

NEWS & NOTES

Trinity Lutheran School

November 2025 Edition

Principal Post

Dear Trinity Families,

As we enter into the season of Thanksgiving, I thank God for our many blessings here at Trinity. During the first quarter, we kept busy at school with things like field trips, class projects, special church events, and more. What a joy it is to see our students learn and grow, and to share this time together! As we look forward to all the activities, sports, performances, and other fall/winter fun coming up, I am so very grateful to be serving in this wonderful place.

I am especially thankful for everyone that has prayed for our school, volunteered their time in our school, given a financial gift to our school, or sent their children to our school. Thank you for making it possible for the saving grace of Jesus Christ to be shared in our school and community. What a blessing!

As we enter November, I am grateful for the difference my Trinity family has made in my life and in the lives of the countless young disciples that walk through our school doors each and every year. It is a joy and a gift to serve God and His people in this place; I thank God for each of you!

Joyfully,

Mrs. M



Upcoming Events

- Nov 2 Daylight savings- fall back
- Nov 5 1st grade chapel
- Nov 6 8th grade class meeting
6:30 pm
- Nov 7 Mid-quarter
- Nov 10 Parent Archery
Information Session 5pm
- Nov 11 Veterans Day Assembly
@ TLS gym 1:30pm
- Nov 16 Students sing
@ TLC 9:30am
- Nov 20 5th-8th grade play
@ TLS gym 1:30 & 6pm
- Nov 24-28 Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 26 TLC Thanksgiving Eve
worship service 7pm
- Dec 2-4 Christmas Store

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

(No practices over Thanksgiving break)

Scholar Bowl: Tuesdays 3:30-4:30

Cheer: Nov. 19, Dec. 4, 11 & 17
3:30-4:30

Archery: Mondays & Fridays
starting Nov. 7
(returning archers only)

*See page 2 for basketball practices

BASKETBALL PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Nov 4	3:30-4:45	Kindergarten
Nov 5	3:30-5:00	3rd-6th grade girls
	5:00-6:30	3rd-6th grade boys
Nov 6	3:30-5:00	1st/2nd grade girls
	5:00-6:30	1st/2nd grade boys
Nov 10	5:45-6:45	Kindergarten
Nov 11	3:30-5:00	1st/2nd grade girls
	5:00-6:30	1st/2nd grade boys
Nov 12	3:30-5:00	3rd-6th grade girls
	5:00-6:30	3rd-6th grade boys
Nov 17	5:45-6:45	Kindergarten
Nov 18	3:30-5:00	1st/2nd grade girls
	5:00-6:30	1st/2nd grade boys
Nov 19	3:30-5:00	3rd-6th grade girls
	5:00-6:30	3rd-6th grade boys

New Start Time!

Starting November 2nd, Trinity Lutheran Church will begin Sunday worship at 9:30 am, followed by fellowship time, adult Bible class, and Sunday school. Our school families are always encouraged to join us for worship!

Picture Retakes!

Tuesday, December 9th is picture retake day! (Please note: this is NOT sports picture day.)

Retakes will include the **Preschool and 5th grade class photos.**

If you would like your child to do retakes, you may return your original photo package to avoid additional payment.



CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Here at Trinity, we want to encourage our students to be on the lookout for ways to love their neighbors. At Christmastime, we get to care for our neighbors through our annual food drive! We will be collecting non-perishable pantry items **November 11th through December 9th.**

Donations can be placed in the big box inside the drop-off/pickup doors. Food will be distributed to Freistatt Homes (approximately 20 apartments) on December 10th. If you would like to volunteer to help assemble or distribute bags, please contact the office.



5th-8th Class play

Our 5th-8th graders have been working hard and invite you to their class play, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." If you've read the book or seen the movie, you know that this play is the hilarious tale of what happens when the most unruly kids in town take on the annual Christmas pageant!

There will be two performances, one at 1:30pm and the other at 6:00 pm, both on November 20th. Join us for lots of laughs, and maybe a few warm fuzzies along the way!

**ATTENTION
8TH GRADERS
& PARENTS!**

Mark your calendars! Our 8th grade class meeting will be on Thursday, November 6th at 6:30pm. We will pin down a date for graduation, decide on a class trip location, and plan for our class trip fundraiser(s). You won't want to miss it!

Veterans Day Assembly

Our annual Veteran's Day Assembly will be held in the TLS gym at 1:30pm on Tuesday, November 11th. Each year, our students thank our service men & women for their service and sacrifices through art, poetry readings, and songs. We would love to honor the veterans you know by adding them to our tribute wall! (Please see the attached flyer.) We invite all of our families to join us and we ask that you invite any veterans you know to join us as we thank them and honor their service to our country.



DON'T FORGET

THANKSGIVING BREAK

No school the week of November 24-28!

Please check your balances!



Check your outstanding balances regularly in Fast Direct. We ask that families keep their lunch and school care balances below \$100. Please do not combine balances when writing a check. A separate check must be written for each (lunch, school care, tuition, etc.) Checks sent with combined balances will be returned.

