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9/11

*19 Years Ago, America
Changed Forever*

by Naomi Pulli

In America, September is marked by the events of 9/11 - a very serious event that took place 19 years ago. It is a date to remember and reflect on

what had happened that day in 2001 and why the Twin Towers - and many lives - are gone. The World Trade Center's Twin Towers in New York City were toppled due to an attack by terrorists from Afghanistan, who hijacked four airplanes, and used two of them as missiles to assault the Twin Towers in the heart of the Big Apple. The third plane hit the Pentagon (America's military headquarters in Washington, DC), and the fourth - believed to be heading for the White House - crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

The impact of the first plane left a gaping hole in the 80th floor of the 110 story skyscraper, instantly killing hundreds of people and trapping many more on the top floors. As survivors evacuated the buildings, photographers were taking pictures of what appeared to be a horrific accident. Then about 18 minutes later a second airplane intentionally turned and flew directly into the second tower. It was right then and there that America knew, it was under attack.

Less than 15 minutes after the World Trade Center had been hit the South Tower collapsed into a pile of dust. Soon after, the North Tower had also fallen. In total, 2,996 people died in the terrorist attacks of 9/11 and many more received serious life-altering injuries. All 157 people on board those first two hijacked planes were killed, along with 2,606 people who were in and around the Twin Towers. There were 237 dead at the Pentagon and Pennsylvania sites. A total of 343 firefighters, 72 law enforcement officers, and 55 military personnel were killed in the attacks.

America was devastated from the attacks. Today, One World Trade Center now stands at the scene of the destroyed Twin Towers, housing a new trading center and a memorial dedicated to those who lost their lives on that day.

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SCHOOL IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

Learning to do things differently...

by Kate Schreiman

School is a bit difficult in the time of coronavirus, also known as COVID-19. In school we have very strict rules that we never had before. We have to sanitize regularly, wear medical or fabric face masks, and practice social distancing by keeping six feet or more between ourselves and others. Having to follow more rules can be stressful and difficult for both students and teachers.

Trinity's staff and volunteers are going through a lot during this time. They have to make sure everyone is kept safe and following the rules that can help keep them healthy and deter the spread of COVID-19. We have new check in and dismissal procedures, have temperatures scanned, and answer symptom surveys each school day. Teachers have had to adjust class schedules, allowing time to make sure everyone is properly masked and is practicing social distancing. As a student, I feel bad that our hard-working teachers have been handed even more responsibility than usual and must work under some limiting circumstances.

One of the biggest struggles for teachers and students is the necessity of wearing masks. When rooms get hot, it can become hard to breathe. It's a big relief that when we go outside, where we're able to take off our masks. I know it's hard for everyone in the school, but hopefully, we will eventually get used to it.



Trinity students wear masks at all times except during lunch, snack, nap time, recess and other outdoor activities.

SO WHY NO SPORTS?

by Joseph Fitak

COVID-19 seems to mean no sports - or at least no sports at school. If organizations are not able to keep in place safety measures during the pandemic there will not be any sports played during



the season. You must be 6 feet apart if you want to play a sport. If you aren't you're not going to be allowed to play sports. This makes contact sports and most team sports - like volleyball and basketball impossible. You can wear a mask if you want to but less people will be on teams. Professional teams are playing short seasons but it is very different. Major League Baseball games are being played in empty stadiums. FUN FACT: Some teams will let you pay to have a cardboard cutout of yourself in the stands.

Hat Day: September 15 Fun

by Carli Highberger

When you were in school, did you ever have days where you would dress up? Here at Trinity we have decided to host two dress up days a month for the school. The 7th and 8th graders have picked two days to have this "fashionable" fun. The first is **Hat Day** on Tuesday, September 15. On that day students are allowed to wear a hat in school. The hats can be as funky or crazy as you please, but they need to be non-distracting so people can still learn. You may choose not to bring a hat and that is okay! We welcome anyone and everyone, even if they aren't dressed for **Hat Day**. Trinity is hosting **Hat Day** because we want to have a few fun things to do during the school year that also allow us to learn without being too distracting. The 7th and 8th graders have also prepared posters promoting **Hat Day** - look for them in the hallways so you'll remember that **Hat Day** is coming up THIS TUESDAY.



Sleeping at School???

by Abby Schnittker

Friday, September 25, is a day that Trinity students will be able to go to school without getting out of their pajamas!

