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## September 11: Why is It So Recognized

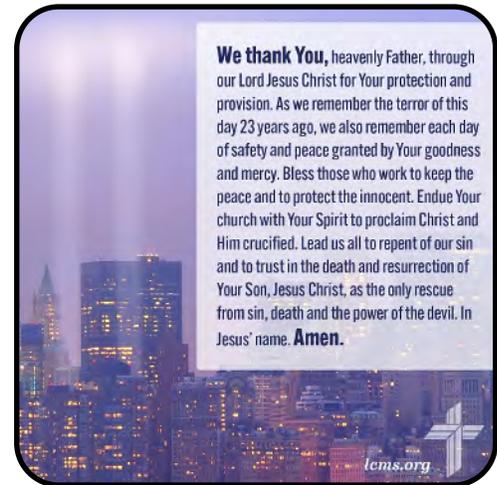
Why is September 11, so recognized? Even after 23 years, September 11, 2001, is marked as a tragic day in America. So many shows and movies have been made about it; but why? September 11 - also known as 9/11 - was the day the four airplanes crashed after being hijacked by terrorists.

by Ava Harrison

### The Twin Towers

It was a normal day in New York City, or so everyone thought. The calm before the storm is how it could be described. The World Trade Center's Twin Towers were the first to fall. At around 8:46 in the morning the first plane hit. It struck the North Tower with a loud crash surprising everyone. The tower went up in flames and it hit floors 93 through 99 making it impossible for people above to get down so they found alternatives. From floors 99 to 110 people were trapped. Some decided to jump from the building for a chance of survival. Sadly, no one who jumped out would make it out of the wreck. There is a common misconception that the people who jumped out died on impact but

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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

September 11 at 7:44 AM · 🌐

A prayer to add to your personal devotions today as we remember that day 23 years ago.  
#nineeleven #September11 #neverforget

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*A Facebook post from the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod on September 11, 2024, reminds us that Jesus is Lord, even in the face of terrorism and its lingering memory.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 19: Volleyball practice, 3-4:30 p.m.
- September 20: Caramel Apple for \$1
- September 20: HOME Volleyball game v. St. Paul /Brookfield, 4 p.m.
- September 23: Monday Night Band, 6-7:30 p.m.
- September 24: Chapel, 8:30 a.m. with Joe Boway
- September 24: Hot Lunch - Mostaccioli
- September 24: School picture retakes

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- September 24: Volleyball game @ Concord/Bensenville, 4 p.m.
- September 25: NO Chapel
- September 27: Fun Run
- September 27: HOME Volleyball game v. St. John /LaGrange, 4 p.m.
- September 29: Students Sing in church Service, 9 a.m.
- October 1: Hot Lunch - Pizza
- October 1: Volleyball game @ Immanuel /Elmhurst, 4 p.m.
- October 2: Chapel
- October 2: Walther Cross Country Meet
- October 3: Hands On Family Fun Night, 5:30-7 p.m.
- October 4: Nachos for \$1
- October 4: HOME Volleyball game v. Immanuel /Hillside, 4 p.m.
- October 8: Hot Lunch - Mac ' n' Cheese
- October 9: Chapel
- October 14: NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day
- October 15: Hot Lunch - Hot Dog
- October 15: Volleyball game @ St. Paul /Brookfield, 4 p.m.
- October 16: Chapel
- October 17: HOME Volleyball game v. Trinity /Burr Ridge, 4 p.m.
- October 18: NO SCHOOL - Teacher Institute Day
- October 22: Hot Lunch - Mostaccioli
- October 22: HOME Volleyball game v. Concord /Bensenville, 4 p.m.
- October 23: Chapel
- October 25: Quarter ends
- October 26: Fall Festival Trunk or Treat, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- October 27: Students Sing in church Service, 9 a.m.
- October 29: Hot Lunch - Taco Tuesday!
- October 30: Reformation Chapel
- October 31: Reformation Day - Halloween

*Trinity's Chargers Cross Country team (pictured at right) shone at the Walther Christian Academy meet. In their divisions, Sophia placed 6th, Chloe placed 9th, Addison placed 15th, and Angelina placed 17th. Trinity's distance runners will compete again at Walther on October 2 and at St. Peter/Schaumburg on October 7. Meets begin at 4 p.m.*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



## September 11... [continued from page 1]

that is not the truth. They died of asphyxiation, otherwise known as suffocation. The first plane crashing into the North Tower was thought by many to be an accident. That changed when another plane struck the South Tower. Everyone realized...this wasn't an accident...it was planned. Then, the towers collapsed. The South Tower fell first. Crumbling into dust leaving just the base and scraps of metal. Then, the North Tower collapsed. Four feet of dust was left on the ground after the towers collapsed. Only 14 people survived who were in the buildings. Many people died from smoke and dust inhalation. A survivor of the tragedy said it felt like a hot sock was in their throat because they were inhaling cement particles and so much dust. The smoke was able to be seen from space, NASA reported.



