



# WEEKLY NEWS September 7, 2010

2010/2011 School Theme: *I Thess. 5:11*

*"Encourage one another, and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."*



## Important Dates this Month

Monday, Sept. 6 <b>LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY</b>	Tuesday, Sept. 7 <b>School Begins Opening Assembly 9:30am</b>	Wed., Sept. 8	Thursday, Sept. 9 <b>Boys' Soccer practice 3:30 – 5:00</b>	Friday, Sept. 10
Monday, Sept.13 <b>School of Music lessons begin Board Meeting 7:30pm</b>	Tuesday, Sept.14 <b>Cross Country Practice 3:30 – 4:30pm</b>	Wed., Sept. 15 <b>School BBQ 6pm</b>	Thursday, Sept. 16	Friday, Sept. 17

Principal's Message

**"Welcome Back"**

The start of a new school year is an exciting time for parents, students and teachers. Parents look forward to seeing the school bus meandering its way to the bus stop and shuttling off their children for another eventful year of learning and laughing. With all their summer memories fresh in their minds, students treasure the time to renew friendships and relate all the important events that have transpired during their holidays. Teachers are anxious to fill their newly decorated rooms with the next flock that God has provided for them. In fact, the school has been blessed with many new families and students. As of today, we welcome 153 families to Trinity including 18 new families and 292 students. The new school year truly does present new opportunities and great blessings from our God!

The Board of the Burlington Parental Christian School Society (BPCSS) which operates as Trinity Christian School is also very excited to introduce our teaching staff for the upcoming school year. A complete list of teaching assignments has been included below:

Grades	Teaching Assignment
JK	Jennifer Lensink
JK/SK	Marjorie Schaafsma
SK	Diane DeGroot
1A	Karen Zomer
1B	Daniel Lee
2	Dianne Berends
3	Mandi Schenk

3-4	Jenny Hamelinck
4	Jacquie DeRaaf
5	Audrey McGregor Carina Schuurman
6	Rob Janssens
6/7	Sara Flokstra
7 & 8	Grace Pot Joanne Holtrop Annette VanderWoerd
Resource	Vivian Vanderhoek
Resource	Rachel DeBolster

Please continue to pray for God's richest blessings on the 2010/11 school year.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

♥ Look for this symbol in front of an announcement to find opportunities to volunteer at Trinity towards your G.I.F.T.S. (Get Involved For The Students) hours.

**SCHOOL BARBECUE: Wednesday, September 15 @ 6 p.m.** Drop by before or after your children's game, or relax and spend a leisurely hour or two with friends over coffee and hot dogs. Bring your lawn chairs and settle down for a friendly evening of good conversation. Come out and meet board members, your child's teacher and families new (or not!) to Trinity. You will have the opportunity to meet teachers in their classrooms from 5:30-6:00 pm before the actual B.B.Q. begins. Hope to see you there!

♥ **Volunteers Urgently Needed!** We are in need of approximately 15-20 people to help out.

- 1 or 2 coordinators
- 2-3 for preparation
- 2-3 BBQ-ers and BBQs
- 6 servers
- 3 – 4 runners

Please call the school or email [judy@tcsonline.ca](mailto:judy@tcsonline.ca). Looking forward to hearing from you.



**BUS DISPATCH: Contact bus dispatch if your children are not taking the bus in the morning.** Dispatch is Cathy Hansen and her email is [bcbsdispatch@cogeco.net](mailto:bcbsdispatch@cogeco.net), or she can be reached by phone at 905-638-0092.

Please bear with us as we iron out any “glitches” in busing issues. If you have any questions or concerns do not contact the school office but, rather, send an email to [transportation@tcsonline.ca](mailto:transportation@tcsonline.ca). Thank you.

♥ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Please watch this space for opportunities to volunteer during the year. There is a need for a “Hospitality” Committee to oversee events. If you are interested in being on this committee (or even heading it☺), please contact the office. At present, we are looking for help for next week Wednesday's School Barbecue.

**FORMS COMING HOME TODAY:** It's that time of year again, when parents have more homework than their children! Many forms will be coming home today and in the next while that require your immediate attention. Please watch for your child to be a “Kiddie Courier” and ask her/him for any mail coming from the school and return these forms immediately. Thank you.

**THE ANNUAL TRINITY GOLF TOURNAMENT** will take place on September 25, 2010 at Lowville Golf Course. Mark your calendars and see if you can help us out in one of the following ways:

1. Enter a foursome or register individually for the tournament. Just email Ron at [steinginga@cogeco.ca](mailto:steinginga@cogeco.ca) and I will send you the details and the forms. Or check the website [www.tconline.ca](http://www.tconline.ca)
2. Can you give me names of other possible golfers/sponsors that our team can contact (or that you could forward this email to) to help Trinity succeed in this event?
3. Please consider being a silent sponsor by sponsoring us at the \$500 level. Our goal is to raise money for Trinity by getting at least 40 individuals or companies to anonymously sponsor \$500 each for this event.
4. Do you want to join our golf committee? We have 4 people but could use 3-4 more to spread the work around and plan for the future.

