

The Trinity Times

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Monday, November 9, 2020

Important Dates:

November 4: 2:00pm Dismissal

November 5: Board of Education Meeting- 7:00pm

November 17: Wheelers Hot Lunch

November 22: Children Sing in Church- 10am "Yours Forever God of Love"

November 25: 12:00 Dismissal

November 26-27: No School

December 2: 2:00pm Dismissal

December 3: Board of Education-7:00pm

December 23: Christmas Eve Service Practice- ALL (We will not have Saturday practices this year)

The Lord will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. 2 Timothy 4:18

You Will Be Safe

"Where are you going?" Mom yelled. "To Jenna's," yelled her daughter from the open car door in the driveway. "Be safe," Mom yelled back as a parting thought.

"Be safe." Ever notice how much of our life is about safety? It surrounds us. Factories hang banners that say, "Safety first." We dedicate months to learn about "Fire Safety." We put safeguards on our computers and locks on our doors. We store our valuables in safety deposit boxes. After basic physiological needs such as air, water, and food, some psychologists list safety as our next sought need.

Perhaps the reason we put so much emphasis on safety is that we know many of the places we go aren't always "safe." The highway isn't always safe for the inexperienced driver. The computer isn't always safe from hackers. And valuables get stolen.

But there's one place that such things don't ever happen. There's one place that's always safe: God's heavenly kingdom, which the Bible says, "On no day will its gates ever be shut" (Revelation 21:25). In other words, there are no needs for locks or safes in heaven. It is completely safe.

What a beautiful thing to look forward to! As we near the end of 2020, we will reflect on many things that affected our safety this year. A virus threatened our health safety. Fires and hurricanes threatened our physical safety. Violence of various types threatened our community safety. But one day, it's all going to end. One day, every follower of Jesus—every person who trusts in the full and free forgiveness he won on the cross—will be in the Savior's arms, where they will be completely and forever safe. May this promise from God give you peace and comfort this day.

Prayer:

Lord, in the midst of turmoil, direct my eyes to my safe future at your side. Amen. (wels.net)

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Prayers: Please continue to keep all those in our school, church, and community affected by COVID.

Masks: The current plan to wear masks until Christmas. As stated 2 weeks ago, this is to help families stay safe and allow families to go about their relatively normal lives. If we wear masks and a student/teacher in the K-4 were to have a positive COVID case, the whole class would NOT have to quarantine. With a lack of substitute teachers, we know the reality of cancelling school because Miss Smith gets sick is a possibility, however, it would not mean you have to quarantine. With Thanksgiving and Christmas approaching, we especially do not want to have families get sick or be “stuck” in quarantine.

Veterans' Day: In the past we have participated in Bel Air Nursing Home's Veterans' Day service. Since we are unable to attend, we will be recording two songs, writing letters, coloring pictures, and sending candy filled water tumblers to the veterans that live and work there. We will also be making gifts for the veterans that are members of Trinity.

Hot Lunch: Our next scheduled **hot lunch is Tuesday, November 17th from Wheelers.**

Thanksgiving Meal: The decision was made at our recent Board of Education meeting to cancel our Thanksgiving meal. With families in quarantine, a big surge in local cases, and social distancing logistics, we found it too difficult and risky to host a large meal at this time. We will be starting a food drive for local food shelves in the next week. This is something we've done in the past as part of our December, but we will start it earlier this year. We are considering a few ideas of a family meal in the spring (possibly Easter time).

Daycos Donation: We have exciting technology news! Angie R applied for a technology grant earlier this year through her employer, Daycos. We received word this week that they approved our grant for over \$1,500. We will be using these funds to purchase Amazon Fires and Osmos (check out playosmo.com). We had 3 chromebooks arrive that were purchased using CARES Act money allocated to schools. We hope to be getting more tablets and Chromebooks through GEER (Governors Emergency Education Relief). We will let you know when those arrive.

Christmas Eve Service: At this time we are planning on going ahead with a children led Christmas Eve Service. We will begin working on the speaking parts and hymns in school and Sunday School. We have reduced the length of the service and speaking parts. We will have the congregation participate in more hymns. There will only be **one** practice on December 23rd. We have 12:00pm dismissal that day and Winside does not have school so we will schedule our practice when all the students are here and those children who attend Winside can join us. This is to eliminate spreading germs during what was our normal Saturday practices.

Box Tops for Education: We receive money for Box Tops items you purchase in the store or online. Please select our school when you use the app and scan receipts. We also still save clipped Box Tops if you have items that still have them on it. There is a box at the information center in the church

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hallway to put these in, or just drop them off with a teacher and they will get them to the appropriate place.

Monthly Calendar: The calendar is able to be viewed on our website at www.trinityinhoskins.com under the school heading. You can also put this link into the URL bar in order to access the calendar: <http://bit.ly/2bFggBX> Our hope is that this will make it easier for parents to access event information and dates as well as sending reminders about upcoming events. Please let Miss Smith know if you have any questions.

Saint Sports: We are invited to participate with St. Paul's Lutheran School and their sports programs. These usually start at 4th grade. They are currently not having sports.

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School should be back to somewhat 2020 normal this week as Mrs. Stromquist and some of the students who were quarantined will be back by the end of the week! Please continue to monitor your child(ren)'s health. With homework already in student binders, students can stay on top of work and not get too far behind.

As stated above, we sadly had to cancel our Thanksgiving meal. We hope to have a family meal in the spring; we will keep you updated as we make plans.

We will be finishing our Veterans' gifts on Monday. The plan is to start our writing projects this week and dedicating more time to the Christmas Service.

Klndergarten: Math- We have been working on finding numbers "before," "after," and "in between."
We will also also be creating ABB patterns this week.
Reading- We will finish Lily's letterbook and start on the letter I. We talked about lockets with Lily, if you happen to own a locket, your kindergarten child might love to hear more about it.

1st Grade: Math- We will be starting subtraction this week as well as counting by 2s.
Reading- We will begin Unit 5 in our reading books this week.
Spelling- Unit 11

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2nd Grade: Math- We will be working on measuring and counting nickels this week.

Reading- We will start Unit 5 this week.

Spelling- Unit 11

English- Possessive Nouns

4th Grade: Math- We will start double digit multiplication.

Reading- Cricket in Times Square

Spelling- Unit 11

English- Noun test and pronouns

Christ Light: "Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter" and "The Young Man From Nain"

Newsletter in a nutshell (Pastor will be using this information to communicate with the congregation what things we have going on at school, feel free to share this same information with your friends and family.)

Our students began working on the Christmas Eve Service this week. We look forward to starting practice after Sunday School as well. Mrs. Stromquist and preschoolers will return this week. We are thankful Mrs. Stromquist has recovered and we look forward to having our full school back in session. It is our goal to remain open as long as it is healthy and safe. We will be recording songs to send to Bel Air Nursing home for their Veterans' Day Service. While we wish we could be there in person, we're thankful we can show our love and appreciation through music.