*The Waves of Flags display at Pepperdine University in California represents each life lost on 9/11.*

### The Pentagon

The Pentagon was struck by a hijacked airplane after the World Trade Center. Everyone on that plane died instantly, and the explosion of jet fuel caused the headquarters for the US Department of Defense to burst into flame. Due to the Pentagon's structure, most people in the building could make it out but some were not so lucky. All 64 people on the plane passed away and 125 people in the Pentagon died.

### The Field

Flight 93 crashed into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. There were 40 people on that plane...zero of them made it off of the airplane alive. Flight 93's ultimate destination is unknown but it has been presumed that the hijackers were planning to crash it into the White house or the United States Capitol Building.

*by John Doerries*



On 9/11, also known as September 11, people who hated America celebrated because terrorists attacked the United States. The terrorists crashed planes into the Twin Towers. I take that as disrespect to me and my country. The terrorists crashed an airplane into one of the Twin Towers at the World Trade Center, then a second plane missed into the second tower. When the first tower went up in flames, everyone in the building panicked. Then the second plane flew into the south tower it went very fast. There was a big explosion in the south tower and a lot of glass shattered. Many people tried to run downstairs but a lot of them died. The people in the planes all died too. The towers burned and collapsed. Two additional planes were deliberately crashed, into the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field. The attacks killed 2,977 people from 90 nations. and the people who did it were terrorists. All air traffic in the United States came to a halt. Reports later surfaced that the only plane permitted to fly on 9/11 after the attacks was a plane flying from San Diego to Miami to deliver anti-venom antidote to a man bitten by a highly venomous snake; it was escorted by two fighter jets.

*Editor's note: ABC News reports (pictured at right) of celebrations on 9/11 among a group of Palestinians in East Jerusalem is confirmed by an Associated Press video showing dozens of Palestinians, many of them young boys, cheering the attacks in the streets while cars drive by honking and others hand out sweets. Celebrations in other Middle East countries, including Egypt and Lebanon, were also reported by major news outlets at the time.*



# ALL ABOUT VOLLEYBALL AT TRINITY THIS YEAR!

by Abby Pilny, Sophia Garcia, and Angelina Iverson

Volleyball is a very competitive team sport. In fact, Trinity has a volleyball team. The Trinity Chargers Volleyball team includes: Chloe Doolin, Arian Gomez, John Doerries, Abby Pilny, Ava Harrison, Addison Meredith, Damian Gomez, and our team captains, Angelina Iverson and Sophia Garcia. Mr. Justin Allegretti, Trinity's Physical Education teacher, volunteered to coach the Charger volleyball team this year.

Charger volleyball games start at 4 p.m., usually twice a week.

The first game was an away game against the Eagles of St. John/LaGrange on September 3. Trinity lost, but then came back with a September 6 win at home against another team of Eagles from Immanuel/Elmhurst. The Chargers fell to the Trinity/Burr Ridge Tigers on September 16.

Come on out and cheer on the Trinity Chargers at one of these upcoming volleyball games:

- September 20, HOME v. St. Paul/Brookfield
- September 24, at Zion Concord/Bensenville
- September 27, HOME v. St. John/LaGrange
- October 1, at Immanuel/Elmhurst
- October 4, HOME v. Immanuel/Hillside
- October 15, at St. Paul/Brookfield
- October 17, HOME v. Trinity Burr Ridge
- October 22, HOME v. Zion Concord/Bensenville.

The schedule is subject to change. If you have questions, they can be addressed to Principal Baerenklau or Coach Allegretti.

**Congratulations to the Chargers for a fine showing in the Willowbrook Warriors Middle School Cross Country Invite 2024 meet.** Competing against runners from seven public and parochial schools from Lombard and Villa Park, Addison Meredith (top right) placed 6th in the 7th grade 2-mile and Sophia Garcia (bottom right) took 8th in a field of 30 8th grade runners. Trinity's 6th grade John Doerries, 5th grade Chloe Doolin, and 4th grade Addison Mann, Floyd Turner, Gunnarr Tully, and Jacob Garcia all competed in the 6th grade 1.5 mile races.