Stay In Touch

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Cold Weather Reminders

Please remember to send a coat with your child as the weather gets cooler. We try to get outside as much as possible- if your child is in need of a coat, contact the office, we are glad to help!

As we approach the winter months, please make sure your contact information and notification settings are correct in FastDirect, especially if you would like to receive text or email 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 at least 24 hours before returning to school.



Make a Joyful Noise!

Our students work hard throughout the year to learn new songs and musical skills, and we are always excited to share our music with our church family here at Trinity. We love to see our students here at Trinity any Sunday, but especially on the days when our students are singing or playing!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:
November 16th: Students sing @ TLC: 9:30 am
December 14th: Students sing @ TLC: 9:30 am
December 24th: Student-led Christmas Eve service @ TLC: 7pm

TLS ATHLETICS

Our basketball, archery, cheer, and scholar bowl teams are getting 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. Girls basketball is underway and the boys will start soon!

GIRLS BASKETBALL MT. VERNON



DELANEY

To access the Mt. Vernon girls basketball schedule, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/3xpxbyt7>

CHIEFS DRAWING WINNER!

Congratulations to Chad Barger, winner of the booster club drawing! Chad won 4 tickets to the Chiefs/Broncos game on December 25th. Thank you Ed & Tracy Rhea for donating the tickets, and thank you to everyone who bought raffle entries to support our TLS athletes! A special shout out goes to Emma & Grayson Wiley and Lincoln Perry for selling the most raffle tickets- Emma, Grayson and Lincoln won a special lunch with Mrs. Moennig and Mrs. Flattem.

Christmas Store is coming!

Each year, our students love shopping for friends and family at our Christmas store. Students will be coming home soon with a letter explaining how the Christmas store works.

We are accepting donations during the entire month of November of wrapping paper, gift bags, large boxes (for carrying wrapped gifts home), and new, unused gift items. If you have items to donate or would like to volunteer to be a Christmas store elf (set up/take down, wrapping gifts, helping students shop, etc), please contact the office.

What Does It Mean to be Lutheran?

November 1st is a special day in the Church, known as All Saints Day. All Saints Day is especially treasured by many Lutherans because it is the day that we remember and give thanks for those saints (that is, fellow believers) who have gone before us into glory.

As Lutherans, we call all of God's people, both here on earth and those who have died in faith, saints. We don't hold a special designation of "Saint" for someone we consider especially holy, but rather we celebrate the truth that we are all saints in Christ, because He has saved us and made us His own. We are holy because Jesus has made us holy- and that is something to celebrate!

Many churches, Trinity included, practice the All Saints Day tradition of reading aloud the names of those in the congregation who have died in the past year. The reading is accompanied by one toll of the church bell for each name, as we give thanks to God for the lives of our loved ones, and their eternal life with Him.

The Bible tells us, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." (Psalm 116:15) This isn't because God likes death; it is because He loves His people! While we live here on earth, death can feel like an ending; but in faith, we believe what God our Father already knows- for the Christian, death is only the end of the sorrow, pain, and trouble of this world. It is the beginning of eternal joy- on All Saints Day, we thank God for the dear saints He has put in our lives and for His promises of eternal life!

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.

Families we are praying for this month:

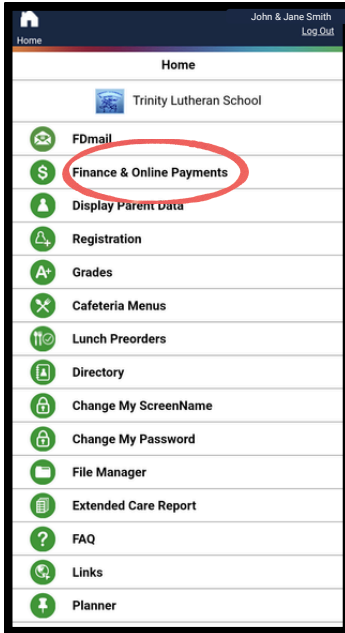
Fleshman family, Flummerfelt family, Garoutte family, Graham family, Graves family, Gray family, Hadlock family, Haines/Muenzer family, Hartley family, Hartman family, Hayes family, Henderson family, Hendry family, Henson family, Heseman families, Hicks/Hansen/Wiley family, Hinkle/Hudson family, Horner family, Humes family

How to Set Up Fast Direct Online Payments

If you have not yet set up a payment account in FastDirect, follow the steps below for a quick and convenient way to take care of all your school accounts!

