

FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Greetings from the Trinity Lutheran School Board of Education. First, thank you for entrusting your child's learning to us. We know that we offer a very strong academic program that will encourage your child's ability to learn and succeed in an ever demanding world. As a bonus, we top the core subject training we do off with a Christian education to center your child and ensure they know of God's love for them. We're glad we can offer a place where the two subjects are allowed to be taught in unison. We hope you see what our teachers see daily – growing Christian minds and souls.

Next, we wish to encourage you to take an active interest and, when needed, role in your child's education at Trinity. With your love and help at home, the work your child does at school is further nurtured and your child sees that the work they are doing at school has value at home and with you as well. Homework can sometimes be frustrating for today's busy family. Our staff works to keep homework to a required minimum that ensures proper understanding of the subjects your students are learning. We accomplish this, without piling unnecessary "busy work" on your child. If you are dealing with an inordinate amount of homework, perhaps your child is in need of some guidance regarding proper use of class time. Of course, not all students work at the same pace, but if the time allotted is utilized properly, homework should be minimal at best. All of our staff is trained and licensed in the core subjects the State of Kansas requires. Educating is what they love and what they were trained to do. Your support of their methods is important to your child's success. Of course, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher directly, or one of our board of education members. We're all interested in hearing from you at any time you need or want to speak to us.

We offer several means for you to contact us. Of course, the school's main number is **620-221-1820**. You may also contact any of our teachers via e-mail. Our staff e-mail addresses are below:

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While e-mail is a very efficient form of communication, please understand that nothing takes the place of face to face, or at least telephone communication. We wish to offer you the use of these e-mail addresses to communicate with our staff to begin open and meaningful dialog. If you aren't receiving what you desire via e-mail, please request a meeting with the person you wish to communicate. Electronic communication is limited in effectively conveying emotions, and it is easy to achieve the wrong results via e-mail. My rule is, "When in doubt, give 'em a shout." Make sure your intentions and emotions are properly conveyed by personal contact.

Our Board of Education meets the **first Monday of each month at 7:00PM** in the church/school conference room. Please feel free to attend these meetings. We always offer a public session where our Principal discusses the current issues and accomplishments, our Marketing Committee speaks about their efforts to further promote Trinity, and we offer time to give our parents a voice. We openly welcome any and all parents to attend these meetings so they can stay aware of the behind the scenes operation of our school. This is also a good time for you to communicate directly with our board members regarding any questions or concerns you have.

To further promote our institution and communication coming from the school, we have a website - **<http://trinitylutheranwinfield.com>** - that will offer you insight into who our teachers are and what is happening at school. Please feel free to explore the entire website for all of the benefits we can offer you. Our daily devotions, weekly readings and prayer list are all beneficial not only to your child's growth in faith, but your own as well. To access the school area of our website, click on our School link at the top of the web page to visit this section of our website. From here you'll be able to view our mission, the lunch menu, teacher bios and pictures as well as the Chatterbox. The Chatterbox is a weekly publication put together by our teachers to communicate home what has been occurring in our classrooms as well as to prepare you and your child for upcoming events. Please expect it to arrive in your home Monday's. It should be in your child's backpack. If you lose your copy or for some reason it doesn't arrive home with your child, please view it online anytime at **http://trinitylutheranwinfield.com/school_chatter_box.htm**. We hope you find the Chatterbox full of news and insight you can use.

At Trinity, we have a PTL group that remains very active in our school life. Beginning this year, our 4th, 5th and 6th graders are enjoying the benefit of having a locker to stow their gear in each day thanks to our PTL's efforts. Each year the PTL puts on a school carnival that everyone enjoys as well. As with any school, PTL plays an important role. Please watch the Chatterbox for meeting times and places. You will find that we have standard meeting times and places monthly so that you can plan to be there. Remember, PTL is nothing without our involved parents. We need your support!

On behalf of the Board of Education, Trinity Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, thank you for entrusting your child's education to us. With God's help and guidance, we'll continue to mold some of the very best persons within our community and world while preparing them for a very bright future. We know you only want the best for your child. That's why you enrolled them and why you allow us to teach them the core curriculum and to teach them of God's love. What a great job we have at Trinity! Thanks for making it possible and worthwhile.

Trinity Lutheran - Board of Education President – Brian Gentry