



September 2020

## God is Love

During our remote learning journey last spring, 5th Grade students were given an assignment to pick a theme for Trinity for the 2020-2021 school year and had the opportunity to voice their opinion on what they thought our theme should be for this coming school year. There were many great ideas, which made choosing one very difficult for our faculty and staff. We did decide to combine a couple and chose "God is Love" for our theme. This is truly a fitting theme for this year because God truly is love. Our students will be encourage to show how God is love by being joyful, kind, helping others, share and pray to name a few. To go along with our theme, our song this year will be "All you need is Love", by the Beatles. This song will be taught to students throughout the year. Read this little snippet below:

*"Love, love, love  
Love, love, love  
Love, love, love*



*There's nothing you can do that can't be done  
Nothing you can sing that can't be sung  
Nothing you can say, but you can learn how to play the game  
It's easy  
Nothing you can make that can't be made  
No one you can save that can't be saved  
Nothing you can do, but you can learn how to be you in time  
It's easy*

*All you need is love  
All you need is love  
All you need is love, love  
Love is all you need"*



**We look forward to a great year at TCS!**

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 9/8 **Welcome Back Students**  
JK—Gr.6
- 9/9 **Pre-K Orientation - Virtual TBA**
- 9/10 **Opening Day for Pre-K**
- 9/14 **Virtual Morning Prayer - 8:45 AM**  
Mrs. Witkop's 6th Grade Leads
- 9/20-25 **TCS Wellness Week**
- 9/21 **Virtual Morning Prayer - 8:45 AM**  
Miss Bombard's 5th Grade Leads
- 9/23 **Eat Well Wednesday**
- 9/24 **Virtual Curriculum Night**  
Fall fundraiser Begins
- 9/25 **Get Fit Friday**  
**Jean Day**
- 9/28 **Virtual Morning Prayer - 8:45 AM**  
Mrs. Woodard's 4th Grade Leads

## LOOKING AHEAD

- 10/7 **Picture Day - TBA**  
Fall Fundraiser Ends
- 10/12 **NO SCHOOL, Columbus Day**
- 10/26 **PTC Halloween Party TBA**
- 10/29 **Share the Wisdom Day,**  
1/2 Day
- 10/31 **Halloween Virtual Prayer Service and Parties**

# WELCOME NEW

## TEACHERS

We are so excited to welcome our new teachers for 2020-2021: Pre-K4 Teacher, Catherine Leggue, 3rd Grade Teacher, Jamie Burns and Music Teacher/Teacher's Aide, Emily Montroy. (All of these teachers bring many years of experience, and we look forward to the fresh ideas they will bring to our school!



Catherine Leggue



Jamie Burns



Emily Montroy

## ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

Students who walk to school or who are dropped off by parents should not arrive before 8:15 AM. Since there is not classroom supervision until 8:15 AM, students who arrive before 8:15 AM must go to the cafeteria for the Before School Program. Students being dropped off by parents between 8:00 and 8:15 AM will be charged \$1.00 per day. Students being dropped off prior to 8:00 AM will be charged the usual fee of \$3.00. The traffic pattern for drop off and pic ups will look as follows:

**If your child is in Pre-K3, JK, Kindergarten, or Grades 1 through 3**, please drop them off at the main door on Main Street. Please enter by the old convent driveway and stop by the front door. You are asked to not leave your car. A teacher will do a temperature check and administer hand sanitizer for each student as they enter the building. Students will then follow the arrows in the hallways and go to their classroom.

**If your child is in Pre-K4**, please drop them off at the door by the Pre-K4 room in the back parking lot. Please follow the signs so that students can be dropped off one at a time. You are asked not to leave your car. A teacher will do a temperature check and administer hand sanitizer for each student as they enter their classroom.

**If your child is in grades 4 through 6**, please drop your child off at the cafeteria doors. You are asked to not leave your car. A teacher will do a temperature check and administer hand sanitizer for each student as they enter the building. Students will then follow the arrows down to their classrooms. Students who are bused will be dropped off by the busses at the cafeteria doors. A teacher will do a temperature check and administer hand sanitizer for each student as they enter the building. Students will then follow the arrows to their classrooms.

**If your child has a temperature above 100 degrees Fahrenheit**, they will not be allowed to enter the building. If your child is a busser and arrives at school with a temperature above 100 degrees Fahrenheit, they will be taken to our quarantine room. A parent/guardian will be called and asked to pick up their child as soon as possible.

**Dismissal** will be staggered, beginning at 2:00 PM. Please notify the office or send in a note to the teacher if you will be picking up your child between 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Your child will meet you at the door from which they arrived. Students who remain in school until 3:00 PM will be dismissed from the same door from which they arrived in the morning, **except for those in grades 4 through 6 who are not bussers**. They will be met at the back driveway along Highland Park. If a parent does not come to pick up their child by 3:10 PM the child will be sent to the after care program and can be picked up there. After care students are picked up either at the back playground or in the dining hall.

