

THE PARENT FALCON

School Parent Newsletter

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Trinity Christian School

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12 Days of Christmas

Twelve days after Christmas, January 6, we celebrate the visit of the Wise Men to worship Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12). Because these foreigners bowed down in acknowledgment that this infant was indeed the Christ, the Son of God, we appreciate another reminder that Jesus the Christ came to save the entire world, not just the Jewish nation. We have so much more to celebrate!

<https://www.lcms.org/about/beliefs/faqs/worship-and-congregational-life#epiphany>

The Magi who – at great cost and effort – sought the Savior. There was a destination – Jerusalem, and then on to Bethlehem. There was a goal – to behold the Lord's Christ. You can read about it in Matthew 2. Bottom line, for the Magi, Christmas was a turning point. They went home changed men. They came by one way, and went home by another ... namely, by, in, and through the Savior that their eyes beheld. Christmas changed them, so that from that moment onward, their lives were no longer about watching the stars. Now – in a very real way – they become the light itself, witnessing to Light they had believed, and now seen. For Magi, Christmas had only just begun.

No less for us, now we are called to see, know. and believe ... and to tell!

Pastor Harkey

School Spelling Bee – 2:15 pm Friday, Jan. 11

Our 5th – 8th grade class winners will meet in the church sanctuary this Friday to determine our school representative for the New Hampshire State Finals. Go Falcons! <http://spellingbee.com/>

PTFA Assembly – 5:30 pm Wednesday, Jan. 16

Mark your calendars and come for a short meeting with updates and plans. We'll meet in the Cafeteria/Fellowship Hall with free pizza and snacks. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Francis, mary.franman@gmail.com

School Geography Bee – 2:15 pm Friday, Jan. 18

Our 5th – 8th grade class winners will meet in the church sanctuary January 18th to determine our school representative for the New Hampshire State Finals. Go Falcons! <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/bee>

Talent Show – February 16th

Sign up for the February 16th Talent Show! Click here for form and details: <http://tcskeene.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/20190216TalentShow.pdf> .

Silent Auction – February 16th

We'll present our annual Silent Auction Saturday, February 16th, 2019. We find this creates a large amount of funds for our school, and we need many hands to help with this to make it successful. We are currently accepting donations from businesses (gift cards, passes, tickets, services, etc.).

So, while you are out-and-about during Christmas break, ask if they will donate an item or gift certificate to Trinity Christian School. If they ask for a letter, here is the link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NXSh25CSJ4g5KV_c0V0uQQppCVi1UTr4Fn_I9g5obK4/edit?usp=gmail&ts=5c1aa161

If you can help or have any questions, please contact Mary Francis at mary.franman@gmail.com with que

Sign Up for Keene State Children's Programs

Miss Martin, our science teacher, is giving you some upcoming events at Keene State College—a science fair and summer camps in 2019.

Please check these programs at these links:

<https://kscstemfair.com/>

<http://pw.keene.edu/academics/conted/kids/t>

Basketball Practices

We've begun practicing for 2019-2020 Basketball Season. Click this link to see more details and the practice schedule:

<http://tcskeene.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/20190102Basketball4th-8thJanSchedule.png>

2019 School Calendar Additions:

- Jan. 11 Fri. 2nd Quarter Ends (42 Days)
2:15 pm NH Union Leader
Spelling Bee – Grades 5-8, church
- Jan. 14 Mon. Report Cards sent home
- Jan. 15 Wed. 5:30 pm PTFA All Families' Assembly,
Fellowship Hall/Cafeteria, Pizza provided, Planning
- Jan. 18 Fri. 2:15 pm School **Geography Bee**
- Jan. 27 Sun. 10:15-11:45 am Trinity Students Sing in church – Start School Spirit Week
- Jan. 28 Mon. School Spirit Dress-Up – wear Blue & White and/or Trinity Christian T-shirts
- Jan. 29 Tue. Hat Day – wear a hat, preferably one you've made
- Jan. 30 Wed. Dress Your Best Day – dress up for the day
Invite a guest for Lunch, Cafeteria (Guest will provide Lunch for the Student)
- Jan. 31 Thur. Sports Day – wear favorite team's cap, jersey, uniform, etc.
Do not wear cleats, helmets, etc.
- Feb. 1 Fri. American History Day – dress as your favorite person from American history



2018-2019 School Calendar

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- Jan. 4 Fri. 3:10-4:00 pm grades 4-8 Basketball Practice in Gym
- Jan. 6 Sun. 9:00-10:00 am Bible Study in dining hall
10:30-11:45 am Worship, all invited, (603) 352-4666 tlckeene.nh@gmail.com

