The Chronicles of Trinity

May 2023

Meet The Graduates by Emma Serwas, Angelina Iverson, and Sophia Garcia

What will you miss the most as you

head to high school? **Alex:** My classmates

lan: Not sure

Riley: The people

What high school are you going to?

Alex: Walther

lan: Wheaton Warrenville South

Riley: Willowbrook

Are you confident that you will

graduate? Alex: Yes lan: No Riley: Yes

Do you have any career goals?

Alex: A veterinarian

lan: Not yet **Riley:** A lawyer

Are you excited to graduate? What are you most excited about?

Alex: Yes, going to high school lan: Yes, moving on to a bigger

school

Riley: Yes and no, being able to play

clarinet in a bigger band

Are you planning to participate in any sports in high school?

Alex: No

lan: Basketball, volleyball, track and

field

Riley: Maybe, Badminton [continued on next page]



Farewell to Trinity

by Riley Baker and Alexandra Harris

The eighth graders and Mrs. Messina will be leaving Trinity! Although it is a sad occurrence, we can still remember the good times that we have had. We [continued on next page]

GRADUATION by Damian Gomez

It's so close and it's before the last day of school! All the students will be moving up to their new grades.

The Graduation ceremony for Trinity Lutheran School's Class of 2023 is May 25, 2023, at 7 p.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, in Lombard Illinois.

We hope that you will be there as we celebrate our graduates, Alexandra Harris, Ian Lesch, and Riley Baker.

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Who is your favorite 8th Grader?

Alex: They're all equal to me!

Ian: No favorites

Riley: Alexandra Harris

Which teacher or teachers will you miss the most?

Alex: Mrs. Messina, because she is my main teacher

lan: Mrs. Perez

Riley: Mrs. Messina, Mrs. Perez, and Miss Kragel

What event was your Favorite in Trinity?

Alex: The field trip to the Shedd Aquarium

Ian: Can't decide (maybe the State Track meet?)

Riley: The International Day of Celebration

Who is your dream celeb partner?

Alex: Literally anyone

lan: No one

Riley: Bang Chan from Stray Kids

Farewell to Trinity [continued from previous page]

by Riley Baker and Alexandra Harris

hope that Mrs. Messina will have a good time at her new school, and that the eighth graders will enjoy their time in high school.

What will you miss about Trinity?

lan: I'll miss the class trips and the students. I'll miss the teachers too.

Riley: I'm leaving the people, the teachers, and the small classes. I'll miss that about Trinity, and being able to be with my friends all the time. I will also miss how everybody was close and friendly towards everybody.

Alex: I'm going to miss all of my classmates at Trinity. Even if I'm not friends with everyone, I'll still miss the nice people.

Mrs. Messina: The family atmosphere and the people that have made me feel so welcome in my time here at Trinity.



Farewell to Mrs. Messina
by Ariana Mehrazar

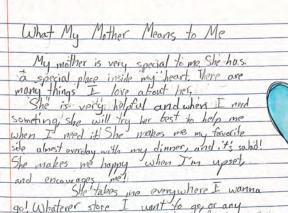
Mrs. Julie Messina is a wonderful and caring person, but sadly, she is leaving Trinity. Her last day as Trinity's principal is June 30. She will be going to St. Peter Lutheran School in Schaumburg, where she will serve as the full time principal. Mrs. Messina started teaching in 2005, graduated college in 2000, and she worked as substitute teacher for awhile. She began teaching at Immanuel Christian Academy in Hillside from 2005, where she worked until 2017. She taught a variety of subjects, from preschool to 8th grade. From 2017 to 2018, Mrs. Messina taught at Holy Ghost Catholic school in Wood Dale. She taught 5th through 8th grade Social Studies. In 2018, she came to Trinity as the 5th and 6th grade teacher. However, the Lord had other plans for her. She became the 7th and 8th grade teacher, and the interim principal. She will not be teaching class at St. Peter, but she will be the principal. Mrs. Messina felt welcomed right away when she came to Trinity, and felt that she was part of the family as soon as she arrived. All the staff and church members made her feel welcome and helped acquaint her with Trinity. Trinity is different, she says, because everyone is so supportive and makes you feel like you're part of the family. She is excited, nervous, anxious, and sad, as she goes to her new school. She has a great opportunity ahead of her, but she will miss everyone at Trinity.