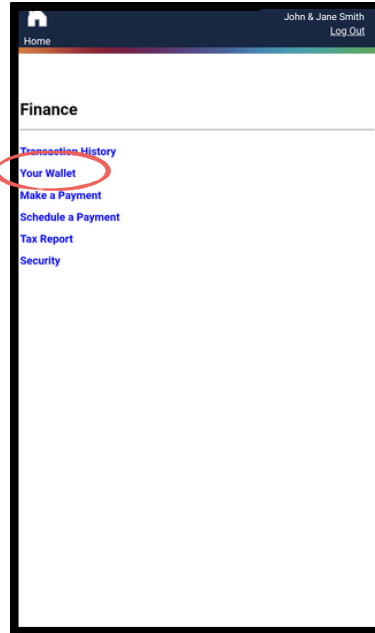
Step 1

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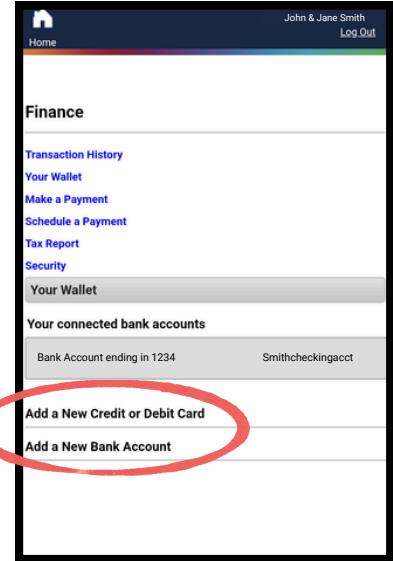
Step 2

Go to: Your Wallet



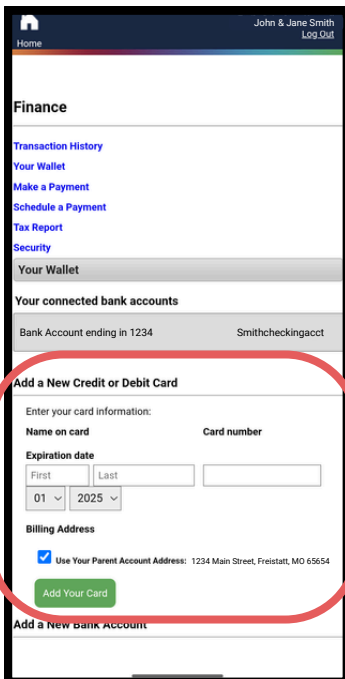
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or
Add A New Bank Account



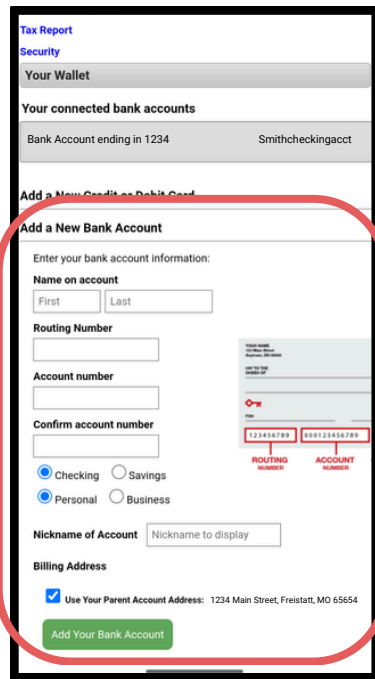
Step 4 (option 1)

Enter your credit or debit card information



Step 4 (option 2)

Enter your bank account information







After you have added your credit card, debit card, or bank account information, you can make payments under the “Finance & Online Payments” tab by clicking “Make a Payment.”

Please note:
When using a **credit or debit card**, a 3% convenience fee will be added by FastDirect.

When using a **bank account**, a \$1.05 convenience fee will be added (per transaction) by FastDirect.

NOVEMBER

The sandwich option for November is turkey & 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.

<p>4</p> <p>Pancakes</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Tater Tot Casserole</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Tacos</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>Broccoli Cheese Soup</p>
<p>11 </p> <p>Hamburgers</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Baked Chicken</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Chili</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Hotdogs</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Chicken Patties</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Sausage Hashbrown Breakfast Casserole</p>	<p>20 </p> <p>Turkey Dinner</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Fish Sticks</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>T h a n k s g i v i n g B r e a k</p> 			



IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS:



TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

All veterans, school families, and the community
are invited to join us in the TLS Gymnasium.

We would love to have a full gym!

Please enter through the double gym doors.
Students are asked to wear red, white, and blue in
honor of this special assembly

*Join us for presentations and performances by our students
in honor of our Veterans.*

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
218 N MAIN STREET, FREISTATT, MO

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1:30 P.M.





WE WOULD LOVE TO ADD YOUR
INFORMATION TO OUR TRIBUTE WALL!



VETERANS NAME:

Branch of Service:

Years of Service:

Locations of Service:

*You may also include a picture if you have one!
(Be sure to label it on the back if you would like it returned.)
Return everything to school or bring with you to the assembly.*

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
218 N MAIN STREET, FREISTATT, MO

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1:30 P.M.





SPRINGFIELD
LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL

**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 6
5:30 - 7 PM**

Discover SLHS **INFORMATION NIGHT**

Families with current 8th or 9th grade students are invited to join us for a **Discover SLHS** night at Springfield Lutheran High School (1415 S. Holland Ave.)!

- Explore enrollment opportunities for the 2026–2027 school year
- Meet members of the SLHS team
- Learn about our Christ-centered curriculum
- Tour the campus
- Ask questions in a warm, welcoming environment

Come see what makes SLHS a place where faith and learning grow together!

Questions?

✉ info@springfieldlutheranhs.org

☎ 417-370-7975

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>