- Jan. 7 Mon. 3:10-4:00 pm grades 4-8 Basketball Practice in Gym
4:00-6:00 pm St. Joseph Games in Trinity Gym
- Jan. 8 Tues. 8:45-9:45 am Women's Bible Study, cafeteria (603) 354-3389
- Jan. 9 Wed. 10:45-11:30 am Chapel (K-8)
No Basketball Practice After School
- Jan. 10 Thu. 6:00 pm School Board Meeting, Library Media Center
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- Jan. 16 Wed. 12:00-12:30 Breakfast for Lunch by 7th-8th Parents
No Basketball Practice After School
5:30 pm PTFA All Families' Assembly,
Fellowship Hall/Cafeteria, Pizza provided, Planning
- Jan. 18 Fri. **2:15 pm Grades 5-8 School Geography Bee, church sanctuary**
3:10-4:15 grades 4-8 Basketball Practice in Gym
- Jan. 19 Sat. **Winter Formal Dinner/Dance** by 7th-8th Parents
– All Families Invited – Details Forthcoming
- Jan. 20 Sun. 9:00-10:00 am Bible Study in dining hall
10:30-11:45 am Worship, all invited, (603) 352-4666 tlckeene.nh@gmail.com
- Jan 21 Mon. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** – No School, No Extended Care, Offices Closed
10:15 pm – 1:00 am Full Lunar Eclipse
<https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/lunar/2019-january-21>
- Jan 22 Tues. Teacher In-Service – No School, No Extended Care**
- Jan. 23 Wed. 10:45-11:25 am Chapel (K-8), church sanctuary
3:10-4:15 grades 4-8 Basketball Practice in Gym

- Jan. 25 Fri. 8:30 am – 3:00 pm 1st, 3rd, 4th Montshire Museum, Vermont,
Life and Earth Science field trip, drivers needed, \$4 per
person
3:10-4:15 grades 4-8 Basketball Practice in Gym
- Jan. 27 Sun. **10:15-11:45 am Students Sing in church – Start School Spirit Week**
9:00-10:00 am Bible Study in dining hall
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- Jan. 27-Feb. 1 **Spirit Week – National Christian Lutheran Schools Week**
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dress as your favorite person from American history (past or present)
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- Feb. 6 Wed. 6:00 pm School Board Meeting, Library Media Center, Riendeau
- Feb. 8 Fri. 5:30-7:00 pm **90 minutes Around the World** World Cultures Program
Elementary Education Department family invitation,
More information goes home January 18th.
- Feb. 12 Tues. 3:30-4:30 pm Faculty meeting, library
- Feb. 13 Wed. Mid-Term Progress Reports go home with the students, 5th – 8th Grades
- Feb. 16 Sat. **PTFA Silent Auction & Talent Show** at Trinity Christian School
- Feb. 20-22 We-Fr** **Preschool Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- Feb. 23 Sat. 9 am – 2 pm New Hampshire Union Leader Spelling Bee, Concord NH
- Feb. 25-March 1** **Winter Vacation** – No School, No Extended Care
- March 5 Tue. Register for Kids at Keene State College Programs <https://wp.me/a9wkne-1nR>
- March 6 Wed. 6:00 pm School Board Meeting

March 9 Sat. 8:00 am New England District Ministry Conference, South Windsor, CT
 March 12 Tues. 10:00 am NLSA Validation Visit Team Training NE District Office
 3:30-4:30 pm Faculty meeting, library
 March 21 Thurs. 3rd Quarter Ends
 March 22 Fri. **Teacher In-Service – No School, No Extended Care**
 March 25 Mon. Report Cards sent Home
 March 29 Fri. New Hampshire State Geography Bee
 March 30 Sat. 8:15 am–1:30 pm Keene State STEM Fair
<http://tcskeene.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/2010KeeneStateSTEMFair.png>

April 2-3 Tu-We Spring Pictures (students can dress in an outfit within dress code that is not uniform)
 April 3 Wed. 6:00 pm School Board Meeting
 April 8-12 Mo-Fr Spring into the Arts Week
 April 9 Tues. 3:30-4:30 pm Faculty meeting, library

April 16 Sun. **Palm Sunday** – Commemorating Jesus Arriving in Jerusalem
 April 15-17 Mo-Th NLSA Accreditation Team Visit
 April 15 Mon. Tax Day, Trinity is a Non-Profit 501(c)(3) corporation
 April 18 Thurs. 12 Noon Dismissal, **Maundy Thursday**
April 19 Fri. Good Friday – No School, No Extended Care, Offices Closed
April 22-26 Easter Break – No School, No Extended Care

April 30 Tue. Register for Kids at Keene State College Programs <https://wp.me/a9wkne-1nR>
 May 1 Wed. Mid-Term Progress Reports go home with the students, 5th – 8th Grades
 6:00 pm School Board Meeting
 May 6-10 Mo-Fr Proposed Spring ITBS Testing (Tentative)
 May 14 Tues. 3:30-4:30 pm Faculty meeting, library
 May 17 Fri. **Preschool Final Day**
Walkathon (Tentative)

May 22 Wed. National Geography Bee Championship, Washington, D.C.
May 24 Fri. Teacher In-Service – No School, No Extended Care
May 27 Mon. Memorial Day – No School, No Extended Care, Offices Closed
 May 21-24 Tu-Fr 7th-8th New York Trip
 June 6 Thur. 6:30 pm 8th Grade Graduation (tentative, depending on snow-day count)
 June 7 Fri. 12:00 noon dismissal **Final Day** (tentative, depending on snow-day count)
 June 10 Mon. Register for Kids at Keene State College Programs <https://wp.me/a9wkne-1nR>
 June 11 Tues. 3:30-4:30 pm Faculty meeting, library
 June 12 Wed. 6:00 pm School Board Meeting (Because 8th grade graduation is Thursday, June 6)

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By Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father,
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing
which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be thy children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds
with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake.

Amen.