

2020-2021

**TRINITY LUTHERAN
PRESCHOOL & SCHOOL**

COVID-19 Related

Policies and Procedures

SCHOOL OPERATING HOURS



It is our intention to start the school year on campus, with “normal” operating hours, if at all possible. Please read through the following slides and reach out to Principal Kyle Erickson or Director Miss Gwen Marshall for any further questions or input. Keeping our students and families safe is towards the top of our priority list. At the same time, we are also in a position that we must comply with required mandates, and most effectively help our students learn and grow.

With everyone’s cooperation, we pray that we can keep everyone safe, while growing and learning on campus.

Note that “safety” is towards the top of our priority list. It sits directly underneath “GROWING in our FAITH.” May the Lord bless us and keep us as we enter this school year.

PLEASE, WEAR A MASK



Staff, students, families, and guests will be asked to wear a mask upon entering the school building and while walking throughout the school building.

Once students are in their classrooms, they will be able to remove their masks.

Disposable masks will be available in the school entryway, and in each classroom. Students should still bring two of their own personal masks.

KEEPING TRINITY CLEAN

We are very blessed to have a custodian who is very detailed and takes great pride in her work. Between her and the rest of the Trinity Staff working together, we are keeping our campus as clean and safe as possible. All toys, tables, desks, and chairs are being bleached regularly. An electric sprayer has been donated to us to sanitize any soft surfaces such as cushioned chairs. The spray used is safe and effective.

For K-8 families that are needing service hours, or anyone wanting to help, please contact the front office, and we can assign you to specific tasks to lessen the load and to help keep Trinity clean.



COHORTS VS CO-MINGLING



Each class will stay with their own group (cohort) throughout the day. Both preschool classes will consider themselves as one cohort. This is to help isolate each group and to limit the spread of any “bugs.”

This will impact recess, lunch, and childcare. See separate slides for more information.

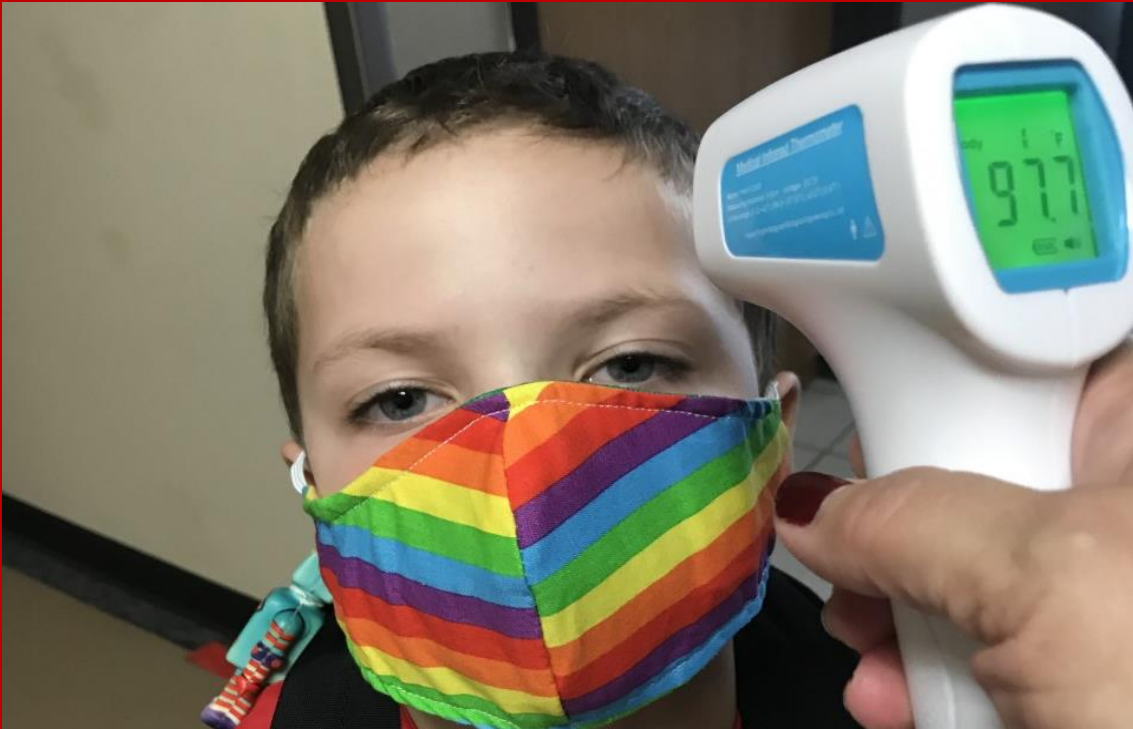
SCHOOL DROP-OFF

Childcare and preschool students need to be walked into the school building, and signed in.

