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Reformation Day

by Ariana Mehrazar

Halloween - we all know what Halloween is. We do celebrate Halloween, however, we also celebrate something else - *Reformation*.

Reformation is celebrated on the same day as Halloween - October 31. The Reformation began in the 15th century, to be specific, 1517, when a German Monk - who was agitated with the activities of the Lutheran Church - nailed his arguments - known as "The 95 Theses" - to the door of Wittenburg's Castle Church. This man was Martin Luther.

Martin Luther is an individual, who made an important impact on the world. Martin Luther died at just 62-years-old because of a cardiac infarction/heart failure. Today, he might have lived into his 80s or 90s, but medicine in the 1600s was not as advanced as our doctors are today. He died on February 18, 1546. His last words written words were: "We are beggars. That is the truth." Martin Luther was a German priest, theologian, author, hymn writer, professor, and Augustinian friar. Pretty cool, right?

The Catholic Church did not teach the Bible. Martin Luther was not fond of this. Consequently, he asked if the Church would start teaching the Bible, but they refused. Even after they refused, Martin still taught the Bible to others.

In 1517, Martin Luther published his 95 Theses in an attempt to get the Roman Catholic Church to stop selling indulgences (making people pay to have sins forgiven). Reformation Day (October 31), marked Martin Luther's challenge to Church and notes his immense and lasting influence worth celebrating.

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The truth written here is a sweeter treat than Halloween candy! On October 31st, 1517, pastor and professor Martin Luther nailed a list of 95 arguments on a church door in Germany. Back then that's how you started a discussion. Luther's arguments gained wide acceptance and were sent throughout Europe via the newly invented printing press. Central to his concern was that the Roman Catholic Church had deviated from the Bible's simple teaching that you and I can be made right with God **only by faith** in God's Son, Jesus Christ.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 17: HOME Volleyball game v. Trinity /Burr Ridge, 4 p.m.
- October 18: NO SCHOOL - Teacher Institute Day
- October 29: Hot Lunch - Taco Tuesday!
- October 30: Reformation Chapel
- October 31: Reformation Day - Halloween

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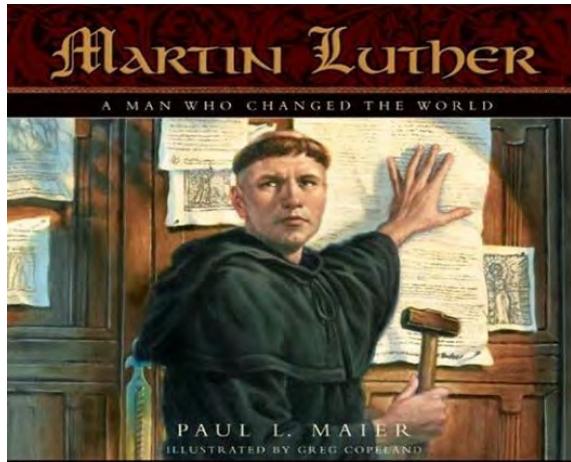
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Reformation Day

The Church was not happy after the 95 Theses were posted, nor were the Pope and Holy Roman Emperor. Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Church, which... he did not care about.

“His writings were responsible for fractionalizing the Catholic Church and sparking the Protestant Reformation. His central teachings, that the Bible is the central source of religious authority and that salvation is reached through faith and not deeds, shaped the core of Protestantism,” reports History.com.

Remember - on October 31, have fun, dress up in costumes, get candy, and everything else - but also celebrate Reformation - a somewhat fun, yet



GOOD READ: Martin Luther: A Man Who Changed the World
Paul L. Maier, available from CPH.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 5: Hot Lunch - Pizza
- November 6: Chapel, 8:30 a.m.
- November 7: Walther Christian Academy Fall Play, 5th-8th grade
- November 7: Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:30 - 7 p.m.
- November 8: NO SCHOOL - Parent Teacher Conferences, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- November 9: Trinity Holiday Craft Show, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- November 11: Veterans Day
- November 12: Hot Lunch - Mac 'n' Cheese
- November 13: Chapel, 8:30 a.m.
- November 15: Family Reading Night, 6 - 7 p.m.
- November 19: Hot Lunch - Hot Dog
- November 20: Chapel, 8:30 a.m.
- November 25 - 29: Thanksgiving Break
- December 2: School resumes, 8:15 a.m.





Fall Fest Trunk or Treat

by Ariana Mehrazar

We all love trick or treating – but have you heard of *trunk or treating*? Yes, at Trinity Lutheran School, we have Trunk or Treating. The Fall Fest is free. It will be in the parking lot, on 1165 S Westmore-Meyers Rd (NE corner at Roosevelt), in Lombard, IL.

The Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat event is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You will be able to play and enjoy some free games and activities, get some candy, and show off those costumes. Please bring donations of non perishable foods and paper goods for area food pantries.

We would love to see you at the fest. Please come if you can – in your best costume. Remember to bring a bag or basket for trunk or treat collecting.

Holiday Craft Show

by Sophia Garcia and Abby Pilny

Trinity's annual holiday craft show is coming up soon! It's Saturday, November 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The holiday craft show is a fun event where you can come and shop. Choose homemade crafts from all kinds of vendors and artisans. Yummy sweets, pretty jewelry, Christmas ornaments, house decor, wooden toys, homemade soaps, and unique gifts. There will even be some cats to see – that you can possibly adopt.