Thanks for your attention and for your continued support of Trinity Christian School. **The Golf Committee**

**TRINITY TROOPERS:** Welcome to the new school year. What a fantastic summer we had. As we go into this new year we are in need of a person to help with the after-school program. We need someone to help out part-time on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30-6pm. If you are interested please send me an email with your name, kids in the school, and what grade they are in. My email address is [rachel.debolster@tconline.ca](mailto:rachel.debolster@tconline.ca). Looking forward to a great new year. **R. DeBolster**

**TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC:** Welcome back to the 6<sup>th</sup> year of the School of Music! If you pre-registered for this year's lessons, you will be contacted this week via email with instructions regarding the scheduling of your lessons. Please respond promptly to receive the best possible time slot(s). Lessons will begin September 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration is still open. Students in grades 2-8 may register for lessons in piano, theory, voice, guitar, woodwinds, brass, and percussion. Lesson policies and registration forms can be found at <http://www.tconline.ca/music.htm>. Please complete the [registration form](#) and submit along with the \$35 registration fee payable to Trinity Christian School. For more information, contact Mr. Scott Ashby at 905-630-2179 or by email ([som@tconline.ca](mailto:som@tconline.ca)).  
**Scott Ashby**

♥ **VIP PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS:** Two hours/week, Monday or Friday, whichever suits you best, or switch between the 2 for some variety. Contact Sue Havertape at [vip@tconline.com](mailto:vip@tconline.com) or 905 319 2983

♥ **BAZAAR HELP URGENTLY NEEDED:** The Auction Committee is looking for 5-6 helpers to go around to various businesses who have donated to Trinity's Bazaar in the past. You don't need to be a sales person. There are 5 distinct areas to reach – places are divided by location: Millcroft, South Brant St, Waterdown, Headon etc. I also have quite a few donors who can be called or faxed, if anyone is interested in working from home. All it takes is a few hours a day and a few sporadic days. You would contact the business in person, leave a donation request letter (donation letter is supplied for you) and then follow up with them in a few days. The Auction depends on these donations, and I can't do it alone. Work on this part of the Bazaar needs to begin immediately. Please contact me, Vanessa Rankin, at the following email address: [vrankin@cogeco.ca](mailto:vrankin@cogeco.ca)

## SPORTS AND CLUB NEWS

**CROSS COUNTRY** training starts next week! Students from Grade 4-8 may sign up for the Cross Country Team. If your child is interested in joining, they may pick up a permission form from Mrs. McGregor on Thursday and it must be in by Tuesday, October 14 as this will be the first after school practice. Practices will be on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30pm. Please come prepared with a water bottle, extra snack, and dressed in clothing suitable to run outside. Students must be picked up no later than 4:35. We may also have practices on Fridays during the lunch recess. **AMc**

**BOYS' SOCCER TRYOUTS:** Boys in grades 7 and 8 are invited to try out for the TCS soccer team this year. The first tryout will be on Thursday until 5:00 at the school. Make sure to bring some water, and shin pads should be worn. If you have a good size 5 ball it may be helpful to take along. The tournament is in Kitchener on Friday, Oct. 1. Upcoming tryout and practice dates will be announced after the first tryout. We're thankful to have Brandon Regeling on board to help coach the team this year. It should be a fun season! **RJ**

## GRADE NEWS

**JK:** Hi, JK! Welcome to your first "big" school experience! I am excited to get to know all of you, and for you to know me! This month is going to be very fun in our class. Our theme for September is *God's Creation*, "He's got the whole world in HIS hands!" Everyday we will learn a new piece of the creation story! This will be a busy month as everyone is learning and transitioning into school rules and routines. Parents please go through the "Parent Pack" I will be giving you this week in order to prepare your child with everything he/she needs for JK! Remember to bring Mr. Zippy every day, there are many forms and information sheets coming! May God be near to your family as you all transition back to school. I am excited to start a new year! **JL**

**CK –JK/SK:** Here it is! Back to school week! I am so looking forward to meeting you all this week. As a reminder: JKs will come for their meetings on Wednesday. SKs will come for their first full day with me on Friday. And next Monday will be our first day all together as a whole group. SK parents, look for a Mr. Zippy filled with important class news to come home on Friday. Please return all the forms on Monday. I am looking forward to getting to know you and your child better as the year goes on. I trust that we will soon become a community of learners who encourage one another and build each other up as we seek to serve our Lord. **MS**