Pajama Day is one of the most popular days of the year. The 7th and 8th graders enjoy making the colorful posters to tell Trinity students about the fun and comfortable day. Near the end of the day, students may have to struggle to stay awake in their comfortable onesies and cozy slippers.

Pajama Day on September 25 will be a lazy day to look forward to!



CHAPEL AT TRINITY

Learning About Jesus and Helping

By Abby Gronwold



Joe Boway of Liberian Children's Ministry is a favorite visitor to Trinity.

One of the most important things at Trinity is educating all the students about Christ, and one way we do that is through our weekly chapel services. In chapel we learn about God with all the classes together, and sometimes we have special visitors come, like the Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dogs, Walther Christian Minstrels, missionary Joe Boway, and more! Things are different in chapel, though, because of Covid-19. Now we can't sing songs and we have to wear masks - but we can still praise God and learn about Him in-person. That alone is a blessing! Our chapel offerings this month are going to Joe Boway of Liberian Children's Ministry, who starts Lutheran schools in Liberia. He takes pencils, spiral notebooks, and new or gently used backpacks and he also needs money to ship the school supplies to Liberia. He can't do this alone, he needs our help to bring the good message of Christ to children in Liberia. Don't forget to bring donations (school supplies and chapel offerings) to school to help!



Mrs. Perez

Who is Mrs. Perez?

Veteran Teacher, Class Act

by Riley Baker

Mrs. Perez has been a teacher at Trinity for 43 years. She recently moved back to teaching 3rd and 4th grade, after a brief turn with 5th and 6th grade. Mrs. Perez said she enjoys teaching 3rd and 4th grade because she has been doing it for a long time and she likes the level. Her favorite thing about Trinity is that we are one big family and we care for each other. Mrs. Perez likes sweet treats. Her top favorites are coffee, chocolate, caramel macchiatos, and chocolate covered caramels. Right now Mrs. Perez's favorite subject to teach is Geography. She said her least favorite thing about the new covid rules is wearing a mask. Mrs. Perez already has a cat, the famous Bojangles, but if she could pick any other pet it would be a dog. Right now her dream vacation is going to San Antonio, Texas, to see her baby granddaughter. Mrs. Perez says if she was not a teacher she would still be a teacher because she has been doing it for so long and cannot imagine doing anything else.

Getting to know Mrs. Scott

New to Trinity but Not to Teaching

by Ian Lesch

For Mrs. Scott, it's all about coming to school and working with five-year-olds. She has worked at five other schools and taught children in preschool through 2nd grade for a total of 34 years. She says that she has barely noticed having to wear a mask. Her students have fun designs on their masks which helps out. When the weather allows, Mrs. Scott takes her class outside for some subjects. The first day of school didn't go smoothly and a few reminders were needed, but things have improved and the children are learning how to interact with each other and the staff.



Mrs. Scott

A School Year Full of New People

New Students, Teachers, Friends

by Nathan Pulli

Miss Rachel and Preschool: Today at preschool there are 15 new students (including a set of twins!) and ten returning classmates! They love to learn new letters everyday, and they enjoy counting numbers. Some of the fun things to do in class are art, singing, and hanging out with new friends. They love preschool so much that sometimes they don't want to leave!



Mrs. Scott and Kindergarten: In kindergarten there are six new children out of 12 students, and Mrs. Scott is also new to Trinity this year. Her class loves to learn everyday, but they really enjoy being read to. They are learning sign language, numbers, counting, letters, and spelling! The kindergarten students are very polite and are learning to be independent. Mrs. Scott loves all of her students very much, and loves to teach them!

New Student: Joseph Fitak, in 6th grade, is one of our new students at Trinity and he loves it here. He thinks Trinity is amazing. He likes the students here, and the teachers. Joseph is always happy when he is with his new friends. He prefers Trinity to his former school. Joseph's non-school hobbies include soccer, football, and video games.

The Stats:

1st & 2nd Grade: There are four new students in Mrs. Allor's class of 12.

3rd & 4th Grade: Seven of the twelve students in Mrs. Perez's class are new to Trinity, including a set of brothers and a set of sisters.

5th & 6th Grade: Mr. Baerenklau's class of five has one new classmate and this is also Mr. Baerenklau's first year teaching at Trinity.

7th & 8th Grade: Mrs. Messina has welcomed three former Trinity students who were not with us last year back into her class of six.

BREAKING NEWS: New students are starting Monday in 3rd, 5th, and 8th grade. Plan on warmly welcoming these new classmates!

