

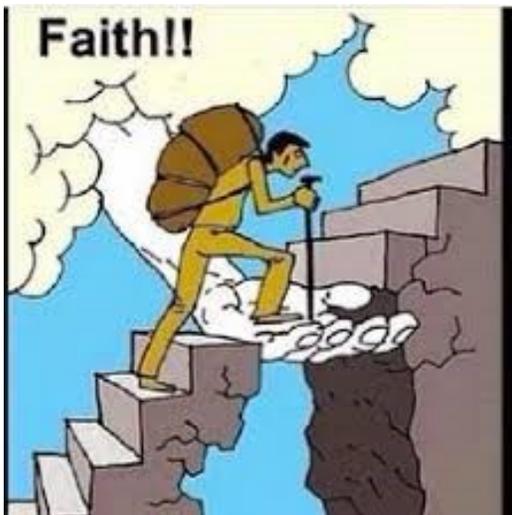


FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN...

Last week, as I was driving home from a meeting in Chicago, I had trouble keeping my car on the road. Normally, that type of problem comes in times when heavy snow or rain are filling the road and making the pavement treacherous. This hazard was very different. With gusts exceeding forty miles per hour, my car lurched aggressively from side to side. It was frightening to suddenly be jerked off the straight and patterned highway and be forced to quickly adjust.



St. Paul warns us of another type of wind. "Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming." (Eph. 4:14) This warns us of the temptations the world has for us to follow every easy path and leave the path clearly outlined by God's Word. We are tempted to ignore the warning signs of apathy in our Christian lives, immorality in the media that infiltrates our homes, and the false claims our society makes that all religions are the same and one only has to believe in a God for salvation.



Paul, in Ephesians 4, explains that as Christians we must remove ourselves from that former way of life. He tells us to flee falsehoods, speak truthfully, put away anger, and strive to have only wholesome talk come from our mouths. When we fail, we need to realize that Jesus Christ is the answer. It is because of His righteousness that we can stand before Him as children and heirs.

As the winds begin to blow in your life, anchor yourself to the one and true hope of mankind. Anchor yourself to "Jesus Christ who is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (Hebrews 13: 8) He is there as your strong and sure defense against all the evil that comes. We stand in confidence knowing that Jesus died and paid for all sins and now we live in Him. The winds may blow, but we have nothing to fear.



TIFFIN TRACKS

February 22, 2019
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NO SCHOOL FRIDAY
MARCH 1st—
Teacher's Conference



ENROLLMENT CONTINUES

Reserve your spot for the 2019-2020 school year. Additional forms are available in the office.

Both parents must sign the enrollment form. If you turned in the form already with one signature, please stop by the office.

FACTS is open to apply for financial assistance for the 2019-20 school year. You will need your 2018 tax information to apply. There is also a fee that is paid directly to FACTS. Assistance is given on a first come first serve basis. However, it is possible that the committee will not evaluate your application until May. Here is the link to FACTS website.

<https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4HP07>

HELP NOW! PARTNERSHIP HOURS DUE MAY 15th

There are many events to get those partnership hours in **before** May 15. This is a very busy month so please get them in while they are available. Coming in April there are very little opportunities left.

Currently we have:
Concession Stand for Girls Basketball, Tickets Sales and Spaghetti Supper. There is a sign up Genius for Spaghetti Supper on page 2.



March 1st Concessions 5:45-7:45, 7:30-8:45

March 2nd Tickets 10:15-12:30
Concession 10:15-12:15, 12:00-1:15

CHAPEL- Chapel is Wednesday at 8:30AM. Our Chapel offering for the month of February will be donated to Hearts for Jesus; Rebecca's Garden of Hope. Rebecca's Garden of Hope is focused on addressing the immediate and long term needs of youth in the communities across the country that are at risk to fail due to circumstances impacting their lives.



DROP OFF & PICK UP PROCEDURE

The driveway in front of the school building is for immediate unloading of students only. Drivers must stay with

their vehicle when in the driveway from 7:50AM-8:15AM. If you are going to walk your child into the building, your car must be parked in a designated parking spot in our lot, not in the driveway in front of the school.

At the end of the school day, all parents **must** park in a designated parking spot in our lot and walk in to pick up your child. K-8 students will **wait** in the gym for parents to pick them up. Students can not meet parents in parking lot. If you or the person picking up your K-8 child(ren) has a mobility impairment, is pregnant, or will already have young children strapped into car seats when arriving for dismissal at the end of the day, please contact your child's teacher.

UPCOMING DATES

- Feb 23 South Suburban Spelling Bee
- Feb 28 Group Yearbook Pictures
- Mar 1 No School Teachers Conference
- Mar 8 Read Across America
- Mar 15 Early Dismissal Pre-k 11:15 & K-8 11:30
No lunch Served
- Mar 16 Spaghetti Supper & Silent Auction 5-7PM
- Mar 22 Grandparents Day
Early Dismissal 11:30
Chapel 10:40
No Aftercare
- Mar 25-31 Spring Break

PTL SPAGHETTI SUPPER & SILENT AUCTION, SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH.

PTL's Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction is going to be here sooner than you think! Any family is welcome to donate a basket for the auction and each classroom will have a basket as well. Easter themed baskets are always a hit. If you are not a fan of making a basket but would love to donate just let the office know. Envelopes with tickets (6 Adult/4 Child) went home with students. Please help support our classrooms by selling all of your tickets. All of the proceeds from the Spaghetti Supper go directly to our teachers to cover expenses in the classroom. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year.



To Volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4FABA629A20-ptlspaghetti3>



GRANDPARENTS' DAY FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd

Grandmas and Grandpas are invited to spend the day with their grandkids on the 22nd. Grandparents should arrive by 9AM. The day will start in the gym then we will escort Grandparents' to their grandchild's classroom. There are two sessions so they may visit more than one classroom. The day will close with a chapel service at 10:40AM led by Pastor Koeppen. Students and grandparents will be released afterwards.



THRIVENT- Have you checked your Thrivent account recently? Thrivent gives away millions of dol-

lars to support various churches and schools. Thrivent choice dollars are funds which current policy holders earn because of their membership with Thrivent. These funds need to be designated approximately 4 times a year or they go as unclaimed. They can be designated to the church or school and it comes directly to us! To find out if you have choice dollars waiting go to <https://www.thrivent.com>. You will need policy number and member ID. From there you will need to create a username and password. Once logged in to the site, you will see the front page has Thrivent Choice Dollars on the right side.

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS- Twice a year you can apply for a \$250 gift card as seed money for an educational event, fundraiser or social event sponsored by the church or school. This card is then used to support the event. You would just have to apply. Last year we were able to use over \$2500 in seed money to sponsor church and school events. Talk to Mr. Krupski if you have any questions regarding these options!

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who attended our Daddy Daughter Dance it was a beautiful night in Paris for our daughters and dads. Special thank you to our lead volunteers Renee Brammer, Colleen LaGessee and Julie Ouwenga, who brought this to life. And thank you for all who helped with decorations, set up and take down. It was a night for our girls to remember.