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"Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other."

Romans 12:10

Note From Dr. Wrobbel

These are busy times at Trinity Oaks Christian Academy. Along with our daily pursuit of academic excellence in subjects like; language arts, math, social studies, and science there are many outstanding activities, projects, and opportunities for our students. Students have recently participated in the ACSI Spelling Bee and today students in grades one through six demonstrated their oratory skills in the Speech Meet. (Thank you to Mrs. Bingham for coordinating the Speech Meet and to each one who helped as a judge or special helper. We could not sponsor these events, parents, without your assistance – thank you.) Junior high students are working on their Science Fair projects and the boys' basketball team (grades 7/8) finished their conference season last night taking second place in the tournament. Thank you coach Hodge for your work with our boys. The cheerleaders also added much to the excitement of the boy's home basketball games and the tournament. Thank you to Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Wynsma for your work with the girls.

I am also excited about the spiritual growth that is taking place as our students are challenged in Bible class and Gro' Zone to learn and apply God's Word to all aspects of their lives. Please continue to pray for the administration, faculty, and students of Trinity Oaks. It is our desire to live lives fully committed to know Jesus more intimately, share Him more freely, and obediently follow Him.

Finally, I also want to encourage each of you to be praying for and helping us recruit new families to the school for the 2010-11 school year. We are currently hosting many potential Trinity Oaks families as they inquire and tour our facility. Please pray that these result in applications, interviews and enrolled new families. You and your children are our best recruiters

Thank you for helping us get the word out about our school.

A Special Note From Mrs. Briggs

As you read this note in the Parents' Page, Dave and I will be driving to Arizona. I shall miss you so very much; as I write this the lump in my throat gets bigger! Thank you so very much for wishes, prayers, thoughts, cards and remembrances that will last my lifetime. The last six and a half years have been a blessing. Trinity Oaks is such a wonderful school, and your children are just the best! In our family we continually have seen the fruits from the monetary sacrifice of having put our boys (now men!) through a school like TOCA, and I know you will too!

We prayed confidently for a great Spanish teacher to come our way when God called us to Arizona, and God sent Nancy Allen! It has been a pleasure working with Nancy these last few weeks as she shadowed me. I know you and your students will be blessed! I love all of you!

Welcome Mrs. Nancy Allen

Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Allen to Trinity Oaks. You can reach her by phone at ext 43, or by email at nallen@trinity-oaks.org.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Dr. Wrobbel and the Board would like to invite you to attend "Vision 2020" on February 8, 6:45 p.m., in the gym. At this meeting, the Board will lay out TOCA's strategic road map for the next ten years.

We are requesting that each family be represented at this meeting. Dessert and coffee will be served and child care will be available. Response forms will be sent home next week in Tyveks.

Geography Bee Results Are In

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the National Geographic Geography Bee on Wednesday. Tommy Kruk (5th) is our school winner, followed by runner up Meagan Cufir (6th), and second runner up Mary Morrissey (6th). Tommy will now take a written exam to determine if he qualifies to compete at the state level.

Only 3 Openings Left!

If you have a sibling that you're planning on enrolling in the 3-year-old preschool program next year, Melissa Filippi needs to hear from you immediately! Registration is now open to the public with only three spots left.

Elementary Science Fair

If your second through fifth grader wants to participate in the TOCA Science Fair they may! Information is included in your Tyveks this week. Note that this year ACSI is requiring all students to conduct an experiment. If your student is interested, entry forms must be returned by Monday, 2/1. Students who return the response form will then be sent out a more detailed packet.

We Need Your Help!

We have an immediate need for lunchroom help on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch is a time where the students can have some down time, chat with their friends, and hopefully get outside for some much needed fresh air. Without sufficient volunteer help, students have to remain in their seats or worse yet possibly eat in their classrooms. Please stop by the school office and fill in some of the gaps on the lunchroom calendar. Thank you in advance!

Junior High Salad Dressing Week

Just for fun, the junior high students are invited to dress according to the salad dressing of the day next week as follows:

Monday-Thousand Island, Hawaiian or tropical wear
Tuesday-Ranch, cowboy/girl, western wear
Wednesday-French, high fashion Parisian
Thursday-Greek
Friday-House, TOCA spirit wear

**Please note, clothing must be wardrobe appropriate. For Thursday, students who choose to wear togas must wear wardrobe clothing underneath. If your student chooses not to dress in the theme of the day, normal wardrobe attire is required.