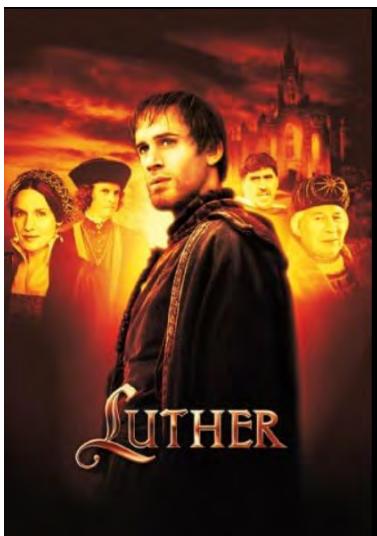
As if free admission to 70+ craft and vendor booths, pet adoption, a Kids Korner craft space, Aunt Teak's Beautiful Junque Emporium, and free parking isn't enough – you'll want to enjoy the delicious lunch options from Martha's Kitchen (the pulled pork is legendary).

Volunteers are needed. There are tasks for all ages and all levels of physical ability. Thursday, November 7, anytime between 3 p.m. and 10 p.m., Friday, November 8, anytime between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m., and Saturday, November 9, anytime between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. If you are able to help in any way, notify Trinity's office.



What Halloween is For Christians

by Angelina Iverson



Luther (2003)

ALL ABOUT HALLOWEEN!

by Bobby Hawn and John Doerries



Halloween is always a fun time: Getting candy and watching spooky movies, but what really is Halloween for Christians?

As Christians, it is always important to remember why we celebrate "Halloween", or Reformation for Christians.

Around the year 1517 the Church was not teaching the right information about God. The people from the Church were saying that you had to pay indulgences to get to Heaven. Which is not true.

The Church also had Bibles in only Latin, and most people only spoke and understood German. At that time there was a monk named Martin Luther. He believed and knew the real truth about God and how to get to Heaven. Martin Luther wanted the people who belonged to the Church, to know the truth about Jesus. So in October, he nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the Church door, stating his concerns about what indulgences were. Copies of the Ninety-Five Theses were distributed all throughout Europe and caused an uprising about how the Pope of the Church was trying to sell faith and forgiveness to Christians. This then led to the translation of Bibles and more Churches.

God sent Martin Luther to help save the people from going the wrong way. Martin Luther is still talked about today. We should remember what Halloween is actually about and not just the candy.

You may think of Halloween as a time to Trick or Treat, but there is a lot more to it than that. Halloween started about 2000 years ago when it was an Irish celebration for the end of Summer.

The reason why we celebrate Halloween is to dress up in costumes and make fun of the evil spirits. Some people don't celebrate Halloween, thinking that if you do, you might call attention to the spirits or even glorify them. But we make it scary because the evil spirits ARE the scary ones. To make fun of the spirits, you need to make fun of what they truly are.

The colors of Halloween are supposed to symbolize the transition from summer to winter. Halloween is between those seasons. The orange is the light of summer and black is the dark of winter.

We go Trick or Treating because over a hundred years ago, the tradition started with children dressed in costumes. They would go door to door to say trick or treat, meaning either the person living there would give candy or the children would play a trick on the person living there. But now, people just give the costumed trick or treaters candy when they ask.

The Amazing Joe Boway *by Ariana Mehrazar and 5th-8th grade*

Joe Boway's students in Liberia knew about us, and were asking about us. Joe Boway has lived in Indiana for 20 years now. Now, when he drives around, he sees... Pumpkins everywhere. This is probably because *Halloween* is coming up.

However, in Liberia (which is located on the west coast of Africa), people do not celebrate Halloween. (Liberia is the size of Tennessee!) Even then, Joe will not be able to celebrate Halloween here - he will be in Africa.

During Halloween, when you dress up, remember that Jesus loves you *and* died for you. *That is* the most important thing on and about Halloween - Jesus.

In November 1964, Joe Boway was born - but because these things were not written down in his culture, his parents could not remember the date of his birthday. Fortunately, the leader of Liberia's birthday's - same as Joe's - was celebrated nationally - so *that* is how they remembered Joe's birthday.

Joe Boway knows Liberian English, so he ends his words with -th. His languages are in the Krahn language group. Joe Boway speaks Liberian English, Liberian, a little French, his African language, and maybe even more. Fun fact: 200 Liberian dollars equals just *one* U.S. dollar.

At school in Liberia, grades preschool through 1st grade learn their home language, and English, going back and forth. The people in Liberia celebrate Christmas, Easter, and Reformation - specifically in Lutheran Schools only.

Liberia has a variety of transportation: cars, heavy duty trucks, and motor bikes. The average temperature in Liberia is 80°, and there is also a rainy and dry season. The people do not know what snow is - since they do not have any. There are also no giraffes or donkeys. Also, the number #1 sport is *football*, known to us as soccer, and the number #1 sport for girls is kickball. And food? Rice. White rice.



In the 2023-2024 school year, there were 15 schools, with a total of 6,500 students. Students must pay the registration fee, \$250. 20 years ago, in 2004, there was no fee at *all*.

PICTURED AT TOP: Joe show off a photo of graduating students from one of his Lutheran schools in Liberia.

AT BOTTOM: Trinity's 7th and 8th grade students load gathered school supplies destined for Africa into Joe's minivan.



