

# TIGER TRACKS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
MENASHA



## Message From Pastor GeRue

**Welcome Back!** A warm welcome back for the 2021–2022 year of the Trinity Lutheran School Tiger Tracks! Keep an eye on the Tracks for upcoming information on dates and events

Before and Aftercare: Please enter and pick up your students at door # 3. Before Care opens at 7:00 am. Pickup for aftercare is anytime before 5:30 pm.

**Please! DO NOT OPEN THE GATES** when they are closed. They are closed during the day for your children's safety.

Fridays will be **Blue jean day**. On Fridays, students may wear clean, non holey, and non-faded jeans. The catch is that it will cost you \$1. The funds will go into the Tuition Assistance fund.

**Parents please slow down in the parking lot.**

Students may wear **shorts and capris** until October 15.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays we have **opening devotions** in the Church at 8:25.

**CHAPEL** meets on Wednesdays from 8:45-9:15. During Ad-vent and Lent, we will adjust our schedules so we are able to attend Trinity's 10:30am worship service. Students will sit in their Chapel Families. The theme this year is "In All Things" Colossians 1:15-20. Parents are always invited to join us for chapel.

Please use door #7 after 8:15 for drop off if you are late, and for school and throughout the day for school or Church business. All tardy students must stop at the office to receive a tardy pass if they are late.

If your child is sick please call the office to let us know before 9am so we can mark them excused.

Parents need to enter through door # 7 at all times and check in at the school office. If you need to take your child to an appointment please come to the office and we will bring them there to meet you.

There is still time to order uniform shirts, so if you need any, just stop by the office to pick up the order form.

Please visit our website by scanning our QR Code



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

## Important Calendar Dates

### Upcoming Events

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| Mon. Sept. 13  | Fused Glass project with Mr. Glenn Erdmann         |
| Tue. Sept. 14  | 4:45 pm Volleyball at St. John Berlin              |
| Wed. Sept. 15  | 8:45 am Chapel<br>9:30am Dental and Hearing        |
| Thur. Sept. 16 | 3:45 pm Volleyball Practice                        |
| Fri. Sept. 17  | 9:00am Picture Day<br>2:45 – 3:15 pm Electives     |
| Sat. Sept. 18  | 5th - 8th Graders "Servants of Christ" at CUW      |
| Sun. Sept. 19  | 9am Worship Rally Day School Sings and Chimes      |
| Sept. 20-21    | District Principals Conference                     |
| Sept. 20 - 24  | MAP Testing  |
| Tues. Sept. 21 | 4:30 pm Volleyball Trinity, Oshkosh @ Home         |
| Wed. Sept. 15  | 8:45 am Chapel<br>See You at the Pole after Chapel |
| Thur. Sept. 23 | 4:30 pm Volleyball Valley Home School @ Home       |
| Fri. Sept. 24  | 2pm Walk-a-thon                                    |
| Mon. Sept. 27  | 5pm Parent Dinner and School Update                |

## Next 2 Weeks Lunch Menu

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| Mon 9/13:   | Chicken Patty on Bun, Potato Wedges, Corn, Pears, Milk                    |
| Tue 9/14:   | Lasagna Casserole, Green Beans, Applesauce, Bread, Milk                   |
| Wed 9/15:   | Nachos with Fixins, Corn, Fruit Cup, Bread, Milk                          |
| Thurs 9/16: | Cheese Pizza, Mixed Vegetables, Peaches, Bread, Milk                      |
| Fri 9/17:   | Chicken Alfredo with Noodles, Peas, Pineapple, Bread, Milk                |
| Mon 9/20:   | BBQ Pork on Bun, Potato Wedges, Corn, Peaches, Milk                       |
| Tue 9/21:   | Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Mixed Vegetables, Pears, Bread, Milk           |
| Wed 9/22:   | Salisbury Steak/Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Peas, Applesauce, Bread, Milk |
| Thurs 9/23: | Grilled Chicken on Bun, Chips, Green Beans, Fruit Cup, Milk               |
| Fri 9/24:   | French Toast Stix, Boiled Eggs, Hash Browns, Applesauce, Milk             |