Calling All Judges

Last week, orange science fair response sheets were sent home in Tyveks. Although we have received some back, we are in need of several more judges to be able to have a successful science fair. Judging is not only fun, but educational as well! You will definitely be impressed by the knowledge and creativity of our student body as they walk you through their experiments. No experience is required and you will not be working alone! Please sign-up to help and join us the morning of 3/9.

End of Second Quarter

Today, 1/22, marks the end of first half of the school year! Grades have been posted, and report cards will be sent home on 1/29. This means that tardy records will be wiped clean! Let's all accept the challenge to make it a priority to arrive at school in a timely manner. Class time is valuable and it is important that each child be in their classroom ready to go for the day before the bell rings.

Pack the Boots

It has been noted that some of the elementary students have been coming to school in their snow boots instead of wardrobe shoes and wearing them until after recess. Please remind your students to change into their wardrobe shoes when they come into the building if you find it necessary to send them to school wearing boots. Thank you!

Enrollment for 2010-11

Re-enrollment packets for the next school year will be sent home the second week of February. If you know of families who would benefit from the quality, Christian education offered here at Trinity Oaks, please have them contact Melissa Filippi at extension 23.

Walk-In Open House

The next opportunity for you to invite friends and family to learn more about Trinity Oaks is this Thursday, 1/28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Help us to get the word out and fill the house with prospective families! We already have classes filling up for next school year so tell your friends not to delay!

Outstanding Orators

Attached is a list of the students who qualified to advance to the ACSI Regional Speech Meet on 3/12, along with the selections they will be reciting. Congratulations to all!

TOCA SPEECH MEET WINNERS

| First | Last | Grade | Category | Title |
|----------|----------------|-------|-------------------|--|
| Tristan | Viegas | 2 | Bible | Proverbs 3:1-6 |
| Joelle | Kantayya | 2 | Bible | Matthew 5:43-48 |
| Evan | Cufr | 2 | Fable/Folklore | Old Hound |
| Alyssa | Rzany | 2 | Poetry | Jabbering in School |
| George | Bieschke | 2 | Poetry | Good Morning |
| Nicole | Dorn | 3 | Bible | Psalms 51:1-12 |
| Olivia | Shannon | 3 | Bible | Luke 12:22-28 |
| Abigail | Gold | 3 | Fable/Folklore | The Country Mouse and the City Mouse |
| Brian | Haglund | 3 | Fable/Folklore | Someone Sees You |
| Abigail | Mugler | 3 | Poetry | The Library |
| Aidan | McCarthy | 3 | Poetry | Ant Hills |
| Faith | Poppe | 4 | Bible | Mark 10:17-27 |
| Justin | Mikolajczewski | 4 | Bible | Psalms 119:1-8 |
| Shane | Morrison | 4 | Poetry | If I Were A Pilgrim Child |
| Sophia | Crawford | 4 | Poetry | Daddy's Reward |
| Cali | Schilling | 5 | Bible | Phil 2:5-16 |
| Ethan | St. John | 5 | Bible | Psalms 33:1-12 |
| Brian | Dorn | 5 | Dramatic Bible | #22 |
| Madison | Wolschlager | 5 | Dramatic Bible | #9 |
| Kerrick | Podgorski | 5 | Patriotic Oration | #14 |
| Tommy | Kruk | 5 | Patriotic Oration | #13 |
| Justin | Rutherford | 5 | Poetry | The First Snow |
| Julia | Brown | 5 | Poetry | The Potter |
| Meagan | Cufr | 6 | Bible | Isaiah 42:1-8 |
| Allison | Arkell | 6 | Bible | Psalms 19:1-11 |
| Samantha | Rzany | 6 | Dramatic Bible | Songs that Open Prison Doors |
| Shannon | Morrison | 6 | Dramatic Bible | Jesus Bring a Little Girl Back to Life |
| Dakota | Bliler | 6 | Patriotic Oration | On Women's Rights |
| Haley | Meyer | 6 | Patriotic Oration | The Whistle |
| Emma | Gold | 6 | Poetry | The Singer's Revenge |
| Joslyn | Wynsma | 6 | Poetry | The Children's Hour |