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Graduation: Trinity Lutheran School Class of 2020

by Carli Highberger

Graduation for Trinity's 8th graders is coming up and they are all really excited to be upgrading to high school but they are also sad that they have to leave the people at Trinity. Trinity is a wonderful environment with lots of amazing people that prep you for high school from preschool to 8th grade. I asked a few of them some questions and here were their answers.

Q: Are you excited for graduation?

A: Yes, I think graduation will be fun and heartwarming.

Q: Are you excited or nervous for high school...or both?

A: I am excited and nervous because I am growing and getting smarter but I am nervous for high school because I don't know if I will fit in or what the work will be like.

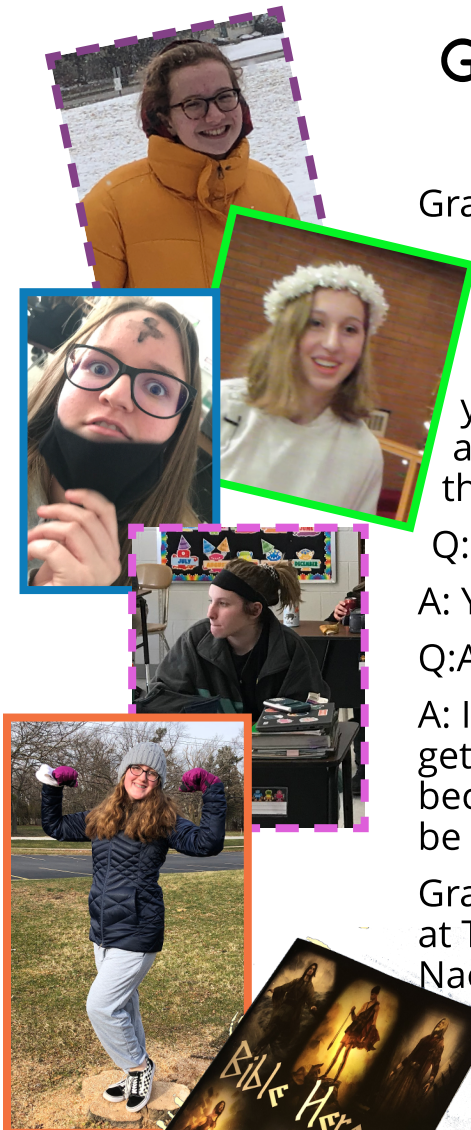
Graduation will be on May 28 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary at Trinity's church. Abby Schnittker, Amelie Harrison, Naomi Pulli, Kate Schreiman, and Carli Highberger. The

8th graders are very excited to experience this moment with their classmates and teachers. The

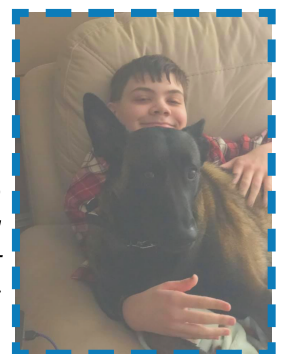
8th graders are also ready for high school, either excited, nervous, or both.

Most of them will be going to different high schools, but will still have each other

Congratulations to Nathan Lichucki, a home study student who will also receive his Trinity diploma.

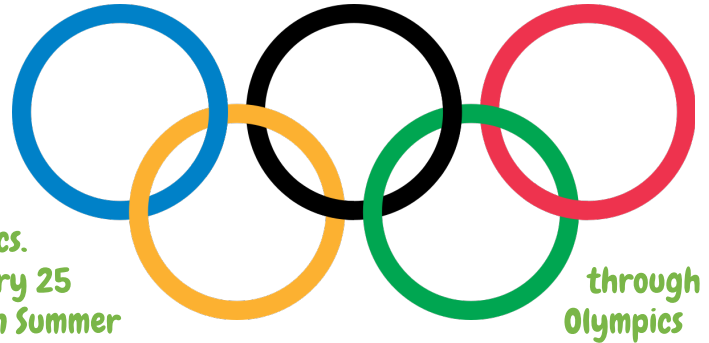


These graduating girls gave us plenty of candid moments. Find fun pictures from the entire school year in the Trinity Lutheran School 2020-2021 yearbook, produced by Trinity's 5th through 8th grade students and coming home soon.



