

TRINITY TORNADO

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All to the glory of God

1 Corinthians 10:31



TLS

2020-2021

Friday, September 4, 2020

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'" **Matthew 25:21**

God's Good Gifts

Have you ever received a compliment from someone you admire? A parent gave you loving personal advice that helped you greatly. A coach congratulated you on a great performance and inspired you to keep playing well. A teacher took notice of your work ethic and motivated you to continue your efforts. A friend knew just the right thing to say.

What did you do to receive that compliment? Likely, you utilized some talent or ability that you have. Did you know that God's Word says that, to everyone who believes in God, he gives spiritual gifts or special abilities! (See 1 Corinthians 12:7 and 1 Peter 4:10.)

On top of the forgiveness and goodness that Jesus richly pours into our hearts and lives, in addition to taking away your sins and taking all your troubles on himself because he cares for you, God blesses you with abilities. As a cherry on top of the joy, peace, hope, faith, and love that God serves to you in your Baptism, God gives you even more gifts, which are the very talents you have!

The gifts God gives are varied. God gives his gifts to people in varied amounts, too. But rest assured, God gives to you! Some have artistic abilities to create in awe-inspiring ways. Other people are leaders who motivate groups to get things done. Musicians skillfully use their voices or instruments. Others have the unique ability to encourage with just the right word at the right time. Those with the gift of hospitality make strangers feel like friends. Some have the ability to write clearly, give generously, serve faithfully, think deeply, or care compassionately. The list could go on and on!

Whatever your gifts may be, understand this about your gifts: your gifts are not *from* you or *for* you! First, they are *from* God. Your talents are not something that are from you, your hard work, or that you developed on your own. Rather, God is the giver of every good gift, including your abilities! Second, knowing that our gifts are from God we better know how we are to use them. Your gifts are *for serving those around you*. The reason God gives his good gifts to us is so that our neighbors will be served, and through our service to others we give glory and praise to God!

To those who use their gifts faithfully, God says, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

What an unforgettable compliment!

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for the gifts that you give us on top of the gift of your grace! Thank you for blessing us with talents and abilities. Forgive us for using these gifts selfishly to serve ourselves. By your Spirit, help us to use all the gifts you've given us to give glory to you. Amen.

Devotion taken from "wels.net."

Upcoming Events

Next Week:

Monday, September 7

- Labor Day, NO SCHOOL
- Volleyball practice, 6 – 7:30 p.m. (A Team/7th & 8th grade girls)

Tuesday, September 8

- PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 9

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

Looking ahead

Friday, September 18

- A-Team V-ball Game vs. Aberdeen Christian, 4 p.m.

Sunday, September 20

- A-Team Volleyball Practice, 6 – 7 p.m.

Monday, September 21

- Picture Day

Week of September 21

- MAPS Testing (Grades K-8)

Sunday, September 27

- A-Team Volleyball Practice, 6 – 7 p.m.

Monday, September 28

- A-Team V-ball Games vs. Warner, 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.



Monday 9/7

NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 9/9

Goulash, dinner roll, fruit & veg.

Friday 9/11

Sausage and potato casserole, fruit & veg.

No School on Monday – Labor Day

Please remember that there is no school on Monday, September 7th due to the Labor Day holiday. Have a safe and enjoyable weekend!

Sports Interest Survey

A sports interest form will be sent home to families with students in grades 3-8 next week. Please watch for that form and return it by Friday, September 11. Information collected will help guide with the dividing of sports teams and players for this school year. Thank you.

PTO Meeting

All parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly PTO meetings. Our first meeting will be held Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m. at school. Please join us as we work together to support our students and teachers!

Cleaning Fee

TLS has taken into account survey results and recommendations to change to a hired cleaning service. Families will no longer be asked to clean school throughout the year. A cleaning fee of \$16/month is being charged per student (K-8). You should have received your first invoice through TADS for September (\$16 per student in K-8). Billing will be monthly, through May (9 months for a total of \$144 per student for the year). You can choose to pay the lump sum of \$144 (per student in K-8) if you prefer. Please contact Mr. Behm or Kathy with any questions.

Hot Lunch Days – Request for Volunteers

Our school is looking for volunteers to help out on hot lunch days (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays), between 11:15 and 12:15. If you are able to help, or have questions, please text or call Trista Dunsmoor at 605-228-1346, or you can contact Kathy, school secretary at 605-229-4697. Thank you.

Cold Lunch Days

Reminder: On cold lunch days (Tuesdays & Thursdays) or any days that your children opt to bring lunch from home, please remember to include silverware or plastic utensils from home for their use. Also, students will be keeping their lunchboxes in their backpacks or area designated by their teachers until lunchtime (no fridge use), so plan accordingly. Microwave use is limited to students in grades 4-8, and on cold lunch days only.

TADS Online

Please contact Kathy or Mr. Behm if you have any questions regarding billing or your online TADS account.

Grandparents' Day

Due to COVID concerns this year, we will not be holding Grandparents' Day at Trinity. We encourage students to do something special for their grandparents to honor them. This year, National Grandparents' Day is on Sunday, September 13th.

Fall Picture Day: September 21

Lifetouch will be here for TLS Picture Day on Monday, September 21st. Preschoolers and any family/group photos you may choose to have will be taken around 8:30 a.m. and noon. Grades K-8 will have their individual photos taken in between those times. Re-take day is planned for November 3rd.

Weekly Chapel Offerings

Friday Chapel offerings are currently going to help a mission church in Brandon, S.D.

Temperature Screening

At morning drop-off, we encourage parents to wait for a while in the parking lot, to ensure their children had time to be scanned and don't have a fever. If students have a fever of 100.4 or higher, we will send them back out if their parent/ride is still there; otherwise, parents will be called and need to return to get them. Thank you to students and parents for your cooperation and understanding.