

TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

THURSDAY BULLETIN

March 12, 2020



**8th Grade Fundraiser this Sunday,
March 15, 11:00 - 9:00 p.m. @
Mamma Mia's**

A letter from Mrs. Nokes:

Trinity Catholic School Plan for Addressing COVID-19

The primary concern of this plan is the health and safety of the students and staff of Trinity Catholic School and their families.

If there are cases of COVID-19 in the Spokane area:

Following recommendations from the Washington State Department of Health, Trinity will implement social distancing rather than closing school. We will be communicating with the diocese regarding canceling diocesan gatherings and sporting events. Finally we are aware of fundraising events in the near future such as *Day in Motion*, and later on into June, *Cow Plop* that may be affected by COVID-19. We will continue to be preparing for the worst with our creativity, but praying for the best in regards to all future events that certainly affect all of us.

If the school were to close, here is how it would happen: 1. A confirmed positive test of one of our community members would be reported to me. The Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD) would investigate the case to determine all those who have been exposed. 2. The SRHD would then assess whether we should temporarily close our school. 3. During a closure the school will be cleaned according to guidelines from local and state health officials.

If employees need to be absent from school:

K-8 - The school will seek to find a substitute from the diocesan substitute list. If no substitute can be found from that list, the school will look for a substitute from the emergency substitute list. If necessary, classes will be combined for multi-age lessons as numbers permit.

If there are cases of COVID-19 among students, staff, or administration:

If a student, staff member, or administrator has been diagnosed with a confirmed case of COVID-19, Trinity will follow recommendations of local health officials (likely closing school for 2 to 5 days) and will cooperate with local health officials in their investigation during this time. The school will also seek guidance from local health officials about the need to lengthen any school closures or resuming normal operations.

In the event of a school closure:

Faculty and administration are working together to address the learning for your child/children. In grades K – 8 we will be implementing a combination of online learning (Spokane Virtual Learning, MobyMax, Superkids-Grades K-2), preparing packets from teachers either digitally or paper, downloadable PDF's, etc. These options are able to be monitored by teachers.

If Trinity is advised to close for a longer period of time, we will communicate with you on extending the learning opportunities as directed above, and as a last resort, the possibility of utilizing some already scheduled days off (Easter Monday would be an example) and/or extending the school year as needed, but not to go beyond June 19, 2020.

In conclusion:

As with all difficulties on our journey of life, please keep in mind that our faith can carry us through hard times. Anxiety can easily take over in situations when we feel out of control. Some helpful tips of my own are to meditate on a short verse of scripture, sing or recite a song, breath deeply, walk briskly and laugh.

Note:

Here are some helpful links to help you communicate with your child about the virus:.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/talking-with-children.html>

https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/NASN/3870c72d-fff9-4ed7-833f-215de278d256/UploadedImages/PDFs/02292020_NASP_NASN_COVID-19_parent_handout.pdf

<https://www.brainpop.com/health/diseasesinjuriesandconditions/coronavirus/>

Only **10** days left to apply for your Tuition Assistance Grant!



Go to trinityspokane.com, scroll to the bottom of the homepage and click on **FACTS**.

MAMMA MIA'S 8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER

Our 8th grade class is raising money to go to Olympia this Spring. Currently the class is selling tickets to an "All you can eat" meal at Mamma Mia's this Sunday, **March 15**, between 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Your ticket includes

- Rigatoni with meat sauce
- Rigatoni alfredo
- Salad bar
- Rolls
- Non-alcoholic drink.

Tickets are \$20 and are available from any 8th grade student or in the office.



*On top of spaghetti all covered with cheese
I lost my poor meatball when somebody sneezed
It rolled off the table, it rolled on the floor
And then my poor meatball rolled out of the door
It rolled in the garden and under a bush
And then my poor meatball was nothing but mush.
The mush was as tasty as tasty could be,
And early next summer it grew to a tree*

ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

The **March 15** Mass at Spokane Falls Community College **has been cancelled**.

SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION

In light of the legislation regarding sexual health education (SB 5395) we have provided below the legal language relating to private schools. We have been fielding some questions regarding the implication for our Catholic schools.

SB 5395 does not require private schools to provide comprehensive sexual health education.

