

Monday Memo, December 15, 2008 *Trinity Christian School's mission is to accomplish God's purpose in the lives of students, teachers, staff and parents as disciples of Jesus Christ resulting in a positive influence on our community, our nation and the world. **BE THE DIFFERENCE!** Our letter for December is E – Emphasize an Upside-Down World*

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 17 – First United Deposit Day 7:30 a.m. and Spirit Day (see below)	January 5 – Students Return
December 19 – All School Chapel 11:30/ Dismissal at 1:00	January 13 – CSI Meeting 7:00
December 19 – Elementary Christmas Concert 7:00	January 13-16 – High School Finals
December 19 - Holiday Bazaar 6:30 – 8:30	January 19 – MLK Day (No School)
December 19 – Honor Society Induction	January 21 – End of 1st Semester
December 22 – January 4 – Christmas Break	

General News

Hours of Operation – The school office is open from 7:30 to 3:30. If you need to call the school for any reason, please do so during this time. Also, just a reminder that children should not be dropped off until 7:15 a.m. and should be picked up by 3:30 p.m. Thank you.

Spirit Day – On Wednesday students are permitted to wear Christmas pants and hats.

Invitation to All – We would like to invite all parents to the All School Chapel that will be taking place on Friday, December 19th, at 11:30. This chapel will take place in the gym. We will be dismissing at 1:00 and **THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE THAT DAY.** May your Christmas season be blessed with peace and joy!

Trinity now has another State Champion! – The FIRST Lego League Middle School robotics team (Trinity Robo Warriors) won the Champion's Award at the WV State Competition this past weekend at Wheeling Jesuit University. This award is the most prestigious award that any team can win. The team must perform well in both technical (robot design and performance) and team presentations (science project and teamwork throughout the day). They competed against 24 other teams from around the state. They are now eligible to attend the World Competition in Atlanta in April and the US OPEN competition this May in Ohio. Congratulation and best wishes Zack Kaehler, Eric Post, Julian Bailes and Oliver Wiegand. The team photos and trophy are on display in the office.

Congratulations to 4th Grade Student, Robert Warner and 12th Grade Student, Emily Ngan! – Robert placed Second and Emily placed Ninth in the Mon County Math Field Day. Both students will now be competing at the Regional Math competition that will be held at East Fairmont High School on March 28, 2009. Great job!!!

Emergency Contact Information – Please make sure the office has updated phone numbers to reach you during the day, in the event you child becomes ill. It is uncomfortable for a child to wait at length when we cannot reach parents. Thank you.

Canstruction – Thank you all for bringing in cans of food for our project. We appreciate your generosity as we hope to help bless local families this Christmas season.

Christmas Toy Give-A-Way – We are collecting new, unwrapped toys for Christian Help. Please have all donations in by Tuesday, December 16th, by 3:30. We will be transporting all toys at that time. Thank you!!!

Hot Lunch – On Tuesday, all will have pizza. On Wednesday, there will be Arby's for Elementary and Wong's Wok for Secondary. There will be no Subway this week. There will be no lunch on Friday due to early dismissal

CSI Update - As of 12/11/08 we have received \$182,200.65, which is 50% of our \$361,100.00 goal needed by 2/28/09. **We have 11 weeks to meet our goal!** We are truly grateful for all we have received and trust that God will provide to help us meet our budgeted amount of \$400,000.00.

Spirit Wear – Spirit Wear orders should be arriving later this week.

Deposit Day – First United Bank and Trust will be here on Wednesday, December 17th, from 7:30 to 8:00 to collect deposits. If there is a 2-hour delay, they will not be coming. Next scheduled date is January 7, 2009.

New Brochure – We are in the process of developing a new marketing brochure for the school. Kim Palumbo, from Graphics by Kim, will be putting together our new materials. She will be in the school over the next few weeks taking photos that may be used in the brochure. We wanted to make you aware of her visits, and let you know that students chosen to be in the brochure will be totally random. Also, she is in need of any fall sports “action shots”. Please send any photos in to Mrs. Barill by January 5, 2009. If you have digital pictures, you may email them to her at bbarill@tcs.wv.org.