## GO CHARGERS!

### The Ukrainian Drone Strike on Russia

by Damian Gomez

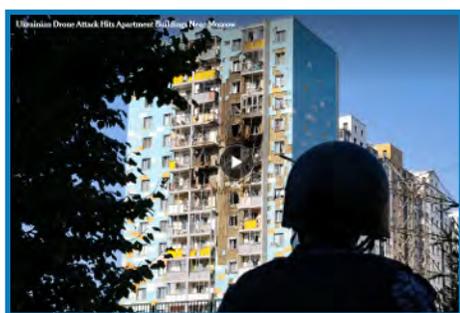


Image credit: The New York Times

Early on Tuesday, September 10, Ukraine sent waves of drones to attack the Moscow region and other areas of Russia. Russian officials say they shot down 144 Ukrainian drones around the country overnight, in a wave of attacks that have killed one woman, set residential buildings on fire and grounded flights in Moscow. The governor of Moscow, Andrei Vorobyov, said several flats in two high-rise apartment buildings in Ramenskoye in the Moscow region were set on fire. Mr. Vorobyov said that a 46-year-old woman died and three people were injured in Ramenskoye, while 43 people were evacuated to temporary accommodation centers. Ukraine did not immediately comment on the attacks, but the Kremlin on Tuesday stated that the attack clearly showed that Ukraine was Russia's enemy.



# What I Did This Summer *by Angelina Iverson*

This summer I went to many exciting places and saw many historical and cool monuments. I visited four different countries; Switzerland, Spain, Austria, and France. I spent a month in Europe traveling - taking trains, buses and planes.

I flew to Switzerland and spent three days with my aunt who lives in Geneva, Switzerland. There I went to see the Jet d'Eau de Geneve, a large jet powered water fountain that rises 140 meters in the air.

After the three days I spent in Geneva, Switzerland, I took an overnight train to Vienna, Austria, that crossed through Germany. There, I spent two days and visited a bunch of historical monuments. I went to see St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Mozart Monument, Hofburg Palace, and Volksgarten Park. The Volksgarten Park is a garden that was built in 1821 to 1823 out of the walls that Napoleon and his troops destroyed in 1809. St. Stephen's Cathedral was established in 1147 and burned in 1258. It was later rebuilt from the remains of the old church.

Once I left Vienna, Austria, I traveled back to Geneva, Switzerland, just to get on another train the next day to head to Paris, France. I spent a day in France and saw the Eiffel Tower. I was in Paris only two days before the start of the 2024 Summer Olympics.

After I went to Paris, France, I took two trains from Geneva to Montpellier, France, then to Barcelona, Spain. I spent a day in Barcelona and took a bus to Playa de Aro (a beach on the Mediterranean Sea), where I spent about four days and then took another bus back to Barcelona.

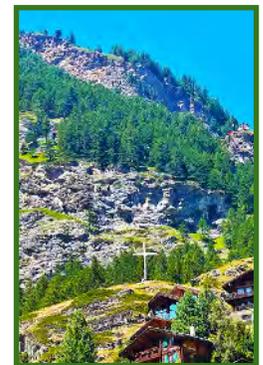
I then had to spend a night in Nîmes, France, because the trains were sabotaged. It was a cool experience getting to see another part of France.

Once I got back to Geneva, Switzerland, I took a quick nap and took another train to Montreux. The next day I visited another city in Switzerland called Lucerne. I went to the Lion Monument and the Chapel Bridge. The next day I went to my last city in Switzerland, Zermatt, in the Alps. In Zermatt, I saw the Matterhorn and took a cable car up the mountain. In Zermatt they don't use cars but small taxis and horses.

This summer in Europe was one of my best and favorite summers. I am very lucky to have been able to travel throughout Europe with my family. My favorite places among those I visited were Zermatt and Vienna.

*Pictured from left to right: The Lion Monument in Lucerne, Switzerland, commemorates Swiss Guards killed in 1792 during the French Revolution - Lake Walen (Walensee) sits on the route*

*from Geneva, Switzerland, to Vienna, Austria - The majestic Matterhorn towers over Zermatt, Switzerland, in the Swiss Alps - The mountains over Old Town in Zermatt abound with traditional Swiss chalets and white Christian summit crosses.*



*St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna, is the tallest church in Austria at 448 feet.*



*The Eiffel Tower in Paris, France, is one of the most recognizable landmarks in the world.*



*The Maison Carrée (French for square house) is an ancient Roman temple in Nîmes, in southern France.*



Labor Day parade marchers in New York City, circa 1909

## LABOR DAY *by Bobby Hawn*

Labor Day is celebrated annually on the first Monday of September. It honors the country's workers and their contributions to the nation.

President Grover Cleveland signed a bill that passed through Congress to make Labor Day an official federal holiday during 1894, but United States officials date it back to 1887. Five different states recognized Labor Day that year, but Oregon came first. The holiday became law in Oregon on February 21, 1887. Oregon's first Labor Day was celebrated on the first Saturday in June. After Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York each passed laws that designated Labor Day as the now traditional September date, so then Oregon moved their holiday into line with the others.

