



High Flier September 30, 2011

The mission of Holy Trinity Lutheran School is to reach out to families and children with the Good News of Jesus through a Christ-centered, loving, and forgiving environment of academic excellence.

From the Director:

Do you like getting your hands dirty? I don't! Especially when it comes to grease! I've got some wheel bearings on a trailer that I need to pack and I'm not looking forward to it. That stuff gets under my fingernails and deep down into the cracks and makes me feel like I can't get clean!

This year we have had several occasions where our Kindergarteners have come in to use the office sink holding their hands up like they are a doctor going into surgery...except there is usually something covering their hands...like paint or flower or paste. And the smiles from ear to ear would indicate they love it.

For a child, getting their hands dirty is a way of learning. And we know that the more that we can engage their senses the more learning that occurs.

We also believe in a God who isn't afraid of getting His hands dirty. By coming to us in the form of a Savior, He not only got His hands dirty, He was willing to give up His life as a sacrifice for our sins so that we might have eternal life. He calls us, His people, to respond to this wonderful gift by being willing to get our hands dirty in carrying out His purpose.

May each of you have a wonderful Fall Break and find opportunities to get your hands dirty!

Mr. Bill Hiskey

Welcome Pastor Toopes!!! – Pastor Andrew Toopes was installed as our pastor on September 25. We pray God's blessings upon Pastor Toopes and his wife, Sue Ann, as he shepherds our church and school.

Dear Holy Trinity family,

Thank you so much for all your thoughtful gifts. We will be enjoying some new delicacies - we have never had sweet potatoes before. It was so considerate for all of you to think of us in this changing time in our life.

Thanks!
Colin and Katie Fritz

**Fall Break
October 3 - 7**



Have Fun, Be Safe, God Bless!

Library News: The students and I wish to offer our sincere thanks to the Sturgill family and to Ms. Whittamore who have donated money to the Library. That means many new books for all our students!

Congratulations to all our students in grades 1-5. Everyone met their first quarter AR goals! It takes hard work, discipline, and determination by students, teachers and parents for these reading goals to be met each quarter. Those efforts pay off in our students becoming better writers, spellers, and speakers as well as readers. Thank you to all of you who helped make this possible! Congratulations also to Quinn Hixson who earned 101.6 AR points in the first quarter, Wow! Cale Buelow is not far behind with 76.6 Points. Impressive work guys!!

Thank you so much!
Leanna Andrews

There's Lots Happening in October!!!

SCHOOL PICTURES will be taken on Monday, October 10 and Tuesday, October 11 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Photos will be taken outside unless it is rainy or very cold. Tuesday/Thursday Preschoolers and 4th/5th graders will have pictures on Tuesday! All other students should plan on being photographed Monday.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be scheduled on Friday, October 14th. School will not be in session on that day. Report cards/Assessments will be given to parents during scheduled conference times. This is an important time to meet with your child's teacher and discuss strengths and areas of concern. Please make conferences a priority. **No report cards will be given before October 14th.**

NO SCHOOL on October 20-21 due to teacher in-services. If you need childcare for Fall Break, Parent Conferences (Friday, Oct. 14), or Teacher In-service days (Thursday and Friday, Oct. 20-21) please sign-up in the School Office.

TRANSFORMATION STATION: Coming Events!
For all ages up to 6th grade – Sundays at 9:15

Oct 2 – 9 – Special unit entitled “Father – Son – Holy Spirit; a look at the Apostle’s Creed. Stations include Noah’s Art Room and Goliath’s Games. Make “Trinity Punch”, “Trinity Rings” and go on a scavenger hunt.

Oct 16 – Nov. 19 – “The Great Escape: Moses and the 10 Commandments” Make praise instruments with Miriam, experience the 10 plagues firsthand, journey the wilderness with the Israelites, move to music at Mt. Sinai, see a video about the 10 Commandments, complete a computer game about the 10 commandments today!

Helpers are needed for the welcome center each week and to listen to Bible memory verses.

YOUTH YARD SALE!!!
Saturday, October 8th
7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

DON'T THROW IT OUT!!!

When you do your fall cleaning, donate your items to the YOUTH YARD SALE to be held October 8th. Donations can be brought to the church the week of October 3-7. Please call before coming to make sure someone can let you in since there is no school due to Fall Break.

