



## “The Lord is my Shepherd.”

- Psalm 23:1

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Hello Parents,

With the Terra Nova Standardized Tests taking place in grades 3-8 this week, I wanted to take a moment to share some helpful suggestions to keep in mind this week as your children take time to show their God-given abilities. Please keep in mind and remind your children that these tests do not count toward any grade that they will ever receive; these tests are meant to help teachers, parents, and the students see where the students' strengths and weaknesses are, as well as helping the faculty see strengths and weaknesses in our curriculum. These tests also serve as an excellent “practice” for the students to see and feel how a high stakes test such as the ACTs or SATs will be like.

As your child prepares for these tests (and really any day), here are a few tips and suggestions for preparing the body and mind for a day of testing or school:

**Sleep** - Get plenty of rest the night before your exam.

**Diet** - Eat a nutritious meal that includes protein before testing. This may help calm your nerves and will give your brain energy to think. Avoid caffeine (coffee, tea, soda, pop, chocolate, etc.) candy, greasy, heavy or acidic foods and overeating.

**Stay relaxed and confident** - Keep a good attitude and remind yourself that you are going to do your best. If you find yourself panicking, take a few deep breaths.

**Pray** - God tells us time and time again in his Word to come to him in every situation. Even taking a minute before a test to ask God for help is an opportunity to be reminded that God is with us no matter what the situation.

Hopefully, these tips and suggestions can help your child demonstrate his or her talents and gifts to the best of their God-given abilities. May God bless our students as they demonstrate their gifts and talents.

### This Week @ Trinity:

26 - Monday	<b>Terra Nova Testing/Spirit Week</b> 3:15-5:15pm - Soccer Practice
27 - Tuesday	No Volleyball Practice on Tuesday 6:00pm - Soccer Game @ Lima Temple Christian
28 - Wednesday	8:35am - Chapel Service @ Church Mission Offering / CEF Stamps 3:15-5:15 - Soccer Practice



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29 - Thursday	3:15-5:15pm - Girls' Volleyball Practice
30 - Friday	3:15-5:15pm - Soccer Practice
1 - Saturday	9:00am - SMLAL Soccer and Volleyball Tournament
2 - Sunday	9:20am - Sunday School and Bible Study 8:30 & 10:30am - Worship Service
3 - Monday	9:20am - Pre-K and Kindergarten Field Trip
5-7 Wed - Fri	<b>No School</b> (Michigan District Teacher's Conference)
10 - Monday	Classes Resume/Picture Day

**No School** Please note next week, October 5-7, there is no school because of Michigan District Teacher's Conference. Classes resume on Monday, October 10.

**Picture Day** Our school-wide picture day is October 10, 2016. Order forms for pictures should be included with the newsletter. If you do not receive a form, or need a new one, please let your child's teacher know. All forms must be brought back to school before October 10. Please note October 10th is a Monday and falls right after Michigan District Teacher's Conference.

**Soccer and Volleyball** Friends and families are invited out several times this week to cheer on your TLS Tigers as they demonstrate their God-given abilities in athletic endeavors. On Tuesday, the soccer team plays @ Lima Temple Christian at 6:00pm.

On Saturday, both our soccer and volleyball teams have a tournament at Huron Valley Lutheran High School in Westland, Michigan. Start time for both games will be announced later in the week depending on game results of other schools.

**Spirit Week** Spirit week will be taking place all this week. During our Spirit Week, students throughout the school are given the opportunity to dress up in particular clothing styles. This is a time for our student body to unite together in order to show support of the school and of the athletic teams. You will find a list of days and descriptions below. As with all events and activities at Trinity Lutheran School, please keep the dress code in mind as you prepare to dress up each day. Please keep modesty and cleanliness in mind throughout the week. Props and accessories often become a distraction and are discouraged. A child may be asked to store distracting articles in a bag or locker. No face paint or hair paint/dye of any kind will be allowed at any point throughout the week.

**Monday** - Hawaiian Day: Find your Hawaiian clothes and come dressed up in beach-like attire.

**Tuesday** - Crazy Hair Day: Tuesday is the day to show off that unique hair style you have been wanting to try.

**Wednesday** - Blackout/Whiteout Day: Wear either all black or all white on Wednesday.

**Thursday** - Class Color Day: Kindergarten - Yellow 1st/2nd - Gray 3rd/4th - Purple 5th/6th - Red 7th/8th - Blue

**Friday** - Spirit Day: Wrap up our spirit week by showing your Tiger pride! Dress up in blue and white or any TLS apparel you have.

**Mile Run** The mile run did not take place today because of weather conditions. The make-up date is set for Thursday, September 29 at 2:30pm. Please make sure your child(ren) have appropriate clothing and shoes for this school-wide event.

**Volunteer Help Needed** This year, our school is in charge of the Huron Valley Lutheran volleyball and soccer



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tournament on October 1, 2016 in Westland, MI. We are still in need of volunteers to help run this event. Volunteering includes watching the free will offering boxes at the 3 entrances and helping with line judging. A sign-up sheet has been sent out. If you did not receive it and would like to help out, please call the school office.

**Lunch Credit** In order to help your child(ren), students have the option to bring extra money to put on credit for lunches. The credit can then be used throughout the weeks to pay for lunches. This will eliminate students from having to pay every day or can pay the day they might forget their lunch. All you have to do is send the money with your child and they can give it to the lunch person on duty that day. We will keep a record of the credit throughout the weeks.

