

TRINITY OAKS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

2009-2010

Year Verses

"For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him"

2 Chronicles 16:9a

Parents' Page Summer 2009

From the Head of School—Mr. Wrobbel

Greetings from Trinity Oaks! It is hard to believe that summer is half over. Here in the office, we have enjoyed the change of pace that summer has provided. But with each passing day the excitement and anticipation of a new school year continues to grow. I trust you have enjoyed trips to the beach or pool, visits to the library, ice cream cones, baseball games, vacations, camps, and many opportunities to spend time together as families, and a much needed change of pace. I hope you have experienced rest and refreshment these past few

weeks. We continue to ramp up for the beginning of a new school year. Teachers are working in their classrooms, the maintenance crew is putting finishing touches on the school building, and we are anticipating the start of the new school year. Thank you for your prayers this summer. The Lord has provided us with two outstanding new teachers. I look forward to introducing them to you at "Back to School Night." Please continue to remember all the teachers in prayer as they plan and prepare for the school year. I look forward to

seeing you at the H.O.P.E. Picnic on Saturday, August 22nd at 11:30 a.m. Until then, may God continue to bless your family with many more opportunities for fellowship, laughter and the creation of great memories.



We are planning a school year filled with fun and learning!

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Important Dates:

- © 8/10-8/13—Boys and Girls Basketball Camp 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (incoming 5th-8th graders)
- © 8/17-8/20—Girls Volleyball Camp 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (incoming 6th-8th graders)
- © 8/22—PK & K Meet Your Teacher 11 a.m.
- © 8/22—School Picnic 11:30 a.m.
- © 8/31—First Day of School PK-8th (11:30 dismissal) **FORMAL CHAPEL**
- © 9/1—First Day of School Preschool
- © 9/3-9/4—Junior High Retreat
- © 9/7—Labor Day No School
- © 9/10—Back to School Night PK-5th Grades 7 p.m.
- © 9/14 Music Education Sign-Up 6 p.m.
- © 9/15—Back to School Night 6th-8th grades 7 p.m.
- © 9/21—Market Day Pick-Up
- © 9/25—Sports Wear Day
- © 9/26—Stade Farm Family Fall Outing
- © 10/1—Preschool and K-8th School Pictures
- © 10/2—PK School Pictures
- © 10/16—Grandparents' Day (11:30 a.m. dismissal) **FORMAL CHAPEL**
- © 10/17—Fall Banquet

What the First Day of School Looks Like...

The first day of school for PK-8th grades is Monday, August 31, 2009. Formal chapel attire is required on the first day of school. The doors open at 8:05 a.m. The tardy bell for Junior High rings at 8:15 a.m. and at 8:25 a.m. for PK-5th. Dismissal for all grades is

11:30 a.m.. All parents are cordially invited to attend the First Day Coffee. Enjoy a pleasant break during the first morning back to school by joining us in the lunchroom from 8:45 a.m.-11:25 a.m.. This is your opportunity to learn more about fundraising activities, volunteering and H.O.P.E.

(Husky Organization of Parents and Educators) events planned for this school year. Field Trip Polo shirts will be available for purchase if needed. We hope you can attend.

The first day of school for preschool is Tuesday, September 1, 2009. Hours are from 8:25 a.m. (doors

open at 8:05 a.m.) until 11:25 a.m.



School Office News...

Faculty In-Service Days:

Please pray for our faculty and staff as they meet during the week of August 24th. These are strategic meetings and much needs to be accomplished during this time. With this in mind, we would ask that you do not disturb them by dropping by their classrooms. Please respect their need to work in their classrooms so that they can be ready for your children on the first day of school.