Joe Boway *[continued from page 5]*



At the schools, when it is moonlight, children do a *lot* of things - tell stories, hide and seek, and play games. There is a kindergarten graduation ceremony, and because not all students start school when they are really little, some children in kindergarten are 9 or 10 years old. Also, because of a graduation, one boy's mom and dad let him come to school.

Joe Boway has two children, both boys. One is in high school, and the other in college. The latter is studying to become a teacher.

The houses and schools in the area are made of sticks from the jungle - a metal roof is expensive, so the roof is more likely to be a thatched one - made of roots, grass, and leaves. The number #1 job in the region is farming.

Joe Boway was born in Liberia. The reason why he started his Ministry is, and I quote, "Since I was a child, I wanted to help people learn about Jesus. Joe Boway *does* plan to share his ministry in places other than Liberia - but not right now. His ministry has been operating in Liberia and garnering support in the United States since 2004. During that time, Joe has discovered that his favorite American food is pizza and chicken parmesan.

We think that Joe Boway is a very special, and we think others do too - here and in Liberia. It was great to learn more about him, and it is going to be amazing to see him again, and have more news. -- *Ariana Mehrazar, 7th grade.*

And from the rest of the class...

When he was little there was no school and so he wanted kids to hear about Jesus and knew that Jesus loves them.

How did you learn about Jesus?

From a missionary, as a child, Joe learned that Jesus loved him. His parents didn't know about Jesus and then, we they learned, his parents explained Jesus to him.

How many schools did you start?

15 schools have started since 2004.

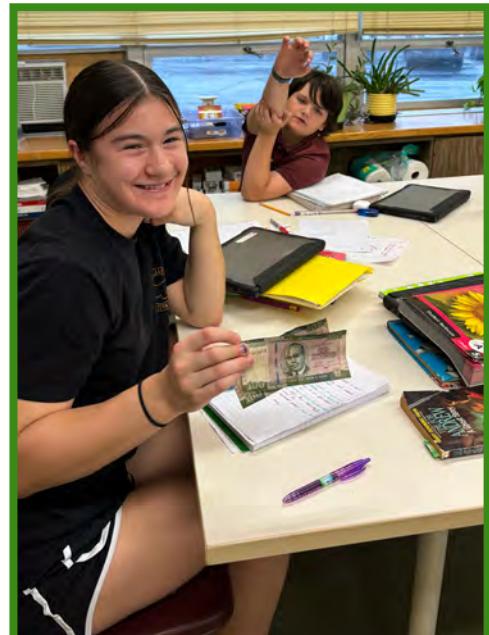
How many children are in all the 15 schools?

6,500 students in all the 15 schools - 60% are girls.

Where did you start going to be a missionary?

Zwedru, in Africa.

--*Sophia Garcia, 8th grade*



PICTURED AT TOP: Joe talks to a class about his missionary work in Liberia.

AT BOTTOM: Trinity 6th grade students get their hands on Liberian money.

Joe Boway *[continued from page 6]*

•What type of animals do you normally have in Liberia?

A: "All rain forest animals."

•Where did you learn English?

A: He learned in Liberia, and learned Liberian English.

•Is the clothing you wear are they traditionally?

A: Sometimes traditional clothes, but also they have used clothes.

•What transportation options are there?

A: They use pickup trucks, cars, and mopeds.

•What's your ethnicity?

A: Krahn.

•What holidays do you celebrate in Liberia?

A: Our holidays are Christmas, we celebrate Reformation, and Easter.

•Tell us about sports...

A: Soccer is main sport there.

•Have you always known that you want to teach about Jesus?

A: When Joe was little he didn't know about Jesus, but when he learned, he wanted to teach others about God.

•What do you eat in Liberia?

A: Rice

•What's your favorite American food?

A: Pizza and chicken parmesan.

•What are the houses and schools made out of?

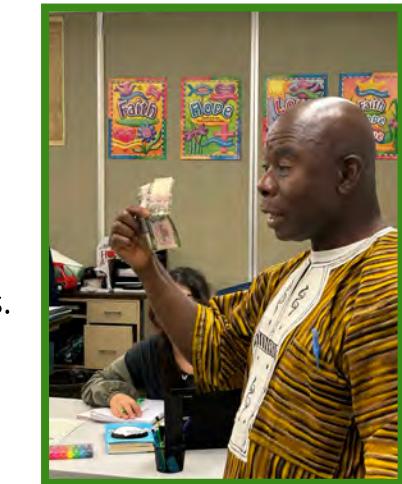
A: Sticks from jungle, sometimes metal roofs, but usually the roofs are made of leaves.

•What are your children doing now?

A: Joe has two boys - one in college and other in high school. The one in college is studying education to become a teacher.

•Tell us about the churches...

A: All the schools are Lutheran, children will take their parents to church as well.



-- Angelina Iverson



PICTURED AT TOP: Joe explaining to a class how it takes 200 Liberian dollars to make ONE American dollar.

AT BOTTOM: Liberia pictured on the west coast of Africa.

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Joe Boway *[continued from page 7]*

- 1964 - 60 years old
- Joe Boway learned English in Liberia. He learned Liberian English which can be hard to understand - he also knows three languages including French and English.
- They use cars for transportation. In the city where the schools are, they use a pickup truck or motor bike.
- They learn English, but they learn Liberian English at the schools. Krahn is an ethnic group and the language.
- The clothes they wear are traditional African clothes or sometimes they buy used clothes.
- Average temperature is 80° - they have two seasons; rainy season and dry season.
- They do not have a concept of snow. In the city they have air conditioners, but not in the schools.
- Christmas, Easter, Reformation (at the schools). They celebrate the president's birthday.
- They have school breaks.
- They have rain forest animals.
- They have soccer and kickball.
- Liberia is located in West Africa. It is about the size of Tennessee.
- Right now they have 15 schools with about 6000 kids.



