



PARENTS' PAGE

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“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”

Psalm 91:1

Note From Mr. Wrobbel

We are off to a great start. I want to thank each of you for all that you have done and are doing to help us begin this school year so well. It has been great to meet as well as reconnect with many of you over the past two weeks. Thanks for your concern for this school and the commitment you have made to work closely with us in the process of Christian education. Many of you have already given hours of your time to help assist us with the many activities that kick off a new school year. Thank you! We can always use more help – would you help us in the lunchroom? We have great supervisors but need additional helpers almost every day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We have 187 students enrolled this year. It is our belief that each child is here because God has ordained it. We also believe that He wants to do a wonderful work in their hearts and lives. Will you commit to pray with us towards this end? We truly desire to be a community that has hearts that are “fully committed” to Him. Thanks again for all that you will do to help us as we work with you this year.

I am always fascinated to hear what our students have for breakfast. Did you know that breakfast is the most important meal of your child's day? It provides the nutrients and energy s/he needs to concentrate in school. Research even shows that kids who eat breakfast get better grades, pay more attention in class, and behave better. Help your youngster begin their day on the right foot. Set the example at home for them to follow.

Give your child a mix of protein (such as milk, eggs, cheese, or meat) and carbohydrates (whole-grain cereal, fruit, or whole-wheat bread). The carbohydrates boost energy and help your child jump-start

their day; the protein keeps the body and mind going strong until lunchtime.

Late Start Mondays

This Monday, 9/14, and the second Monday of each month, school starts at 9:25 a.m. On these days, you may drop off students at 9:15 a.m. to wait in the vestibule.

Grandparents' Day

Each year, Trinity Oaks honors our wonderful grandparents in an all-school celebration. Invitations went out this week inviting grandparents to attend this event on Friday, 10/16. We have extra invitations on hand if there is a surrogate grandparent (aunt, uncle, neighbor) you would like to invite; we encourage each child to have someone to spend this special morning with! It takes many volunteers to make this day a success including food preparation, photographers, and valet parkers just to name a few. Call Gwen Wolschlager at 815-356-1589 for more details.

URGENT Help Request

Please read this message from our lunchroom supervisors as it directly effects your children:

We need 3 parent volunteers in the lunchroom on a daily basis in addition to the lunchroom supervisor. If we do not have sufficient help, the children do not have the option of going out for recess after lunch which they not only look forward to but need (the teachers need for them to have this break also)! In case you didn't know, 5th-8th graders get no other recess time other than after lunch so this is HUGE for them. Our kids deserve the opportunity to be refreshed, refueled and relaxed. Won't you consider helping?
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The need is great and immediate! So PLEASE be Jesus' hands and feet and sign up to be a lunchroom volunteer. The sign-up sheet is in the school office-you may sign up weekly or monthly, whatever you are available to do. You will be blessed and be a hero to many in our TOCA family by your willingness to serve! Many thanks from your lunchroom supervisors Linda Dzialo and Annette Podgorski.

Save the Date

Mark your calendars now for the annual Fall Banquet on Saturday, October 17 at 7 p.m. You won't want to miss our guest speaker, Dr. Glen Schultz, Headmaster of Sherwood Christian Academy. This church and school produced the movies *Facing the Giants*, *Fireproof*, and *Flywheel*.

Privileged to Pray

On Monday mornings, parents are invited to stop in after drop-off to pray for the teachers, students, and school. Prayer is an integral part of the day at Trinity Oaks, and we don't want you to miss out on this incredible opportunity to join with other parents in petitioning the Lord on behalf of our school. Siblings who are not yet in school are welcome to come with you.

I Scream for Ice Cream!

Fridays are not just pizza days at TOCA. We also have a variety of ice cream and popsicle treats available for sale. Don't forget to send 50 cents with your children, such a deal!

Fall Family Fun

Look for details next week about the TOCA Stade Farm fall outing on September 26. This year, there will be many more activities included during the event along with the famous hayride and bonfire. Save the date!

Spirit Wear

If you ordered one of the new TOCA tees or sweat-shirts, they will be arriving home on Friday. If you missed the order, we do have a few extra on hand for purchase in the office.

Students in the Spotlight

Here at Trinity Oaks, we realize that there are many areas in which students may shine in addition to academics. We like to take the opportunity to recognize students for their achievements as often as we are able. Last weekend, Madison Haslow (3rd) competed in the Illinois Hunter Jumper Association horse show and was awarded 1st place for equitation. This places Madison 2nd overall in equitation for the end-of-year banquet. Congratulations!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, 9/12

Cross Country Prairie Ridge Invitational

Monday, 9/14

ALL SCHOOL LATE START 9:25 a.m.

Market Day Orders Due

Parent Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m.

VB Practice 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Music Education Sign-Up @ SS P&P

6 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, 9/15

CC Practice 3 p.m.-4 p.m.

VB Practice 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Back to School Night 6th-8th 7 p.m.

Wednesday, 9/16

Gro' Zone

VB Practice 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Thursday, 9/17

CC Practice 3 p.m.-4 p.m.

VB Practice 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Friday, 9/18

TOCA Spirit Wear Day

Last Day to Order Mums!

CC Veteran's Acres 4 p.m.

VB St. Matthew Tournament time TBA

Saturday, 9/19

VB St. Matthew Tournament time TBA

Sports Corner

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: The *cross country* team will be running in the :
: Prairie Ridge Invitational this Saturday. Run- :
: ners, meet Coach Mann under our blue tent :
: by 9:15 a.m. Come cheer them on if you're in :
: the area!
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: *Girls' volleyball* season starts off with a tour- :
: nament at St. Matthew Lutheran School in :
: Lake Zurich. Games will be on Friday and :
: Saturday, times TBA.
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