

Tiger Tales

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ONCE UPON A TIME...

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In our second month of school, I find myself moving from project to task, email to article, web post to news clipping, with the excitement, energy and urgency of all the wonderful things happening here at school. As I reflected on these rhythms, I began thinking about our students, teachers, parents, and our shared work. Together, we are tackling great things, from explorations of the scientific method and the metamorphosis of butterflies to the incredible process of our elections and government. Our youngest Tigers are tackling sight words so they can one day engage in the analysis of John Stienbeck and S.E. Hinton. Throughout all this work we are called to engage the world, near and far, through reading. As I was reading to my own children at bedtime, the words of Dr. Seuss seemed to sum up my reflection best.

The more that you **Read**, the more things you will **Know**.
The more that you **Learn**, the more places you'll **Go!**
- Dr. Seuss

We are gifted with the opportunity to learn and grow in so many ways. However, the skill of reading supports all this work and truly unlocks the doors to the many places we want and need to go. As a faculty, we support each student, from preschoolers and kindergarteners to eighth graders to grow in their ability to understand and use the written word. Our reading curriculum is built on an immersion in language, words, and decoding skills starting with sight and rainbow words building through the expanding vocabulary skills in all subject areas. In middle school, we break down the sights and sounds of the English language and continue our learning by developing an understanding of Etymology, or the diverse roots that form building blocks of our language. All these skills are fundamental to developing in our students an ability to decode and understand the words they see.

Our teachers and students apply these word skills to a wide variety of sources, from our reading series *Wonders* to fiction and non-fiction content in each classroom. From novels and storybooks, to primary sources, blogs and newspapers, we work to understand authors' purposes, text structures, as well as new ideas, concepts and perspectives. While we gain new strategies in reading class, we know we're all teaching reading through and in our classes each time we ask our students to read. In the end, we know the most successful students, and ultimately successful people, have a

READ-A-WHIRL!

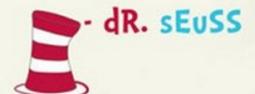
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18
5:30—7:30 PM

Blessed Trinity families are invited to join our teachers for a night dedicated to spinning, turning and rotation. This free family fun night will be on Tuesday, October 18 and includes a complimentary dinner at 5:30 pm with activities beginning at 6:00 pm, all at the Penn campus gym.



No reservations are needed! Invite a friend to join you!

You can find
magic
wherever you look.
Sit Back & Relax,
all You Need
is A Book.



strong understanding of how and what to read.

Time and again, research shows reading is the key to nearly every measure of success. Here, at BT, we are graced with a community of educators who embrace this important life skill and who are avid readers themselves.

As we continue this journey together, we work together to build our reading skills and explore the world around us. It is truly wondrous to see our students grow, build their skills, and become the exceptional young people we send forth into the world.

Thank you for sharing in this journey with us and we continue to ask for God's blessings on us, our families, and our learning throughout the year. Have a wonderful weekend!

SERV-A-THON FUNDRAISER: 65% OF GOAL!

We're still in awe of all the great work our community completed together last week. Serv-a-Thon day is exhausting and oh so rewarding at the same time. Thank you again to all the staff, students and volunteers who did all they could to make this such a wonderful day for our community. We did it!

We are clipping right along on our fundraising portion of this event. Keep asking for those donations, collecting money for pledges you already have and thanking your donors. The last day to turn in money to count toward incentive prizes is Tuesday, October 25.

WHO WILL WIN THE BT TIGER?

Our three supporting parishes—St. Richard's, Assumption and St. Peter's—are in their annual (friendly) battle to win guardianship of the BT Tiger for the next year, as well as bragging rights! Who will win this year? Only time, and pledges for pastors, will tell! Parishioners, you have until October 25 to turn in pledges for your pastor to help win the BT Tiger! We appreciate all you do for our school and can't wait to see which parish will be our Tiger's guardian for the next year!

Assumption 	\$510.00
St. Peter's 	\$4,043.11
St. Richard's 	\$2,138.00

REMINDER: MEA BREAK IS OCTOBER 20-21

Our first non-school days are coming up next week: Thursday-Friday, October 20-21. The school is closed for these two days and there will be no classes for preschool-8th grade. Club Tiger and Cub Club are open for those families who have already signed up for non-school day attendance.

PAWS

Parents Active With School
* Welcome New * Involve All *
Support School Activities *

Minutes, abridged
Monday, October 10, 2016
For the full minutes of the meeting, please visit our [website](#).

Terry Braun, Development Director, led the group in prayer before we formally began the meeting.

Introductions were given by all in attendance.

Ambassador Classroom Communications

Discussed ways to connect with parents in your classrooms.

Serv-a-Thon Progress Update

High level account of where we are with this fundraiser.

Read-a-Whirl

Brief overview with how Ambassadors can help make this event even better.

Give to the Max Day

This fundraiser will be here before we know it. Usually supports technology needs. Help by sharing Facebook posts and forwarding emails.