**Athletic Update** The soccer and volleyball teams did an exceptional job in displaying their God-given abilities over the weekend. Volleyball won both of its games against St. Stephen's, Adrian and Zion, Monroe. Soccer won both of its games against Zion and St. Stephen's with a great come from behind win thanks in part to a hat trick of goals by Kylie Beagle. Way to go Tigers!

## Notes from the Teachers

### Preschool

Highlights from last week in preschool: graphing our favorite cookie from our taste test, making cloud symmetry pictures, and playing "Who Stole the Cookies From the Cookie Jar?" game.

Our focus books this week are I Want to Be an Astronaut by Byron Barton and The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss. The children are to bring something that starts with the letters A, B, or C for the Letter Box review.

### Kindergarten

Here's what the kindergarten class will be working on this week:

Christ Light - "Jesus Changes Water Into Wine", "Jesus Makes a Sick Boy Well", and "Nicodemus"

Reading - Grammar: Action Verbs in the Present Tense; Comprehension: Text and Graphic Features

Math - Begin Chapter 3 Positions

Handwriting - Writing Lower-Case Letters

Science - Animals

#### Upcoming due dates:

Monday, September 26th

Memory Treasure "Lead us not into temptation." The Sixth Petition

Tuesday, September 27th

Letters K & L in purple ABC Book

Wednesday, September 28th

Memory Treasure "Give us today our daily bread." The Fourth Petition

Thursday, September 29th

Hymn 759 "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled" refrain

Friday, September 30th

Take-Home Book "Our Jobs" and New Sight Word "and"

Monday, October 3rd

Memory Treasure "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own



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understanding” Proverbs 3:5

Tuesday, October 4th

Letters M & N in purple ABC Book

Monday, October 10th

Bible Binder Read Only

### **1st and 2nd Grade**

Christ Light- Mon. & Tues.: 6A – Jesus’ First Miracle, memory work for Tues. 6A, Chapel and Hymn Study 759 refrain on Wed., Thurs & Fri: 6B – Jesus Heals the Official’s Son, memory work hymn 759 for Thurs. (gold page with hymn sent home last week), 6B memory work for Friday. Next week 7A - Jesus and Nicodemus on Monday and 7B – Jesus and the Samaritan Woman on Tuesday.

Reading & Phonics: Gr. 1- Lesson 6 “Jack and the Wolf” and “The three Little Pigs” / Using Sense Words / Think Central Test 6 on Friday. Gr.2- Lesson 6 Stories “Animals Building Homes” and ”Whose Home Is It?” / singular and plural / Think Central Test 6

Math: Gr.1- Chapter 2: Addition – 3 Addends, Problem Solving, Test, Chapter 3: Subtraction

Gr. 2- Chapter 2: Ordering Numbers, Estimating and Rounding, Odds and Evens

Grammar: Gr. 1 & 2- Sentences – Nouns, Time Order Words

Spelling: Gr.1- Unit 5 review letter sounds, Gr. 2- Unit 5- pretest on Monday and Final test on Friday

Science: States of Matter

Social Studies: Our Community

Leveled Readers: These Reading books are handed out of Monday in a small ziplock bag and should be returned on Friday. The books go with our Reading series and may be used for the reading log and for extra Reading practice.

### **3rd and 4th Grade**

This week we are working on our Terra Nova tests so we have a little different schedule this week. There are just a few things I want to highlight.

Memory Work: Tuesday- Colossians 2:9/1 Peter 5:7

Thursday- Hymn 759:Refrain - vs. 1

Friday- Ephesians 3:20a/5th Commandment

Spelling: No unit this week.

Reading: We are starting a new story this week.

Just a few reminders regarding the Terra Nova Testing:

- 1) It is important your son/daughter gets some good sleep
- 2) During snack time in the morning, I would like them to be healthy snacks

### **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Greetings from the 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade room. Things are getting busy. Please make sure your student is keeping up and remembering to bring their assignments.

Spelling: There is no spelling this week.

Hymnology: The current Hymn to be recited is 759 Refrain-St. 2.

English: We have begun reading the novel Holes and it is getting interesting from what is the warden looking for? Is Stanley really making friends with the other boys?

Geography: We have a test on Canada on Tuesday.

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Religion: We will continue our lessons on “God’s answers to my questions.”

Science: We will begin a new unit focusing more on biology.

History: We will continue to look at how the colonies began to develop in the early 1700s.

Math: 7th grade will begin a new chapter on Inequalities. The 8th grade will continue to work with irrational numbers. They will also have a test on chapter 2 on Thursday.

### **Hymn of the Week**

Hymn 759: “Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled”

#### Refrain (K-8)

Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
Have faith in God and faith in me.  
I will go forth to prepare a place for you;  
Then I’ll come back to take you with me,  
That where I am, you may also be.

#### Verse 2 (5-8)

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life;  
Only through me can you know what I know.  
If you knew me, you would know the Father;  
If you see me, you see your God.

#### Verse 1 (3-8)

In God’s house there are many places  
For you alone to dwell in safety.  
You know the way to where I’ll lead you,  
If you are lost, I will show the way.

#### Verse 3 (7-8)

The words I speak are not only of myself;  
It is your God who lives within me.  
If you believe that your God and I are one,  
I will provide when you call my name.



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