

Built On A Firm Foundation

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Gift Received to Give

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:8)

Dear Friend of Trinity Lutheran High School,

The month of December fills the minds of many with a wide variety of thoughts; some see it as just another month with various homes decorated in lights, while others look forward to Santa's visit and nothing else. And then there are those of us who ride along with the shepherds to the manger to celebrate together the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

For most, there is gift giving, and for many, mostly the younger, it is about gift receiving. The innocence of youth is at times an ironic reflection on those of us who are a bit older. As such, we still may suffer the same wants they have, albeit on a bigger scale. There are certain things that from time to time we feel might bring increased happiness, but we may or may not receive them. It is a blessing that God is in control and sees to our needs for eternity, and not temporal joys that not only won't last, but may take our focus off of Him.

While there is nothing greater we can receive as a gift this Christmas than the celebration of the birth of God's Son, there is nothing greater we can give to others than the message of our Savior, Christ the Lord. It is a secret that satan wants us to keep - this month, and throughout the year. This Christmas presents an opportunity to witness to many who may be in church for the tradition, but are in need of a relationship with their Savior; His reassurance of forgiveness and promise of everlasting life.

The grace given to us through Jesus Christ is a gift that should be shared in all seasons and places. May God empower us with the Holy Spirit to share with others the news of Jesus' birth and gift of salvation!

In Him,

Daniel Sievert
Principal



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

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Next Blood Drive – Wednesday, January 19, 2 to 6 P.M.



Merry Christmas
from the

Students and Staff
of Trinity Lutheran
High School

**Do Your Christmas Shopping
At the
Trinity Lutheran High School
Resale Shop**

601 West Second Street, Seymour



*Gift Items, Christmas Home Décor,
Beautiful Holiday Apparel
Complete line of reasonably priced,
good quality clothing*

**Thursday & Friday – 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.
Saturday – 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.**

Recruitment Notes...

--Thanks to all of the student ambassadors who served as shadow day partners last month. Your testimonies for Trinity were wonderful! Thanks, also, to all who helped out at the November Open House. You contributed immensely to its success.

--We're glad seventh and eighth grade students from Immanuel, Sauers, St. Peter's, White Creek, St. Ambrose, and St. Mary's were in our building November 3rd for our dress rehearsal performance of *Beauty and the Beast*. Thanks for coming!



--Thanks to Immanuel, Lutheran Central, Sauers, St. Peter's, and White Creek for sharing your eighth grade students with us in November for our shadow days. We're excited that many of them will be Cougars next year!

--Join us for an Open House at Trinity on Tuesday, January 2nd from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. Stay for our girls' basketball game that begins at 6:00 P.M. and receive free admission for you and your family. You won't want to miss out this great opportunity!

--We welcome Kaitlyn Carr, Elijah Mehlek, Max Moser, Kourtney Pottschmidt, and Luke Stuckwisch who have recently signed up to be Cougars for the 2011-2012 school year!

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 2011-2012 school year.



**Christmas
Concert**
*At Trinity Lutheran
High School*

Band, Choir & Guitars

**Sun. December 5th
4:00 P.M.**
In the Gymnasium

Free Will Offering
at the Door

Directors' Notes

Many thanks to the cast and crew of *Beauty and the Beast*. Your dedicated work paid off; we had some wonderful performances! It was a pleasure working with all of you this year. – Mrs. Bauman and Mrs. Schneider

Thank You!!

Thanks to all who supported our drama program this year through donations, prayers, and ticket sales! We appreciate your help in making our production both a possibility and a success. We look forward to seeing what God has in plan for Trinity's fine arts future!

From Your Director of Development

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

This year's school theme is: **Built On A Firm Foundation**, 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.”

As Christmas approaches, we are reminded of the greatest gift of all – God's son shedding His blood and given in death for us, so we might live eternally with Him in Heaven. From the foundation of the world until present day, what a wonderful redemption plan God has always had in store for all of mankind. It is His nature to love us so and to provide for us in such a marvelous way. As we trust God, grow in faith, and discover His nature, He changes us. He makes us aware of a greater calling in life than serving self. Our hearts are moved to love and provide for others as He does, with an Agape love, putting the needs of another above the needs of self.

I recently placed on top of the 3-D model for the proposed additions of our school, which can be found in our commons area, what I believe to be an example of this realization of a greater calling to take care of the needs of others. It is a quote and it says, **“If not us – who? If not now – when?”** Some of you may recognize it. It was made by President Ronald Reagan in regards to taking down the Berlin Wall. It resulted in a great moment in history.

History records numerous people who have recognized this greater calling. They realized it was not for them to ask why they were born when they were, especially if it was a tumultuous time in which they lived, but rather to ask how they could best love and serve mankind in their time and make a difference. We especially see this in the stories of the heroes of faith in the Bible. We have seen it in the history of our great nation and we have seen it in our own lifetime.

With this being said, please let me put forth this statement, not meaning to be presumptuous or taking any of you for granted; I believe God has raised up this generation of believers in south central Indiana to lay a firm foundation for Trinity's students. I believe that from the beginning God prepared this good work for us to do. He raised us up in a place where our faith could flourish, so we would learn to trust Him with all things and respond to His love. He has now brought us all together with this common cause to accomplish His purpose of providing for and serving His children at Trinity.

The Trinity Board has determined that we are not borrowing long term debt again to build. We simply can't go along with putting this burden on the backs of donors, students, and families again. Therefore, it's up to each of us to take responsibility for building these additions and it's also true that the additions won't happen if we let someone else do it.

Update on Track/Football Field:

Over the last month definite progress has been made on the football field and track. Goal posts are up and a well has been dug for watering the future grass on the field. As of November 15, the track and the area for the future bleachers are ready for blacktop. Hopefully, we will still have time to put in a fence and an irrigation system before the weather turns. Thanks again to all of you that are helping with and paying for these projects. You are a tremendous blessing to the Trinity students!

Again, I'd also like to thank all other donors to Trinity for your ongoing loving support of the students. You are truly changing lives when you give to Trinity! May our Lord bless all that you do in His name and watch over you this Christmas season! Merry Christmas and blessings in 2011!

In Christ,
Michael Bridges, DCE
Director of Development, TLHS