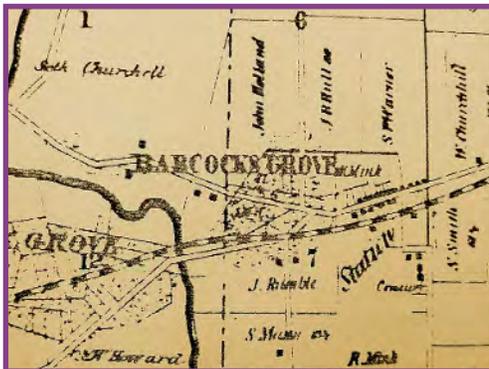
The September date comes from the first ever Labor Day demonstration held in New York City. It had included a one day strike, a parade, and, fitting with more modern Labor Day activities, a giant picnic. The September date places the Labor Day holiday right between the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving.

In the following years, pro-worker demonstrations on the first Monday started to pop up throughout the country, and it eventually gathered enough steam to become a holiday across the entire United States.



**FUN FACT:** President Grover Cleveland was both the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, taking office in 1885 and 1893. He is the only U.S. president to serve non-consecutive presidential terms. If President Donald Trump, the 45th, wins the November 2024 election, he will become the second person to do so, becoming the 47th.

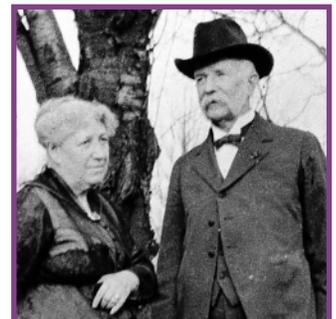
## A Brief History of Lombard: Lilac Village *by Sophia Garcia*



The Village of Lombard was not originally called Lombard; it used to be known as Babcock's Grove. The first settlers in the area were Ralph and Morgan Babcock. In 1834, they were the first to put down roots - at what is now St. Charles Road and the DuPage River. In 1849 the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad - the first railroad constructed out of Chicago - established a station in Babcock's Grove. After a few years, several families had moved to the area, and they established schools and homesteads. Soon after, in 1869, Babcock's Grove was incorporated as Lombard.

### Historic Figure in Lombard

Colonel William Plum and his wife, Helen, were world travelers. The Plums (*pictured at right*) loved lilacs and over their years of traveling, collected over 200 varieties of lilacs. When Colonel Plum died in 1927, his land was donated to Lombard and became the first public library in the Lilac Village.



# Get To Know Miss Robertson!

by Juliana Rivera, Chloe Doolin, and Abby Pilny



Q: What's your favorite color?

A: **Pink**

Q: What schools have you attended?

A: **Trinity (here), Glenbard East High School (in Lombard), and Elmhurst University**

Q: Where have you taught in the past?

A: **Teacher's assistant at Gower West Elementary (in Willowbrook) for a school year and a half, and then a fourth grade teacher for half a year at North Elementary School in Villa Park**

Q: What is your favorite song or artist?

A: **Chapell Roan and Taylor Swift**

Q: Fav subject to teach?

A: **Math, I didn't like doing math when I was in school, but teaching it just feels fun**

Q: What do you do in your free time?

A: **I read and dance**

Q: Fav movie?

A: **Labyrinth, I watch it every year**

Q: Fav bible verse?

A: **"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13**

Q: Fav tv show, or actor?

A: **Monk**

Q: Fav animal?

A: **Giraffes or cats**

Q: Fav Bible story?

A: **Noah's ark**

Q: Do you have pets?

A: **Five cats and goldfish**

Q: Sports to watch or play?

A: **Dance to do, I enjoy watching basketball, and my favorite team is probably the Bulls**

Q: Do you play instruments?

A: **No, I don't**

Q: Fav food, drink and dessert

A: **Pasta, anything from Starbucks, and ice cream**

Q: Morning or night person?

