

TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

THURSDAY BULLETIN

December 3, 2020



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that your Thanksgiving holiday was joyous and restful! Although different, it is always special to celebrate with loved ones. The season of Advent is here. It is a time to prepare and celebrate hope and love.

“Advent is always a season of hope, a season that reminds us never to lose sight of the hope we Christians are called to live with year-round. This year, more than ever, we really need to focus on hope! We have been bruised and battered by the COVID-19 pandemic, a polarizing election, racial strife, and so much more. In the face of such difficulties, we can easily fall into despair. The message of Advent, however, is that despair will not prevail because of the hope we find in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.”

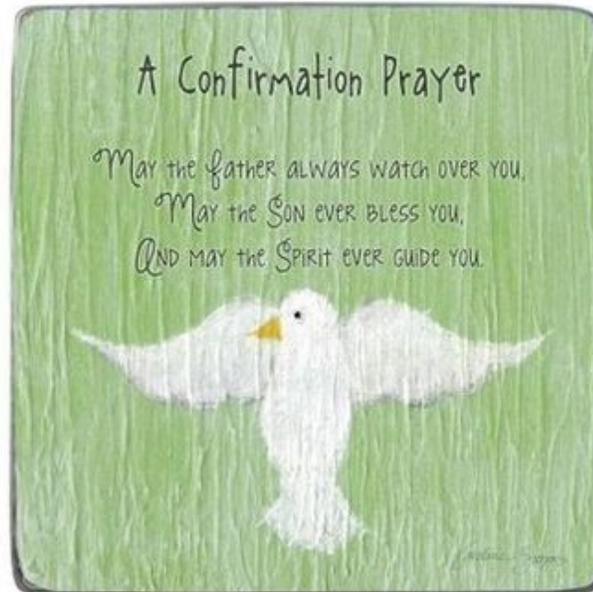
Our next fundraiser is the annual appeal, which we are calling “Trinity’s Annual Campaign for Excellence.” In the past, an envelope has been sent home for each family to donate. This year we are going to shift a bit in order to expand our donor base. Each family is still required to participate, but it will look a little different. On the attached form, please provide contact information for people you believe may consider contributing to our Campaign for Excellence. Each completed entry will earn your family one raffle ticket for a drawing for a \$100 Visa gift card. The drawing will take place on December 17th, still in time for Christmas!!! Your family’s donation of \$25 or greater will also earn a raffle ticket. The contacts you provide will receive a letter about the school and an invitation to contribute to this fund. Monetary donations help us to continue providing tuition assistance to those in need. We ask that your list be returned to school by next Friday, December 11. Families can submit through email at information@trinityspokane.com or return the paper copy to the office. If you choose not to participate by providing a list, your family contribution of \$100 will fulfill your family obligation.

Please remember to send your children to school with appropriate outdoor clothing, as we go to recess several times each day. Children are not permitted to stay inside without a doctor’s note. If children are unwell, please keep them home. Additionally, I ask that you be mindful of how and when you are contacting teachers. Please reach out to teachers using their Trinity email address only. They will not respond to inquiries during the time they are with students or during their family time. Any emergent issues

should be addressed through the office. Thank you for helping us to honor our faculty's personal time and our students' instructional time.

In gratitude for all you do,

Stacie Holcomb



CONFIRMATION

Retreat

On Friday, December 4, those 3rd graders and other students preparing for Confirmation will have a short retreat (1:30 - 3:00) at St. Anthony's (Parish)

Church. You may pick up your student at 3:00 p.m. from there.

Practice

Practice for Confirmation will take place on December 4 at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Mass

The Sacrament of Confirmation is this Saturday, **December 5**, 10:00 a.m., at Our Lady of Lourdes Cathedral (1115 W. Riverside). Due to Covid restrictions, only the student, sponsor, and two family members will be able to attend.

CHRISTMAS VACATION AND EDUCARE SCHEDULE

Christmas vacation is December 21 - January 1. School resumes January 3.

The Educare schedule is as follows:

12/21 Open
12/22 Open
12/23 Open
12/24 Closed
12/25 Closed
12/28 Open
12/29 Open
12/30 Open
12/31 Open (Closes at 4:00 p.m.)
1/1 Closed

'Christmas Star' to light up December sky for first time in 800 years

On Dec. 21, humans can witness something not seen in nearly 800 years.

That's right, during the upcoming winter solstice, Jupiter and Saturn will line up to create what is known as the "Christmas Star" or "Star of Bethlehem."

These two planets haven't appeared this (relatively) close together from Earth's vantage point since the Middle Ages.

"Alignments between these two planets are rather rare, occurring once every 20 years or so, but this conjunction is exceptionally rare because of how close the planets will appear to be to one another," Patrick Hartigan, astronomer at Rice University, told Forbes. "You'd have to go all the way back to just before dawn on March 4, 1226, to see a closer alignment between these objects visible in the night sky."

Stargazers in the northern hemisphere should turn their heads and telescopes to the southwest portion of the sky about 45 minutes after sunset to see the planets align Dec. 21. However, reportedly sightings can be seen throughout that entire week.

According to Forbes, a star-sighting of this magnitude won't occur again until 2080