What made you start your ministry?

"When I was little I did not go to school or know about Jesus," said Joe. God helped him and he thought. "What can I do to help?" Then he started a school, then another, and now he has many people helping him.

- They eat a lot of rice.
- 200 Liberian dollars = 1 U.S. dollar.
- Joe's School Ministry has been since 2004.
- Houses are made from sticks, mud bricks, or mud. You can have metal or grass and leaves.
- The schools are part of a Lutheran Church.
 - The children who graduate from kindergarten are often 9 or 10 years olds.
 - Pizza chicken parmesan.
 - "We play hide and seek at night."

-- Addison Meredith, 7th grade



PICTURED AT TOP: students from 7th and 8th grade help Joe load school supplies for Liberia.

AT BOTTOM: Joe teaches students about life in Liberia.

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Joe Boway *[continued from page 8]*



- Joe was born in November 1964
- He Learned English in Liberia
- Joe speaks three languages - a little French, Liberian, and English.
- They use cars, or ride pickup trucks into town once a week.
- His ethnic group - Krahn.
- Liberians wear traditional clothes.
- It's hot in Liberia, & when it's wet it's

cold.

- The #1 sport is soccer, but girls play kickball.
- Liberia is on the west coast of Africa.
- Joe operates 15 Lutheran schools in Liberia.
- There are 6,500 kids in the 15 Lutheran schools.
- They eat white rice.
- Kids will have to pay money to go to the Lutheran schools. Tuition is free, but it costs \$250 to register.
- Joe has now lived in Indiana for 20 years.
- The houses and schools in Liberia are made from sticks, mud, and dirt.
- The number 1 job there is farming.
- There is one hospital that's 40 or 50 miles away from the villages in the regions.
- There is a Lutheran church in each of the schools' villages.
- Joe likes American pizza, and chicken parmesan from an Italian restaurant in Batavia.

-- Damian Gomez, 7th grade



PICTURED AT TOP LEFT:
Liberian flag

TOP RIGHT: Joe teaches about Jesus in chapel.

Do you have cars or do you walk around everywhere? Car, pickup truck (once a week).
How many schools did you create? 15 right now, 6500 students - 1,500 students are new students 75 in preschool class. **If there's no stores, where do you get clothes?** Make clothes, used clothing, etc. **Holidays:** Christmas, Easter, Reformation (school), President's birthday. **Liberia:** Is in West Africa. Liberia = size of Tennessee. **Do students pay money to go to school?** Yes. **What type of plants and environment grows?** Plants that grow in the jungle. **What do they use as money?** Paper.

-- Abby Pilny, 6th grade

Joe's Birthday: November, **Where did you learn English?** Liberia, **How many languages do you speak?** 3, **What do they use to go places?** Car, or pick-up-trunk and motor bikes, **BTW:** They don't know what snow is. They celebrate Christmas, Halloween, and Easter, plus they have summer break. **Sports:** Football (we call it soccer!) and kickball. **What do they eat?** White rice. **Lutheran schools?** 15 schools. **Do the students have to pay?** Yes, \$250 registration. **How long have you been in Indiana?** 20 years. **How do Liberian students entertain themselves?** Tell stories, games, hide-and-seek, when the moon shines.

-- Juliana Rivera, 5th grade.

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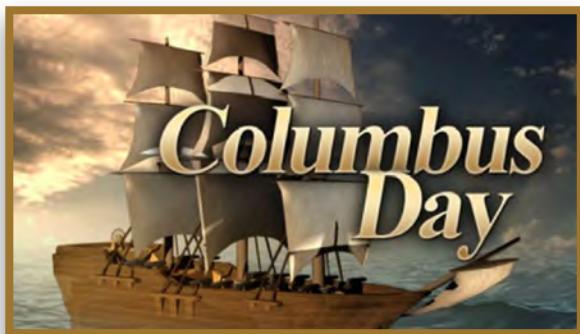
Joe Boway *[continued from page 9]*

Thank you to the 5th through 8th grade students, as they helped make this story possible. On behalf of the 5th-8th grade class, we had a lot of fun while we talked to Joe Boway, and he told us his stories. While we had fun, we also learned something that we all know - Jesus loves us all very much. We'll be happy to see Joe Boway again, next year - with even more to learn about and more memories to make.

Christopher Columbus *by Arian Gomez*

On October 14, Monday, we marked Columbus Day, but on October 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus famously discovered the present day Bahamas (which he named San Salvador). Columbus was looking for a new sea route to the Far East, including India, China, Japan, and the Spice Islands, which led him to the Bahamas. Fun fact: Christopher Columbus also was a devout Catholic who was motivated to spread Christianity throughout the world. Despite the negative things he is accused of doing, enslaving and abusing native inhabitants. Although he was not a perfect man - none of us are - he still wanted to change the world and he believed in God, and he sought to bring God's to the peoples that did not know Him.

Interesting footnote: Across the Atlantic Ocean, Spain claims to have Columbus' body, and yet on this half of the world, the Dominican Republic says that they are the ones who have his remains. What do you think? |



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How will you thank and honor those who have served in the military to protect our country?