Welcome to New Faculty:

Please join us in welcoming the following teachers to our TOCA faculty &

staff:

- ◆ Miss Ashley Moore-Junior High (6th grade homeroom, and junior high language arts)
- ◆ Mrs. Laura Morrissey-3rd Grade

Student Files:

In order to keep your student's file up to date, the following medical forms need to be completed:

New Students:

- ◆ State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination Form (dated within 1 year of start of school)
- ◆ Complete Immunization Record
- ◆ State of Illinois Eye Exam Report

(completed upon entry into kindergarten or the first year entering school)

- ◆ Certified copy of birth certificate

Returning Students:

- ◆ Students entering kindergarten and sixth grade need updated physicals dated within one year of the start of school
- ◆ Students entering kindergarten and grades two and six need a State of Illinois Proof of School Dental Exam Form, due in May, dated within 18 months.

Medical forms can be obtained on the school website www.trinity-oaks.org.

Music Department News...

Band:

This fall, your child in grades 4-8 will have an opportunity to join the school band. Band is being offered through Music Education Services, and classes will begin forming the first week of school. Students will attend a concert introducing them to the families of instruments on 9/8. Interested students will then take part in a

hands-on exploration of the instruments and have an opportunity to play a few on 9/10. Music Education Services sign-up will be held on Monday, 9/14, at 6:00 p.m. There is an additional cost for this special program.



Co-Curricular Sports News...

Co-Ed Jr. High Cross Country training has already begun! Races are scheduled to begin the first week of school. Look on the school's website for details.

Summer Sports Camps (incoming 5th-8th graders)

- ◆ Boys' and girls' basketball camp has been changed to **one week**, 8/10-8/13 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- ◆ Girls' volleyball camp will be of-

ferred 8/17-8/20 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

The cost of each camp is \$50. Registration will be available the first day of camp.

Girls' Jr. High Volleyball practice will start the week of August 24th. Practices will be held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. In order to attend practice, girls must be pre-registered. If you have not done so, please contact

Parent Communication

You are reading the first issue of the 2009-2010 Parents' Page. During the school year, the Parents' Page will be published weekly and emailed each Friday (it will also be posted on the school website). Other office communication for your family will be sent home in a white Tyvek envelope. Tyveks are to be returned in your child's backpack on Monday mornings.

Information from teachers will be distributed in the classroom.

We will assume that you are reading this important information.

Laura Duzey in the school office.

Athletic Physicals are required for anyone planning on participating in co-curricular sports. There are local clinics that will do athletic only physicals for a minimal charge. If your student is having a full physical done, the doctor can mark the appropriate box allowing participation in interscholastic sports. Physicals must be completed by the first day practice.

General Announcements...

Summer Picnic:

Join us on Saturday, August 22, as we kick off the school year potluck style and enjoy time with other TOCA families. The picnic will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the school gym. Please bring blankets or chairs and the following according to grade level (youngest):

PK-1st	Dessert
2nd-5th	Side Dish
6th-8th	Chips

Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Volunteers will be needed, please look for an email from HOPE as the date approaches!

Picnic Pie Auction:

Calling all bakers! Bill Bliler (TOCA Board) wants to auction off YOUR fabulous homemade pies and cakes during the picnic. So, get your favorite cookbook down off the shelf! Pull out Grandma's pecan pie recipe! We have entry slots for 20 pies and cakes. Contact Carolyn Pearson at 847-516-8040 to sign up or for more details. All proceeds will go to benefit the school library and the technology program at TOCA.

Clothing Resale:

Traditionally, gently used TOCA wardrobe items have been offered at bargain prices at the summer school picnic. In order for this to happen, we need a

volunteer or two to head up organizing the sale. If you are interested, please contact Peg or Laura in the school office.

Emergency Cards:

Each student must have an emergency card on file prior to the first day of school. Emergency cards were included in the summer packets sent home in May (mailed to new families). If you do not have an emergency card for your student(s), please contact the school office as soon as possible.

School Supply Lists:

School supply lists were sent home in the summer packet on the last day of school. Supply lists are also available on our website.