A: **More toward morning**



## Miss Robertson *[continued from page 7]*

- Q: Any siblings?  
 A: **One younger brother**  
 Q: How long were you at Trinity?  
 A: **8 years: from kindergarten to 8th grade**  
 Q: Cooking, baking, or eating your masterpiece?  
 A: **I'm not good at either, I wish I was but that's not the case. So I guess, eating it**  
 Q: Dream vacation?  
 A: **Europe, but Scotland is at the top of my list**  
 Q: Fav season and why?  
 A: **Fall, beautiful colors, Halloween fun, the weather itself**  
 Q: Holiday?  
 A: **Halloween or Christmas, but Halloween is a little bit better?**  
 Q: Your birthday?  
 A: **July 19**  
 Q: Biggest fear?  
 A: **Being alone or clowns**  
 Q: Do you like teaching at Trinity, and like teaching first and second?  
 A: **Yes to both. They are cute, easy to teach, and they are a young age.**

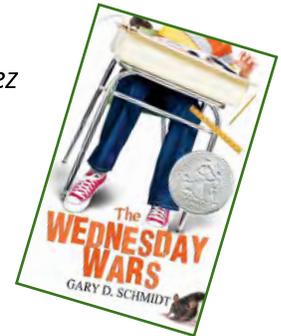


## MEET MRS. NIEHAUS *by Arian Gomez*

- Q: How many years at Trinity? **A: Ten years**  
 Q: What other schools have you taught or worked at? **A: Zion Lutheran School in Hinsdale**  
 Q: Hometown? **A: Villa Park**  
 Q: School you graduated from? **A: Elmhurst University**  
 Q: Favorite subject to teach? **A: Reading**  
 Q: Favorite Bible verse? **A: Romans 8:38-39, For I am sure that**

**neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

- Q: Favorite hymn and/or song? **A: Christ Be My Leader**  
 Q: Favorite movie? **A: Christmas Chronicles**  
 Q: Favorite book? **A: Other than the Bible, The Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt**  
 Q: Favorite food? **A: Pretzels**      Q: Are you a morning person or night person? **A: Morning**  
 Q: Favorite restaurant? **A: Chick-fil-A**  
 Q: Favorite vacation spot? **A: Vermont, I want to go!**  
 Q: Favorite sport? **A: College baseball**  
 Q: Favorite historical figure? **A: President Franklin D. Roosevelt**  
 Q: Favorite quote? **A: Life is a word problem, by a former student**  
 Q: Favorite word or phrase? **A: What in tarnation?**  
 Q: Favorite holiday? **A: Christmas**      Q: Cats or Dogs? **A: Dogs**  
 Q: Coffee or Tea? **A: Coffee**      Q: Favorite student **A: It changes each day**  
 Q: Favorite color? **A: Green**



**TRINITY'S PRINCIPAL - MR. JAMES BAERENKLAU** by Ariana Mehrazar

Some may know Mr. Baerenklau, otherwise known as Mr. B, for his excellent preaching skills or his sense of humor. However, most Trinity students know him for his fun teaching environment. Pupils who have been taught by Mr. B know that he is a master at teaching all subjects. When I say all subjects, I mean all subjects!

This year, Mr. B is not only a teacher - he is also the principal. Of course, being a teacher and principal is a lot of work. Fortunately, that's what Mr. B does best. Here are some questions to help you learn a bit more about him.



Q: What is it like to be both principal and a teacher?

A: **It's busy.**

Q: What motivates you everyday?

A: **Getting to see my students and all the students of the school**

Q: How many years have you been teaching at Trinity?

A: **This is my fifth year.**

Q: Where is your hometown?

A: **Garden City, New York**

Q: What other schools have you taught at?

A: **I've taught in Twin Falls (Idaho), Marengo (Illinois), Des Plaines (Illinois), and Elmhurst (Illinois).**

Q: What school(s) have you graduated from?

A: **I went to Immanuel Lutheran School and York High School, in Elmhurst, Illinois, and Concordia University Chicago.**

Q: What is the hardest part of your job?

A: **Balancing time spent between classroom and administration**

Q: What is your favorite subject?

A: **Lexicography (study of language structures and dictionaries)**

Q: If you didn't become a teacher, what would you be instead?

A: **Zoologist**

Q: What university did you attend?

A: **Concordia University Chicago - in River Forest, Illinois**

Q: What is your favorite bible verse?

A: **John 8:12 - "Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**

Q: What are your goals for the future?

A: **To prepare my children for their futures**

Q: What is your greatest achievement?

A: **Educating children in the way of the Lord.**

Q: Why did you want to become a teacher?

A: **God told me to**

Q: What is your favorite activity outside of class?

A: **I like to exercise and play baseball, and watch trains.**

Q: If you could change or add anything to the school, what would you change or add?

A: **Bigger classrooms**

Q: Are there any extra school events you'd like to add for the future?

A: **Perhaps plays, musicals**

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

A: **English**

Q: Who is your favorite author?

A: **Micheal Crichton**

Q: What is your favorite movie or television series or show?