**SK:** Welcome to Senior Kindergarten! I am looking forward to meeting your child this week during our staggered entrance days. I will meet and greet the students in the Kindergarten playground area when they get off the bus on our staggered entrance days. Your child will be coming home with a fairly large September calendar package. Please take the time to read it over carefully. I am looking for parent volunteers to make play dough for our class. If you can help out in this way, please send me a note and I will send you the recipe. Thank you for entrusting your child to my care. I am looking forward to a great year with this class. May God bless our time together this week and in the weeks to come. Have a wonderful first week of school! **DD**

**GRADE 1A:** Welcome back! I hope that you all had a wonderful summer! I am excited to be back at Trinity and to meet with all of your children this week! Please check out your child's mailbag for a newsletter filled with important information for you. It will tell you everything you need to know about the beginning of our school year. Enjoy your week! **KZ**

**GRADE 1B:** Welcome to Grade 1! God is wonderful, and he wants us to learn more about Him. This year in our class we will use this opportunity God has given us to grow in our knowledge of Him and His creation and develop the gift and abilities that he has entrusted to us. Please look for a Grade 1B newsletter with class information to come home in your child's backpack today. **DL**

**GRADE 2:** Welcome back! I trust each of you were blessed with a safe and relaxing summer. I look forward to teaching and guiding your precious ones this year. Today your child is coming home with a mailbag that contains the following: an information letter for grade 2 parents, Scholastic book order forms, Highlights and Chickadee Magazine slips, spelling word list and memory work. Please make sure your child's mailbag is returned to school each day. Mailbags are checked each morning. Grade 2 has two class outings booked. On Thursday Sept.23 we will be visiting Chudleigh's Apple Orchard leaving the school at 9.15 AM, and grade 2 visits the Safety Village on Fri.Oct.15 in the afternoon. Volunteers will be required to make these outings possible. If you are available to help out, please send a note to school indicating so. Reminders: Fri. M.W. due Ps.100:1,2; Spelling Test # 1. Have a great week! Blessings **DB**

**GRADE 3:** Welcome to Grade 3! I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing summer! We look forward to a week of learning routines, getting things organized and sharing with our friends. Many important things will be going home this week. Each child received a day planner today. The school requires each student in Grade 3 to have one. If you need to write me a note, you may do so through this book, I check it every morning. I ask that the day planner be initialed by a parent each night. This way I know that you know what the homework is and that it is completed. Each child will have in their day planner the Grade 3 September Monthly News, Spelling and Memory Work sheets. Please practice these words and verses with your child. Next week we will be having our first Spelling test on Thursday. Each student is allowed to have a water bottle on his/her desk. Book Orders will be sent home this week; they are due back

on Wednesday, Sept. 15. Please send in cheques only to pay for the books - not cash. I am looking forward to meeting all of you! If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at the school. **MS**

**GRADE 3-4:** We had a GREAT start to Grade 3/4 today! I am looking forward to working with you all this year! A September newsletter was sent home today containing all the important info you need for Grade 3/4 this month. **JH**

**GRADE 4:** Welcome back everyone!! I hope that the refreshment of summer has given you lots of energy to begin a new year. I am excited to see what the Lord has in store for us, and look forward to our year together. **Parents, please look in your child's homework duo tang/Agenda for a special MORE FROM GRADE FOUR packet loaded with details for the year – please keep it in a safe place as some information will be helpful all year.**

- Scholastic orders are included in the package your child will bring home today. Please look through the selections and place your order (cheques only please) by Tues., Sept 14. – The first Spelling words will come home with students on Friday for our first test the following Fri., Sept 17.

-Please help your child find a photo of him/herself for our Bulletin Board. Enjoy your first week! **JdR**

**GRADE 5:** Greetings to Grade 5 parents! We are excited and feel very privileged to teach your children this year. We are looking forward to a great year together. This year, instead of posting homework, etc., in this weekly Newsbulletin, we refer you to our classroom website for lots of information about what your child is learning, what he or she is responsible for, what's coming up and much more: <http://teachersites.schoolworld.com/webpages/cSchoorman/>. Currently you will find the class calendar, homework, newsletter and information about classroom rules and routines. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with this website and feel free to ask us any questions if need be. We look forward to meeting you soon.

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This week, we encourage you to especially check out the Classroom News link for our beginning-of-the-year information to you. **AM/CS**

**GRADE 6:** Welcome to Grade 6! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer full of lots of excitement but also relaxation. It's my pleasure to teach your child this year and I'm sure it will be a successful year for everyone. The class will have Mrs. Flokstra for band Mondays and Wednesdays and Mrs. Vanderwoerd for science Mon, Wed, Thurs. so there is some rotary in the schedule.

Library will be on Thursdays this year and phys.ed. classes are Tuesdays and Fridays. Students will be fitted for a uniform which they will need to wear for gym class. Indoor shoes are needed as well as in past years.

