

# Trinity Lutheran High School

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## Built On A Firm Foundation

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Dear Friend of Trinity Lutheran High School,

The start of Trinity's tenth school year is truly an exciting event! To start this year, we are introducing a new theme, ***Built on a Firm Foundation***, based on the Scripture from first Corinthians above. The theme celebrates not only the joy that comes from the victory Christ won for us through His death and resurrection, but the power He gives us to stand firm in our faith!

Three new full-time, called educators have now joined us in southern Indiana, ready for service, as well as a local, part-time teacher. First to arrive was Justin Vorthmann, along with wife Abigail and children Loren (3) and Benjamin (5). Justin will teach Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, and Calculus, and will serve as assistant soccer coach in the fall. Justin graduated from Concordia, Seward, and has five years experience teaching at Trinity Lutheran in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Rebecca Helmer comes to us from Concordia Lutheran in Tomball, Texas, where she taught 11 years in the areas of English, journalism, creative writing, and newspaper. She will teach in the areas of ninth and tenth grade English, and World History. She is a graduate of Concordia, Seward as well.

Aaron Rudzinski arrived with his wife Emilie, and children Sophia (3) and Lydia (5 months!), from Central Lutheran School in Rochester, Minnesota where he taught science and served as athletic director for seven years. He will serve as athletic director and teach in the areas of biology, as well as coach in the basketball program this winter. He is a graduate of Concordia, River Forest.

Additionally, Bonnie Koontz has accepted a contract to teach one period of accounting at Trinity, following her retirement of many years of service at Crothersville High School. Bonnie is married to Arv Koontz, who has also been a wonderful supporter over the years!

May God bless the students and staff with another wonderful year of service to their Lord!

August 2 – Fall athletics begin

August 4 – All fall sport parent meeting 7:00 p.m.

August 6 – New student orientation (students from 8:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m., parents from 1:00-2:45 p.m.)

August 8 – Dedication service at St. John, Sauers 9:00 a.m.

August 10 – First day of school

In Him,

Daniel Sievert

Principal

Trinity Lutheran High School

**TLHS Mission Statement:** Trinity Lutheran High School seeks to educate, develop, and prepare Christian servants and leaders.

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*The Trinity Lutheran High School*  
Production of



*November 4th, 5th,  
6th & 7th  
at 7:00 P.M*

*Tickets go on sale October 1st*

*Watch for More Information*

Music by **Alan Menken**      Lyrics by **Howard Ashman & Tim Rice**      Book by **Linda Wolverton**

## ***From Your Director of Development...***

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

### **Built On A Firm Foundation**

The start of a new school year is upon us. We have a large incoming freshman class that has joined the upper classman to give us the largest number of students we've had on campus at one time. With this new year and the future events that we've planned to meet the classroom and facility needs for these students, comes a new school year and future capital campaign theme entitled "Built On A Firm Foundation." This theme is based on 1 Cor. 15:57-58:

***"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."***

This is a very strong theme that will not only encourage, direct, and motivate all of us here at Trinity, but can also do the same for all of you that are donors, members of the association, and parents of present or future students at Trinity. This theme is a call to us to stand up for and support the things in our Christian walk that we know are morally and ethically right and a benefit to the faith development of the church, especially our children.

We Christians know that our "labor in the Lord is not in vain," especially in the area of parochial education. This area of southern Indiana knows this wonderful blessing first hand, but we also know it has not just happened. By God's grace you have diligently and sacrificially supported our Christian schools for years. Praise be to God! Trinity Lutheran High School in nine short years has become a part of this tremendous blessing, too, by setting a high standard in academics and more. Trinity is not only equipping its students with the ability to "stand firm" in their faith after they leave our halls, but also with servant hearts and the ability to lead with Christian ethics when called upon.

It is my prayer that our Lord moves in the hearts of this Christian/Lutheran community to stand firm and let nothing move you from your commitment to support parochial education by supporting the future plans to add facilities to Trinity. God gives us the victory through Jesus Christ. God also gives us opportunities to make a difference. Let us then be assured that our labor in the Lord to support the students of Trinity will not be in vain.

***"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." Proverbs 19:21***  
***"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11***  
***"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." Proverbs 16:3***

### **Current Laboring In The Lord**

By the time you receive this newsletter the addition to the parking lot will be close to completion. Thank you again to all the donors who supported this cause last March at the auction and to Paul Foster of Foster Brothers for donating his time and work on this project. Also, work on a track and field complex has started with plans to have it done by the middle of October. I'd like to thank Andy and Misty Royalty for donating funds to cover the entire cost of this project and for also finding a number of local companies to donate their work.

