

Trinity Pride, Dividends for Life!

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year at Trinity Catholic School! Today was a great day for your child! It began with today's daily reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, in which Paul reminds us to lead a life worthy of God. Everyone here at Trinity Catholic looks forward to working with you and your child to promote academic excellence and spiritual growth this year! As you know, the structure, safety and support that Trinity Catholic School provides, is second to none.

Our certified teachers bring over 500 years of combined teaching experience and we have been busy preparing since last Wednesday-a full 4 days before our public counterparts. Meetings, discussion about best practices, in-service learning and planning will ensure a great start to this year. Our curriculum, teaching and testing will ensure continuous improvement for your child.

With a new year, come many new and exciting changes. All parents are reminded to carefully read our Parent/Student Handbook, online at www.trinitycatholic.us. Printed copies are available in the office.

We have some new faces in some new places this year. Ms. Marcoux is our 6th-8th grade religion teacher and school religion coordinator. Mrs. Mellette is our new kindergarten teacher. Mr. Thomas is our new, 5th grade teacher. Mrs. Lagasse is our new school nurse and Ms. Greeley is our new Pre-K aide. Welcome, to these very important people!

Construction has begun around the elementary campus, just in time for school. New drainage pipes are being installed under Baird, St. Croix and Webster streets over the next few weeks, making it very difficult to enter/exit the elementary campus. Parents will need to be extra patient and cooperative during pickup and drop off. If at all possible, please arrive prior to 7:30, park in the play ground and wait with your child(ren) until 7:30 to take them into the building. After school, teachers will wait longer for parents who may be stuck in the construction traffic.

Be on the lookout for a new lunch menu (available online), a new pre-paid price (\$2.50), a new elementary nurse's office and new lunch tables with attached benches in our elementary cafeteria. Look for weekly folders each Wednesday and a *monthly* school newsletter this year on the first Wednesday of each month. Our PTO will soon be sending home a list of open, volunteer positions so everyone will see how they can help support the mission of Trinity Catholic School.

You can enhance the spiritual and academic growth in your child through active communication with his/her teacher, familiarity and support of school policies and volunteering to demonstrate your support of our school and its mission to provide a comprehensive educational program with contemporary instructional methods, rooted in traditional Catholic teachings and values. Contact your child's teacher early to begin building this important relationship.

A tremendous amount of work this summer at the school, parish and diocesan level has strengthened our budget and we have launched a comprehensive study to collect the necessary data to assist us with long-range planning. Please see the enclosed parent letter concerning this important study and know that the future of Catholic education in our area is secure.

And finally, with God's continued rich blessings, your support and the smiling faces in Maine's largest Catholic elementary school, 2009-2010 *will* be another great year for Trinity Catholic School and an excellent year for your child.

Paul Yarnevich