K-8 Students will walk to their classroom on their own. For the first half week of school, Kindergarten families will be able to drop Kindergarteners off by the outside door of the kindergarten classroom (west side of the building).



TEMPERATURE CHECKS



Touch-less temperature checks will be taken by homeroom teachers at the beginning and closing of each day. Teachers may choose to check temperatures more often, especially if a student is showing signs of not feeling well. If the student is running a temperature of 100.4 or greater, the students will be sent home.

Preschool students will have their temperature checked as parents/guardians are signing them in and out.

BE RESPONSIBLE, SMART, AND SAFE

SICK OR EXPOSED



What if a child is sick or exposed?

Communicate with the homeroom teacher, or school and stay home.

If your child is showing COVID-19 symptoms, get them tested and keep them home until they are cleared.

If your child is not feeling well with other symptoms, keep them home and treat the symptoms as “normal.”

If a student is exposed to COVID-19, monitor closely for symptoms and self-quarantine for 2 weeks.

CHILDCARE

Childcare will be available for students enrolled in preschool and the elementary grades. Our childcare hours are from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Morning childcare will be held in the cafeteria where students can be spread out and stay within their cohorts. In the afternoon, preschool students who use childcare will be in their usual classroom; elementary students will be in the cafeteria or gym.



WATER BOTTLES

Trinity water bottles will be available for each student. Our PTL (Parent/Teacher League) purchased these before the pandemic. Our PTL also purchased our new water fountains/filling stations. We will conceal the mouth spigot portions of the water fountains, and students will be able to fill their water bottles with the refillable portion.



LUNCH

For lunch, preschool students will still eat in the cafeteria, and K-8 students will eat in their classrooms. Microwaves will be available. We ask that any lunch items that need to be reheated could be done so in 90 seconds or less, or please send items that do not have to be heated at all. Thermoses work great for keeping some foods warm.



SNACK & BIRTHDAY TREATS



Preschool and childcare will provide snack each day during morning and afternoon.

K-8 students will need to bring their morning snack from home. Microwaves will not be available for snack time.

Birthday treats will be allowed. They need to be store bought, prepackaged. Please communicate birthday treat details with your child's homeroom teacher before hand.

CHAPEL

We plan to have chapel in the church sanctuary every Wednesday. We will avoid “chapel families” for the time being. Students will sit with their cohort, socially distanced from other classes.

