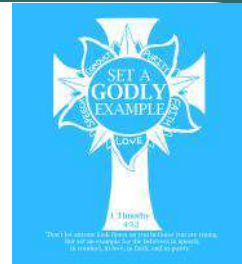


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Faith Based Learning With Technology

- Age 2-Grade 8
- Small Class Size
- Excellent academics
- Safe and Loving Environment



“Welcome To New School Year!!”

Ready or not, the 2018 School Year for our Early Learning Center and School begins on **Monday, August 27th. (Remember, Grades 7 & 8 start on Tuesday, August 28.)** We are excited to begin the new year with all of the great enhancements which will benefit every single student—age 2-grade 8—and make their learning experience more pleasing and educational advanced. Awesome adjustments and additions are transforming your ELC and School so it is going to be a totally new positive experience for everyone. I am thrilled to share some of our exciting upgrades with you.

Faculty

- Most qualified ever—new & experienced with Masters with passion for Jesus’ kids.
- Boys P.E. Instructor
- Technology Facilitator in classrooms
- Media—Grades 6-8
- Added emphasis on creative writing

Security

- Security locks—all rooms
- Security sensors hallways & classrooms
- Single ELC & School Entrance
- Office hours 7:30 am-6:00 pm
- Teacher technology program
- Student cellphone check-in procedure

Technology/Curriculum

- Praxi/Office
- Assignment of student tech device for classrooms
- Tech oriented entrance lounge
- All curriculum updated & aligned with Harford County
- Mrs. Garner—full-time music leader
- MS Classes expanded to 50 minutes
- Math & Science upgraded

All mentioned and more illustrates our unmatched program and tuition value which is grown every year. It is not bragging, but fact—**Trinity “Never stops improving” and “We are often copied but never duplicated.”**

I am excited to welcome you to the School Year!

Programs

- Positive, uniform discipline program
- DeepRoots Bible Program K-Grade 6
- Study skills grades 5 & 6
- Unified M.S. Daily Schedule
- Yearlong activity, fellowship, Christian experience
- Program Gr. 5-8, 1st Sem. announced at BTSN.
- Middle School Bash September 28
- Media Session-Grades 6,7,8
- Single Chapel-Kindergarten-Grade 8—1:30 pm
- Twice monthly Buddy Chapel
- Pre-School Chapel

Convenience

- New Office Complex/Entrance Awning
- All offices—ELC & TLCS except Finance in School Complex.
- ELC Classrooms-1st floor with bathrooms
- Music Room
- Classrooms unified

Playgrounds/Sports

- Re-mulched
- Sail System—ELC
- Outdoor basketball & game court
- Gender Soccer Teams
- Extended game schedule
- Spring Middle Sports Boys
- Girls Spring Soccer Team

Office and Faculty Report Card

This summer has seen a “major revision” of office and faculty relocation, therefore everyone will need the following chart to know where to locate staff and classrooms.



Office Professionals

<u>Position</u>	<u>Staff Name</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Extension</u>
Office Manager	Pam Wiechec	145	7:30-4:00	100
Office Professional	Lisa Moeller	145	8:00-4:30	111
Finance Manager	Dawn Wagner	100	8:00-4:30	123
Finance Office Prof.	Judy Jester	100	7:15-4:30	181
PTL	Malinda Markel	217	8:00-4:00	174

ELC Staff and Room Assignments

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sharon Pindell	Educational Director	141
Dorothy Wolfe	Two's	137
Colleen Parker	Pre-School A	138
Christina Gross	Pre-School B	140
Colleen Bohlen	Pre-K A	142
Carmen Draayer	Pre-K B	148
Karen Fox	School Age Before/After Care	Fellowship Hall

Lower School Staff and Room Assignments

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Room</u>
Patricia Ree	Educational Director	221
Julianne Wright	Kindergarten	132
Linda Minarik	Aide	132
Dawn Hebding	Grade 1	135
Linda Stephens	Grade 1	134
Kristen Roane	Grade 2	152
Mary Ann Hines	Grade 3	209
Malinda Markle	Grade 3	217
Linda Gast	Grade 4	211
Tammy Geelhaar	Grade 4	219