Should the Summer Olympics be Held

by Grace Sabourin



The Olympics are very fun to watch. There are many different sports in the Olympics. There are two Olympics: the Winter Olympics and the Summer Olympics. The first Winter Olympic games took place from January 25 through February 5, 1924 in Chamonix, France. The first modern Summer Olympics took place 28 years earlier, April 6 through 15, 1896 in Athens, Greece. It is called the modern Olympics because there was an ancient Olympics held in Greece. The Summer Olympics may take place this year in Tokyo, so I asked people's opinions on if there should be a Summer Olympics in this time of Covid concerns. Nathan, Ian, and Carli said not to have the Summer Olympics this year. Amelie, Lina, Naomi, Kyren, Abby S, and Kate said yes, the Olympics should take place. Some people explained why they said yes or no. Joe said yes because the Olympians have been training for this for forever. Aidan said yes because the Olympians missed that opportunity last year. Riley and Abby G. said yes, but with strict safety guidelines like Covid tests, masks when not competing, and maintaining 6 feet apart. Lina said the games should go on, but they still need to be safe about Covid. Mrs. Solyom said we should aim for a sense of normalcy. I think they should follow strict guidelines and require the Covid vaccine. There are also certain sports that they should perhaps be more restricted. The majority of opinions that I got supported Tokyo's Summer Olympics going forward this year.

Trinity Track

by Joey Fitak and Aidan Harrison

Track is a Trinity athletic program, the only one held this school year because of Covid restrictions. Approximately 20 students participated, daily training with exercises and runs around the school. They compete in running and jumping, run 100-meter and 200-meter race. There were no track meets for Trinity's team this year, but they kept fit and helped prepare 8th grade teammates for high school. They win time to play dodge ball if they do running races well, and a drill called ABCs. Coach Meredith increased the number of laps every week and they even run laps on hills. The Trinity track team is always running - no matter what.

**THANK YOU to Trinity
Track Coach Bryan
Meredith!**

A Devotion

by Grace Sabourin

Wyatt was complaining about how his sister Clementine was being really mean to him. Wyatt's Mom said that he needs to be forgiving like how God forgives us when we sin. God said in Colossians 3:13, "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you have a grievance against. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

As people we forget that and we do not forgive one another.

We also need to be patient with each other. If someone doesn't do what we like we can't always say something to them to make them stop. God has to be patient with us when we do not do things the way we want, but He forgives us. God said in Romans 12:12, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

Because Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins we know and believe that we will have eternal life in heaven with God. God has gone through a lot because He had to watch His Son suffer for our sins and be patient and forgiving towards us. God said in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."



Meet Mrs. Allor *by Kyren Spencer*

Mrs. Cindy Allor is the 1 and 2nd grade teacher in Trinity Lutheran School. Mrs. Allor went to Concordia University in River Forest. Her first real teaching experience was after high school. Mrs. Allor has taught at several schools, and though she has been teaching she has not kept track of how many years. She said it is not hard to be a teacher but it requires a lot of planning. Mrs. Allor loves what she does and her favorite subjects to teach are Social Studies and Reading, but she loves them all. Mrs. Allor earned her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and has a Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction. Mrs. Allor's favorite holiday is Thanksgiving (my favorite thing to do on Thanksgiving is eat dinner). I asked if she had met anybody famous and Mrs. Allor told me she met Jack Hartmann. He is a singer who makes music for primary for grade school students. You can find out more about him at JackHartmann.com.

Getting to know Mrs. Solyom *by Riley Baker*

Mrs. Arlene Solyom is a preschool teacher at Trinity. I asked other Trinity staff what they thought of her and some of the comments I received were: "She is beautiful," "She has inspired me," and, "She has been my role model for over 30 years." I asked Mrs. Solyom some questions:

Q: When did you first start working at Trinity? **A:** Over 30 years ago.

Q: What is your favorite color? **A:** My favorite color is green.

Q: What is your dream vacation. **A:** I would love to go and visit Israel.