In fact, RCW 28A.195.010 explicitly states "The legislature hereby recognizes that private schools should be subject only to those minimum state controls necessary to insure the health and safety of all the students in the state and to insure a sufficient basic education to meet usual graduation requirements. The state, any agency or official thereof, shall not restrict or dictate any specific educational or other programs for private schools except as hereinafter in this section provided."

RCW 28A.195.020 (Private Schools - Rights Recognized) reads "The state recognizes the following right of every private school:

To teach their religious beliefs and doctrines, if any; to pray in class and in assemblies; to teach patriotism including requiring students to salute the flag of the United States if that be the custom of the particular private school.

ALL-SCHOOL PRAYER

Grade 3 will lead All-school Prayer on Monday, **March 16**, at 8:35 a.m. All are invited. All-School Prayer will be held in the gym during March.

RAISING HEALTHY TEENS IN A DIGITAL AGE

Tuesday, **March 17**, 6:30 p.m. at Gonzaga Prep. Free. Fight social media's influence on teen mental health.

*"Collin is a warrior for our children."
-Sean Reyes, Utah Attorney General
On Feb 6, 2018, the Salt Lake
Tribune's front page article began:
"Collin Kartchner decided to fight*

Instagram with Instagram." Two months later, Collin started a nationwide movement called #SavetheKids and has been on a crusade to help people both young and old to rise above the negative effects of social media & screen-addiction, while showing the world how to use it for doing good. Using social media, Collin raised \$100k's for hurricane victims, kids fighting cancer, and orphans in South America. In 9 minutes he raised enough money to put up "You Are Beautiful" & "You Are Loved" billboards seen over 1.2M times. Now he's on a crusade to save teens from social media's potential destruction to their self-esteem and mental health, and empowering parents to reconnect with their kids. #SavetheKids #SavetheParents

GRADE 2 LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT

Grade 2 is coordinating a collection of items to benefit CAPA (Child Birth and Parenting Assistance program through Catholic Charities).

Needed items: baby shampoo, teethingers, diapers sizes 4, 5 and 6, new clothing (tags on) sizes newborn - 6t, diaper wipes, diaper cream, new washcloths, new socks, new baby blankets.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us for Stations of the Cross at St. Anthony's church. **March 12th** (9:00 a.m.), **19th** (9:00 a.m.), and **26th** (1:00 p.m.).

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Spring Parent-teacher conferences will be held **March 19 and 20th**.

Spring conferences are **optional unless your child's teacher has requested one**. If so, you will be receiving a letter in the mail requesting a conference.

To sign up for a conference...

1. Go to your Sycamore account.
2. Select the MY SCHOOL Tab.
3. Select the P/T Conference Tab
4. Select your child(s) teacher
5. Select the date and time

EARLY DISMISSAL DAY

School will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, **March 19**, for Parent-teacher conferences.

NO SCHOOL

There will be no school on Friday, **March 20**, for Parent-teacher conferences and a teacher inservice.

SPRING TRACK

Spring Track Sign up is open for the parochial team (Grades 1-6). Go to <https://www.sysa.com/sysa-track-cross-country/spring-track-field/> and ask to be on the parochial team with coach Fuchs.

Practices will most likely be Mondays and Thursdays for 1 hour most likely at 5pm or later and will be held at Gonzaga Prep's Track.

Meets will begin in early to mid April (1-2 on Friday Nights, 3-4 & 5-6 on Saturdays) - Coach Tom

*It takes courage to participate in life.
Today I can applaud myself for
trying. I'm doing a terrific job.*



EDUCARE NEWS

INFANTS

We had one baby start crawling this week. She is now all over the class room. Another one of our babies turned 1 and has moved to the Waddler room.

WADDLERS

This week we are learning about the outer space, the color yellow and the star shape.

TODDLERS

This week in the Toddler classroom we are learning about trees (how they grow, why their leaves change colors, etc.) We have been singing Down by the Tree Farm, We Planted a Tree and The Forever Tree. Our goals are the ABC's, 123's and potty training.

PRESCHOOL

This week in Preschool we are making several insect crafts such as a ladybug paper plate craft and a toilet paper roll bumble bee. The letter of the week is X.

PREKINDERGARTEN

This week we are continuing our unit on buildings. We are learning about the landscape of our homes, tools, and doing a walk about of our school to see how many doors and windows we have at Trinity. We will also have a couple of guest speakers to teach us about building and safety.