Middle School

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Room</u>
Pastor John	Educational Director	145
Donna Hostetler	Dean	215
Donna Wright	Homeroom 5A/Language Arts	206
Dave Merritt	Homeroom 5B/Phys. Ed/Health	207
Laura Smith	Homeroom 6A	202
Laura Smith	Computer Lab	210
Lauren Friedly	Homeroom 6B	204
Lauren Friedly	Art Room	136
Dawn Garner	Homeroom 7A/Music/Band	213
Al Ringgold	Homeroom 7B/Math	216
Karen Gaubatz	Homeroom 8A/Language Arts	212
Lee Thomassen	Homeroom 8B/Social Studies	214
Jullie Herman	Science	202
Suzanne Bowden	Social Studies, Christian Ed, Drama	204
Lorena dos Santos	Spanish	Varies
Bonnie Schnell	Physical Education/Health	Gym

“Gently Used” Uniform Sale

Get your back to school uniforms at our Uniform Sale
 on
 Thursday, August 23rd
 from
 10:00 am-6:00 pm
 in
 Fellowship Hall





Parent Teacher League

Welcome Back! Thank you to everyone who helped last year!! There are many ways that you can help through every day activities. Please check out the **PTL website** to find out how you can help, along with a list of events and fundraisers for this year. **Go to the school website – www.tlsonline.org and click on the Parents tab and Parent Teacher League for the PTL website.**

You can also sign up on the website to help with events/fundraisers. Please make a note of the following events coming up:

Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser	August 29-September 26
PTL Volunteer Meetings	September 6 at 3:30 or 6:30
Family Fun Night at Broom's Bloom	September 11 from 4:00 – 8:00 pm
Family Movie Night	September 14 at 7:30
Claire's Gourmet Delivery	October 16

Back to School Night – Parent Only Night

Absolutely essential for student success, is for every family to have at least one parent present for their student's Back to School Night. Student success depends on knowledgeable and supportive parents. A major parent step to be informed is to be in attendance at their students BTSN. Thank you to parents for their support.

Here are the dates:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Kindergarten	August 22	Wednesday	6:30pm	Church
Early Learning Center	August 23	Thursday	6:30pm	Church
Lower & Middle School	August 28	Tuesday	6:30pm	Church

Sessions will start promptly at 6:30pm and extend for 1 hour and 30 minutes.

These are Parent Only Sessions.



Tuition Perks – Band/Instrument



Band and instrument participation is a tuition perk for students in Grades 4-8. The program includes a weekly instrument lesson and a band session.

For registration/information, call Dawn Garner at 410-679-4000 or register online. Here is a \$1,000 to \$1,500 benefit! We invite our families to take advantage!



Fall Soccer Program Expansion – Two Teams

With the additional help of Dave Merritt as P.E. Instructor to partner with Ms. Schnell, long-time P.E staff, we are expanding our Soccer Program. **We are thrilled to report we will have a Boys and Girls Team for the fall with an expanded game schedule. Wow! Great news.**

Also, a Spring Girls Soccer Team is a goal! We are growing our sports program.

Clinic will begin on Monday, September 10 at 5:30pm on Trinity's field and continue until daylight savings time ends.

Middle School soccer practices and games will be on Tuesday and Thursday after school starting in late August.

For all other teams, days of practice will be announced as soon as the head coach makes a decision on what day is best for her/his schedule.

Call Ms. Schnell 410-679-4000 ext. 178 for information.

More, More, Outstanding Teachers

God's blessing is awesome! He continues to bless us with more, and more truly outstanding, experienced teachers who are dedicated Christians. We take pleasure in introducing two more new top qualified Middle School teachers who join with already announced Donna Wright, Dave Merritt and Lee Thomassen. Add our returning exciting, experienced and talented staff, and you can truly appreciate what outstanding faculty we have at TLCS.

Julie Herman
B.S., ME
Science



We welcome Julie, Spelled with two ll's by using her own words.

"Teaching in the public schools for the last 14 years have opened my eyes to the need for parental involvement, administration control, the need for a belief in common decency, and the belief that all people should show tolerance and love for mankind. It was challenging, but I tried to be a good role model and mentor to the students. Religious topics were not allowed to be taught in class, but I could see the students needed guidance in morals and in character building."

"I have the great honor of teaching in a Christian school this year and I think God or his angels had a hand in this career move. I originally wanted a part-time position either tutoring, or teaching just to keep my "busy." I applied for this job online and met with Pastor John and the Dean of Middle School, Donna, and was immediately impressed. I believe the spirit of God will help lead, guide, and shape me and my grandchildren into stronger Christians. Did I forget to mention, that my grandsons will be going to the school with me? They need spiritual guidance as much as I do. I am so blessed!"

Her BS was granted by the University of Maryland in 1972 and her Masters plus 60 hours, the College of Notre Dame. Prior to her public school experience she was at Mt. St. Claire and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Schools.