Q: What would you be if you weren't a teacher? **A:** A nanny for infants.

Q: Do you have any pets? **A:** Yes, one dog named Rudy.

Q: What is something that Covid ruined for you? **A:** Singing in church.

Q: How long have you been a teacher. **A:** As long as I can remember.

WHO IS MRS. PILNY? *by Naomi Pulli*



Mrs. Amy Pilny is an assistant teacher for preschool! She also works with some other classes too. Mrs. Pilny has been working at Trinity for 3 in a half years. She started to work here when she was trying to get involved with Trinity because her daughter, Abby, is a student at Trinity. Mrs. Pilny grew up in Columbus, Indiana, and went to Indiana State University. Her favorite childhood memory is when she used to ride and show her horses! She loves to read, and her favorite movies are *Secretariat* and *Hoosiers*. Mrs. Pilny loves working with the little preschoolers! "It's an adventure," she shares. She loves that there is no major social drama at Trinity and that she can always count on the people!



Thank you to Mrs. Sosana Moy, our Trinity office administrator. We look forward to her sunny smile four days a week in the office!



Summertime, Summertime

by Amelie Harrison

Summer approaches and school will be out soon. Summer is a great time for a variety of fun activities. As we move into summer the weather warms up and we have more free time for activities. There are a lot of activities that are beneficial for your health and or are fun. Some activities that are good for groups are soccer, football, baseball, kickball, tennis. All these activities are great for playing with your friends and family. Other physical activities that can be played individually are Running, walking, biking, swimming, hiking, rollerblading, roller skating and skateboarding.

There are also a variety of activities that aren't as related to physical activity but are still fun. Summer is a great time to make ice cream because it is hot out. Summer is also a good time for kids to make a lemonade stand, they can make money and have fun at the same time. Sidewalk chalk, hopscotch and jump rope are all easy to set up and are fun. Since summer is so hot it is a good idea to have activities to cool you down such as slip and slides, water balloons, sprinklers and even simply a hose to cool down with.

Sometimes summer is too hot and you just want to stay inside. Some indoor activities are puzzles, reading, drawing, coloring, painting, board games and more. Overall summer is a great time to spend with your family and friends whether it's indoors or outdoors.

Summer Vegetables

By Abby Schnittker

Summer is a wonderful time to plant different vegetables and fruits. Even though summer can be unbearably hot and humid, some hardy vegetables can thrive in this weather.

The first vegetable I recommend are tomatoes. Tomatoes are a delicious refreshing vegetable that can thrive in warm weather. They are great because you can walk into your garden, take a tomato, and put it on your sandwich to make the sandwich even more delicious.

Another refreshing and healthy snack to grow is peppers. Even though my family hasn't had any luck with peppers, they can thrive in your summer garden and grow throughout the season. They are a great and healthy snack to share with your family.

My final recommendation is cucumbers! Cucumbers are also refreshing and delicious. They also have multiple purposes. Cucumbers as well as peppers can be pickled and used on different sandwiches.

Summer is a wonderful time to practice your hobbies and garden.



☀️ DIVING INTO SUMMER ☀️

by Angelina Cotcamp

There are only a few more weeks of school left here at Trinity, until summer break is here! Everyone is very excited to have a great time and enjoy the wonderful weather that God have given us. I have interviewed some students (and one teacher) and here is what they love to do most over summer.

Mrs. Lori Solyom: *Walking outside and reading*

Abby G: *Swimming and biking*

Aidan: *Going to the beach*

Kyren: *Playing sports, swimming and water balloon fighting*

Grace: *Swimming in her pool and riding her bike*

Riley: *Swimmings with dogs*

Joe: *Swimming*

Ian: *Playing video games*

Nathan: *Going to parties*

Naomi: *Jumping on the trampoline with soap*

Carli: *Swimming*

Amelie: *Swimming, shopping, camping and roller skating*

Abby S: *Camping and swimming*

Kate: *Swimming*



Trinity's Vacation Bible School 2021

by Nathan Pulli - a Q & A with Mrs. Messina

Will Trinity be having Vacation Bible School this summer? **Yes**

Will it be in person or e-learning? **It will be e-learning**

How many students will participate? **We have room for as many who would like to participate**

What activities will we be doing? **There will be story time, a craft, and Pastor Wagner will be teaching a lesson**

Who will be leading Vacation Bible School? **Pastor Wagner and Principal Messina**

How many more days until Vacation Bible School starts? **The start date will posted on June 15**

So we will be having Vacation Bible School and it will be online, but I bet we will have a blast!