Matthew 18:20
For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

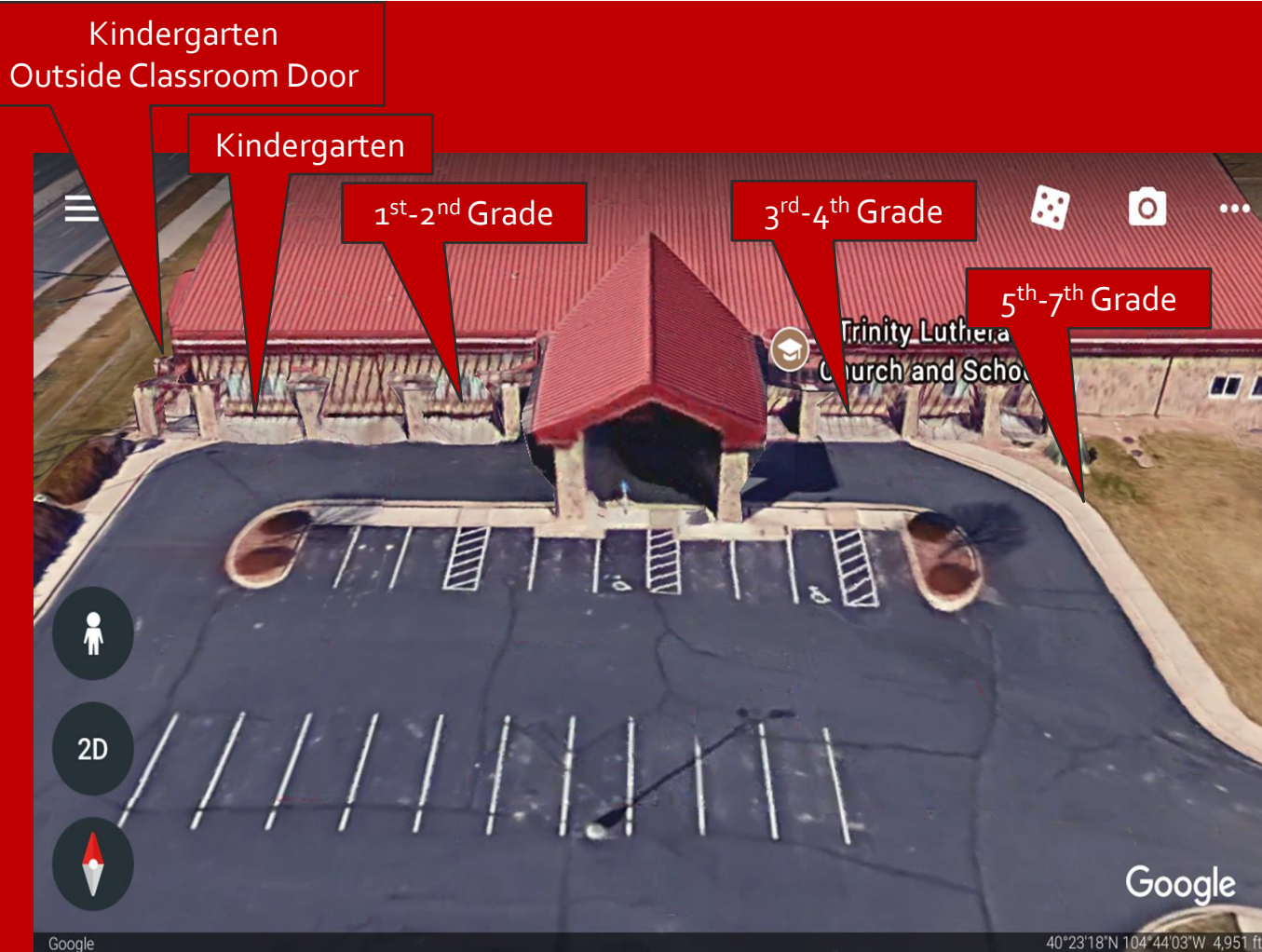


RECESS



Recess times will be scheduled so that there is only one cohort in the gym/playground at a time. We will be outside as much as possible. Please make sure students are dressed appropriately, according to the weather.

STUDENT PICK-UP



Preschool and childcare students will need to be picked up from inside the school entry way. A staff member will help the child gather belongings and walk them to the sign out area.

K-8 students will have assigned waiting areas at the front of the school. The left side of the driveway will be used for passing, the right side of the driveway will be used for picking up. You always have the option of parking in a parking spot to pick students up.

Parking lot conversations with teachers are convenient, HOWEVER, we will need to keep traffic moving. We would love to have a short, and sweet greeting from you. Longer conversations will need to be scheduled during a more convenient time.

TEACHER MEET AND GREET

Teachers are working a schedule for families to come have a Meet and Greet the week of August 10-14. The purpose for this will be to allow students (especially new students) to find their classroom and adjust to it, and to briefly meet chat with your child's teacher. With this, keep in mind that you as parents will not be able to walk your child all the way into their classroom on the first day of school (more information on the next slide). So consider this to be a "practice" run through to help ease into the new school year.



FIRST DAY/WEEK OF SCHOOL

It is finally here, the First Day of School! Now what?

Preschool parents will be invited to drop their kids off inside the school entry way, at the designated sing-in area.

1st-8th grade students will enter the school on their own, and go straight to their classrooms. Trinity Board members and Principal Kyle Erickson will be available to help students to get to where they need to be.

Kindergarten students can enter the classroom from the outside door (as shown on the "student pick-up" slide). Parents can say their "good-byes" right outside of the door.)

We will have a 1st Day of School photo opportunity available right outside of the school.

Pictures taken with teachers may be done during the Meet and Greet 😊



BACK TO SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE, BBQ, AND OPEN HOUSE



Sunday, August 23, we are still planning to have our Back-to-School worship service, Backpack Blessing, BBQ lunch, and Open House.

Our church service times are at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Our 10:30 a.m. service is typically lighter in attendance. During the services, the Trinity staff will be rededicated, given a blessing for the upcoming school year. Also during the service, students and teachers will be invited to bring their backpacks to church. We will have a "Backpack Blessing" to bless the students, teachers, and tools used throughout the upcoming school year.

Following the 10:30 a.m. service, lunch will be provided, "picnic" style. We encourage families to bring their own picnic blankets or lawn chairs. Limited numbers of tables and chairs will be available in the church fellowship area for those that are in need. Lunch will be served outside, by the preschool playground. The menu will consist of smoked pulled pork sandwiches, sides, drinks and desserts.

Everyone will be invited to tour the school, and newly built upstairs. Yes, the elevator should be operating and available. Principal Kyle Erickson will be upstairs to happily answer any questions.

A couple of requests while touring:

1. Please wear your mask while walking inside the school building.
2. Please keep children close to you.
3. Keep it Moving-Teachers will be in their classrooms; poke your head in and wish them well for the upcoming school year, however, we want to prevent any congestion.



CHEERFULLY IN CHRIST



On behalf of Trinity Lutheran Church and School,
Welcome back to school! We are truly blessed and excited to have you as a part of our Trinity family and to once again have our hallways filled with life from your children.