## Dress for Success

### SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The school dress code is printed in its entirety on our school calendar, but here is a thumb nail of that code to keep in mind when shopping for clothes.

- No Cargo Pants.
- Leggings may be worn under skirts or sweaters that would be long enough to wear with or without leggings.
- Skirts should reach as long as the end of fingertips.
- Girls' shirts or dresses may be sleeveless in warm weather, but tank tops and spaghetti straps are not permitted.
- Dress shirts should be polo-style, button-up dress shirts or Henley-style t-shirts.
- Only appropriate writing and/or pictures on any shirts.

### JEAN DAY

Did you know that JEAN DAY, perhaps the most exciting day of each month, occurs the last Friday of every month? Please note, occasionally we ask for a donation to wear

jeans, as a way to donate to worthy causes.

### MONDAY MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

Monday morning Prayer Service begins at 8:45 AM each Monday and lasts about 15 minutes. Students who have birthdays during the week are wished Happy Birthday by the school community; students are recognized as "Disciples in Action" for their efforts in following our theme and virtues. This school year, our Monday morning Prayer Services will be virtual and will be shared on our webpage as well as our social media sites. Our webpage is [www.trinitycatholicschool.net](http://www.trinitycatholicschool.net).

### CURRICULUM NIGHT

**Thursday, September 24**, will be Curriculum Night at Trinity. This will be a **virtual** meeting this year. We will begin with a meeting, which will be a live recording, followed by 3 sessions scheduled for you to have a zoom meeting with your children's classrooms. We understand that parents may have more than one zoom meeting to attend and will have a schedule for these meetings as we get closer. Our teachers will be explaining their classroom procedures and objectives for their students' instruction. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to learn more about what their children will be learning throughout the year. It should be noted that Curriculum Night is not an evening for parents to conference with teachers about their child's progress. The evening is designed to strengthen the partnerships between parents and teachers, which will enable us to guarantee each student's success.

### VISITING SCHOOL

This year, due to the current COVID regulations and restrictions, we are asking that there be no visitors in the building. We understand that this can be difficult, but to ensure the health and safety to all our students, faculty and staff we are asking you to not come to the building. In an event that you must visit the school, these guidelines must be followed.

- Visitors must call the school and be approved by the administration.
- Visitors must enter the front entrance **only**, face masks are to be worn, sign the log on our hand sanitizing station located in the entrance, and wait to be buzzed in.
- You would then need to report directly to the office.
- Please understand that we can **NOT** have visitors go to your child's room.
- Also, when exiting the building, you will need to use the front entrance **only** and sign out.

### CHANGES IN ROUTINE

To ensure your child's safety and your request, we ask that you call the office for any changes in your child's routine. - i.e. dismissal or early pick up, or if you need to speak to a teacher. Our teachers do not have phones in their classrooms and emails may be missed if the teacher doesn't have time to check their messages or if they are not there that day.

### WHAT'S AN "OLDEST AND ONLY?"

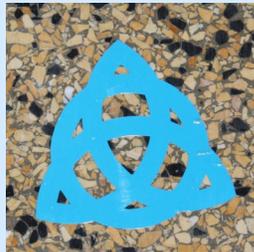
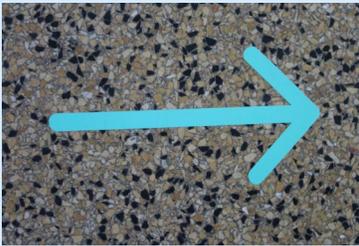
You may have noticed that sometimes we only send things home with your oldest or only child. This is another way we are "going green." If we have sent home only one paper, you can feel confident that that one sheet applies to **all** of your children.

## BEFORE AND AFTER CARE

We are so glad we can offer before and after care as a child care option for our families. Cost for this service is \$3.00 per student/hour. If you do not sign up for the program on a regular basis, you may still use it in an emergency. In such an instance, we ask that you call the office, so that Ms. Saucier and your child may be notified. You will also need to leave the name of the person who is authorized to pick your child up if it is someone other than yourself. Our before care program begins at 7:00 AM in the cafeteria. Students can be dropped off at the cafeteria doors. A teacher will do a temperature check and administer hand sanitizer for each student as they enter the building. Students will be kept in their cohort groups while in the before care program in the cafeteria. At 8:15 AM, students will be dismissed to their classrooms, one group at a time and 6 feet apart. After care will begin at 3:00 PM and run until 5:30 PM. Since it is requested that visitors not enter the building, please text Ms. Saucier when you arrive at the cafeteria doors and your child will meet you there. If students are outside enjoying a fresh air break, you may certainly pick up your child from outside.

## HALLWAY

Our hallways are wide enough to allow students to travel in either direction. There are arrows indicating which direction students should be traveling, along with the Trinity symbol to ensure social distancing.