celebrating

Earlier this year, some of Trinity's fifth grade students submitted these essays to a national essay contest by American Mothers, Inc. We thought that May would be a great month to share them with you.

best) My mother is hardworking. When she comes after a hard day at work, she is too tied to love my sister and is what my mother means to me,



Addison Meredith





me thore but, it she can't go anywhere because she doesn't feel good, I will let her stay home and take care of hor. I will always love my mother, no matter the things she doesn't get nie. The means to me, and I love her

Ariana Mehrazar





Thanks to all of our mothers for their loving hearts, their hard work, and for being true superheroes!

Ava Harrison





What Mry Mom Meone Jo Me My mon means a me I have many warm three, I here First, She is loving. She almong comforts me when & an sod bored she plays with me. she is very hipful. When I meed help with homework or chores shee helps. Last, but not least she is conclusion that why I may mother and ruly she memor to me.

Trinity 7th & 8th Grade Class Trip to Springfield The Capital of Illinois Home of President Abraham Lincoln

An Amazing Trip with an Amazing Class

On May 10, the seventh and eighth grade class, including Pastor Wagner and our teacher, Principal Messina, went on a class trip to Springfield, Illinois. There were many great

monuments and historical sights that we got to see, like Lincoln's grave, his house, and even his own store in New Salem. We were also able to visit the State Capitol, and inside we were able to see the House of Representatives. We were also able to take pictures with life sized versions of the Lincoln Family. At Lincoln's house, we saw the actual layout of the house, and all of the individual rooms.

what was your favorite part of the class trip?

Riley Being able to be where Lincoln was when he was

alive, and seeing the monuments in person.

lan: The car ride.

Aidan: The Lincoln ghost tour.

Mrs. Messina: Getting to

spend time with my class, and getting to see their expressions

and interest as we traveled through the museum.

Photos: The State Capitol, The House of Representatives, Lincoln's Tomb, and posing with the Lincoln family at the Lincoln Museum







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Springfield: Walking in Lincoln's Footsteps by Riley Baker

On May 10 and 11 the seventh and eighth grade class went on a field trip to the capitol of Illinois, Springfield. And as you would expect, almost everything relates to our sixteenth President, Abraham Lincoln.

Some of the spectacular monuments and historical sightings you can experience are Lincoln's Home, the Old State Capitol where Lincoln gave speeches, the new Capitol Building, Lincoln's New Salem, and the Lincoln Museum. If you ever decide

to go to Springfield be prepared to walk. You could even think about it as a fun way to get your steps in!

First, we have Abraham Lincoln's original home. You get to tour the whole house and even take as many pictures as you want. Another cool thing about his house is that you can touch the same railing that Abraham Lincoln actually touched. You can also see things that the Lincolns' owned and how their house looked liked when they lived there.

Another thing you can see is the Old State Capitol. Unfortunately, when we went, it was closed for repairs, but it was still amazing to see in person. When it is open you can go inside and take pictures and learn more about what happened there when it was the Capitol.

After seeing the Old State Capitol you can visit the new State Capitol. You can take a

tour and even sit in on the House of Representatives meetings. There are many small details and artifacts you can see when you visit the capitol. Plus you can also learn a thing or two.

You can also visit Lincoln's New Salem. You get to see and go into some of the houses that were there when Lincoln was there. You can also see how they lived back then and what they had to do to survive.

Finally, we have the Lincoln Museum. When you're in there, it is a surreal experience and you can learn a lot more about Lincoln and his family. While you're there you can see Willie Lincoln's tombstone, Abraham's and Mary's marriage license, his door plate, and so much more.

In my opinion, Springfield is definitely a place to visit and it would be fun if we could visit it again.



