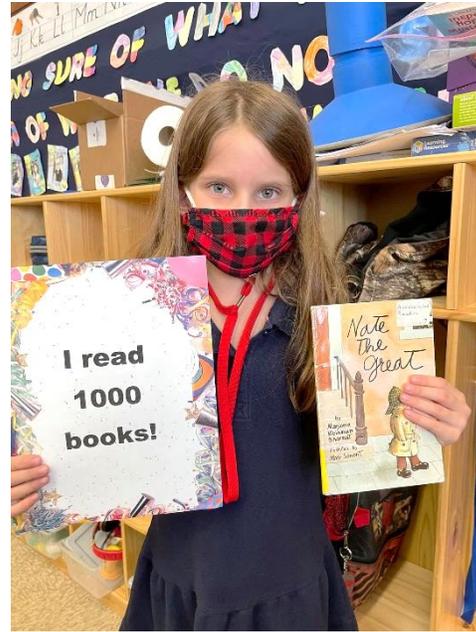


School update: A very good year

Report by Cindy Lucas, Principal



Trinity Lutheran School's faculty and staff worked diligently and creatively so that 235 Trinity Preschool through 8th grade students could safely return to in-person learning for the entire 2020-21 school year.

God blessed us constantly throughout the year and His blessings continue:

- This year, 30 new students who had never attended Trinity school before were enrolled in grades K-8. This has given us a chance to build relationships with these families as we Make Jesus Known to more children and adults in our community.
- Student Retention: Currently we anticipate all new families that came to us because we were open for in-person learning, are continuing enrollment with us for the next school year.
- Four of our K-8 classes already are full for next year. We have a waitlist for each of those classes.
- Our Preschool three-year-old and our four-year-old Pre-Kindergarten morning classes for next year are almost full. We have openings available in our afternoon Pre-Kindergarten class.

Other special accomplishments for this year:

- Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments and testing showed student academic growth from the fall of this year to the spring.
- **Trinity Accreditation status:**
 - November 8-10, we were assessed by an on-site accreditation validation visit team. The validation team gave our K-8 school high approval ratings and recommended Trinity School for National Lutheran School Accreditation in Good Standing. The renewal process will be complete this summer when the full body acts on the team's recommendations.

- Our Early Childhood program received an overall score of 95.6% on its independent accreditation self-study. An overall score of 80% or higher is required for recommendation of National Lutheran School Accreditation in Good Standing. Congratulations to Trinity's Early Childhood program because they will be independently recognized and accredited! We also participate in the Great Start to Quality Michigan program for early learning. This, too, is a challenging assessment program. We earned a solid 4-star rating out of a possible 5 stars. Congratulations and thanks go out to Nancy Gross, Donita Auxter and our early childhood assistants!



During Lutheran Schools Week – Families donated items so students could prepare snack and personal care packages for our local and state police officers and firefighters. We wanted to show our appreciation for all they have done for us during this past year, especially while dealing with COVID.