Sam the ShiChi *by Riley Baker*

Samson is a 2-year-old ShiChi who loves to play. His fur color is like a light brown and he weighs about 15 lbs. He was adopted near the end of January and his birthday is November 15.

One of Samson's favorite games is chasing the ball. When you're trying to do something he will always have a tennis ball at your feet. Samson also likes to run around and play with his sister Delilah. She is a 1-year-old Pomchi and has soft black fur. The best part about Sam is that he will always want you to play ball with him. Sometimes it does get annoying but its always cute.

He loves to eat a good pup cup when he is out and about with his humans. Samson has a friend named Peanut whose fur is mostly white with brown spots. Sam has a friend named Maggie and she is a Morkie and is all white. When Samson, Peanut, Maggie, and Delilah are together they all run around in a pack.

Some of Samson's nicknames are Sam, Sambo, Samburgini, and Samsonator. Even at the worst times in life Samson will always make you smile.

Lucy *by Kate Schreiman*

Lucy is the best dog anyone can ever ask for. My nickname for Lucy is "Fat Chicken Nugget." She is not actually that fat but she is just a little chubby. Lucy loves belly rubs and running around the couches in the living room. She loves my dad more than anyone. Lucy is just a sweetheart and adorable. She is skittish about new people because of her past. Lucy was not well cared for before we got her.

Photo below:
Lucy, featuring Kates dad's foot.





Mothers are special and God created each one to be her own unique person. In honor of our mothers and in recognition of Mothers' Day, we are sharing these essays written by Trinity 5th graders for a national contest, "What My Mother Means to Me."

What my Mother Means to Me *by Abby Gronwold*

What does my mother mean to me? My mother is caring, loving, kind, sensitive, and a good listener. This is what my mother means to me.

My mom was always kind to me and loved me. We have lots of fun together all the time! She is kind to her other children- my siblings - too. She is fair and volunteers for things like school, our Girl Scout troops, and many more! My mom also helps me with my violin, as she played in high school and college. She used to be a nurse so she can help us when we get sick. She guides us and tells us stories about "when she was a little girl." She is so hardworking and I am so grateful to her. She is a great person.

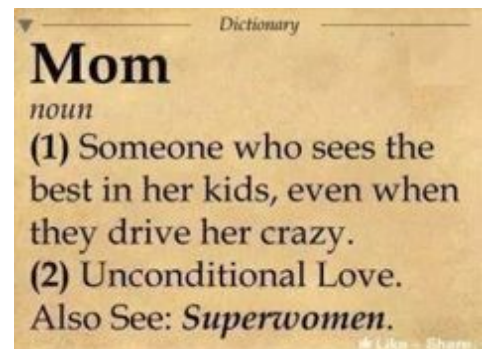
That is what my mother means to me.

What my Mother Means to Me *by Kyren Spencer*

What my mother means to me is that she is usually nice to me. We also celebrate things like Halloween even though it might only be September. And we are ready for Christmas by then. She gives me what I want for Christmas. The same with Santa. I believe him and he gives me things that I want on the wish list. And my mom gets things from the present list because my grandma or my other family can give her things as well. But i got things that i want. I love my mom.

What my Mother Means to Me *by Aidan Harrison*

My mother means a lot to me because she gave birth to me. When I was younger she bathed me. She made sure I was fed and she made sure I was safe. Another reason my mother means a lot to me is because she helps me with my homework. My mother plays games with me. My favorite thing we do together is play video games. We usually play a game that we both agree on. We like to play Super Mario Bros.. I like to be Mario and my mom likes to be Luigi. I usually get in the way of my mom when we are playing. One of my other favorite things about my mom is that we go bike riding together. We usually ride to Hole in the Wall or to the park. Another thing that I love about my mother is she is always open to me showing her something. We like to build Legos together. My mother always makes cookies during Christmas. My favorite kind of cookies is my mom's special peanut butter cookies.



