

NEWS & NOTES

Trinity Lutheran School

January 2026 Edition

Principal Post

Dear Trinity Families,

Happy New Year! As we begin 2026, I want each of you to know how grateful I am for all of our TLS families and the support you show to our school and our mission to spread the Gospel to the children of our community.

Our theme for the year is "The joy of the Lord is your strength." What a joy it is every day, to be here with you in this wonderful place, sharing God's love with our students and families. I am so grateful for your partnership in this work, and am humbled by the trust you place in us as you allow Trinity the honor of shaping your children, of teaching them and loving them, of sharing God's love with them each day.

I am also grateful to our tremendously dedicated staff. They work tirelessly to faithfully carry out our mission. What a blessing it is to gather together each day to grow in our faith and to witness, first-hand, God's overflowing goodness in our church and school community!

By the grace of God, the message of salvation continues to spread here at Trinity. I am looking forward to a wonderful 2026 in the Lord's work alongside you all.

Joyfully,

Mrs. M

Upcoming Events

- Jan 1-5 Christmas break
- Jan 6 School in session
- Jan 9 Archery at TLS - 3D
- Jan 10 Archery at TLS- bullseye
- Jan 14 7th & 8th grade chapel
Students v Parents:
Scholar Bowl (after chapel)
- Jan 17 Archery at Liberal
- Jan 21 6th grade chapel
7th/8th grade field trip
to SLHS
- Jan 24 Archery at Carthage
- Jan 28 4th grade chapel
Spelling Bee Finals
(after chapel)
- Jan 30-31 State Scholar Bowl
- Jan 31 Archery at Carl Junction

Please see page 2 of News & Notes for all basketball information- both practices and games

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Scholar Bowl: Tuesdays 3:30-4:30

Archery: Mondays & Fridays
3:30-5:30

W.M.S. BASKETBALL

*Cheerleaders report 15 minutes before first game for games in **red***

All PRACTICES are marked with *asterisks*

PLEASE NOTE: Saturday games are league games and are subject to change. All updates will be sent via Remind.

MONDAY		TUESDAY	WED	THURSDAY	FRI	SATURDAY
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, January 3: Games at Sarcoxie</p> <p>11:00 6G v St. Mary's (Gym 2) 12:00 6B v Greenfield(Gym 2)</p> <p>2:00 3B v St. Mary's (Gym 1) 3:00 5G v Greenfield (Gym 2) 4:00 5B v St. Mary's (Gym 2)</p>						
5	6	7	8	9	10	
	*3:30-4:30 1 st /2 nd girls Games vs. ILS 5:30 1 st /2 nd boys 6:30 2 nd /3 rd boys 7:30 4 th -6 th boys	*3:30-4:30 1 st /2 nd boys *4:30-5:30 3 rd -6 th girls	*3:30-5:00 3 rd - 6 th girls *5:00- 6:30 2 nd -6 th boys		Games at Lamar 9:00 6B v Lamar Red 10:00 6G v Lamar 12:00 5G v Lamar 6:00 3B v Lamar #2	
12	13	14	15	16	17	
	*3:30-4:30 1 st /2 nd girls *4:30-5:30 3 rd -6 th girls 5:30 1 st /2 nd co-ed scrimmage 6:30 4 th -6 th boys vs. Round Grove 7:30 3 rd -6 th girls vs. ILS	*3:30-4:30 1 st /2 nd boys *4:30-6:00 2 nd -6 th boys	*3:30-5:30 3 rd - 6 th girls		Games at Sarcoxie 10:00 6G v Liberal (gym 2) 11:00 6B v Sarcoxie (gym 2) 12:00 3B v Liberal (gym 1) 2:00 5B v Sarcoxie (gym 2)	
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
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TLS ATHLETICS

Our basketball, archery, cheer, and scholar bowl teams are well underway here at Trinity, but some of our athletes also play on other local teams. Starting in 7th grade, TLS students are able to co-op with local public schools for sports not offered at Trinity. Boys basketball started practice way back in November, but games are starting now! To access the Monett boys basketball schedule, go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/monettboysbball>



PISTOL

**BOYS
BASKETBALL**
MONETT



MJ

Cold Weather Reminders

Please send a coat with your child every day. We try to get outside as much as possible- if your child is in need of a coat, please contact the office, we're glad to help!

Please make sure your contact information is correct in FastDirect, especially if you would like to receive text notifications for school delays or closings. If school is delayed or cancelled, announcements will be on local tv stations, Facebook/Instagram, and FastDirect.

ALSO, please help us keep ahead of sickness this season. Wash coats, outerwear and nap bedding frequently. Remember that students must be fever, diarrhea, and vomit-free (without the aid of medication) for 24 hours before returning to school.

CARNIVAL IS COMING!

It's time to start brainstorming auction items! The annual TLS Carnival will be Friday, March 6th. Auction donations will be due February 25th, but can be brought in anytime! (The auction will be open online 3/1-3/5) New to TLS? No worries, more info will be coming soon!