Veterans Day
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National Pasta Day: October 17 *by Bobby Hawn*

October is the National Pasta Month, and October 17 is National Pasta Day. So let's celebrate with a bunch of pasta facts!



Pasta is a REALLY simple food. It is made from just wheat flour or semolina mixed with water. It comes in boxes in different shapes and sizes, from swirly spaghetti to flat sheets of lasagna. Whatever the origins of this delectable food, it is undoubtedly associated with Italy. There are so many different types of pasta, including macaroni, ravioli, gnocchi, and even more. These all have come out of the Italian Peninsula since at least the 13th century. Let's talk about pasta shapes. There are over 500 different shapes of pasta, and then there is the official list of pasta shapes, which says there are 1,300 different shapes.

Thomas Jefferson, as he often went to Europe, fell in love with pasta. Every time he went to Italy he would get pasta. He made notes and drawings all on pasta. He had sent pasta to the United States of America, while that was not the first time someone sent pasta to America, it sure helped popularize pasta.

The first American company to ever make pasta in the United States was founded in Brooklyn. In 1848, a 32-year-old named Antoine Zerega founded the first pasta factory in the United States. They used a horse to power the machinery to make the pasta and then the pasta was laid out in the sun to dry. By 1960, the factory was providing pasta to customers across the nation.



FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS: FOOD PANTRY *by Damian Gomez*



Fall is such a warm and beautiful season and makes us share nice warm meals for people, people in the world don't have food to feed themselves. We bring canned and other nonperishable foods to share and help those who are in need.

We collected cereal boxes at the beginning of October, then canned foods. We brought in peas, carrots, corn, beans, mixed vegetables, sweet potatoes, green beans, spinach, and tomatoes. Our principal, Mr. Baerenklau, challenged us to bring canned asparagus, but Miss Kraegel's green beans

were in the lead - until passed by Mrs. Perez's favorite - corn. By Wednesday last week, we had brought 99 food cans, by Friday it was 147. This week we are bringing in pasta.

Trinity Lutheran Church and School contributes to local food pantries: St. Vincent de Paul at St. Pius X Catholic Church, and York Township.

Fall Recipes

by Angelina Iverson

I am starting to feel the Fall weather coming in and it makes me want to cozy up in my room, watch movies, and eat some snacks. Or maybe you're craving a Thanksgiving dinner. Here are some recipes that everyone would enjoy.

Pumpkin Snack Mix

Ingredients

- 12 cups popped popcorn
- 4 cups Cheerios
- 4 cups Corn or Rice Chex
- 2 cups salted peanuts
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup light corn syrup
- 1/4 cup butter, cubed
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 package (16 ounces) candy pumpkins

Directions

1. In a large greased roasting pan, combine the popcorn, cereal and peanuts. In a large saucepan, combine the brown sugar, corn syrup and butter; bring to a rolling boil. Boil for 6 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from the heat; quickly stir in vanilla and baking soda until mixture is light and foamy.
2. Immediately pour over popcorn mixture; toss to coat. Bake, uncovered, at 250° for 1 hour, stirring mixture every 15 minutes. Cool completely. Stir in candy pumpkins.



Hot Spinach Spread with Pita Bread

Ingredients

- 2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, cubed
- 2 plum tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/3 cup half-and-half cream
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped seeded jalapeno pepper
- 6 pita breads (6 inches)
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 2 teaspoons lemon-pepper seasoning
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt

Directions

1. In a large bowl, combine the first 7 ingredients. Transfer to a greased 1-1/2-qt. baking dish. Bake, uncovered, at 375° for 20-25 minutes or until bubbly.
2. Meanwhile, cut each pita bread into 8 wedges. Place in two 15x10x1 in. baking pans. Combine the butter, lemon pepper, cumin and garlic salt; brush over pita wedges.
3. Bake for 7-9 minutes or until crisp. Serve with spinach spread.



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Honey Granola Bars

Ingredients

3 cups old-fashioned oats
 2 cups unsweetened puffed wheat cereal
 1 cup all-purpose flour
 1/3 cup chopped walnuts
 1/3 cup raisins
 1/3 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1 cup honey
 1/4 cup butter, melted
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350°. In a large bowl, combine the first 8 ingredients. In a small bowl, combine honey, butter and vanilla; pour over oat mixture and mix well. (Mixture will be sticky.)
2. Press into a 13x9 in. baking pan coated with cooking spray. Bake until set and edges are lightly browned, 14-18 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Cut into bars.



The Driest Place on Earth

by Juliana Rivera

Do you know where the driest place on Earth is? If you didn't know...it's the Atacama Desert! The Atacama is



located in northern Chile.

The Atacama Desert is a great place to go stargazing, and other cool stuff. Did you know that Atacama has the world's largest supply of sodium nitrate - a preservative found in some food? Atacama's soil is very similar to that on Mars. When does it rain in Atacama? Not often. How much? Less than one millimeter per year which is similar to a tip of a sewing needle or a sharp pencil point.

Fennec Foxes

by Ava Harrison

Have you ever heard of Fennec foxes? Fennec foxes are the smallest of the canine and live in deserts and arid regions of Africa and Arabia. They have extraordinarily large ears, which fun fact can be up to 6 inches long, which help them hunt for food at night. They are nocturnal. They also have extra fur on their feet as to not burn their feet on the hot desert sand. They are also the world's smallest species of fox. They can jump up to 3 feet which is pretty good considering they are very small. They can run about 20 miles per hour.



