

# TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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**Monday Memo, September 29, 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! I – Identify and Target the Similarities*

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| September 30 – CSI Meeting 7:00           | October 18 – PSAT/NMSQT for 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> grade     |
| September 30 – End of Christmas Card Sale | October 23 – No School for Students – Continuing Professional Development |
| October 3 – 2 Hour Early Dismissal        | October 28 – PLAN test for 10 <sup>th</sup> grade                         |
| October 10 – Operation Shoebox due        | October 28 – End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter                               |
| October 14 – Band Boosters Meeting        | October 30 – Explore Testing – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade                      |

## General News

**Early Dismissal, Friday, October 3, 2008** – We will be dismissing at 1:00 p.m. on Friday and ask that all students must be picked up by 1:30. **There will be no After School Care.**

**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.

**Hot Lunch** – On Wednesday the Elementary and Secondary will have pizza. All slips for Wednesday lunches **must** be turned in Tuesday morning. **No late orders will be accepted**, because parents do the counting and ordering off campus. There will be Pizza for elementary, middle and high school students on Friday. **Elementary slips must be returned by Tuesday** and 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 mark each pizza order on the outside of your envelope for Wednesday or Friday lunch.**

**Subway Lunch for Elementary Students only** – Elementary students will have Subway on Thursday. Please have order forms turned into homeroom teachers by Tuesday at 8:30. All proceeds benefit the 8<sup>th</sup> grade WV trip. Volunteers are still needed. Please call Chris Mayo at 291-5134 if interested. Thank you.

**Political Advertising** – Because Trinity is a 501(c)(3) organization, we are not legally allowed to endorse any political candidates. Please do not place any political signs on Trinity's property.

**Christmas Card Catalogs** – Just a reminder, **please do not throw away the catalogs as they need to be returned** to the vendor. We will receive credit for all returned catalogs.

**SHOEBOXES!!!** – Every year, we participate in Samaritan's Purse collection of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Our goal this year is to bring in at least 300 boxes, hoping to make it our most successful collection ever. This outreach ministry allows us to see the true power of a simple gift, as millions of shoeboxes will be flown across the world full of toys, school supplies, and toiletries – packed with the love and message of Jesus Christ! Brochures will be sent home in the coming week, but you can start your shopping now.

**Shoeboxes are due October 10, 2008.**

**What if Trinity had a penny for every time you searched the Internet?** GoodSearch.com is a search engine that donates half of its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. You use it just as you would any search engine, and it's powered by Yahoo!, so you get great results. Search the web with [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and you will help Trinity earn money without spending a dime! The more people who use this site, the more money will go to those in need. Please spread the word to your family and friends.

**Veteran's Day Program pictures** – We are compiling a slide show to be shown at our Veteran's Day Program. If you have pictures of Veterans that you would like us to include in the slide show, they need to be turned in to Mrs. Adams before October 10, 2008. Please include name, rank, unit, and station, as well as information on how to return them to you.

**Lost Items** - We accumulate many lunch boxes, jackets, sweaters, books, etc around the school. We have limited space for lost and found. Please write your child's name in their personal items and we can more easily return the items. Lost and found is located in the vending machine room just off the foyer.

**Earning for Learning** – Remember to support Trinity by turning in all Morgantown Mall receipts dated from August 1 through September 30 to the Mall office by September 30<sup>th</sup>. You retain your receipts, they just credit the amount to Trinity, making the school eligible for cash prizes. This year the mall is offering extra points for purchases made on Mondays and Tuesdays, as well as purchases of Mall gift cards. Trinity is currently in **second place**, but has been the top prize winner (\$5,000) for the past two years. Let's keep the trend going!

**Refreshment Committee** – We are looking for parents who would be interested in serving on a refreshment committee throughout the year. This committee would plan and serve refreshments for a few programs and events. Please let the school office know if you are interested in serving on this committee.

**TB Booster** – All new students coming from out-of-state schools must have a TB booster within the first four months of school.

**Transportation Vouchers** – If you live in Monongalia County, you are eligible for transportation reimbursement through Monongalia County schools. Transportation reimbursement vouchers may be picked up in the office. Please fill out all the pertinent information and a Trinity parent will complete the form for you each month. The forms will be submitted to the Mon Co BOE the end of September to cover August and September. Thank you!

**PEST Volunteers** – We still need 5 volunteers to help with this program. Please contact Janice Humble at 594-1606 if you would like to help.

**Parent –Student Handbooks** – If you did not attend the Back to School Night for your child, you will need to stop by and pick up your handbook. It contains forms that need to be completed and returned as soon as possible. Thank you!

**Prayer Committee** meets every Friday morning at 7:45 a.m. in the Board room to pray for the needs of the school. Everyone is welcome.

**School Directories** – School directories are available. Stop by the office to pick up your copy. One directory per family, please.