Fast Direct is the best way to contact a teacher during the day ([www.fastdir.com/tlsm](http://www.fastdir.com/tlsm)). We check this often and it is generally the easiest way for us to contact the families. New families will be given login information the first week of school. Grades can be checked and are updated regularly on Fast Direct. Parents are responsible to take the time to check on the progress of their student. This will be especially important as the 3rd-8th graders are responsible to more than one teacher. Students in grades 3-8 also have access on their own accounts to check their own grades and message teachers for educational reasons. Bulletin boards on Fast Direct will be updated regularly as well with upcoming news for your child's classroom. Please check Fast Direct for these updates.

**SCHOOL WORK AND ASSIGNMENTS** Students may have homework, increasing as the grade level increases. When a child consistently brings home large amounts of work, parents should arrange to discuss this with the teacher. Children are expected to prepare their work neatly and accurately and to submit assignments on time. Student planners should be checked and initialed daily.

**TELEPHONING** Teachers and students will not be called to the telephone during school hours unless there is an emergency. You may leave a message with the school administrative assistant who will promptly relay it to the proper person. Students may use the office telephone only in the case of an emergency and with the written permission of his/her teacher. Students may not use cell phones on school property.

**Lockers** are a privilege for children to use. All lockers are to be kept neat and organized. No food or drink should ever be put in the locker. Cold lunches go above the coat hooks, snacks stay in the backpack until snack time. Your child will also have a large binder with all their learning materials included. This binder should be brought to each class. We will emphasize organization this year so the children can learn to be independent and responsible learners. It is important that all needed materials be available for each class. Though the students will have lockers, they will not be permitted to leave class to retrieve forgotten items. In the morning students will bring all items needed for morning classes into the classroom. During the recess/lunch break, all morning materials will be returned to lockers and afternoon materials will then be brought into the classroom.

### **TRINITY VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

As an independent Lutheran School, TLS needs the active participation of parents, families, and friends to share in our responsibility of providing the highest quality of Christian and academic education to our students. Parent involvement is an integral part of the functioning of TLS.

Without it, the school would lose its sense of community and tuition would increase drastically. To be the best TLS can be, WE NEED YOU! Families receiving financial assistance for tuition must complete 20 hours of service per semester in some area of Trinity Lutheran Church or School Ministry to keep their financial assistance for the school year for their child(ren). A minimum of 40 hours must be completed by the family during the school year.

Volunteering is an excellent way to get to know the school, other parents, and your child's teacher. Opportunities for volunteering are numerous and varied. Among the ways you can help are participating in regularly scheduled schoolwork days, helping teachers in the classrooms, clerical help, concession stand worker, scoreboard worker, and any of the other tasks mentioned in the Tiger Tracks, or communicated through phone calls from room parents. This is a partial list of volunteer positions: PTLs officer, room parent, Church Nursery, Sunday School teacher, library worker, worker for major fundraising activity, book fair worker, SCRIP sales, coach, and field trip drivers. For the safety of our students, all those who volunteer to work with a child will be subject to a background check.

### **Medications and Health Notes**

As we all know there is an increased risk of spreading germs these days. Please continue to use proper hand-washing techniques at home and school. Children must be fever free for 24 hours before coming to school after they have been sick. If your child needs medication, you must fill out a consent form in the office for us to administer medicine to your child. We do not keep any medicine on hand, including cough drops, as we need parental consent to issue all medications and cough drops.





## The Scholastic Book Fair is coming To Trinity

**Book Fair** Oct. 7th – Oct. 17th Dress up Days include:

- ◆ Oct. 11 – PJ Day – Don't be Lazy about School
- ◆ Put on your jammies early, load up on the bed, and have an evening full of read-alouds.  
**Penny Day:** Bring in Pennies
- ◆ Oct. 12 – Dress as a Book Character Day. Your child can reflect on his/her favorite books and chose a character that they identify with and wants to become for the day.  
**Nickel Day:** Bring in Nickels
- ◆ Oct. 13 – “Future Career Day” What I Want to be When I Grow Up Day.  
**Dime Day:** Bring in Dimes
- ◆ Oct. 14 – Superhero Day What does your favorite superhero look like?  
**Quarter Day:** Bring in Quarters
- ◆ Oct. 15 – Grandparents day – Wear your Best Day – Look your best and Act your best.  
**Dollar Day:** Bring in Dollars

Every cent we collect will help us build and refresh classroom libraries. The book fair will be open, More information to follow soon.