Fun Facts Section

- The average fennec fox is only about 8 inches tall and weighs merely 2 to 3 pounds.
- Fennec foxes can live for an indefinite amount of time without drinking water, getting hydration from the plants, fruits, and animals they eat. It mainly eats insects, small mammals and birds.
- The fennec has a life span of up to 14 years in captivity and about 10 years in the wild.
- While not endangered, fennec fox populations are threatened due to the pet and fur trade, habitat loss, and climate change
- they have the largest ear to body ratio of any animal

Fennec Fox Babies

The fennec fox typically only gives birth to one litter a year. The fennec fox can have 2 litters per year if the first litter is lost and the food supply is plentiful. This is very unusual among the canids. Normally 2 to 5 young are born per litter. Fennec foxes typically give birth to one litter of pups per year, with between two and five young in a litter



The pups are born with full fur, but are blind until 11 days after birth when they open their eyes. At birth they weigh approximately 50 grams each.

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Unlike many fox species they are grouped animals. They stay in packs of around 9-10 foxes. They make dens underground and live there because it is very hot in the desert where they live. Their very large ears were made to accommodate this because they are actually used to cool the foxes down. Their ears radiate body heat and help keep the foxes cool.

I hope you learned something new and cool about these truly amazing creatures.

Mad About Minecraft

MINECRAFT, FACTS ABOUT IT, AND STUFF YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THIS GAME

by John Doerries

Minecraft is an amazing game that anybody can play and the virtual reality can go on forever. You can build anything you want and the reality isn't real though - but you can



imagine that it is. Here are some things that happen in Minecraft: mobs will spawn and they will start to attack you...so your main goal is to survive. But you will need to build a base to defend against the mobs. I'll tell you a few things that each mob can do.

Number one, Creepers. Creepers can explode if you get too close to them. For example, it's night time and a Creeper spawns while I'm still building my base. If the creeper sees me and it comes to close to me, it will make a noise like a hissing sound and it will blow up and it will kill you and also blow up all the stuff around it.

Number two, Zombies. Zombies - if they see you they will still chase you like creepers, but they want to explode if you put the game on different modes. If it's on a hard mode, a Zombie can be able to break through the door. But Zombies cannot break through blocks. So if you have a house made of wood, the Zombie cannot go and break it. All it can break down is the doors.

Spiders are number three. Spiders can be a big deal, because if you don't have a roof, Spiders can climb up your walls and come inside. That Spider is big like a hat but it will be able to fit in, sideways and not straight up.



Now number four is Enderman. If you look an Enderman in the eye it will try to kill you - it's basically an offense to them if you look them in the eye. They will not be able to attack you if you did not look them in the eyes.

Number five - this will be the last mob before I go on to some harder ones (or bosses) that you will need to defeat - Skeletons. Skeletons can be a big deal, especially if you don't have armor - or even if you do have armor but if it's extremely low on durability. If you get too close to a Skeleton, where it can see you, it will try to shoot you with a bow and arrow. It will keep trying to get you until something happens - such as it becomes morning - when Skeletons start burning.

Minecraft *[continued from page 15]*

These mobs have weaknesses. Zombies, Skeletons, and Spiders are dangerous, but when it's daytime they will start to burn in the sun. Unless they are in a cave, they will eventually all die.

But you need to know about the bosses...starting with the Warden. The Warden is an extremely strong boss and you can only find it in the deep dark. If you're lucky, in the deep dark you'll find an ancient city. In the ancient cities you can find loot, the Warden himself, and some experiments that were interrupted.

Of course this is all part of Mojang's plan and Mojang has been doing a good job with their game. Most people die when they try to fight the warden. but here's a way to survive the Warden. Crouch, or stay on the wall. If you're on the wall, you'll be pretty quiet so the warden cannot hear you. The Warden is blind so it cannot see you, but it's not deaf so it can hear your footsteps.

I like Minecraft because your imagination in building for this game can go on forever. I have spent a few years learning about this game and figuring out all the updates.



I'm going to have and watch some YouTubers to pick up new expertise. If you want to get into Minecraft, I recommend watching online tutorials about it, while you play the game. I've been enjoying this game for over five years.

In this game you can do whatever you put your mind to. You can build a city - it might take a long time to do so. There are even some games out there (you can check them out on YouTube) who are actually trying to recreate planet Earth in Minecraft, building all of the world's cities! That is just one reason that I like Minecraft so much.



Meet Mrs. LaMontagna

by Abby Pilny and Addison Meredith

Mrs. Lamontagna is going to be leaving soon, not for forever though, because she is expecting a baby! She won't be returning until after Christmas so we thought now is a good time to interview her.

Q: How many other schools have you taught at?

A: Two

Q: Do you like teaching preschool, if so why?

A: I do, because they learn very quickly at this age.

Q: How many years have you been teaching?

A: 11

Q: What's your favorite color?

A: Purple

Q: Where is your hometown?

A: Lombard

Q: Are you a morning person or night person?

A: Morning

Q: What kind of music do you like?

A: I mostly listen to Christian or Alternative

Q: What is your favorite animal?

A: Cat

Q: What's your favorite food?

A: French fries

Q: What do you do in your free time?

A: Sleep when I can

Q: When is your baby supposed to be due?