### **A New Development**

At the Trinity Board of Director's meeting in May, Brent Marksberry, made a presentation to start plans for a Trinity football program. Brent and a group of anonymous donors have offered to cover the entire costs of putting in place the things we will need to field a team. This will include but is not limited to: a field, lights, bleachers, concessions, fencing, equipment, trailer, insurance, and ticket booth. Brent sought approval and support from the Board, so he could move forward and put items in place as the track is being built, so there would be no damage to the track through additional construction at a later time. The Board approved this proposal with the clear understanding that there will be no monies from the Trinity general fund to help pay for this project. This was acceptable to Brent and the group of donors who support this project. They are doing it solely for the benefit of Trinity and its future students.

### **Laboring Through Gifts**

As I write this letter in July it appears that Trinity will once again finish in the black at the end of our fiscal year on July 31, 2010. This will be the fifth year now that the Lord has bestowed this blessing on us. Thank you! It is a joy to be a part of this loving and caring community and to serve you and the students of Trinity through my calling to be your Director of Development. I also look forward to experiencing with you the Lord's continued blessings He has in store for the students at Trinity.

Have a blessed fall and thank you for your ongoing loving support!  
Michael Bridges, DCE  
Director of Development, TLHS



*In Memory Of...*

**Emery McClellan**

Mr. & Mrs. Jess Koevener  
Jennifer Siefker  
Don & Barbara Bruce  
Pat & Dale Weasner  
Carol King  
American Family Orthodontics  
Garey & Marilee Patmore

**William O'Neal**

Phyllis Neidinger

**Zella Bohnenkamp**

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Shirley Shade

*In Honor Of...*

**Lawrence Holle's 80th Birthday**

Ella Benter

**Gladys Lambring's 90th Birthday**

Cliff & Kathryn Sierp

*In Celebration Of...*

**Rick & Linda Ferguson's**

**40th Wedding Anniversary**

Betty & Jerry Hall



### **Thank You...**

To the faculty, staff, students, school board and supporters of Trinity Lutheran High School:

Theodor Seuss Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, once said, “Don’t cry because it’s over. Smile because it happened.” I, too, am smiling as I make my final farewell to Trinity.

First, I would like to thank Joel Landskroener for taking a chance on hiring me.

Second, I would like to thank all the incredible support from Trinity’s parents. I had never worked in a school with so much parental involvement. What a blessing to receive phone calls and emails from parents who wanted to know what they could do to help their child be a success in my class.

Third, I would like to sing accolades to the faculty and staff at Trinity. Each teacher and staff member showed the grace of God both in school and out. Teachers taught me to see the good in all the students and situations. The staff showed me the hands and feet of Christ in action. Each gave selflessly of their time, energy, and dedication to the complete education of Trinity students.

Fourth and most important, I would like to thank the students of Trinity Lutheran High School. I never met a Trinity student I didn’t like. Each student has proven to be unique and precious in his or her own way.

I have truly enjoyed my time at Trinity and will miss everyone. I will continue to pray for the exciting future of TLHS. May God bless TLHS and all involved in it.

*“For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remember you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His incomparable great power for us who believe.” Ephesians 1:15-19*

Yours in Christ, Kathy Ellis

### **School Calendar Correction**

Presidents’ Day was inadvertently listed as February 14th on our calendar. It should be February 21st.

### **My Experience at the HOBY Seminar**

**By Sarah Onken**

This summer, from June 10-13, I had the opportunity to represent Trinity at the 2010 HOBY Indiana Seminar. HOBY stands for Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership. It’s a program specifically designed for high school sophomores to learn about service and leadership. These seminars are held all over the world, but I only had to travel just over an hour to Butler University.

155 sophomores from all over Indiana were brought together to learn about three different phases of leadership – personal leadership, leadership in groups and teams, and leadership by service. Each phase came with its own speakers, activities, and group discussion. At the end of each group discussion, we were asked to write down a paragraph or two summing up our own personal reflection on the subject.

From this seminar, I learned many different things. There are many styles of leadership. A leader doesn’t have to be loud or even direct tasks. A leader can be an example and help others without saying a word. Volunteering is a great way to help out your community. There are plenty of ways to donate your time in our community and even in church. Acolytes, ushers, and nursery attendants are a few small but important roles in the church that are fulfilled by volunteers.