Spelling dictations will be scheduled for Fridays, as will memory work (not every week). French quizzes (when scheduled) will be Thursdays, and later on the unit tests in Bible, social studies, and health will usually be on Wednesdays, so hopefully the studying can be spread out so that not everything is due at the same time.

A sheet will be sent home each Friday outlining the assignments and tests for the next week. It will also provide you a copy of the next week's spelling list. Look for that sheet today (Unit 1 spelling). Some weeks it will be fuller than others...it's fairly empty for the first week.

It is important that the students have the necessary school supplies, especially paper, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, glue stick, ruler, calculator, math set, and dual-tangs. (We'll try to make sure the colours match each subject). Having their own scissors will be handy as well. The school website has the full list.

Scholastic book orders will be sent home today as well. If you are interested in purchasing send the cheque and completed form back by Friday.

Next week I'll describe some of the units that we're studying in the first month.

Well, it's easy to write all this...now we put it to action! **RJ**

**GRADE 6-7:** Welcome to a new school year. I am looking forward to getting to know my students, and having a great year of growing, learning, and encouraging. A grade 6/7 info letter is coming home today. May God bless our efforts this year! **SF**

**GRADE 6, 7 & 8 ROTARY CLASSES:**

**Grade 6 and 7 Music:** Students will be receiving information regarding band over the next two weeks, as well as instructions regarding instruments and music. I am looking forward to seeing great leaps and bounds as your children learn how to play an instrument. **SF**

**GRADE 7 Homeroom: Let us encourage one another, just as you are already doing!** This is our theme for the year. You will hear this scripture a lot this year. Let us all do this in our words and actions, via email or on the phone, and especially face to face!

I felt truly blessed this summer; the weather was amazing, my course at Redeemer was fulfilling, three of my kids had jobs, and my family's health and lives were spared on the busy roads and waters while we travelled and worked and played. What is your summer testimony of God's faithfulness?

Please look for a full grade 7 newsletter coming home today. It is blue and cannot be missed. **Please read this newsletter and email me that you read it!** That way I know you are informed and I will have your email at the same time for communication! Information on **Camp Medeba** is forthcoming. Write these dates on your calendar: Oct. 13, 14, 15. Please return forms for needles this Friday! Thank you. **In His Grip- GP**

**Homework:**

**Spelling test** on Lesson 1 words Friday.

**Memory Work:** 1 Thess. 5: 4-6, 10 and 11 Friday. **GP**

**Gr. 6/7, 7, 8 Art: A picture is a poem without words. Horace.**

I look forward to teaching art to your child this year. The art will be integrated with other areas of study, especially history and geography. Students will be expected to complete two 1/2 hour pencil drawings per month in their sketchbooks, due the last Friday of the month. Sometimes these will be specific assignments, other times they will be free draws. Help your child stay on top of this; the temptation is to do it last minute. Details will be given this Friday. First two sketches are due Friday, October 1. **GP**

**Gr. 7, 8 Composition:** This is just a heads up that a one page typed book report will be due on Thursday, Sept. 30. Students can choose an appropriate story and genre of their liking, at a reading level that they are comfortable with and begin reading now! It should be a book that they have never read before. Expectations and format will be given early next week. **GP**

**Grade 8 Music:** Students are asked to bring instruments and music to school for our first band class on Monday, September 14. I am excited about continuing band classes with grade 8. **SF**

**GRADE 8 Homeroom:** Welcome to the new school year and the excitement of your graduation year! God bless you as you strive to '*encourage one another and build each other up*' on a daily basis. I look forward to getting to know each one of you. Let's give a warm welcome to our two new classmates, Olivia and Bria. Parents, look for an important grade 8 newsletter coming home today that contains pertinent information regarding the school year. I would appreciate an email sent to my Trinity address ([joanne.holtrop@tconline.ca](mailto:joanne.holtrop@tconline.ca)) confirming that you have read the newsletter. This will also give me your email address so that I can contact you, if necessary, regarding your child's progress, or I can pass on important information regarding class activities. In the next few weeks look for information about our class trip to Ottawa (Feb. 15-17) and how you can help out with some fundraising. **JH**

**SCIENCE GRADES 6, 6/7, 7 & 8:** Welcome back to Trinity! After a beautiful and refreshing summer we look forward to an exciting year of learning, serving, growing and building community. As a rotary teacher I will be teaching Science to the classes listed above as well as Geometry/Measurement to grade 7 & 8 and Bible to grade 8. I am thankful for the opportunity to teach your children and pray that the Lord will bless us in the coming year. Homework and assignments will now be posted on my personal website so please check it out at: <http://teachersites.schoolworld.com/webpages/avanderWoerd/>

Have a wonderful first week students and God bless you as we embark on this year's journey. **AvanderWoerd**

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