Photos:The Lincoln Home, life-sized Lincoln family at the Lincoln Museum, Abraham Lincoln & Mary Todd's marriage license, and the Old State Capitol

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My Time in Springfield

by Ian Lesch

We were only in Springfield for two days but we did a lot of things during those two days. When we first got to Springfield we visited the

Illinois State Capital and learned about its history and what they do and did there. We also went to the Old State Capital. After we did all of that we went on a Lincoln Ghost Walk and learned about a variety of places. We visited Lincoln's Tomb and his sons' tombs also. On the second day we woke up bright and early and went to Lincoln's Home, and also to Lincoln's New

Salem. After all of that we went back to Trinity to go home. We had a lot of fun on

the trip like joking around and getting to do a lot of fun things. We spent most of our time walking which was a good work out because everyone loves cardio. We saw a lot of Statues of Lincoln and almost everything was named after him. On one of the trips we also got to see what some of the doctor tools looked like back then.



MY TRIP TO SPRINGFIELD by Aidan Harrison

May 10 and 11, Trinity's 7th and 8th grade students got to go on a wonderful trip to the Capitol of Illinois, Springfield.

<u>Wednesday:</u> We left for Springfield at exactly 7:30 a.m. On this day everyone was to show up very early but one individual was fashionably late because that person showed up at 7:29 (not Alex, Riley, or Ian). We arrived at Springfield at 10:30 a.m. The first thing in Springfield was a visit to the Illinois State Capitol. There we saw the House of Representatives as we were guided through the Capitol building. The

tour guide taught us about all the intricate designs on the walls. Then at noon we went to lunch at a restaurant called the Feed Store. When we first heard where we were going I thought I heard the "feet store." At 3 p.m. we engaged in a few activities in downtown Springfield, and after that we stopped by the hotel quickly and dropped off our belongings. We had dinner at the Texas Roadhouse (to keep Pastor happy?), then we went on the Lincoln

Ghost Tour and learned about the paranormal visions that Lincoln saw. After that we went to the hotel and rolled in to bed at 10:30 pm.

Thursday: We arose at 7 a.m. to get ready for the day, ate breakfast at the hotel, packed up our stuff, brought it to the car, and checked out of the hotel. Our first stop was Lincoln's Tomb, then we visited Lincoln's New Salem, for lessons in living history at the village.

Photos: Lincoln statue at the State Capitol, Lincoln era surgical implements, hanging out at the Lincoln Train Depot, and posing in front of a replica Conestoga wagon



In May, We Celebrate Teachers by Ariana Mehrazar

Our teachers do so much for us, they take care of us, provide learning opportunities for us, and help us when we need it. May 8 through 12, we recognized Teacher Appreciation Week. Parents, students, and Trinity's PwtL (Parenting with the Lord) group found ways to honor these awesome, wonderful teachers! They teach us so many lessons about different subjects, and they actually help us prepare for the

MEET MR. B by Francesco Lamphere

future, and get us through each day. So, thank you teachers so much for everything you've done for us. You guys are the best!



Mr. James Baerenklau likes teaching at Trinity, where he leads the 5th and 6th grade classroom. He has been to almost all of states (he's missing three). Mr. Baerenklau would like to visit every major league baseball ballpark and his top team is the New York Mets.

Mr. B is known to be a big fan of **STAR WARS** and his favorite characters are the Jedi.

Mr. B's favorite restaurant is Maggiano's and he finds history interesting.

He is an important part of Trinity Lutheran School and a great teacher - I think we're lucky to have him.

Spending Time with Mrs. Scott by Sophia Garcia

- Q. How many years have you been at Trinity?
- **A:** This is my third year.
- Q. Have you taught at any other schools
- **A:** I have taught at five other schools.
- **Q.** What is your favorite Bible verse?
- **A:** Romans 8:28, "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose."
- Q. What is your favorite subject to teach?
- A: Religion
- Q. Who is your favorite historical figure?
- A: Abraham Lincoln
- *Q.* Do you like coffee or tea?
- A: Probably hot chocolate
- Q. Why did you choose to teach Kindergarten?
- A: You get to teach reading and math but also have fun on special days!
- **Q.** What is your favorite vacation spot?
- A: Hawaii
- *Q.* What is your favorite memory from Trinity?
- **A:** Enjoying beach days at the end of the year



Trinity's Kindergarten teacher, Mrs.