**After School Care Registration** – Please be aware that it is the policy for all after school care students to be registered in the program. Even if you plan to utilize the program on an as needed basis, **registration is a must**. Forms are available in the office.

**Mr. DeWitt will collect** old mowers and weed eaters through the end of September.

**Recycling** – Please continue to save your recyclable metals and aluminum soda cans for Mr. DeWitt. He has been able to use the cash that he gets from these recyclables to purchase a new tool and extra laundry detergent and cleaning 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

**Read Aloud News** – Sign up sheets are in the office if you would like to sign up for this semester. Please call Marian Armour-Gemmen at 292-5419 or email [gemmen.online@comcast.net](mailto:gemmen.online@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

**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

**Midterm Progress Reports were sent home today!** They must be signed and returned to your child's Bible teacher by October 1, 2008.

**Band Boosters Meeting** – There will be a band boosters meeting Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 in the band room.

**Just a reminder** – Each student is asked to bring in a box of *tissues* and *either cough drops or throat lozenges*. Thank you.

**T-Shirts** – Thanks again to everyone who purchased t-shirts! We had a successful fundraiser thanks to you! I apologize for any orders missing shirts. We were short a few sizes, but a second order has been placed and your shirts should arrive this week. If there are any questions or concerns about your order, please email me at [lburton@tcsww.org](mailto:lburton@tcsww.org). Miss Burton has some extra shirts available that will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Miss Burton if you would like to purchase one. T-shirts are \$15 and Hoodies are \$25. The following sizes are available: 1 Youth Medium t-shirt, 1 Youth Large t-shirt, 2 Youth Large Hoodies, 2 Adult Medium t-shirts, 2 Adult Large t-shirts, 1 Adult Medium Hoodie.

**Prudential Spirit of Community Award** – The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial and administered by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, recognize middle and high school students for volunteer community service. Eligible applicants include any young person in the U. S. who is in grades 5 – 12 and has engaged in volunteer activity that occurred at least partly during the 12 months prior to the date of application. Local honorees are selected in November, and from these winners two state honorees are chosen in each state and the District of Columbia. Out of the state honorees, 10 national honorees are selected and announced at a ceremony in Washington, DC, in May of 2009. State Honorees receive an award of \$1,000 and all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC for national recognition events. National Honorees receive an additional \$5,000. **Deadline to enter is October 31, 2008.** Please go to <http://www.prudential.com/spirit> for more information.

### CSI Information

The first CSI meeting of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m.

**It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!!** – Our Christmas card, gift and wrap sale through the “*Christian Collection*” is our first CSI fundraising event of the season. This popular catalog focuses on Jesus and He is what we are all about. These Christmas cards are an excellent way to celebrate His birth and tell the world about our Savior. The fundraiser began Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, and runs for just two weeks, ending on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. After that orders can be placed online. We raised over \$11,000.00 that was used for our operating budget last year and we need 100% participation to help us reach our goal of \$15,000.00 this year. So start making your list and spread the word. Think of family, friends, neighbors, and businesses that send Christmas cards and share the catalog with them. The catalog can be viewed and orders placed online at [www.ChristianCollection.com](http://www.ChristianCollection.com). The school ID for Trinity is 11613. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our PSO Christmas Card Committee Chair, Tracy Hagedorn, at 292-5264.

**Sarris Pretzel Rods** – Pre-ordered pretzels have arrived and can be picked up in the office.

### Sports News

**Middle School Golf** – There will be a 2-day clinic on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at The Pines Country Club. It will be from 4:00 to 6:00 and the cost is \$25 per child for one or both days. This includes instruction, range balls, and clubs if needed. Please bring your own clubs if you have them. You will also need a little note pad, drink and snack or money to buy each. You are to wear a shirt with a collar, golf shoes or sneakers, short/pants (no jeans or gym shorts allowed). Trinity Golf coach, Nicolle Sawczyn and The Pines pro, Russell Reid, will be conducting fundamentals on full swing one day, and short game the other. If it's raining, it will be re-scheduled for another date. Please contact Coach Sawczyn at 304-685-9388 or [Nicolle@Sawczyn.com](mailto:Nicolle@Sawczyn.com) to RSVP as soon as possible, as she needs to let The Pines know how many are attending. Parents will need to provide transportation and all students will meet on the putting green at The Pines.

Coach would also like everyone to know that after many phone calls and research she found out we can have a middle school golf team. You will be able to practice for 10 weeks, and have up to 14 matches. She will be co-coordinating scheduling with The Pines and other schools to get things set, but things are in the works.

Please check out the calendar link on the Trinity website ([www.tcsww.org](http://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 the golf team, as they begin post-season play.
2. For those who are ill and for those who care for them.
3. For the 8<sup>th</sup> grade as they travel around our state.
4. Finances