PAW Check

What parenting 'Aha' moments have you had in the first two months of school? Email your response to Terry and Kori at e-news@btcsmn.org

The meeting was closed with prayer.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

We know we can't do all the great work we set out to do without the many helping hands our volunteers provide. And, with so much to do, it can feel like you're the only one volunteering. We're lucky because we get to see all the happy volunteer faces working hard at so many tasks. But, we understand that puts us at a distinct advantage. So, we'd like to share with you just how many volunteers we had supporting us, just this week: 85. That's right, 85. These volunteers supported our community by:

- Coaching sports
- Attending Fiesta Latina committee meeting
- Joining PAWS meeting
- Participating on Advisory Board
- Counting Serv-a-Thon donations
- Ministering at school mass
- Assembling invitations
- Stuffing Friday Folders
- Serving hot lunch
- Tutoring students
- Assisting picture day photographer

85

85! This doesn't even include those that volunteered at Serv-a-Thon! We also know that everyone can't volunteer for everything. We totally understand and don't expect this! Just know that when you're not there, someone else is. We're in this together and we wouldn't have it any other way.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: NOVEMBER 1-3

Our first parent/teacher conferences will be here before you know it. Please save these dates on your calendar. You can sign up online. [Penn. Nicollet](#).

CONFERENCIA DE PADRES/PROFESOR: 1-3 NOVIEMBRE

Nuestro primer conferencias de padres/maestros estarán aquí antes de saber. Por favor, guarde estas fechas en su calendario. Usted puede inscribirse en línea. [Penn. Nicollet](#).

SIGN UP FOR CONFERENCE MEALS

Parent/Teacher Conferences become long days for our hard-working teachers and staff. One way to help keep them going is to feed them! If you're able to bring in a main dish, side dish or dessert, please sign up here <http://signup.com/go/bG5mfM>

REGÍSTRATE COMIDAS DE LA CONFERENCIA

Conferencias de padres/maestros se convierten en largos días para nuestros maestros y personal que trabajan duro. Una forma de ayudar a mantenerlos en movimiento es para darles de comer! Si usted es capaz de traer a un plato principal, plato o postre,

NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S PETE'S BOUTIQUE

Saturday, October 29th, 9:00 am—4:00 pm

This event brings together crafters from all over the metro area. Get items from your favorite vendors and see some new ones. So, come see what's new!

Feast your eyes on a wide variety of unique gifts for Christmas, birthdays, baby showers, etc. Senior Club will offer their Cookies-and-More Bake Sale. Bring a friend, tell your neighbors and enjoy goodies while you do your shopping!

New this Year!

Children may wear their Halloween costumes and Trick-or-Treat at the Crafter Tables.

YOU'RE INVITED: THE ACADEMY OF HOLY ANGELS FALL OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for our Fall Open House on Thursday, October 27. The evening begins at 6:00 PM with an activities and sports fair. Our opening prayer and program starts at 6:30 PM with tours and academic presentations following.

Thursday, October 27, starting at 6:00 pm
Academy of Holy Angels
6600 Nicollet Ave S.
Richfield



regístrate aquí <http://signup.com/go/bG5mfM>

TOPPERS DOUGH-NATION DAY!

Looking for an easy meal and a way to financially support Blessed Trinity? Look no further than our Toppers Dough-Nation Day. On Tuesday, October 18 from 10:30 am-3:00 am (same day as Read-a-Whirl), 25% of orders mentioning Blessed Trinity at Toppers Pizza, 7821 Portland Ave S, Bloomington, will come back to BT.

Why are we running two events on the same day you may ask? Dinner at Read-a-Whirl will come from Toppers! We are doing our best to support our own fundraising efforts by ordering dinner for Read-a-Whirl attendees through this fundraising event.

SPECIAL VISITORS DAY

Our annual Special Visitors Day is Friday, October 28. Invitations were sent home already for you to share with family and friends you'd like to invite. This is a great opportunity for grand parents, uncles, aunts, close family friends (and parents too!) to spend time with their favorite students during the school day. It is an action packed morning! Here is the schedule:

Penn campus: 8:30—10:00 am, starting with a prayer service in St. Richard's

Nicollet campus: 10:00—11:30 am, beginning with a prayer service in St. Peter's

Our Scholastic Book Fair, with proceeds benefiting our libraries will be running during the same time.

VISITANTES ESPECIALES DÍA

Nuestro día especial anual de visitantes es el viernes, 28 de octubre invitaciones ya fueron enviados a casa para compartir con la familia y amigos que le gustaría invitar. Esta es una gran oportunidad para los abuelos, tíos, tías, amigos cercanos de la familia (y padres también!) Para pasar tiempo con sus estudiantes favoritos durante el día escolar. Es una mañana llena de acción! Este es el horario:

Penn campus: 8: 30-10: 00 de la mañana, comenzando con un servicio de oración en St. Richard

campus nicollet: 10: 00-11: 30 de la mañana, comenzando con un servicio de oración en San Pedro

Nuestra Feria del Libro, las ganancias beneficiarán nuestras bibliotecas se ejecutarán durante el mismo tiempo.

NEWS FROM ST. RICHARD'S FIRST RECONCILIATION

There is a parent-only meeting at 12:15pm on Sunday, October 16, for all families with a child planning to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this winter. Parent/Child classes are held two Wednesdays per month in October and November, plus one Saturday learning center day in December. For more information, contact Director of Faith Formation, Susie Osacho, prior to the parent meeting. Her contact info is sacho@strichards.com or 612-869-2426, ext 120. Children receiving sacraments are also asked to participate in regular ongoing faith formation.

CRAFTER OPPORTUNITY

If you, or someone you know, likes to make crafts, you could have a booth at St. Richard's Catholic Church Fall Festival Crafter/Vendor Fair on November 12! To download a booth application, please visit www.strichards.com/fall-festival. Applications are accepted on a first-come basis, so get yours in today!