After School Enrichment Clubs

Tuesday, October 11: Art Club
Wednesday, October 12: American Girl Club
Thursday, October 13: Science Club
Monday, October 17: Team Building Club
Tuesday, October 18: Cooking & Creativity Club

***American Girl Club is open to P4 students and there are still openings in the other clubs!**

CHILI, TREATS, GAMES AND GIFTS

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School is having a **FALL FESTIVAL** on **Saturday, October 29th 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.!** There will be so much fun including Trunk or Treating, carnival games, a chili dinner, and an auction. We are excited about this wonderful way to get to know each other and also invite the community to join us in some Holy Trinity fun. The Trunk or Treating has been very successful and is a safe and fun-filled alternative to trick or treating.

What can you do? We need trunks and candy! You can donate bags of candy or small prizes and place them in the orange boxes around the church and school. Or you can decorate your trunk - some ideas to decorate are: Toss games, like bean bag, football, basketball, and ring toss, Bowling, Face painting, and Fishing games. It doesn't have to be elaborate - just safe.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Church and School offices and in the Narthex. Contact Amy Walters if you have questions 270-535-5559 or awalters@htlc-bg.org. Come and join the fun!

Remember to pass out your orange fliers so more people will attend!

FALL FESTIVAL T-SHIRT ORDERS are being taken! Please contact Haley Crutcher at haley.crutcher@gmail.com with any questions. There is also an order form in the School Office. Shirts are \$10 each and come in youth and adult sizes. The final day for orders is Monday, October 17th. Thanks!!

A Note from the Spanish Teacher!

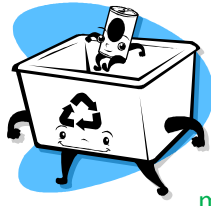
Hola Padres,

Me llamo Cara Bedo. I'm having so much fun teaching your elementary children español each Wednesday! There is poco tiempo and lots to do, but they sure do pick up rapidamente. Here are a couple of things I need your help with si es posible---Currently I am gathering *empty, clean, unbreakable* food containers for an **in-class bilingual grocery store**. For example, there are already a couple of milk jugs, boxes from popsicles, crackers, cereal, disposable soap pump, egg cartons, etc. Any common item sold at a grocery store would work. These can be sent whenever you like throughout the year.

From the Kitchen

We need your help, please. The Kitchen Staff has requested help from one person, one hour per week (starting after Fall Break) to help with some light cleaning. It would be great if we could get a few parents to pitch in. Contact the School Office if you can help out, or just drop in!

FUNDRAISERS!!!!!!



WE NEED YOUR EMPTY SODA CANS!!! Feel free to stash your soda cans aside and drop them in our collection bin every now and then... All

money raised from recycling them goes toward our school library fund!



Please send in your Boxtops labeled with your child's name and their teacher's name. Bundles of 50 make for easy counting but remember to check the expiration dates!

NEWS FLASH: The individual with the most wins a \$25 gift card from Walmart. 2nd Place will get a \$15 Houchens/IGA gift card and 3rd Place will receive a \$5 Sonic Card. **McDonald's ice cream cone coupons were given out on 9/28. Enjoy!**

So far this year, we have collected 3495 BoxTops for a total of \$349.50! Great Job!

Hannah Booth, 25 tops	P4 Martin
Mogie Bradley, 44 tops	P4 Martin
Anson Davis, 103 tops	P4 Martin
Ethan Gabbard, 7 tops	P4 Martin
Oliver Hixson, 26 tops	P4 Martin
Michael Mitchell, 71 tops	P4 Martin
Emma K Walters, 51 tops	P4 Martin
Jack Willis, 78 tops	P4 Martin
Zoe Ricciardi, 153 tops	P4 Martin
Lily Clark, 52 tops	P4 Faxon
Charlie Compton, 52 tops	P\$ Faxon
Emma K Lindsey, 97 tops	P4 Faxon
Blake Richey, 200 tops	P4 Faxon
Bryan Jones, 145 tops	Kindergarten
Cole Roberson, 21 tops	Kindergarten
*Hailey Fulcher, 210 tops	1st Grade
Hope Jones, 144 tops	1st-Grade
Michael Richey, 225 tops	1st Grade
Paul Bergin, 61 tops	2nd Grade
Bryson Brockman, 51 tops	2nd Grade

Nate Fattic, 68 tops	2nd Grade
Elizabeth Richey, 225 tops	2nd Grade
Tyler Beyke, 119 tops	4th Grade
Zach Schmaltz, 110 tops	4th Grade
Cale Buelow, 50 tops	5th Grade
Quinn Hixson, 166 tops	5 th Grade

This updated list may not include all boxtops turned in this week, as there were several bags turned in just this morning! Great Job everyone!