Debra Scott, is also fluent in ASL
(American Sign Language) and regularly
teaches us to sign songs in chapel.

Getting to Know Mrs. Allor by Anglina Iverson and Emma Serwas



Q. What is your hometown?

A. Grafton, Wisconsin

Q. At what other schools have you taught?

A: Jehovah Lutheran School in Chicago, Immanuel Lutheran School in Des Plaines, St. Luke Lutheran School in Itasca, and St. Paul Lutheran School in Oak Lawn

Q. How long have you been teaching at Trinity?

A. Five years

 \mathbb{Q} . Who is your favorite historical figure?

A: Abraham Lincoln

 \mathbb{Q} . What is your favorite subject to teach?

A. Reading

 \mathbb{Q} . Are you a morning person or an evening person?

A. Morning person

Q. What is your favorite hymn?

A. Go My Children with My Blessing

Meet Mrs. Pilny

Mrs. Amy Pilny works with Trinity's Preschool and leads Physical Education classes.

- Q: How long have you been at Trinity? A: Since 2017
- Q: What is your hometown? A: Columbus, Indiana
- Q: Where did you go to college? A: Indiana State University
- Q: Do you have children? A: Yes, a daughter, Abby who attends Trinity, and a step daughter, Sabrina
- Q: What's your favorite school subject? A: English or Writing
- Q: Why is that your favorite subject? A: I always enjoyed being creative and putting my thoughts down on paper
- Q: What motivated you to teach? A: I've always enjoyed working with children
- Q: What was your major? A: Teaching Education
- Q: What do you like about being a teacher? A: I like to see the children's faces light up when they discover something new
- Q: Favorite movie? A: Secretariat, about the Triple Crown winning racehorse
- Q: Favorite hymn? A: On Eagles Wings
- Q: Favorite quote? A: With God by my side, I can take it in stride.



National Pizza Party Day

by Roscoe Barnett and Damian Gomez

If there's one thing that makes any day better it's a hot slice of pizza shared among friends. Trinity celebrated National Pizza Party Day on May 19, with...pizza! National Pizza Party Day was created to give people an excuse (like we needed one) to get together with a group of people we love and enjoy the rich cheesy taste of pizza.

Pizza has a long history, and it has become one of the mainstays of office meetings, birthday parties, and friendly get-togethers.

History of National Pizza Party Day

HAPPY NATIONAL pretzel DAY!

The history of National Pizza Party Day is really the history of pizza itself. For thousands of years people have been gathering around to enjoy this delicious food. Of course, all those years ago it may not have looked quite like we imagine it today.

The first people to make something like the pizza we know were the Greeks, who started by covering bread with herbs, oil, and cheese. Another version was enjoyed by the Romans, who covered a dough sheet with honey and cheese and seasoned it with bay leaves.

The pizza we enjoy today seems to have surface in Italy around 1260, though some say 997. Whenever and wherever pizza originated, we think, in conclusion, that pizza parties are great.

NATIONAL PRETZEL DAY by Roscoe Barnett

National Pretzel Day is pretty cool because you get to have pretzels. We celebrated this delicious holiday at Trinity on April 26, by enjoying one of America's favorite snacks. A bag of nice crunchy, salty pretzels or a big, warm, soft, cinnamon pretzel is

the question of the day. Either one is an excellent choice. Trinity settled on doughy pretzel knots from Gnarly Knots in downtown Lombard, choosing between salted and cinnamon sugar.

There are a few different accounts of the origin of the pretzel. Most people agree that it does have a Christian background, and that the original twisted pretzels were developed by monks. According to *The History of Science and Technology*, in 610 AD, "an Italian monk invents pretzels as a reward to children who learn their prayers. He calls the strips of baked dough, folded to resemble arms crossing the chest, *pretiola* (little rewards)."

