



# Trinity Talk

Trinity Episcopal School



## O-C-T-O-B-E-R Halloween brings a candy bar Christopher Columbus has a holiday Fall is here and winters on its way... Brrr



### A note from the Director:

Happy Fall to all of our fantastic families. We have one month of school behind us, and what an exciting month it has been. We have so many bright smiling faces, we are learning so very much, playing a lot of new games, and mastering the tools that will lead us to being life long learners, and help us to make many great friends along the way. For all of our returning families, I hope you are as excited as I am to start another great year together. For all of our new families, I am thrilled you have joined the Trinity Family and I know you will have a great first year and so many more to come!

### It's A Batty Good Month

#### In our 2 year old classes:

We will be ever so busy EXPLORING new foods, crafts, and stories of Fall and Halloween! Pumpkins, lacing and number puzzles will keep us extra busy. Plus we will learn so many new and

different finger songs. We are mastering the school routine so quickly which leaves more time for singing and stories! Being in preschool during the holidays is a so much fun!

#### In our 3 year old classes:

This October we will start our rainbow writing with letters: W,S,G, & P. Art activities include going wild with the Wild Things, spinning spooky spiders, hand-picking ghastly ghosts and picking playful pumpkins from the pumpkin patch. We will finish October with our Monster Mash Halloween party and games. Happy Halloween from the 3's.

#### In our 4 year old classes:

We are flying around North America to visit our neighbor Mexico. We will go to Central America and then South America to land in Brazil for Carnival or Halloween. We will discuss letters M,H, S, & C. For Math we will work on counting and patterns. Happy Fall Travels from the 4's.

### In our Bridge class:

The Bridge class will be busy reviewing capital letters and using them in various phonic awareness activities. We will learn to "read" color and number words. Come and take a peek at our safety tips as we discuss ways to stay safe this month. In Math we continue to count, make patterns, recognize sets, and use non-standard measurement. We are now comparing numbers using words like "greater/less than" and "more" and "fewer". We are looking forward to Halloween and Pumpkin math!

### In P.E. & Science:

Science is fun with Mrs. Hornsby as we explore our 5 senses. Touching and sorting pumpkins & gourds. Learning about bats and echolocation. Also tasting & smelling many of the fall delights.



## Our Days are Falling into Place

Our school year is underway! Pictures are being painted, numbers are being learned, ABC's are being sung, shapes are being sorted, and our littlest ones have fluttered across the playground accompanied by the occasional butterfly. The children are adapting to new routines and are exceeding our expectations. Whether at work or at play we are learning, teaching, and enjoying moving through our first month of school. In the midst of all of our hard work, there is a change happening around us. Fall is in the air! As cooler temperatures approach, please remember to change out your child's "extra" clothes and replace them with long sleeves and pants. Please remember to label everything especially coats as the weather turns colder. We will play outside as long as the temperature is above 32 degrees.

### October at TES

- **Tiny Tailgaters will be October 7<sup>th</sup>, and October 21<sup>st</sup>.** Doors will open 11/2 hours prior to the TCU kick off. Sign-up in the Office.
- Parent Teacher Conferences will be Oct 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the Sign-up Genius link was emailed.
- **There will be NO school, NO Stay & play, NO MDO, and NO enrichment classes on 10/19 or 10/20 to allow all of our teachers to be at conferences.**
- School pictures will be taken Oct 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. More information will follow.
- **Class Halloween Parties will be:**
  - \* All three olds- 10/27 @ 10am
  - \* M/W Toddler & 2 yr olds- 10/30 @ 11:50am
  - \* T/Th Toddler & 2 yr olds—10/31 @ 11:50am
  - \* All four, & five yr olds - 10/31 @ 11:15am
- The Bridge class will have a noon dismissal on October 31<sup>st</sup> after their Halloween party.
- **Toddler & Two year old Halloween parties are kept very low key. They consist of a cookie & Juice with lunch. The crowds of a big celebration can be very overwhelming to the younger students. Look for a Sign-Up Genius to help with party items.**
- The three, four and five year old classes will be needing parent volunteers to help with the Halloween festivities. Please look for a Sign-Up genius to volunteer!
- **We are in need of packaging peanuts, and large bubble- bubble wrap for our Halloween festivities. Please consider donating to our cause.**
- We are in need of brown shopping bags to be used for pilgrim vests. If possible, please pick up a few when you visit the grocery store.

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## Halloween: A Christian Holiday?

Everyone has some form of tradition that is passed down through the generations of families, most of which we never bother exploring. Today Halloween is celebrated all around the globe but the Halloween Holiday has its history firmly planted in Ireland. Halloween is also known as Samhain, All Hallows Eve, Hallowmas and Hallowtide. It is celebrated on October 31st, but the holiday of Halloween is also celebrated on the Christian holidays of All Saints' Day (November 1st) and All Souls' Day (November 2nd). All Saints' Day is the Christian festival when all saints known and unknown are commemorated and prayers are offered to them and special masses are said.

Long before Christianity arrived in Ireland Halloween was known as Samhain, this is because the Celtic year was divided into two - the Bright half which is called Beltane and the Dark half which is called Samhain. The Pagans of the time believed that on the night of Samhain, Ghosts and Goblins came out and would destroy the fall harvests. So to please them, they put out a multitude of treats. They also believed that the ghosts and goblins were afraid of "scary" faces, so they carved faces into a variety of gourds and melons and placed them around the fields to keep the spirits away from the harvest. They believed anyone out on this night would be killed by the bad spirits.

In approximately 420 A.D. a sixteen year old boy named Patrick was captured from Wales by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Ireland, where he lived for six years before escaping and returning to his family. Once home, he continued his education and soon became a priest. After entering the Church, he returned to Ireland as an ordained bishop. Bishop Patrick who would later be known as St. Patrick, wanted to show the people of Ireland that there were no such thing as ghosts and goblins. So, he spent the night of Samhain sitting in a chair in the middle of town. The next morning when he was alive and unharmed the people began to believe the things that Bishop Patrick told them. It was this new found trust that allowed him to bond with the Irish people. Later he went on to his most famous task. He used the native and abundant three leaf clover to teach them about the Blessed Trinity.

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## Trinity Reminders

**SHOW  
and  
TELL**

### Toys vs Show & Tell

Show and tell is an exciting time at school. Children get excited when it is their time to get up and tell about what they brought to school. Most classrooms limit show and tell to the letter or theme for the week. However, we are having problems with children bringing in unrelated toys. The teachers are asking for your help with this issue. Please do not allow children to bring toys to school for Show & Tell or even "just because". Toys brought from home may get mixed in with classroom toys, might get broken, or even miss placed. Additionally, it lessens the joy of Show & Tell when children have brought in toys and are "showing" them at morning drop off. Please help our teachers and have the children keep their toys at home.

### Halloween at Trinity

Halloween is a fun time to dress up and practice pretending to be someone or something else. It is a time of wonderment and exploration for our preschoolers. It is also a great opportunity to reinforce real and imaginary concepts. On the



day of your child's class party, we encourage them to wear their Halloween costumes to school. Please keep in mind that scary costumes are **not** appropriate for this age group. Costumes should still allow the children to safely play at recess. Additionally, many costumes are difficult for children to maneuver during bathroom breaks so please consider that when choosing a costume for your child. Lastly, some costumes may be hot, so please send or have your child wear clothes underneath in the event they want to remove their costume.