**Ruthann Sutherland
BA, MD**

We welcome Ruthann Sutherland as the Religion teacher for grade 5 and part-time Instructional Resource for Middle School. She is an ordained Lutheran Pastor who received her BA from Lutheran Bible Institute, Seattle and her Master of Divinity in Missiology. Pastor Ruthann will teach grade 5 Religion and be an Instructional Resource teacher for numerous Middle School classes in other grades. Her answers to resume questions give parents a wonderful insight into our new staff.

“I wish to teach in a Christian school because I believe that an understanding of who Christ is and what He has done undergirds and supports all of education. A Christian school is free to make the connections between our understanding of the world—in math, science, literature, history, etc.— and the nature of who God is in Jesus Christ. The Christian school is allowed to share basic truth, that shapes all that we think and all of who we are. In teaching at homeschool co-ops, I have found that the freedom to share the Christian world view enhances all other aspects of education.”

“I would consider the main distinguishing characteristic to be the world view. In a Christian school, the world view would be Christian. This would shape one’s morality, values, respect for other persons, behavior, attitudes. It would shape how one is taught, disciplined, and engaged with. It shows us the end goals that we are striving for. The Bible reveals to us the living Word of God, which allows us to have a measure, a rule of Truth, that the public school is not going to have. They must settle for what feels right, appeals to the most people, etc.”

Pastor Ruthann says it all—“I love kids and have a passion for sharing Jesus.” Enthusiastically we welcome Pastor Sutherland, a former member of Trinity, to our school ministry.

Congratulations to Donna Hostetler



Dean of our Middle School and Math Teacher, was highly honored by the Harford County Knights of Columbus on July 14, as she was awarded their teacher of the year honor for 2018.

Congratulations Donna. We are so proud for you to receive this honor and so pleased to have you as a member of our Trinity Lutheran Christian School faculty.

The award was extended at Mass on Saturday, July 14, St. Mary’s Church in Pylesville and was followed by a reception. Our school was represented by Dee Braun, Director of the TLCS School Board and Marge Schafer.

Parent Comments

Listed below Are A Few Recent Comment From Parents...

- Christian values/lifestyle present in all classes.
- Small class size.
- Safe place, caring and compassionate teachers.
- Quality academics.
- Dedicated and competent staff.
- Wholesome environment, caring staff, thorough education, religious education.
- Small class size.
- My child is doing so much better at this school. The school has wonderful teachers who truly care about the children and not only academically, but spiritually too.
- The teachers work with the parent to obtain the best education possible for their child. If something doesn't work, they keep trying until they find the best solution that works for everyone (student, teacher, classmates, parents.) Trinity is a school which provides a safe learning space for my child. My child is comfortable with expressing herself without fear of ridicule or judgement. The staff and students have good moral character and encourage the same for my child.
- We had an awesome experience with our son's Kindergarten teacher. He didn't go to pre-school and integrated well into the structure of the year. She always went above and beyond for everything during the year. The other teachers and administrators portray those same qualities. Lastly, the class size, teacher to student ratio is perfect. I feel as though the children learn more in the smaller class sizes.
- My child is challenged and getting a great education.
- Safety
- Care, Religion, student involvement.
- Great Christian education
- Curriculum and moral teaching.

SUMMER OPEN HOUSE



The first **Free Scholarship Open House Dessert Night** was held on Wednesday, August 1. Over 40 parents and prospective parents heard brief comments regarding our ELC and TLCS from parents, teachers, education leaders, graduates Brett Ferguson and Jeremiah Boyd, Board Director Dee Braun and Headmaster. They were shown 3 brief videos of school activities and were afforded the opportunity to tour our facility. Winner of the drawings were:

ELC Parent	\$500 Scholarship	Alma Matthews
ELC Prospect Parent	\$500 Scholarship	Amber Gee
TLCS Parent	50% Scholarship	Sherry Beaulieu
TLCS Prospect Parent	50% Scholarship	Rick Bowie

We  **Referrals**

How Many Families Have You Referred?

The best families and students come to both our ELC and TLCS by parent referral. Your referrals help your school and maintain full enrollment which benefits all families.

We maintain "Open Enrollment" from September – March of each year. Trinity invites your regular referral to all you meet and greet.

Cell Phone Policy



Student cell phones are not permitted in our school for any reason!!
If a student needs to bring a cell phone to school for before or after their daily time at Trinity, they must strictly observe the following policy:

“All cell phones brought to school must daily be checked in with the office upon entrance and retrieved upon departure.” Cell phones must be in a plastic bag or case with students name. No exceptions. Cell phones found in lockers in possession of a student during the day will be confiscated and returned only to the students’ parent.”