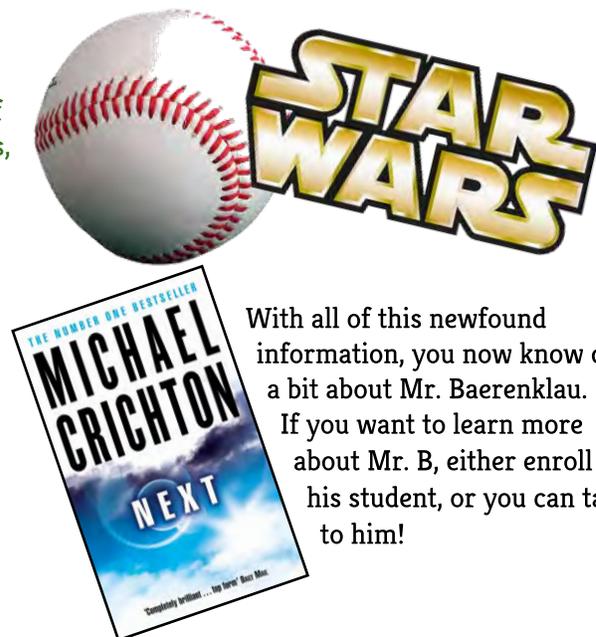
A: **Star Wars**

Q: What is your favorite hymn and/or songs?

A: **Christmas songs**

Q: What is an accomplishment you are proud of?

A: **I have been to forty seven states in the U.S., twenty six different baseball stadiums, and I have hung spoons from my nose.**



With all of this newfound information, you now know quite a bit about Mr. Baerenklau. If you want to learn more about Mr. B, either enroll as his student, or you can talk to him!



# The BLUE MOON

by Chloe Doolin and Abby Pilny

Many people ask why the blue moon is special. The blue moon is special because it only happens every 2.5 years. A blue moon occurs - on average - once every 33 months (or full moons), 41 times per century or about seven times every 19 years. The last blue moon was in August of 2023. And the next one probably won't be seen until May 31, 2026.

## The Art of Archery by Ariana Mehrazar

Archery is the seventh most popular sport in the Olympics. Despite its growing popularity, it is not as easy as it seems.

Archery dates back to the ancient world - some say around 20,000 BC, but it is possible people could have used bow and arrows in mankind's earliest days. Distinguishing styles of equipment and technique developed in almost every region of the world.



In Asia, warriors were often mounted on horseback. Shorter composite bows became popular. Meanwhile, longbows crafted out of yew made England a military power throughout much of the Middle Ages. Many large groups of archers still shoot with traditional bows today. Archery became outdated in warfare with the advent of gunpowder – and archery quickly developed into a sport.

Archery is well known to be used in hunting and combat, but archery has many more applications than that. It offers multiple physical benefits. It can help with hand eye coordination, and it also develops upper body strength - since an archer has to pull back the bow at varied distances, and even different weights. It helps foster good posture.

'The first-known archery competition that we can relate to modern times was held in Finsbury, England, in 1583 and had 3000 participants. Archery first featured at the modern Olympic

Games from 1900 to 1908 and in 1920. World Archery was founded in 1931 to secure the sport a permanent place on the programme, which was achieved in 1972.'

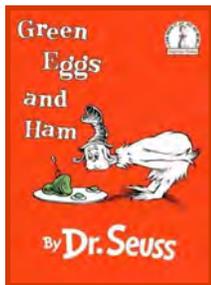
- World Archery

Top right: Ancient Egyptian archers, Bottom right: A Roman archer in Biblical times, Top left: South Korea's Sihyeon Lim after winning gold in Women's Individual Archery competition at the Paris Olympics in 2024, Bottom left: Paris 2024 Olympic silver medalist - USA's Brady Ellison - competing in Men's Individual Archery.



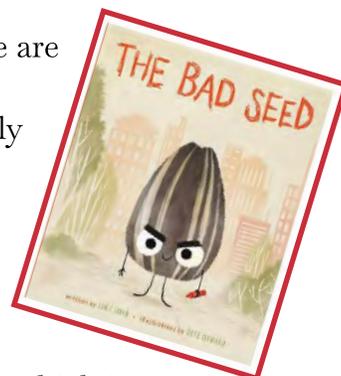
# Book Recommendations for All Ages

by Addison Meredith and Angelina Iverson

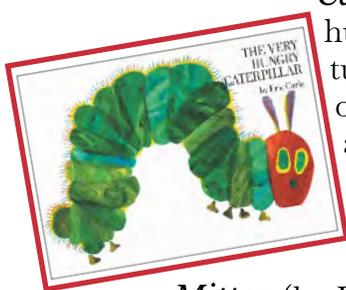


Books are always a great thing to have around. They are great to read while traveling, when you have free time, or before bed...but sometimes it is very difficult to find a good book, so here are some great recommendations of awesome books.