So now we know that pretzels are both fun and faithful. #NationalPretzelDay

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR SUMMER VACATION?

by Josie Woods

The official survey of 5th and 6th graders:

- Josie is going on vacation and doing karate, hanging out with friends and family
- Addison is going to the beach and hanging out with friends
- Roscoe is going on vacation, possibly, and taking care of his ducks, playing soccer
- · Damian is staying at his house
- Ava is going to eat watermelon
- Sophia is going to play in soccer tournaments
- Ariana will play a lot of piano
- Francesco will be swimming and going to Italy
- Emma is going swimming
- Angelina will be traveling and spending time with friends

The official survey of 7th and 8th graders:

- Aidan will be playing The Legend of Zelda -Tears of The Kingdom
- Alex plans to be sleeping
- Riley is going to Georgia and is celebrating summer
- lan's plans remain a mystery!







Ways To Keep Yourself Busy in Summer

by Ava Harrison and Emma Serwas

Summer is fun but there are some times where you are bored or stuck inside and can't figure out what to do. Here are some ideas for you. There are so many things to do in the summer you'll be out for hours.

If it is nice outside you could go outdoors. You need to take advantage! If you have an animal or pet you could possibly bring them along for the journey, we would recommend it. They make things so fun and interesting. You could climb a tree (If your parents approve) or hang out with friends! You could garden - buy some flower or vegetable seeds and we guarantee you'll get lost in your work and in no time it will be lunch! You know what that means...grab a bowl of Kraft Mac 'n'

Cheese along with some blankets and drinks and set up a picnic!

When you're stuck inside it can get tiresome. Believe it or not, there are also fun things to do inside! You could be creative with crafts, making bracelets and necklaces, or get

artistic and try your hand at drawing. If you know how to sew, you can always make things for the community - scarves or drawstring bags. You could invite your friends over for dinner, or play a board game with your family.

Trinity Chargers Track Team

by Addison Meredith and Angelina Iverson

The Trinity Chargers Track Team has made many accomplishments this year. We even have two team members who competed at the Lutheran Sports Association State Track Meet. Ian Lesch brough home



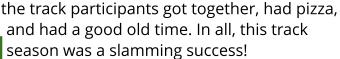
the 6th place medal in the High Jump, qualified and competed in the 200-Meter Dash Semi Finals, and also competed in the 100-Meter Dash Preliminaries. Sophia Garcia, a 6th grader, competed in the 100-Meter Dash Preliminaries and held her own against 7th and 8th Grade runners. They had a good time attending the meet with Coach Bryan Meredith.

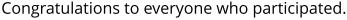
At the end of the season, all of the Trinity students participating placed and the two team captains got plaques. Those team

captains were Angelina and Josie. There was also another plaque given out to Penny Woods for her determination, meaning that she worked



hard and did not give up. Medals were given out for 2nd Place to the Trinity 5th-6th Grade Girls, as they got 2nd Place out of 20 or more schools. We had younger students on our team and a smaller group, while other schools had about 50 students just for their 5th and 6th grade team members alone. Many on our team received award ribbons too and placed in awesome spots, but if we were to write all of those we would be typing all night! Let's just say that the entire Chargers team rocked. All of the awards were given to us at the Trinity Track Banquet, where

















amazing job with their hard work and determination.

CONGRATULATIONS!

May 4: The National Day of Prayer by Ava Harrison

The National Day of Prayer was on May 4 as a day to, well obviously, pray. But is there something more to this day than just praying? The technical answer is yes. It is a day to get together and pray and ask God anything and praise him for every beautiful thing that He has done for us and given us. But in truth, we can pray on any day.



As Philippians 4:6 tells us, "Do not be anxious about

anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." In that, God's Word is reminding us to trust Him. Rather that worry about anything, we can instead, pray about everything.

At our school we write prayers and on the National Day of Prayer, we gathered together in the field to share them. If you were uncomfortable reading prayers aloud in front of the entire school, there was no need to worry, our awesome teachers read them for you, anonymously, so that your prayers could remain heartfelt and private. We took turns reading and praying in a circle of students and teachers. If you have a hard time remembering when to pray, I would suggest praying before eating breakfast, lunch, and dinner, before bed, and anytime that you are afraid.