FRIENDZY LESSONS AT TLS

Thank you to our TEA for voting to provide the Friendzy curriculum for our students! The Friendzy program is a faith-based character education curriculum used in our classrooms to support students' social and emotional growth. Through engaging lessons and activities, it teaches students how to manage emotions, build positive relationships, and make responsible choices while connecting these skills to biblical values.

Who's Who at TLS

We have so many wonderful people on staff here at Trinity, it can be hard to keep track! In this section, we'll introduce you to a staff member each month.



Anne Garoutte

Mrs. Anne Garoutte is our dedicated intervention teacher. She works closely with students who may need a little extra support by meeting with them individually or in small groups outside the classroom. Through targeted instruction and encouragement, Mrs. Anne helps students strengthen their skills, build confidence, and progress toward their learning goals. Mrs. Anne retired last year from Mt. Vernon Schools and lives on a farm with her husband just north of school.

Bus Survey

We are currently in the beginning stages of exploring bus service for our students here at Trinity. Please look for a survey coming home soon!



SLHS Satellite Site Survey



Dear Trinity Families,

Springfield Lutheran High School (SLHS) is exploring the possibility of a satellite high school program in the Freistatt/Monett area. We are reaching out to families in your community with students currently in grades 5–8 to gather input and gauge interest in this program.

Please take a few minutes to complete this short, confidential survey:

docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlhvZjw-9gcsaK26qRNZ9lOZpZD8dlzK_MhWaKf8-1WHKTDg/viewform Your feedback will help guide our planning and decision-making.

If you would like to be placed on the list to enroll your student at SLHS next fall, you can complete the inquiry form here:

slh-mo.client.renweb.com/oa/inquiry.cfm?memberId=18818&districtCode=slh-mo

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and helping us prayerfully explore this opportunity!

With gratitude,

Stephanie Grandestaff, Executive Director

Springfield Lutheran High School

What Does It Mean to be Lutheran?

January is a month of celebration! Lutherans (and many other Christians worldwide) begin the month with Christmas, as we celebrate the full 12 days of Christmas, from Christmas Day all the way through January 5th. (This is a fantastic reason to keep those Christmas decorations up just a little longer!)

On Epiphany (January 6th), we celebrate the visit of the Magi, or Wise Men, and we rejoice that Jesus has come to be a light to all nations. We pray on Epiphany that Jesus would use us to shine His light to those around us! (Technically, the season of Epiphany goes until the day before Ash Wednesday in February, so if you REALLY don't want to take your Christmas lights down...just call them Epiphany lights!)

On the Sunday after Epiphany, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. We remember and give thanks that in Holy Baptism, Jesus clothes us in the righteousness He won for us on the cross- not because of our own strength of belief, but because of His great love for us.

After we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord, the paraments (colored cloths around the sanctuary in church) change to green, to represent growth as Jesus sends us into the world as His witnesses and draws all nations to Himself.

If you have any questions about what we as Lutherans believe, please reach out to us here at school, we are happy to visit with you. If you are interested in joining Trinity Lutheran Church, or would just like to know more, we will have a new member class starting soon and would love for you to join us!

Pray for Each Other

All of our families and staff rotate through our prayer calendar as "featured families". If you have a special prayer request, please contact Mrs. Moennig or Pastor Jake so we can pray with you privately as well.

Families we are praying for this month:

Parrigon family, Parsons family, Perry family, Pfitzner family, Politte family, Post family, Prater family, Presley family, Pyles family, Rakoski family, Rapp family, Rector family, Rhea families, Rinker family, Roberts family, Robertson family, Rodgers family, Roller family, Rupp family

JANUARY

The sandwich option for January is bologna & cheese. Salad bar is available every day and is included in the hot lunch price. One milk is included, extra milks are available for \$0.50.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

6 Tacos	7 Chicken Patties	8 Pancakes	9 Crispitos
13 Biscuits & Gravy	14 Corndogs	15 Cream Tacos	16 Chicken Noodle Soup
20 Fish Sticks	21 Dorito Chicken Casserole	22 Chili	23 Hotdogs
27 Chicken Nuggets	28 Baked Potatoes	29 Beef Nachos	30 Hamburgers

You're invited to join Trinity's

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB!

Celebrate your birthday by giving the gift of reading!

What is the Birthday Book Club?

You are invited to donate a new book to the TLS library in honor of your birthday or half-birthday! Your gift book will have a special personalized bookplate with your name and age placed on the inside front cover, you will be the first to check out your donated book, and your picture will be featured on our Birthday Book Club bulletin board!

How do I choose a book to donate?

Please purchase books only from our carefully selected Amazon wish list (QR code and link below). Purchase a book (or books!), and ship it to your home or directly to our library with a gift note that states your name, birthday month, and grade so we know who donated it.

Birthday books are the gift that keeps giving for years to come!

Birthday Book Club Amazon Wish List:



<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/30823PPNUVH6U>