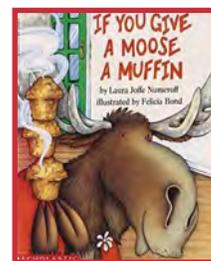
If you are in preschool or kindergarten you have probably heard of Dr. Seuss, a man who wrote crazy stories, some great ones are *Green Eggs and Ham*, and *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish*.



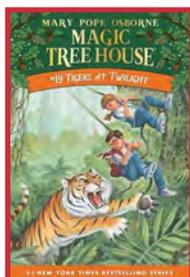
Another good book is *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* (by Eric Carle) which is about a very hungry caterpillar who keeps eating until he turns into a... don't worry we won't spoil it. One other good one is *The Bad Seed* (by Jory John), which is about a very grumpy seed.



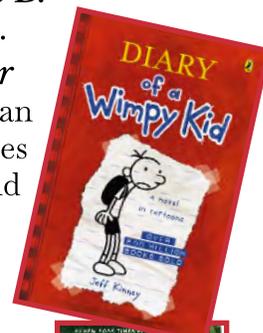
Some great books for first grade are *We Don't Eat Our Classmates* (by Ryan T. Higgins). This book is about a t-rex in a class full of humans trying to fit in. Two others are *The Mitten* (by Jan Brett) and *If You Give a Moose A Muffin* (by Laura Joffe Numeroff).



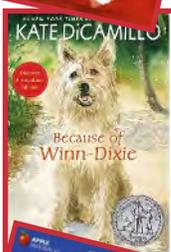
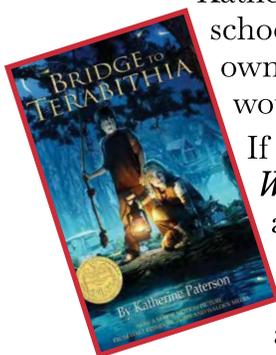
If you are in second grade you can read *The Magic Treehouse* series (by Mary Pope Osborne), which is about two children that point to a page in a book and then it is almost like they get sucked into the time in which the book took place. Some other good books are the *Junie B. Jones* books (by Barbara Park) and *Flat Stanley* (by Jeff Brown).



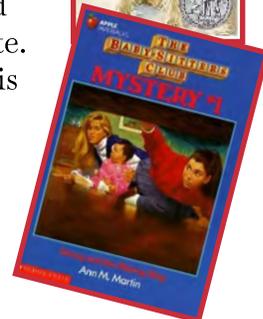
If you are in third grade a good book series to read is *The Boxcar Children* (Gertrude Chandler Warner), where four siblings find an abandoned boxcar they decide to call home. Two other good series to read are the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* books (by Jeff Kinney) and *The Baby Sitters Club* collection (by Ann M. Martin).



Fourth graders would definitely enjoy a book called *Bridge to Terabithia* (by Katherine Paterson). It's about a girl who moves to a different school and becomes friends with this boy, and they create their own tree house and world together. One other great book to read would be *Because of Winn-Dixie* (by Kate DiCamillo).



If you are in fifth grade you might enjoy Madeleine L'Engle's *A Wrinkle In Time*. Meg, the main character, is transported into another universe to try and find her scientist dad, who had been missing for five years, with her brother and classmate. *My Side Of The Mountain* (by Jean Craighead George) is another book this reviewer would highly recommend, having read it herself numerous times.



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If you are in sixth grade, you may be interested in the *Harry Potter* books by J.K. Rowling, which follow the journeys of young witches and wizards who go to a special school where they can learn magic and spells. The three main characters have a bond that helps them defeat many evil people and save the world. Some other good books you can read are *The Westing Game* (by Ellen Raskin) and *The Secret Garden* (by Frances Hodgson Burnett).



If you are in seventh grade the popular *Percy Jackson* series by Rick Riordan may interest you. Percy Jackson has some similarities to Harry Potter but they focus is on Greek mythology instead of wizards and witches. In Percy Jackson, the characters attend Camp Half-Blood. A half-blood is someone who has a Greek god as a parent along with a mortal human. Like in Harry Potter, there is a wonderful trio that saves the world on multiple occasions. Some books in the world of Percy Jackson are the *Heroes of Olympus* and the *Trials of Apollo*. If this does not interest you you could check out Soman Chainani's *The School for Good and Evil* books, where fairy tales become real.



As an eighth grader myself, this editor would recommend reading *The Hunger Games* books, where author Suzanne Collins creates a post-apocalyptic North America, where a series of annual games pit youth and children in a fight for survival as they are picked randomly from each of twelve districts until only one winner remains. Stephanie Meyer's books in the *Twilight* saga are a coming of age story where a girl is endangered after falling in love with a vampire. More books that I would like to read (and maybe you would like to too) include J.R. Tolkein's *The Lord of The Rings* and *The Naturals* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes.

