

Monday Memo, December 8, 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 9 – Secondary Christmas Concert 7:00	December 22- January 4 – Christmas Break
December 19 – Elementary Christmas Concert 7:00	January 5 – Students Return
December 19 - Holiday Bazaar 6:30 – 8:30 (see flyer)	January 13 – CSI Meeting 7:00
December 19 – Canstruction	January 13-16 – High School Finals
December 19 – Honor Society Induction	January 19 – Martin Luther King Day (School and Offices Closed)

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.

Canstruction – Please continue to bring in your cans. All cans will be donated to the Rock Forge Food Pantry. This year we would like to donate at least 4,000 cans. In order to make this a fun community service project, the secondary classes have planned a sculpture to build out of cans. Each secondary class is partnering with an elementary class to gather cans. This allows the whole school to be involved in this community service opportunity. The Canstruction Sculptures will be built and judged on December 19th. Local architect, Matthew Breakey of Alpha Associates, will be judging this year's designs. The designs will be judged using the number of cans used, creativity, degree of difficulty and sculptural integrity. For the team that is judged to be the winner, the faculty will make a donation to Heifer International in the name of that team. Heifer International is an organization that aids impoverished nations and helps them to sustain themselves through agricultural training in order for them to produce their own food.

Hot Lunch – There will be Chick-Fil-A for Elementary on Wednesday and Arby's for Secondary. There will be Subway for all grade levels on Thursday. **Please return order forms on Tuesday by 8:30.** There will be Pizza for elementary, middle and high school students on Friday. **Elementary slips must be returned on Wednesday.** Middle and high school students need to return their slips by Friday morning. Slips must be turned in promptly. We will not be ordering any extra. Please make sure you have exact change. Please DO NOT drop lunch orders in the payment box, as we do not always check the box first thing, and some orders may be missed. They should be turned in to homeroom teachers. Thank you!

CSI Update - As of 12/4/08 we have received \$168,119.51, which is 47% of our \$361,100.00 goal needed by 2/28/09. **We have 12 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.

Picture Retakes need to be returned by Wednesday, December 10, 2009.

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.

Ring Found! – There was a ring found in the computer lab. Please come to the office to claim it.

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

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

Great Job TCS Middle School Band! – Thank you for enduring the bitterly cold weather at the Christmas parade. I am proud of you! Mr. Staud

Thank You! – Miss Burton would like to thank the Middle School students for the generous wedding gift to her! It was a wonderful surprise! She is out for the rest of December and will be returning in January as Mrs. DeVault.

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.

First Lego League – Our middle school started a FLL (First Lego League) robotics club this fall. For the past 10 weeks, the team of 4 students (Zack Kaehler, Eric Post, Julian Bailes, and Oliver Wiegand) plus 2 coaches (Mrs. Post and Mrs. Goellner) have been combining science and technology using Lego Mindstorms to study climate issues, build a robot and compete in a game using the robot. They are the “Trinity Robot Warriors”. On December 6th, they competed at a local tournament for Mon County middle school FLL teams. They achieved a 2nd place finish in their research project and a 1st place finish on their robot design. On Saturday, December 13th, they will compete at the state tournament at Wheeling Jesuit University. This event is free and open to the public. If any student or parent is interested in this club, attending this tournament would be a great idea! Contact Mary Ann Post @ 685-0557 if you would like more information about the club or tournament.

Progress Reports – Progress reports will be going home on Thursday.

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!

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

Christmas Scrip Reminder – Just a friendly reminder to get your Christmas Scrip orders in ASAP. We have **only two weekly orders** left before Christmas break, and have already experienced snow days disrupting our order schedule. Though we are trying to stock the Scrip Store with gift giving in mind, we can't guarantee that we'll have what you're looking for on hand. For those of you yet to use Scrip, Christmas is a great time to give it a try! Thanks so much for supporting Trinity!

Sports News

Please check out the calendar link on the Trinity website (www.tcswy.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 the homeless
2. For those who are alone this Christmas season
3. Finances