Donate a Book to the Library! – Would you like to honor a student, alumni or teacher at Trinity Christian School with a lasting legacy? Make a \$25 donation to the school's library and Mrs. Hilderbrand will purchase a needed book for the students. When the book arrives you can sign the book or bookplate. What a way to leave a part of your family always at Trinity Christian School. Buy a book to honor a student's birthday, a graduation gift, or another special event. Why not buy a book in your family's name? The book will be there for years to come to help other students. What a great way to help the students and the school library grow. Spread the seed of knowledge and watch your student bloom!!

Calling All Communities – Make your voice heard and visit any U S Cellular store to help our school receive \$100,000.00! See attached flyer for more information.

Looking for a unique Christmas gift idea? – Why not purchase a ticket to this year's Empty Bowls Monongalia Soup and Bread Luncheon, which is being held on February 21, 2009 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Peace Hall. Trinity students have made some of the bowls being used. There are two seatings: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased by calling George Lilley at 599-2352 or email emptybowlsmon@yahoo.com. See flyers on display outside main office for more information.

Pictures Needed for PSO – The P.S.O. (Parent Service Organization) is looking for any pictures that may have been taken during the Veteran's Day Reception and Program. Please send these into the office to be put in Brett Humble's mailbox.

No Students will be permitted to leave early with another student without written permission.

Recycling – Please continue to save your recyclable metals and clean aluminum soda cans (with no trash stuffed inside) for Mr. DeWitt. He has been able to use the cash that he gets from these recyclables to purchase supplies for the school. He is grateful for your donations.

Monday Memo info must be turned into Mrs. Barill no later than Thursday afternoon for the following week's memo. Thank you!

Elementary News

Christmas Concert Rehearsal – Just a reminder that K5 through 5th grade will meet at Chestnut Ridge Church at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 18th. Pick up time is 2:30. Please bring a sack lunch.

Recess – As the weather changes, please remember to send a coat, hat and gloves with your children to school. If the weather is cool, but sunny, we may still be out for recess. Thank you!

Afternoon pick-up – For the safety of our children, a friendly reminder to not drive around building until 2:50. Children are playing on the playground. Thank you!

Secondary News

TCS Honor Society – The 2008 induction of new members into the Trinity Christian School Honor Society will be Friday, December 19. In addition to community service and leadership qualities, Juniors with a 4.0 GPA and Seniors with at least a 3.5 GPA may apply for acceptance into the Honor Society. Parents are invited to attend the ceremony.

Community Service Opportunity – Christian Help's Annual Toy Give Away needs volunteers. They will be setting up at the Mileground Armory on December 15th, 16th, 17th, and the distribution will be on the 18th. Any and all help would be appreciated!

Choir Christmas Performance – If any parent taped any or all of last week's performance and could provide Mrs. Porter with a copy, she would greatly appreciate it! Thank you.

After School – When students are waiting to be picked up after school, they must remain in the foyer. No students are allowed to be wandering through the school after 3:30.

SKI TRIP has been changed to Friday, December 19th, after school - We will leave for WISP at 3:30 p.m. and return by 10. You can STILL sign up for this! Newbies Welcome! You must register for this trip by email – bkmitch5@comcast.net or phone Becky Mitchell at 685-6006. Please don't wait; the numbers will be turned in to WISP (and paid for!) at 4 p.m. Wed the 17th. Prices are: \$7. per each: lift ticket/ ski or snowboard rental / lesson for students and adult chaperones. We will need **20 students/adult skiers** to keep our good deal, **and drivers/chaperones to take us there.** It's always very nice to have a non-skiing parent to watch our tables for

us. Please pick up health information and permission to participate/carpool forms from the front office and turn them in TODAY. If this is new to you, please feel free to call Becky Mitchell 685-6006 with any questions.

CSI Information

Please mark your calendar's to attend the January 13th meeting.

Sports News

FCA to begin at Trinity! – FCA has informed us that we have received “huddle” certification. More details will be coming in the New Year as we establish this program.

Please check out the calendar link on the Trinity website (www.tcsww.org). This will have up-to-the-minute information for both practice and game schedules. We will not be including it in the Monday Memo.

- Prayer and Praise:**
1. For a healthy and safe Christmas holiday for our TCS Families
 2. For those who are alone this Christmas season
 3. Finances