Remember those paragraphs I said we had to write? The HOBY board read each and every one of them. None of us knew this was going to happen. The board selected my short essays as the most outstanding! I can’t remember what I wrote, but I guess the judges saw that I “got” it. I understand what HOBY taught me, and I plan on putting everything I learned into action.

### **2010-2011 Blood Drive Dates**

Thursday, October 21 – 2 to 6 P.M.

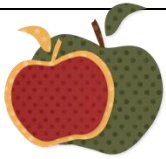
Thursday, January 27 – 2 to 6 P.M.

Thursday, April 14th – 2 to 6 P.M.

*Please plan ahead –*

*We hope to see you there!!*





## IS IT THAT TIME ALREADY?

*Yep, it's time to be shopping for that  
BACK TO SCHOOL WARDROBE.*

*Before you head out to any of the stores in town,  
or spend money for gas to travel to the mall,  
stop in at the*

### **COUGAR'S DEN**

*You will find a complete line of clothing for  
pre-schoolers, youngsters, tweens, teens, and shoes  
to complete the outfits. All items are in A-1 condition,  
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*Try the **Cougar's Den** first – you will be very pleased  
with what you'll find. Where else can you save money  
while shopping and at the same time be  
supporting Christian Education!*

Hours: 9 to 5, Thursday & Friday  
10 to 2, Saturday

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### **Trinity's Fall Musical**

Trinity's Drama and Music departments are excited to announce this year's musical production, a Disney favorite, **Beauty and the Beast**. Join us for an enchanted evening on Thursday, November 4; Friday, November 5; Saturday, November 6; or Sunday, November 7 where you'll hear Trinity's renditions of famous songs like "Be Our Guest," "Something There," and "Belle". Look for more news in future newsletters. We hope to see you there!



### **Attention All Seamstresses**

Our high school students will need some new clothes! As we prepare to present **Beauty and the Beast** this fall, we are in need of volunteers to help sew a variety of costumes. If you know how to sew and can donate your time, we'll provide the material, measurements, and an opportunity to be part of an exciting production. Thanks in advance for using your gifts and talents to serve our music and drama students at Trinity!

### **New Student Orientation**

Orientation for new students will take place at Trinity on Friday, August 6. Student orientation will start at 8:00 A.M. and end at 2:45 P.M. Parents will meet from 1:00 to 2:45 P.M. The purpose of the orientation is to acquaint new students with their school and each other. All students should bring a Bible. Girls should

also bring a snack and boys should bring three cans of some type of drink. Pizza will be provided for lunch. If you have questions, call the school office at 524-8547.

### **Recruitment Update...**

Trinity looks forward to adding 46 students to campus this year. Forty-three of the students will be entering as freshmen. They include: Nicholas Anderson, Aaron Bloch, Andrew Cain, Hayden Caudill, Haley Couch, Dillon DeVore, Morgan Elkins, Connor Galyen, Jacob Harless, Mandan Langley, Jack Lucas, Kayla McCain, Renee Meadors, Nathan Murphy, Gretchen Nesbit, Mariah Nolan, Seth Onken, Nathan Pollen, Brenny Pollert, Allison Posey, Cassidy Prentice, Gabriele Rebber, Stone Riddle, Jonathan Rollins, Hannah Schult, Robin Setty, Danielle Shelley, Brianna Sons, Joshua Southerland, Jessica Speckner, Jacob Stout, Craig Stuckwisch, Jared Stuckwisch, Blake Thomas, Allison Trimpe, Brittany VonDielingen, Allison Voss, Henry Welker, Shay White, Job Willman Set Wooten, Whitney Wooten, and Matthew Zarick. Two upperclassmen, Loren Schlichting and Zach Moore will also become Cougars this fall as well as Nina Fluegel who will be a foreign exchange student from Germany. Please help us welcome our new students!

Join us for our first Open House this year at Trinity on Saturday, September 25, from 8:00 to 10:00 A.M. and receive one free student admission to the Cougar Invitational Volleyball Tournament. Please enter through the gymnasium.

If you are interested in attending Trinity or know of someone who might be interested, please contact Recruitment Director, Michelle Bauman at 1-812-524-8547. We are currently enrolling students for the 2010-2011 school year.

## **Parents Remember!!**



**Enrollment Fees**

**Book Fees**

**Athletic Physicals**

**Proof of Immunization**

**Emergency Cards**

**All Fall Sports Parent Meeting**

Wed., August 4 – 7 P.M.

**New Student Orientation**

Fri., August 6, 8:30 A.M. to  
2:45 P.M.