Christmas in September?

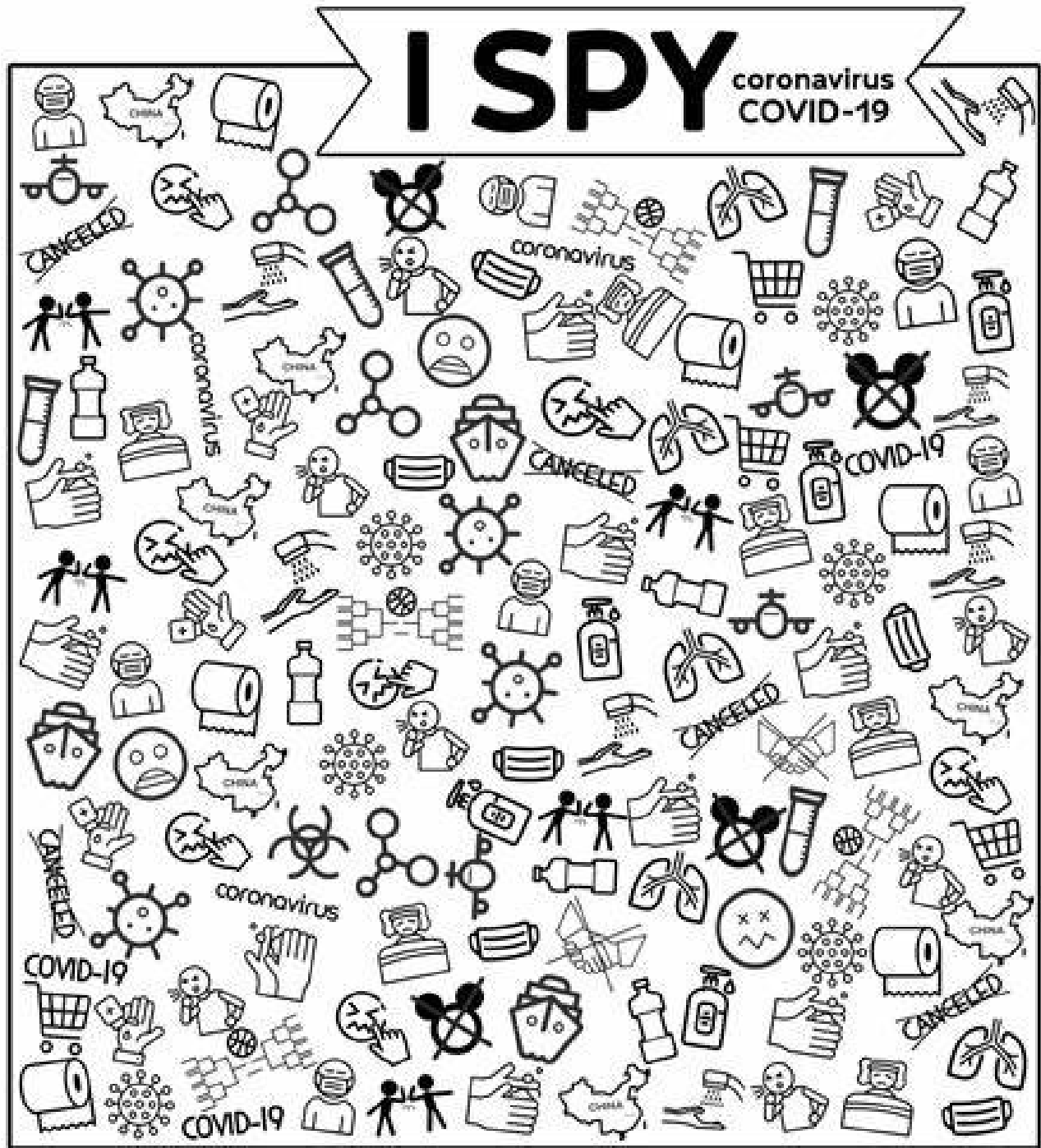
by Kyren Spencer

Stores are already showcasing Christmas and while it seems a little early there are many things to look forward to during the worldwide celebration of Jesus' birth:

Christmas is celebration - you have to sing Christmas songs. You can wake up early and open presents. You could put out carrots out for Santa's reindeer. Christmas is about giving too - gifts to your parents, cookies for Santa. It's never too early to look forward to Christmas!



Just for Fun...



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