May 16: International Day of Living Together in Peace by Ariana Mehrazar

The International Day of Living Together in Peace (that's a long title!) was on May 16. The United Nations General Assembly declared it so as a means of regularly mobilizing the efforts of the international community to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding and solidarity. Did you know International day of living together in peace was first celebrated in 1981? That was forty-two years ago. It is said that "Peace is a journey of a thousand miles and it must be taken one step at a time" and that "Peace cannot be kept by force; it can

only be achieved by understanding." I hope that you enjoy and promote peace, not just of world peace days, but everyday.

May 20: Drawing Day by Ariana Mehrazar

Drawing Day is celebrated on May 20. You might be wondering, "Why is that celebrated? People draw almost every day!" Drawing Day is set aside to remind us of that when we are pushed with pressure, drawing can "fulfill" our imaginations. Drawing helps many people to be calm and it and relaxes them. Nobody has "bad" or "ugly" drawings, every drawing is unique. Even scribbles are one of kind works of art, each one unique. So, don't be afraid to draw, and don't be afraid of what people will say. Draw any day you like and enjoy drawing.

A FOCUS ON GOD'S CREATURES FUZZY, FEATHERED, AND FLIPPERED by Ariana Mehrazar



MAY 20 - WORLD BEE DAY

World Bee Day is what it sounds like, a day on which we appreciate bees! This day is celebrated on May 20. Now, some people may be really scared of bees, or think they are just plain useless, but that's not the case. One of the reasons people might be scared of bees is because they sting you. They sting you for defense,

and right

after they sting you, they die. And they actually aren't useless at all! They make us... (drumroll please..) *Honey!* Without bees, some food wouldn't taste the same, like cookies and cakes. Though some people may be scared of bees up close, frightened by their stingers, or just bothered by bees in general, just know, they help our ecosystem a lot.



MAY 4 - BIRD DAY

Birds are wonderful creatures. Bird Day is celebrated on May 4, when these awesome winged wonders abound. There are common birds, like robins, sparrows, and cardinals, but there are rarer ones, like the Spix's Macaw, a blue parrot-like bird. Did you know there are 10,000 species of birds? Birds help our ecosystem, and they help in multiple ways. Birds are predators, pollinators, scavengers, seed dispersers, seed predators, ecosystem engineers, pest controllers, ecotourism magnets, and useful in environmental monitoring. We should thank birds for everything they do for us.

MAY 23 - WORLD TURTLE DAY

World Turtle Day is celebrated on May 23 and a good time to learn that turtles are unique animals. Turtles have hard shells that protect them from predators and they are among the oldest and most primitive groups of reptiles. Turtles live all over the world in almost every type of climate. Isn't that super cool? Turtles help our environment by maintaining productive coral reef ecosystems to transport essential nutrients from the oceans to beaches and coastal dunes.



Sadly though, most turtle species are endangered. We should appreciate them as much as we can, and appreciate this wonderful and unusual creatures.

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER Go Fish! #LIELLOS LIMIMER

Find and circle these 12 hidden objects: a ruler, an ice pop, a mitten, a mushroom, a crayon, a button, a paintbrush, a salt shaker, a spoon, a toothbrush, a candle, and a flip-flop.



The Last Day of School

by Ava Harrison and Addison Meredith

The last day of school for the 2022-2023 school year is May 26, 2023

year is May 26, 2023. It begin with closing chapel, then Field Day fun, and ends as a half day, with pickup at 11:30 a.m. The Trinity students and teachers get a break and even parents and teachers get some time off from dropping children off at school and picking them up at the end of the day and driving them to school. This year concludes another good year at Trinity, but also concludes on a sad note as Mrs. Messina will no longer be a part of the Trinity family. She will be leaving for St. Peter Lutheran School in Schaumburg to become a full time principal. She will be missed dearly.

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