Kindergarten –6th Grade Students to Have a New Bible Curriculum This Year!

Why did we switch to DeepRoots Bible curriculum?

- It is the only curriculum that teaches students how to defend their faith through archaeology, logic, philosophy, and a variety of subjects students encounter every day such as science, history, and geography.
- Students will learn why they believe what they believe by studying the evidence that supports the truth of the Bible.
- Students will learn how to articulate their faith through ongoing class discussions.
- DeepRoots trains students to be discerning about today’s culture and rely on God’s Word for guidance.
- It shows students how to apply Biblical truth to all areas of their lives.
- There are not workbooks. It is located conveniently online. There are engaging illustrations, hand-on activities, and interactive features. It is a multidimensional experience.
- Parents will have digital access to the curriculum. Parents will be able to log on, along with their child and see what they are learning and help prepare for tests.

The administration and staff are very excited about implementing this engaging Bible curriculum this year! We are expecting to see a major difference in our students’ excitement and learning as well!



Breaking Middle School News!



We will have our Very First M.S. Bash—grades 5-8, on Friday, September 28 6:30-11:00 pm. More news at Back to School Night. Place date on your calendar.

Summer Camp 2018

What an adventure summer camp has been. This summer we enjoyed heading out to the soccer field with our awesome Soccer Shots coaches, Coach Chris and Coach AB. The children enjoyed learning different skills and teamwork.

The spirit days were super silly and very creative, from Alien day to dress like your favorite animal day. We even had face painting and transformed into different animals.

Our Pre-K and School Age children went on an adventure through Marshy Point Nature Center. We held and learned about different reptiles as well as trekked through the marsh with our nets searching for tadpoles and turtles.

Jungle John came for a visit and showed us his crazy magic tricks and put himself into a life size balloon!

We all enjoyed the Pets on Wheels visit with the sweet and furry dogs. A Golden Retriever, a Labradoodle, a Spaniel and 3 Chihuahuas came to give us sweet kisses and snuggles. That was a teacher favorite!

Every Wednesday we put on our swim suits and ran around our soccer field in the sprinklers. We had fun getting wet and getting our energy out!

These 12 weeks went by extremely fast and fun was had by all. We wish all of our campers a very wonderful school year and we pray for their success throughout the school year.

Until next year my friends!!

ELC Changes

As you will see when you walk through our halls that ALL of our Early Learning Center Classrooms have been moved to the 1st floor. Pre-K A and Pre K B are now in rooms 142 and 148. Each Pre K classroom has a bathroom and new carpeting. We have been busy this summer with moving and creating an environment to best suite your child's needs.

With our new changes in place we feel that this will provide a better transition for students moving from Preschool B to Pre K.

Calendar of Events-August 20, 2018—September 30, 2018

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
August	Wednesday	22	6:30 pm	Kindergarten BTSN—Church
	Thursday	23	6:30 pm	ELC Back to School Night—Church
	Monday	27	MS 7:40-7:50 LS 8:00-8:15	First day of School—Kindergarten –Grades 6
	Tuesday	28	6:30 pm	Back to School Night—Grades 1-8 Church
	Tuesday	28	MS 7:40 am	First Day—Grades 7 & 8
	Wednesday	29	LS 1:30 pm	Chapel Kickoff
	Wednesday	29	LS 1:00 pm MS 2:00 pm	Claire’s Gourmet Fundraising Assemblies
	Friday	31	LS 12:50 pm MS 1:00 pm	Early Dismissal
September	Monday	3		ELC & School Closed
	Tuesday	4		ELC & School Open
	Wednesday	5	10:00 am	Opening Chapel
	Thursday	6	3:30 pm 6:30 pm	PTL Volunteer Meetings
	Friday	7		Spirit Wear Day
	Monday	10	3:45 pm	Faculty Meeting
	Wednesday	12	1:30 pm	Chapel
	Thursday	13		Resource Volunteer Training
	Friday	14	6:30 pm	Time Capsule—Class 2015
	Friday	14	7:30 pm	Family Movie Night
	Wednesday	19	1:30 pm	Chapel
	Wednesday	19	6:30-8:00 pm	High School Fair
	Friday	21	LS 12:50 pm MS 1:00 pm	Early Dismissal
	Sunday	23	10:30-12:30	School Open House
		23	11:00 am	ELC & TLCS Installation
	Monday	24	3:45 pm	Faculty Professional Development
	Tuesday	25		Individual Uniform Picture Day
	Wednesday	26	1:30 pm	Chapel
	Wednesday	26		Claire’s Fundraiser Ends
	Friday	28	7:00 pm	Middle School Bash