A: October 21

Q: Are you hoping for a boy or a girl?

A: I hope a girl, but I think it's a boy.

Q: What are you most excited to do with your new baby?

A: Snuggling and spending time with them

Q: Will you want more children?

A: Yes

Q: Have you experienced any odd pregnancy cravings?

A: I really haven't

Q: Do you like reading books? If so, what kind of books?

A: Yes, I guess just young adult novels.

Q: What is your favorite movie or TV show?

A: The Office



Mrs. LaMontagna with her interviewers, Abby and Addison.

MEET MR. ALLEGRETTI

Q. What school did you go to? **A. St. Cyprian (elementary/middle school) and Elmwood Park High School.**

Q. Where have you taught? **A. Willowbrook, here and Tioga elementary.**

Q. What's your fav color? **A. Blue**

Q. What's your fav food? **A. Grilled chicken sandwich**

Q. What college did you attend? **A. Elmhurst university**

Q. What languages do you speak? **A. English**

Q. What do you do when you're not here or at college?

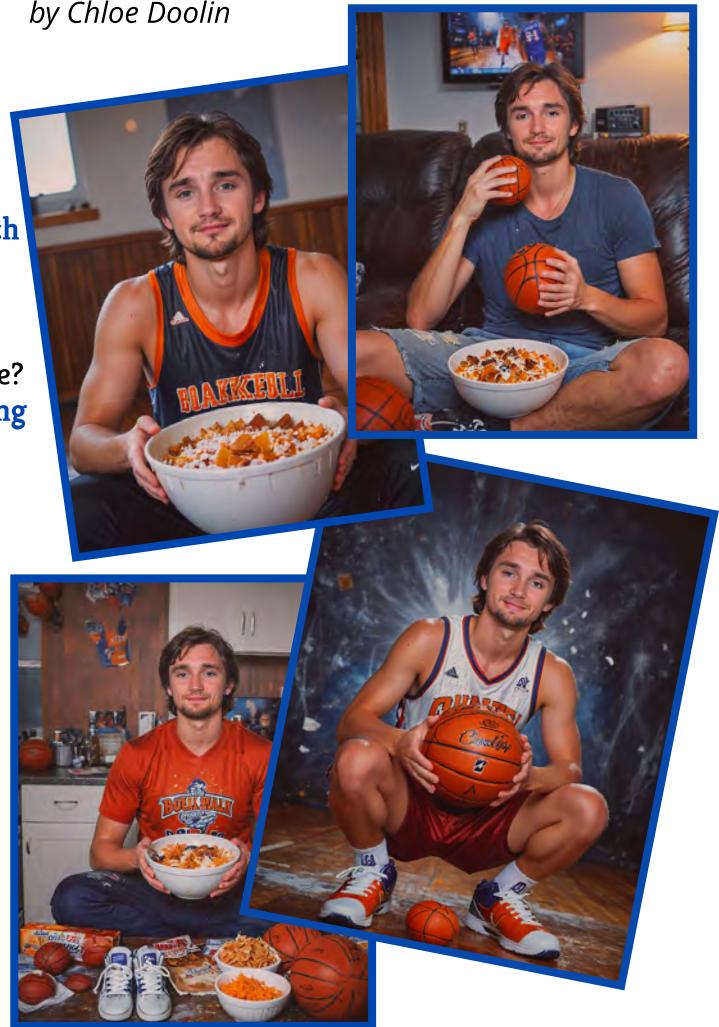
A. Coaching basketball, playing basketball, watching football, and working on homework

Q. When is your birthday? **A. July 26, 2000**

Q. Do you have brothers or sisters? **A. Step siblings**

Q. What's your fav cereal? **A. Frosted Flakes**

by Chloe Doolin



Farewell, Mr. A

by Addison Meredith and Angelina Iverson

Mr. Allegretti - better known as Mr. A - our gym teacher, will be leaving Trinity around Christmas break. To understand what he will be doing and where he is going, we asked him some questions.

Q: Why are you leaving Trinity?

A: I have to go student teach.

Q: What will you miss most about Trinity? A: The students

Q: Where are you going to teach? A: I don't know yet, but I'm doing my student teaching at Willowbrook High School

Q: What will you be teaching? A: Physical Education

Q: What have you enjoyed most about Trinity? A: The students, even Ava when she barks!

Q: You're the coach of Trinity's volleyball team. Will you continue coaching, if not here, somewhere else? A: I will be coaching only basketball.

Q: Do you really want to leave - even with Ava here?

A: No, Ava doesn't even drive me out of the school!
(p.s. Ava, we are just kidding!)

We had a little fun, we fed Mr. A's head shot into an online AI image generator with the words Basketball and Frosted Flakes - look what we got!

We Will Miss You, Mr. A!

by Ariana Mehrazar

Mr. Allegretti, or otherwise known as Mr. A, is Trinity Lutheran School's Physical Education teacher - well, *was*. Yes, Mr. Allegretti has to leave. As upsetting as it is, he will always be a very valued and respected member of the school community. However, I'd assume you'd like to know what he plans to do when he leaves, and maybe even a bit more about Mr. Allegretti.

Q: Why are you leaving Trinity?

A: "I have to go student teaching to officially procure my degree."

Q: Is there anything else you plan on doing?

A: "Coaching basketball, get a teaching job, and I would also like to end up teaching football."

Q: When are you going to leave?