CINCO DE MAYO

by Abby Gronwold

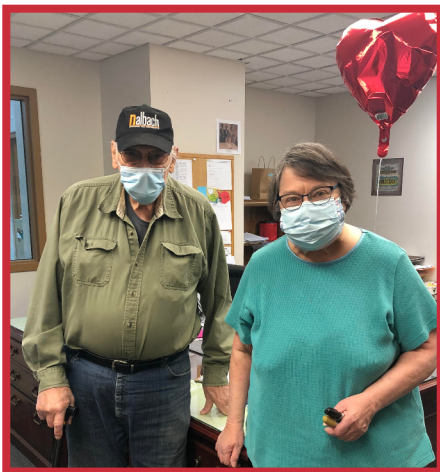
Cinco De Mayo- we all know a few basic things, but what it? Why is it on the fifth of May? Why did it become a holiday? Are there any myths about it that just aren't true? Get ready for a lesson on the **Cinco De Mayo**.

It's celebrating Mexican independence...right? WRONG! It is actually celebrating defeating the French at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. Their independence day is actually September 16. Also, it's a much bigger celebration in the United States than in Mexico. Americans eat almost eighty-one million avocados on **Cinco De Mayo** - that's a lot of guac! That's not the only food that is eaten a lot on **Cinco De Mayo**. There are also a lot of margarita consumed. In fact, the number of margaritas sold almost doubles! In Puebla, the possibly most eaten food on **Cinco de Mayo** could be mole poblano. In Mexico, there are many **Cinco de Mayo** traditions, some being military parades, recreations of the Battle of Puebla, mariachi bands, and dancing. A lot of people wear red, white, and green. In Mexico, **Cinco de Mayo** is not really celebrated except for in Puebla, where the battle occurred.

There are a lot of different **Cinco de Mayo** things to do, and hopefully you had a fun time on Cinco de Mayo.



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Trinity's All-Star Volunteers by Ian Lesch

Arrival: Mrs. Sue Gagliano has been at Trinity for a while with her twins graduating in 2020, but this year she served as a morning arrival time volunteer. She is also now working one day a week as the office assistant, but she has volunteered with hot lunch and athletics when the need arises.

Dismissal: Mr. Daniel Woods was asked to volunteer here and he has also volunteered at other schools he was a coach for a football team and wrestling at a high school. His daughters, Josie and Penny., are Trinity students. He used to be a high school teacher too. **Mr. Kevin Tully**, father of kindergartener Gunnarr, helps with dismissal and landscaping.

Everything: Mrs. Jennifer Gronwold coordinates the PwtL parent group, hot lunches, working with classes for library time, runs the Garden Club, works with Arrival, Dismissal, and whateverelse is needed!

Bulletins: Mr. Vince Cuchetto (above, left) has volunteered at Trinity for 35 years. He was a church usher for a while too. He wanted something to do here and he enjoys folding. His granddaughter Bella went to school here. **Miss Kitty Cross** began volunteering at Trinity over the last year. She wanted to volunteer here because she has a lot of free time to help at Trinity. She folds bulletins every week because because somebody has to do it, it's easy and pleasant to do, and it suits her because she doesn't get tired of doing the same thing.pleasant. **Mrs. Sherron Schiewe** creates the bulletin announcements, handles church records and correspondence, orders flowers, and more. She's been volunteering at Trinity for over half a century!

★ ♥ BEST ♥ ♥ MOM ♥

★ My mom is _____
Years old.

★ Her favorite
flower is

★ My mom
always says

★ Her favorite color is

★ My mom makes
the BEST

★ She is SO good
at

★ My best memory
of my mom is



EVER!

Summer Dot to Dot

Draw a line from dot number 1 to dot number 2, then from dot number 2 to dot number 3, 3 to 4, and so on. Continue to join the dots until you have connected all the numbered dots. Then color the picture!

