents' Club event of the year is the annual Ice Cream Social which is scheduled for Friday, September 20 from 6:00 to 7:30. Come join us for some free ice cream (with toppings!) and another chance to meet and mingle with other TCDS families. The children always have a great time running around the playground with their families and new school friends. We hope to see you there!

Library classes will begin the week of September 9th. Mrs. Kira Gainey, our library teacher, is eager to begin the school year and build our Angels' love of literature! Once classes begin, please help your child remember to return their library book on their scheduled library day. This practice is a great way to teach your child responsibility at an early age, so try to involve them in keeping track of the book and returning it to school on time. We also have a wonderful resource library for parents located on the shelf outside of the children's library. We have books for both adults and children to help your family work through challenging times at home or in school. Please feel free to browse our collection of books; if you would like to borrow one, please remove the card from the back of the book, sign your name on the card, and leave it in the plastic container on the top shelf.

Our first chapel service will be Wednesday, September 18 starting at 11:40. All the children in the 3's and 4's classes will meet in the church, weather permitting, at this time each week. If it is pouring rain or snowing, we will meet in the Great Room for the chapel service. Families are always welcome to join us in chapel; however, please keep in mind that children will sit with their teachers in the front pews and will return to their classrooms following the services. All children can be picked up from their classrooms at 12:00 noon as usual following chapel on Wednesdays. In order to reduce confusion during pick-up on chapel days, please refrain from entering the building until the students have returned to their classrooms.

If you are planning to contract your child for Extended Day and have not yet done so, please stop by the office. You can sign up for Extended Day until 1pm, 3pm or 5:30pm on a daily basis. We also offer Morning Care from 8-9 each morning; however, please note that Monday and Wednesday mornings are completely full. If you do not contract your child, please sign your child up for Extended Day services at least the day before they will attend so the teachers can properly plan for the afternoon. Sign-up sheets are on the Extended Day bulletin board across from the library. Please see Ms. Laura in the office about pre-paid payment cards for flexible Extended Day sign-ups. If your child is signed up for Extended Day and cannot attend, please notify the school office by 9 a.m. Keep a look-out for Miss Vicky's Extended Day news in our October Tiny Tales newsletter to find out what exciting activities she has planned.

If your child is staying at school for lunch, there are a few things to keep in mind when packing. Due to some severe allergies, we ask that you do not pack peanut butter in your child's lunch. Almond butter and sunflower butter are acceptable alternatives; **please place a short note in your child's lunchbox** if you send in these ingredients to make it easier for our staff to ensure the safety of our students quickly. Also, please pack water, rather than juice, for your child to drink. Milk will be provided by the school. **New this year, we are asking that all snack items are completely nut-free this year in order to keep all of our students healthy.**

As always, TCDS families are welcome to stay after school to enjoy the playground. We do ask you to ensure that your children follow the same playground rules they are asked to follow during the school day, which are posted outside on the playground and in the Student Handbook. *It is*

imperative that these rules are followed before and after school for safety AND to maintain consistency for your child. Please keep in mind that staff members will enforce the rules on the playground, even if a parent is present. We are also asking that you limit the amount of time you stay on the playground after school to 30-45 minutes to prevent overcrowding with Extended Day and Enrichment students. The safety and well-being of our Angels is paramount and we take it very seriously. We truly thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

ALL CALL FOR SPIRIT WEAR!!!! Trinity t-shirts, sweatshirts, and tote bags are available for purchase. Order forms were sent out during Meet and Greet conferences, but extras can be found on the table outside of the office. The last day to place an order is Friday, September 13. **Please make your checks for t-shirt purchases payable to TCDS or Trinity Church Day School.** Also, TCDS car magnets are available in the office for purchase.

We like to keep you current on any news or special events sponsored by Trinity Church. The church will again host family Movie Nights the third Friday of each month, however the September movie is a little later so it does not conflict with our Ice Cream Social. The first one is scheduled for Friday, September 27th. "How to Train Your Dragon 3" will start at 6:30 upstairs in the Parish Hall. Snacks and drinks will be provided and donations are accepted. Come comfy in your pajamas and pack a blanket and a lovie for your child!

I am very excited to continue my journey as the director here at Trinity Church Day School! Again, I want to wish you a heartfelt "Welcome Back" and if you have anything to discuss, please feel free to call or stop by the office. My door is always open for any questions, concerns, or celebrations throughout the year!

All the best,

Chrissy Cook

TCDS Director



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