

# Trinity Treasures

October 2024

## *Director's note:*



Happy Halloween! It was so fun to see all the children in their costumes! We are continuing to work on enrollment for the 25-26 school year. Please return all of your paperwork as soon as possible so that we can send you an invoice for the deposit and officially hold your spot! If you have any questions regarding the process, please feel free to speak with me. We have added a section to our newsletter from the TPNS Chaplains to share what the children are experiencing in Chapel each month. This

month, they have done a recap of all that they have done so far and what we can look forward to in November. Going forward, they will share what we have to look forward to. It is such a blessed time for our community to gather and we are excited to share this with all of you. Please make sure to scroll through the whole newsletter to read all about everything that is happening at TPNS!

November is a month that highlights all that we need to be thankful for. I am certainly thankful for this wonderful TPNS community of teachers, staff, students and families; it is a pleasure and honor to work with all of you.

## **Important Dates for November (also on calendar):**

- ★ 5; No school
- ★ 11; No school
- ★ 27-29; Thanksgiving Recess - No school

Take care of yourself and each other!



Nicole Wilhelm, TPNS Director

# NEWS FROM THE TPA!

## **Thankful for you Teacher Breakfast**

With this month being the month of Thanks, we always like to show our teachers and staff how thankful we are for all they do. The TPA will be hosting a Thankful for You staff breakfast on November 25th. Allison O'Neill and Cailin MacMannis will be running this event this year and could use some help from families to make this happen. Please keep an eye out for a sign up genius where parents can sponsor items to be catered from The Porch at Christies.

## **TPNS Book Fair**

TPNS Book Fair will run December 2nd - 6th. The Book Fair committee has planned lots of fun events and ways to shop throughout the week along with a PJ Party with a special guest (Santa) on Friday evening December 6th. Stay tuned for a flyer listing out more detailed information about this year's Book Fair events.

## **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

TPNS will partner with DCF in Bridgeport to collect the following items between now and November 14th for the Thanksgiving holiday: *Stuffing (boxed or bagged), Mashed Potatoes (boxed or fresh), Green Beans (canned or fresh), Cranberry Sauce, Turkey (frozen) or Ham (canned) or Chicken (frozen), Pie (optional).*

*\*Please note if you plan to donate a perishable item please bring it on November 14th when the DCF will be here to pick up items.*

## Class of the month: Miss Joan and Miss Toni's 5 day 4s!



Miss Joan and Miss Toni's class transformed their classroom into an apple orchard! The children had lots of lovely exploration, sensory play, & apple science adventures. Imagination and creativity took place as the children were buying and selling apples!

Greetings from your chaplains, Rev. Matt and Rev. Cathy,

It continues to be a joy to be in chapel two Tuesdays a month with your children! Their bright smiles, curious questions and abundant energy make chapel a favorite moment of each month.

As an Episcopal School, Trinity Parish Nursery School enjoys a rich tradition of welcoming everyone, whatever faith tradition children know at home. We are grateful for over ten years of engagement with TPNS children and families in this chapel program. We tell stories from the Hebrew bible, familiar in culture and faith, with a Judeo-Christian understanding of unconditional love, forgiveness, and trust in God's presence with us.

This fall we have been listening to stories from scripture that tell us about how much God loves us. We have talked about how God literally loved the world into being, how God's love was here before anything else, and how God wants us to love each other. We have talked about how everyone makes mistakes – and how important it is to admit when we goof and apologize when our mistakes hurt other people.

We talked about how God set a rainbow in the sky as a sign of God's promise that he would never again send a flood to cover the whole earth. We talked about how Abraham and Sarah trusted God that their children would be blessings to the world for generations to come, and we talked about what it means to be a blessing – to help others understand how much God loves us. In our next chapel we will talk about what it means to give thanks for our many blessings, and the importance of saying THANK YOU.

Our children practice counting on five fingers, five things we believe about God:

- 1) **God is always here.**
- 2) **God always hears my prayers.**
- 3) **God always understands me.**
- 4) **God always forgives me.**
- 5) **God always loves me.**

We remember these principles whenever we talk with God, which we can do wherever we go, whenever we want. We celebrate everyday blessings like birthdays and raise up people known to be heroes of our faith.

If you have any questions or if there is anything we can hold in special prayer for you and your family, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are grateful for your family's presence in Trinity's nursery school. Your children's joy and comfort in Trinity's sanctuary is a delight. Your children are blessings. We are glad you are here.

With gratitude, TPNS Chaplains

The Rev. Matt Lindeman, Priest-in-Charge

The Rev. Cathy Quinn, Associate Rector