We hope you enjoy reading as much as we do and find some good recommendations that sound interesting to you. If you want to challenge yourself try to read something in the grade above you, and like always - happy reading.

### *Favorite Books in 5th to 8th Grade* by Ava Harrison

**8th grade faves:** *Harold and the Purple Crayon* by Crockett Johnson (Sophia), the *Shatter Me* series by Tahereh Mafi (Angelina) -- **7th grade picks:** *A Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snicket, *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio, *Harry Potter* books by J.K. Rowling, *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell, *The Mortal Instruments* series by Cassandra Clare (Arianna), the *One Piece* (Japanese manga series) by Eiichiro Oda (Damian), the *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling, *If He Had Been with Me* by Laura Nowlin, *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell, *A Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snicket (Ava), the *Percy Jackson* series by Rick Riordan (Addison) -- **6th grade selections:** *Power of Ten* books by R.E. Druin (Arian), *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George (Abby), the *Harry Potter* collection by J.K. Rowling (John) -- **5th grade choices:** The *I Survived* series by Lauren Tarshis (Julianna), *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis (Chloe), and the *Percy Jackson* books by Rick Riordan (Bobby).



## All About Writing by Ariana Mehrazar

What are you reading right now? Something someone has written, yes? Have you ever considered what writing means? Or where it came from? Even where the alphabet came from? These are all questions that most of us have probably never asked nor answered. Why, you may ask? Most likely because...

Simply that most people never thought to ask. Even so, there are answers.

The word **writing** means:

"The activity or skill of marking coherent words on paper and composing text."

Now, you would probably stop there, because now you know the meaning, right? *Right?*

There's more to writing than that. First, let's start on the alphabet. The origin of the alphabet "goes back to the consonantal writing system used to write Semitic languages in the Levant during the 2nd millennium B.C.E." The alphabet was first invented around 1700 to 1400 B.C.E. The Ancient Egyptians were the first to use the alphabet; however, the Phoenicians were the ones who discovered the alphabet.

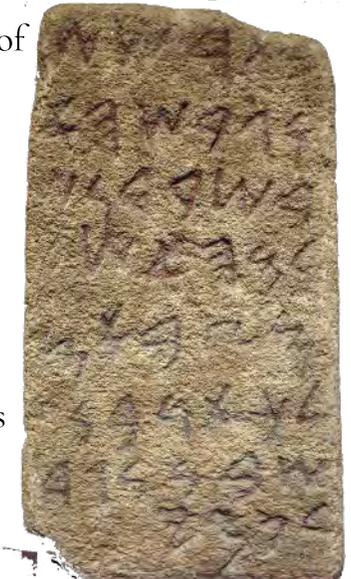
Now, the answer to the question that *everyone* was waiting for –**WHAT IS WRITING?**

The answer is actually *quite* simple. It's just *using words* and making sense of them. There are archaeological discoveries in ancient Mesopotamia (now mostly modern Iraq.)

The earliest known found writing in Mesopotamia was invented there around 3400 B.C. called Sumer - near the Persian Gulf. The evolution of a Sumerian script was influenced by local materials - clay for tablets and reeds for styluses (writing tools).

Even though Sumerian died out as a spoken language, in *around* 2000 B.C., it somehow survived as a "scholarly language and script." Other people within, or near Mesopotamia adapted to the later version of this script developed by the Akkadians (the first recognizable Semitic people), who succeeded the Sumerians as rulers of Mesopotamia.

"In *Babylonia itself*, the script survived for two more millennia until its demise around 70 C.E."



*Pictured at right, from top to bottom: Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics, Sumerian writing, and a Phoenician alphabet.*

## Don't Miss This...

Trinity's students will sing in the Sunday, September 29, church service. Church begins at 9 a.m.



## Trinity Students Featured in Creative Writing Journal



Caesura is a publication of Concordia University Chicago that celebrates the creative writing of young Lutherans. Students from Trinity's Journalism class submitted work last spring.

Congratulations to Trinity students Abigail Pilny, Addison Meredith, Angelina Iverson, Arian Gomez, Ariana Mehrazar, Ava Harrison, Sophia Garcia, and Class of 2024 Trinity alumni Aidan Harrison and Tyler Zita, each of whom had creative pieces selected to be included in Caesura.

You can view or download the issue in a printable booklet form here: <https://tinyurl.com/Caesura2024> or request a printed copy via Trinity's office.

*Pictured below, Mrs. Perez's 3rd and 4th grade students present chapel with a story about Mrs. Perez's Cute Zoo, following the rules, and taking care of God's creation.*



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