

TRINITY TORNADO

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Friday, October 30, 2020

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:14

Believers Have the Goal of Heaven

Alyssa had run cross country for a while, but this season was different. Before this year, she usually finished somewhere in the middle of the pack. But all her hard work and practice was finally starting to pay off, and she kept moving up. 13th place, 8th place, 5th place—she was so close to a medal.

There was only one race left in the season, and it was the toughest race on the schedule. Alyssa knew that it would take more hard work to earn a medal. It would have been easy for her to just give up and quit. Instead, she spent even more time practicing and training. She dreamed of crossing the finish line first and could almost feel that medal hanging around her neck.

The apostle Paul uses the picture of a race to describe his life as a Christian. Paul had a very hard life. It would have been easy for him to just give up. He had been beaten, stoned, shipwrecked, left for dead, and spent a lot of time in prison—all because he told people about Jesus. Nobody would have blamed Paul if he had said, "I quit. Christianity is just too hard." But Paul refused to give up. Instead, he did the very opposite. He didn't focus on all the bad things that happened to him in the past. He kept looking ahead and dreaming of crossing the finish line. And his prize for crossing the finish line was something much better than a cross country medal that wouldn't last. His prize was being with God forever in heaven.

Paul worked hard at spreading the gospel. He traveled far and wide and shared the good news of Jesus with many people. But all of Paul's hard work didn't get him any closer to winning the prize. God called Paul to be a Christian and gave him faith in Jesus—a faith that led Paul to travel the world and be a missionary for the gospel. And when Paul's life ended, God gave him the prize of heaven that Jesus had won for him on the cross.

You might not travel the world and be a missionary like the apostle Paul, but you do have something in common with him. God has also called you to be a Christian and given you faith in Jesus. And when your life ends, God will also give you the prize of heaven that Jesus won for you. That's the best prize that you could ever receive!

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, help me to be strong in my faith while I am running the race of life. Remind me always of the prize of heaven that is waiting for me—a prize of being with you forever. Amen.

Devotion taken from "wels.net."

Upcoming Events

Tomorrow:

Saturday, October 31

- TRUNK OR TREAT: TLS Parking Lot, 2 – 4 p.m.

Next Week:

Monday, November 2

- Girls Basketball Practice:
B-Team: 3:30 – 5 p.m.
A-Team: 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3

- Picture Retake Day, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4

- Jr. & Sr. Confirmation, 6 p.m.

Looking ahead:

PTO Meeting: Nov. 12 @ 6:30 p.m.
Scholastic Book Fair: Nov. 15 – 22



Monday 11/2

Chicken noodle hotdish, fruit & veg.

Wednesday 11/4

Tatertot hotdish, fruit & veg.

Friday 11/6

Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, fruit & veg.

Trunk or Treat – TOMORROW!!

The Trinity Lutheran School PTO will be hosting a Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 31 from 2-4 PM in the TLS parking lot. This is in place of the Fall Festival which is usually held in the gym. Don't miss the fun! Free trick-or-treating bags will be provided. For more information, contact Jessica Kjenstad at 380-0548.



Picture Re-Take Day: Tuesday, November 3rd

Lifetouch will be here again in the TLS gym on Tuesday, November 3rd for Picture re-take day. The photographer will be set up by 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 12:30 p.m. This is for any student (including preschoolers) who missed the last picture day or who would like to get retakes. The Picture Day ID if you choose to order online is EVTG2VRWR. Please ask Kathy if you have questions or prefer a paper order form/envelope.

2020/2021 TLS Girls Basketball



Please refer to the TLS November activity calendar for currently scheduled practice times and games. Weekly information will also be provided in the newsletter. We will let you know of any changes as we become aware. A special thank you to our coaches: Al Kjenstad for the A-Team and Doug Klipfel for the B-Team.

Veterans Day Program Changes

Students are working on songs to show support to all Veterans. Instead of performing in front of an audience, we will record the students singing these songs and post it on our Facebook page. We are also currently looking for a veteran that would be willing and interested to talk to our students about his/her experiences while serving our country. (The veteran will not be recorded/posted online.)

Forensics Project

We will not be holding Forensics Night this year. Students in grades 2 - 8 will still be practicing and working on Forensics pieces in their classrooms. Then on November 20th, they will speak in front of staff and other students besides students in their classroom. Information concerning forensics was previously sent home with students in grades 2 – 8.

Forensics Schedule:

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| Oct. 30 | Students inform teachers of their category. |
| Nov. 6 | Students inform teachers of their title. |
| Nov. 13 | Practice at School. |
| Nov. 17-18 | Students will present and be judged in classrooms. |
| Nov. 20 | Forensics Meet (just during school day). |

Help for Aftercare

Our Aftercare helper, Barb Wietgreffe, will be retiring at the end of December this year. We are looking for someone to fill her position. For information about hours and wages, please speak to Mrs. Sperry.



Cold Weather Attire

With the colder weather, please remember to have your children dress accordingly since they will be outside for recess whenever possible. Have them be prepared with appropriate coats, hats, mittens, snow pants and snow boots. Thanks for your help with this.