

Trinity Lutheran School, Alma, Missouri **January 28, 2026**

Principal's Pens will be electronically sent out unless you've requested a hard copy! Just reach out to the office if you'd like one sent home with your child. Upcoming Events can be found on the last page of this newsletter.



THE RETURN OF THE BEE

Trinity will be having our spelling bee for grades 1-8 THIS FRIDAY in the school gymnasium. We will start at 12:30 with 1st grade and then move progressively grade by grade. Our four classroom winners (listed below) will compete to determine the overall classroom winner. Parents are invited to join us! Please enter through the cafeteria doors. If you have questions, please reach out to your child's teacher or Ms. Wells.

1st grade: Rhen Tieman, Tobias Roll, Alexa Steffens, Trevor Lovercamp

2nd grade: Titus Gifford, Isabella Murray, Damien Caton, Henry Tieman

3rd grade: Ashtyn Harden, Logan Lovercamp, Charlotte Ohrenberg, Hudson Stockman

4th grade: Dawson Graver, Avery Blackburn, Faith Murray, Charlie Gifford

5th grade: Sofia Colvin, Hunter Harris, Omar Wilson, Grayson Brandt

6th grade: Kolby Gieselman, Avery Meyer, Henley Gregory, Colton Brown

7th grade: Emma Graf, Paxton Hemme, Kenedee Wagner, Madison Arrasmith

8th grade: Eli Hemme, Masen Dedman, Danny Ross, Hattie Ballenger

Valentine Candy Grams

Trinity's ⅞ grade class will be offering Valentine Candy Grams this year. This will be a fundraiser for their class trip. You can buy as many Valentine's grams as you want. They will be delivered to students on Feb 13 during their class party. If you buy for people outside of Trinity School, you can pick up those items from school at the end of the school day on Friday, February 13.

You choose what to include with the gram,

- **a sucker,**
- **a sugar cookie,**
- **a flower**
- **or a combination.**

Please have the grams filled out and money turned in to the school office by Monday, February 2. You can print the grams off at home or pick them up from the school office. Contact Mr. Tebbenkamp or Amber Ballenger with any questions.



Sucker Friday
$1 for a sucker or meat sticks!!



The Missouri District has awarded over $5 million in scholarships, helping more than 900 students attend 45 Lutheran schools across Missouri, including Trinity Lutheran School in Alma. If your child meets any of the following criteria, they may qualify for scholarship assistance (up to 100%) for the 2026-2027 School year. You can prequalify right now by visiting https://mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars/ and selecting "start the preapplication process here".

- ALL incoming Kindergartners and 1st-grade students
- Your child has an IEP (IEP is less than 3 years old)
- Attended Public school within the last semester (Spring 2026)
- Sibling of anyone who was awarded MOSCHOLAR's in 2025-2026

2 Breakfast Pizza --- Hot Dogs Nacho's Carrots Pineapple	3 McGriddle Bites --- Soft Taco Corn Apples Fruit Smoothie	4 Breakfast Bar --- Pizza Dippers Broccoli Applesauce Cookie	5 Pancakes Bacon or Sausage --- Popcorn Chicken Tater Tots Peas Bananas	6 Biscuits and Gravy --- Tater Tot Casserole Green Beans Peaches Brownie

Milk and fresh fruit offered daily

Salad option available

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Breakfast & Lunch Menus available on our app.

We want your pictures for the yearbook! Please email mschreiman@santafechiefs.k12.mo.us with any pictures you'd like to share!



National Lutheran Schools Week provides more than 1,800 preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in schools of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families. National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve. Our schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God's love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike. Trinity is excited to be part of this nationwide celebration and proclamation of our faith!

1/29 Thursday: **PJ & Swap your top! (silly hair or a hat) &**

1/30 Friday: **Show your TIGER PRIDE!! Wear Trinity Gear, Black & Red**
Anything but a backpack

12:30 pm SPELLING BEE in the school gymnasium

PENNY WAR

A penny war is when your class races to try to get the most points against the other classes. Pennies and paper money are positive points, but quarters, dimes, and nickels are negative points. The class that gets the most points wins! It starts on the 4th of February and ends on the 20th of February! The money goes to buying a pop-up tent for track/cross country!

Family Devotion
Table Talk

Read: John 6:35–51 (ESV) 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." 41 So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 42 They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" 43 Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— 46 not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Reflect: As God the Father sent the Israelites mana from heaven to sustain their physical life, so to he sent us Jesus, the living bread, who sustains our life. Take a moment to talk about what this passage (John 6:35–51) means for you as a family. Now share with one another one thing you can do differently as a member of your family.

Pray: Dear Lord, regardless of our understanding, you respond when we cry out to you. Help us to call out to you in both times of fear and faith, knowing you have all authority to answer our prayers. In your precious name we pray, amen.

Upcoming Events

January

29 4th-6th Girls @ 5:00 (AWAY v St Peter)
4th & 5th Boys @ 6:00 pm (AWAY v St Peter)
30 Spelling Bee (TBD)

February

2 Valentine Grams Due
4 Penny Wars begins
10 Kindergarten Round up 5:30 pm
16 NO SCHOOL (President's Day)
18 Ash Wednesday
19 *PT Conferences (Optional, reach out to teacher)
20 Penny War Ends
23 PTL Meeting 6:00 pm
27 12:30 Dismissal