A: "When student teaching begins, which will be around January 17-24, 2025."

Q: What is your major?

A: "Physical education with a minor in health education."

Q: What school(s) did/do you go to?

A: "St. Cyprian (elementary), Elmwood Park High School, Elmhurst University."

Q: What is your favorite sport to teach?

A: "Basketball."

Q: What are your goals?

A: "Become the best P.E. teacher of all time."

Q: Who or what inspires you?

A: "Joe Burrow and Derrick Rose, because no matter what hardships they go through they persevere, so I can too."

Q: What motivates you everyday?

A: "All the hard work I put in, because now I see it paying off, and the enjoyment I get out of my job. I love going to work."

Q: What will you miss most about the school?

A: "The students, teachers, everybody and being able to play the games we enjoy in gym class."

Q: In your opinion, what was a fun part about teaching at Trinity?

A: "I like being creative with the game. I can see if students like or do not like the game, and then we do something different."

Q: What is your favorite Bible verse?

A: "Proverbs 3:5-6, Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths."



*The REAL Mr. Allegretti,
no AI here!*

We Will Miss You... *[continued from page 19]*

Q: What is your favorite subject(s)?

A: "Physical Education."

Q: What is your favorite sport?

A: "Basketball."

Q: Do you have a favorite type of food?

A: "Pizza."

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: "Blue."

Q: What was your favorite project during all your years in school?

A: "We built these mousetrap race cars in 6th grade, like a Newton Scooter."

Q: What was your dream job as a child?

A: "To be a policeman."

Q: What is your favorite book and/or movie?

A: "My favorite book is The Glass Castle, and my favorite movie is Star Wars, Episode Three."



Q: Why do you like basketball the most?

A: "Basketball is the first sport that I liked, I just fell in love with the sport like - Derrick Rose."

Though we will all miss Mr. Allegretti, *Mr. A*, just know we will all see him again some day. This means this *most likely* isn't the *last* time we will see him.

So, when you see him in the hallway, or in P.E. class, or even when you're going home, remember to say bye. And, I know, we will all shout - "WE WILL MISS YOU,MR.A!"

"I'm somebody who always tries my hardest. I will never give up, and always give a 100 percent in whatever I do."
- Mr. Allegretti

"What Are You Going To Be For Halloween?"

We Asked Preschool Through 8th Grade!

by Abby Pilny, Juliana Rivera, Arian Gomez and Chloe Doolin

Halloween is coming up soon! And it's about time for people to pick their costumes. Let's see what everyone is planning to be...

Preschool 3:

- Liam - "A cheese pizza."
- Lucy -"Elsa."
- Kelsey - "Bluey."
- Kate - "Pumpkin."
- Fiona - "Elsa"
- Jack - "Spiderman."
- Oliver - "Pikachu."
- Ella - "Pumpkin."
- Anthony & Avayah are still deciding.

Preschool 4:

- Everlie - "A princess."
- Rose - "Mrs. Frizzle from the Magic School Bus."
- Logan - "A pirate."
- Aiden - "Sonic the Hedgehog."
- Anniqa - "Moana."
- Wesley - "A doggy."
- Carter - "I want to be a policeman."
- Harmoni - "A ladybug."
- Liana - "Madrigal, a princess from Encanto."
- Jade - "A ladybug."
- Morgan - "Jack."
- Ben - "A transformer."
- Alex - "Spiderman."
- Aubrey is still deciding.



Kindergarten:

- Elena - "Butterfly."
- Avignon - "Skeleton."
- Mason - "Minecraft zombie."
- Caden - "Ninja"
- Haylee - "A cat."
- Alex - "A cat."
- Brian - "Something from Minecraft."
- Warren - "The Warden from Minecraft."
- Naomi - "A white cat."
- Kinzie - "Agnes from Despicable Me."
- Cayden - "A wizard"

1st grade:

- Lizzie -"I'm wearing a princess dress."
- Anna - "A pretty princess."
- Julia - "A ballerina."
- Declan - "Wednesday."

2nd grade:

- Kayli - "An angel"
- Karlo - "An inflatable minion."
- Vince - "Master Chief from Halo."



"What Are You Going To Be ...?"

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3rd grade:

- Maya - "I don't know."
- Olivia - "A fairy."
- Zian - "Light Up Face."
- Adrina - "A mango"
- Kenzie - "Sanderson Sisters."
- Markus - "A skeleton man."
- Thomas - "I want to be a banana, but I don't know yet."
- Trevor - "Zombie."

4th grade:

- Gunnarr - "Captain Crunch."
- Jacob - "A blowup t-rex."
- Addison - "I am probably going to be a raccoon."
- Alice - "A skeleton."
- Floyd - "Spiderman or Pelly."
- Heidi - "Ghostbuster."

5th grade:

- Juliana - "A shark or a dinosaur."
- Chloe - "I might be a spooky elf."
- Bobby - "Ninja Turtle."

6th grade:

- Arian - "An inflatable minion."
- John - "Probably Scream."
- Abby - "I am going to be on vacation for my sister's wedding, so technically a bridesmaid."

7th grade:

- Ava - "Coraline, I guess."
- Addison - "Nonexistent or a ghost. It's the same thing though."
- Damian - "Vector."
- Ariana is still deciding.

8th grade:

- Sophia - "A man..."
- Angelina is still deciding.



Now, we know what everyone is going to be for Halloween! Happy Halloween, everyone.



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