### Grandparents Day Coming Soon!

Along with the bookfair, which is running from October 7-17th, we will be having Grandparents Day on Friday October 15th. We also have a noon dismissal that day as well.

Please get the word out to Grandparents so they can mark their calendars or request a day off from work!

In addition to all of the festivities that day, we are also having our first “dining out” fundraiser event for this school year. Our first event will be at the Culvers location in Darboy. Coupons will be handed out to all students prior to that day and they can be redeemed either inside or using the drive through at that location. For each order placed and a coupon presented, Trinity will receive 10% of the total sales for all coupons presented

### Save on Your Tuition With SCRIP

The Trinity SCRIP program is the greatest tool for tuition reduction. Scrip is available all day through the Church and School office, as well as before school. For your purchases you can earn 75% of the scrip profit back to reduce your tuition. If you have a testimonial on how it's benefited you, please email Mr. Dahms, as we want to share as many positive stories as we can. SCRIP is now available before school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the drop off doors. Please look for the sign outside the door. On Mondays it will be available at Door #2 (Broad St by the flagpole). On Wednesday is will be available by Door #3 (PS3 and PS4 classroom drop-off door) and on Friday it will be sold by Door #5 (Back parking lot by the playground). Please look for Mrs. Thumann, as she will be available to sell or answer any questions. We accept cash, check or credit card and we have blank forms on hand to fill out, or you can download them from the Trinity website at: <https://www.trinitymenasha.com/docs/scrip/in-stock-form-2021-03-08.pdf>. You can always contact the school office if you have any questions or how the program works.



### Referral Credit

One of the best ways to help our Trinity family grow is by word of mouth. Please let relatives, friends and neighbors know about us. We are still accepting enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year. If a family is referred, and they enroll and pay the first months tuition, you can receive a \$100 referral bonus. Question? Just see Pastor GeRue or Mr. Dahms with any questions.

### Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences are Thursday October 7th and Friday October 8th. Fall conference forms will be sent home next week for parent to pick their conference time with their teachers.



## Saturday, September 25

### Volunteers & Donations

Hello from the Board of Outreach and Social Ministry! The Appleton OctoberFest is coming up fast—September 25, 2021, at 5:30 a.m. The event ends at 6:00 pm, depending upon whether there are still people visiting the event.

We desperately need **volunteers for set-up and take down shifts, and to work our stand during the day**. We will also need **help with clean-up at church after**.

Each year our booth offers “Walking Tacos”.

#### **Food donations needed:**

- Shredded cheese
- Sour cream
- Lettuce
- Onions and
- Nacho chips

If you would like to sign-up to volunteer your time, or donate needed supplies, there will be forms posted on Door #2 and Door #5.

We are also **in need of a van or truck to transport supplies, food, coolers, slow cookers, a tent and fire extinguisher to and from the event**.

If you have any questions, please call or text Linda Ratzberg (920) 604-2439 or Ailene Moderson at (920) 450-2753.

### School Pictures

Mark your calendar, school pictures for students and staff are next Friday, September 17th starting at 9am.

Students are able to wear to school the clothing that you would like their photo taken in, after they have the photo done, they can change into their normal uniform shirt and pants, so please send those along for them to change in to.

Scanlon studios of Neenah does our school photos and they do a great job, and the prices are very reasonable.

Proofs are generally sent home about two weeks after picture day ,at that time you can approve and order using the order form, or you can return the proof with the work “retake” written on it. Retakes are currently scheduled for October 21st. Please let Mr. Dahms know if you have any questions.