Medication:

In order for us to dispense medication to students during school hours, we must have a doctor-signed School Medication Permission Form on file. This form must be updated on an annual basis. All medication with the exception of inhalers for asthma must be kept in the office. Please do not send any medication in lunch boxes, pockets, or backpacks. This includes over-the-counter medication such as pain relievers and allergy medication.

*Please note that medication left in the nurse's station from the 08-09 school year will be disposed of if not picked up by August 22.

Trinity Oaks/H.O.P.E. Fundraising...



Market Day provides opportunities to raise money for our school by selling popular food products and pre-made meals. Last year our school earned \$1774. Orders are placed and picked up monthly at the school. Details will be posted on the school website as well as the school calendar.



Clip and save **Box Tops** for Education during the summer months to help raise money for the school. Contests will be held during the school

year and earnings will be posted in the Parents' Page. Last year we earned over \$1000 by using this program.

Race For Education is our only all-school fundraiser. This past May our race was extremely successful! The weather was great and there were no injuries! TOCA raised over \$33,600 with funds still coming in. These funds will be used to support various school activities and programs. We look forward to another successful race in May of '10!



T.R.I.P.

The TRIP program (Tuition Reimbursement Incentive Program) is up and running! Earn tuition credit by purchasing gift cards to hundreds of stores, restaurants, movie theaters, and gas stations. TRIP orders are placed on Mondays during the school year, and cards are sent home in Tyvek on Fridays. During the summer, orders are placed on a monthly basis. A limited supply of gift cards are kept in the office for immediate purchase. Questions? Contact Laura Duzey at the school office.

New Parent Coffee...

Parents who are new to the school are invited to attend a special coffee on 8/18 or 8/20. We encourage you to

come meet other new families and enjoy fellowship while getting acquainted with Trinity Oaks. Invitations will be mailed in August.

Time: Evening

Place: TBA



Late Start Mondays...

Beginning September 14th and continuing each second Monday of the month thereafter, school will start at 9:30 a.m. During this time on late start Mondays, teachers will be meeting in professional learning communities. PLC's are school-based

professionals caring for and working to improve students learning together by engaging in continuous collective learning that focuses on improving student learning in concrete and specific ways. Our goal is to continue to grow a vital community of educational

professionals who work together to increase our effectiveness and strengthen the relationship between teacher professional development and broadening student learning so that students learn more successfully.

Special Wardrobe Days...

Fridays are jean days at Trinity Oaks! Students may wear traditionally cut jeans (no baggy, flare, or carpenter style), capris, or shorts (1st and 4th quarters only) along with a wardrobe polo every Friday. In addition, there

are some Fridays that are theme days when students may dress as follows:

Decade Day: Appropriate clothing from the decade of your choice (70's, etc.)

Spiritwear Day: Trinity Oaks tees or

sweatshirts with jeans

Sports Wear Day: Jerseys or tees supporting your favorite personal or professional sports team with jeans

Witness Wear Day: Shirts from church or youth group, Christian camps, etc. with jeans

Back to School Nights...

Parents with students in preschool-5th grade, mark your calendars for Thursday, September 11th, for Back to School Night. Teachers have prepared information you need to hear; please honor them by attending. Back to School Night for parents with students in 6th-8th grades will be Tuesday, September 16th. These programs will begin at 7

p.m. sharp in the gym and will conclude about 8:30 p.m. The teachers are looking forward to meeting you and discussing details about the upcoming school year.



"Equipping future generations with wisdom, knowledge, and character to impact their world for Christ with servants' hearts."

Junior High Retreat...

The first week of school, the junior high staff, administration, and students head to Lake Geneva Conference Center for a two day retreat. The purpose of the retreat is to build a spiritual foundation for the upcoming school year and to pro-

mote unity among the junior high team. There will be a special speaker, team-building activities, and praise and worship times. This year, the Junior High Retreat will be 9/3-9/4. Details and permission slips will be sent home in August. If

you are interested in being a chap-erone, please contact either Mr. Wrobbel or Mrs. Marsh.