## CAFÉ TRINITY

Several years ago the Trinity cafeteria began using the "My School Bucks" Program (*Heartland Payment Systems*) for lunch payments. Listed below are some helpful tips for using the "My School Bucks" Program.

- If you have a child attending Massena Central, you need to set up a separate account with a different email address.
- For payments made at school, the transaction can take 12-24 hours for you to view at home.
- If you choose to pay online: at the payment window you have 2 options—on left a one time credit card payment or on right you can pay with Paypal. You would need to login using Paypal account information, NOT, Nutri-Kids login information.
- If you want to have a low balance alert, under profile you need to set balance alert.

\*\*\*\*\* Be sure to choose TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL when you are asked for a school district. DO NOT use MASSENA CSD.\*\*\*\*\*

With all the COVID regulations and restrictions, we are encouraging parents to pay their child/children's lunch accounts online. If you are having problems setting one up or getting into your existing account, please contact our cafeteria manager, Suzanne LaPage. If you chose not to pay online, please mail in your payment to Trinity at 188 Main St. Massena NY 13662.

Lunches in the cafeteria cost **\$2.25** and milk is **\$0.60**. We participate in the Federal Lunch Program; therefore parents who meet the guidelines are eligible to apply for the program. Please apply if you are eligible. **This greatly benefits the school if you participate.** This information is kept strictly confidential: your child does not need to know that he/she is participating.

We will continue our policy regarding charging lunches or ala carte items in the cafeteria. Charges may not exceed **\$20** for the school year. Students with charges of **\$20** on their accounts will not be able to receive regular menu items for lunch until their balance is paid in full. Students who have the maximum amount charged on their account will only be served peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and milk.

Mrs. LaPage has been very busy planning new menu items for our children's tasting pleasure. We can look forward to



## Mission Statement

Trinity Catholic School, in the spirit of the Holy Trinity for which it is named, is a learning community rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church. We exist to provide a Christ-centered academic environment that nurtures educational excellence and the spiritual growth of all of our students.

### Living the Faith

- We have a deep love for God and neighbor.
- We believe the Holy Spirit inspires all that we do.

### Promoting Teamwork

- We communicate honestly, openly and consistently.
- We work together to achieve common goals with all members of our school and parish community.

### Inspiring Leadership

- We prepare students for leadership and service in church and society.
- We celebrate integrity and seek fair choices.
- We honor Trinity Catholic School's tradition of:
  - Instilling love of God and neighbor.
  - Giving respect and dignity to others.
  - Nurturing the growth of the well-rounded child.

### Achieving Excellence

- We respond to challenges and pursue continuous improvement.
- We nurture a love of learning that will last a lifetime.
- We strive for academic growth in all subject areas.

### Accepting Responsibility

- We lead through example and are accountable for our actions.
- We believe and promote our Catholic values.
- We affirm good judgment and trustworthy behavior.





PARENT TEACHER CONNECTION-PTC

Trinity Catholic’s PTC will be different this year like so many other changes. Since this is a unique year, we are unsure of what activities our PTC will be able to plan. Usually the PTC takes on the role of many student activities here at Trinity. The PTC is the heartbeat of our school and is largely responsible for the positive atmosphere we enjoy here at Trinity Catholic. We depend upon our parents to help run student-centered events such as our Halloween Party, Play Day, and Bike Rally. Please like our Facebook Page, Trinity Catholic PTC, to keep updated on any events or meetings that may occur. Sarah Tsibulsky, president frequently updates this page. If you do not have Facebook and would like to be updated by email, please email Sarah at [ptc@trinitycatholicsschool.net](mailto:ptc@trinitycatholicsschool.net).

TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR

I would like to thank all the businesses who sponsored our 2020-2021 Calendar/Parent Handbook and helped offset the cost of printing it. Thank you also to Stubbs Printing for their help in publishing this. Along with posting important school events, this publication contains Trinity Catholic’s mission, philosophy and school policies. The handbook is updated each year to include any new policies and new listings of faculty and staff. **I ask you to read over the handbook carefully; then sign and return the enclosed statement saying you read it.** This will ensure a positive partnership between home and school. Our calendar/handbook does not reflect some changes in policy necessary for the current COVID regulations and restrictions. Please refer to this letter and subsequent communications with updates and changes as the school year progresses.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

In an effort to be more “green,” we stopped sending the monthly newsletter and monthly calendar home with students several years ago. Both can be found each month on our **website** at [TrinityCatholicSchool.net](http://TrinityCatholicSchool.net). “Like” us on **Facebook or Instagram** and you will be notified each month when the information is available online, in addition to seeing frequently posted pictures of your students. Please make sure to check the website monthly, since this is how we communicate important events that will be happening in our school. **If your family would like a hard copy of the newsletter, menu and calendar, beginning in October please return the slip below to school by Monday, September 14,** and we will send it home with your oldest or only child.



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Please send us a hard copy of the Trinity newsletter, calendar and menu each month!

**Family:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Oldest Student’s Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