Want to Earn EXTRA Boxtops??? Great, If you go to the BOX TOP website www.boxtops4education.com, you can earn six (6) free boxtops (no clipping). Just register for our School and it automatically gives us the points. Have all of your family and friends go to the site and register too!!!!

Finally, you can distribute pre addressed collection envelopes to **FRIENDS AND FAMILY** and get them to collect Box Tops. The collection envelopes are to be taken home by individuals and stuck to the fridge. When full of Box Tops, just seal the envelope, add a stamp, and send them to us. Please include return addresses, so we know whom to thank! If anyone would like to request some collection envelopes for their church or workplace, they can e-mail their mailing address to jjones.joyce@gmail.com.

Thank you to Joyce Jones (Hope-1st and Bryan-K) for organizing our Box Tops collection this year.

Restaurant Nights

Monday, Oct. 17: Fazoli's 5-8pm
 Monday, Oct. 24: Dairy Queen 5-7pm
 Thursday, Oct. 27: Cici's

Please try to attend restaurant nights, as our turnout directly affects the funds we raise! If you have other ideas for restaurants, please let Jennifer know. We have a Buckhead night planned in November as well!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

We have many avenues for someone to volunteer at Holy Trinity and would love for you to be involved. Some opportunities are here in the facility:

- Kitchen Aide - helping with preparing food, setting up dining area, cleaning, etc. (Perk - hanging out with the students & staff)
- Office Aide - answering phones/taking messages, greeting visitors, various small tasks as available (Perk - hanging out with the students & staff)

Some opportunities can be done at home or as a group here at the facility:

- PTO Fundraising efforts - preparing mailings, handing out prizes, coordinating various efforts, etc. (Perk hanging out with the students & staff & exploring fun activities)

We'll share more ideas as the year progresses.

Check online each Friday for the High Flier (all School News from the Office), lunch menu, monthly calendar of events at HTLS, and the weekly Teacher Letters (check your child's teacher/grade location on the web site). Print copies are posted on the bulletin boards and are available to parents without Internet access upon request- if copies must be mailed we appreciate the parent providing the postage. Thank you.

COOKIE SMILE

Make these cheerful lollipop cookies to share.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 roll of sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Cookie sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Cellophane treat bags
- Ribbon



What you do:

1. Freeze the roll of dough.
2. Cut dough into ¼-inch slices.
3. Place slices 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for five minutes.
5. Remove cookies from oven and place a stick into the bottom of each cookie (about 1 inch into the dough).
6. Return cookies to the oven until done, three to five more minutes.
7. After cookies are cool, make a "face" on each one, using frosting and sprinkles.
8. Put cookies into bags and tie with a ribbon. Then give away these edible smiles!

Parenting Tip

September 27, 2011

Communication is Key

Communication is at the center of all relationships. Closeness is communicated in many ways, and people give and receive love differently. Five levels of communication provide opportunities for increased closeness in family life. Each level serves an important role for growing deeper. If tension and stress dominate your relationship with your child, start working through these communication levels and you'll begin to see significant change take place.

1. **Greetings** are the oil that keep relationships cordial. Hugging your children as part of a greeting or welcoming them to breakfast in the morning makes an important statement about the value of your relationship.
2. **Exchanging information** about our lives helps people know what's going on and contributes to a sense of connectedness. As you go through your day, think of a couple of interesting things you could share with your child.
3. **Sharing opinions and judgments** is the next level. Some people are hesitant to share their opinions because they feel like they'll have to back them up or face an argument. Look for ways to affirm your children. "That makes sense" can be an encouraging statement even if you disagree. "Thank you for sharing your opinion with me," can be a statement that encourages openness.
4. **Communicating emotions** takes us another level deeper. Facts and opinions often have emotions hidden behind them. "I bet that hurt" or "I can tell you're excited about that," acknowledges feelings your child might be experiencing.
5. **Sharing spiritually** brings an amazing amount of closeness into a relationship. Praying together, sharing what God is teaching you, enjoying worship together, and having a sense of spiritual fellowship are all ways to enjoy the deepest level of communication. As you strengthen your spiritual lives together, you'll see more and more opportunities to discuss heart issues.

All five levels of communication are important. Don't think you can skip the first few and still experience closeness. Look for opportunities to enjoy all the levels with your kids.

This parenting tip comes from the book series, [Parenting is Heart Work](#) by Dr Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller.

What are some ways you've been able to encourage communication with your kids? [Click here](#) to tell us about it.

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