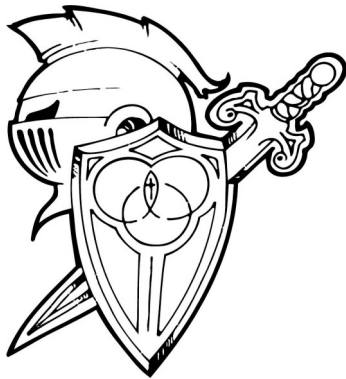


CRUSADER NEWS

Williston Trinity Christian School Newsletter

April 2016



CRUSADERS OF THE MONTH MARCH 2016

High School: Gracia Eder
5th-8th Grade: Sierra Blekestad
4th Grade: Gracia Tong

Criteria for Crusaders of the Month include:

- Positive and respectful
- Diligence and effort
- Preparedness
- Adherence to school policy

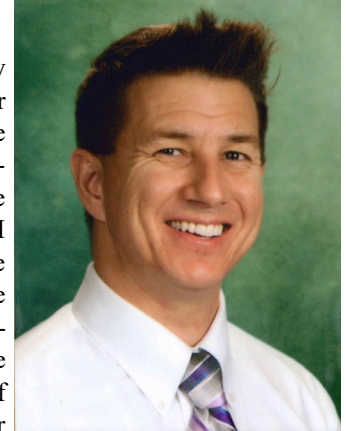
Crusader Nation,

We are blessed! We are truly blessed to have so many teachers who are so dedicated to the lives of our youth. In the pages that follow you will see the evidence of the efforts and words of people who believe in the future, believe in our school, and believe that Christ Jesus loves each and every one of us. I have learned so much in the 10 months that I have taken this seat. I appreciate all who have come before me and know that all of this is part of God's wonderful plan for this school. I have no doubt that we are on our way to the pursuit of excellence. I am proud of being a part of a Mission and Vision that is bigger than all of us – God's Kingdom. I am excited for what He has in store for us.

We will be starting school a little later than normal next fall. There is major street construction in front of our school this summer and we have student's and student's families' safety as our highest priority. We know it will be worth it all once the construction is complete. We appreciate the families understanding and look forward to a bright new school year that is around the corner. Have a warm bright spring,

God bless you and your family,

Cory Fleck
Principal



From
the
Principal



"We love your Word, we love your Word, O God!" Every Tuesday our elementary students can be heard singing these words in our chapel services. They are demonstrating their love for God's Word by reading it at home with their families or on their own. Every month this year we have issued a Bible Reading Challenge to read a particular book of the Bible. MANY of our students have read Proverbs, John, Luke, Acts, Mark,

Hebrews, and James since our first Challenge during the month of September. We are also memorizing God's Word in our chapel services through Scripture songs. We have been privileged to hear from awesome chapel speakers this year who have helped us grow in our faith. It will be exciting to see what happens when these students who have fed regularly on God's Word begin to have an influence on our culture.

We would love to have visitors join us for chapel. You will be blessed as you hear our students sing praises and hear their heartfelt prayers for our families, our community, our military, our pastors and missionaries, and our world. God is working through our chapel services and it is a blessing to be a part of this ministry at WTCS.

-Lois Johnson, Elementary Chapel Coordinator

Elementary Chapel meets on Tuesdays: Grades K&1: 1pm; Grades 2-4: 1:40pm; Grades 5&6: 2:47pm

Preschool

We're a busy class learning our colors, shapes, and numbers. We've sorted and patterned items, and balanced while carrying an umbrella. We learned about sharing, telling the truth, and that Jesus is what Easter is all about. We learned about vegetables and saw how a carrot grows.

We're almost through the alphabet and we enjoy sounding out words. We've started counting by 10s and soon will reach 100. We learned about our teeth, and how to tell time. We've memorized our phone numbers. We made a volcano explode and measured the length of a whale.

-Mrs. Cindy Babcock

Kindergarten

In Kindergarten, we have been working hard on our sight words, as well as words that we can sound out with phonics. We have been learning how to make a sentence and then to copy it from the board on to our papers. This might sound easy to an adult, but it can be difficult to transfer information from the board to our papers with accuracy! In Math, we have been learning about geometric shapes and how many sides and vertices each one has, as well as doing basic subtraction! Our little minds are expanding everyday with all the information we take in! Every day is new with information and experiences! Our social skills are also growing and changing with all the friends we have in class! Life is good!

-Mrs. Julie Ingraham

K-2 will be welcoming the season of Spring by continuing our life cycle science project. We will be welcoming our little caterpillars in our classroom in April. We will be witnessing and documenting God's amazing miracle of metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly. We are working hard on knowing all our 150 sight words as well as addition and subtraction facts!

Thank you, Mrs. Karen Lund



STANDARD OF DRESS POLICY:

Flip flops/sandals, capris (for girls) and shorts (no shorter than the top of the knee) may be worn from April 1st until the end of the school year. Athletic type shorts are not acceptable at any time. Refer to the student handbook for further clarification or check with the office.

COMMUNITY
Open House



THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH 7PM-8PM
Williston Trinity Christian School

PROJECT CLASSROOM COMMITTEE ALL SCHOOL YEAR END PICNIC

FRIDAY, MAY 27th at 1:00pm

The PCC hosts the annual all school picnic each year on the last day of school for kids in grades K-12. We invite all parents and siblings to join their students for hot dogs, chips, salad & more outside near the playground. In case of inclement weather, we will move into the cafeteria.

We are currently looking for business or family donations to purchase supplies such as hot dogs, buns, drinks & desserts. If you are interested in making a donation, or helping at the event, please see Sheri or Jackie in the front office. Thank you for supporting our amazing teachers!

Parents are always welcome to come & eat lunch with their students.

Elementary goes to recess after lunch.

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| K1 | 11:10am |
| K2 | 11:15am |
| 1st | 11:20am |
| 2nd | 11:25am |
| 3rd | 11:30am |
| 4th | 11:35am |
| 5th & 6th | 11:50am |
| 7th-12th | 11:57am |



9th-12th grades have an open campus for lunch. First bell rings at 12:30pm. Students need to return to class by 12:37pm.

ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL AT WTCS

1st

April is starting as a great month for First Grade. In Math we are starting to learn about shapes and their attributes. We are learning how God made each shape different. We are also talking about how to keep the Earth and North Dakota clean and safe. We will learn about recycling and why it is important. We are also learning about funny stories from Abraham Lincoln's life!

-Ms. Jessica Molenda

2nd

It has been a busy year in 2nd grade. In Math, we just finished our hardest task learning how to regroup up to the hundreds place in both subtraction and addition. The students did very well on this skill. Money, time, data analysis, measurement, and geometry will finish our school year.

In science, we just finished learning about how wonderfully God made our bodies. This spring, we will be learning about our solar system, the rainforest, and everyone's favorite dinosaurs.

We have been learning how to make good sentences and write stories. In 2nd grade students get to learn cursive writing which is a *huge* hit. They are all very good at it too. We will be finishing our last 2nd grade reader and then will move on to chapter books in reading.

In Bible, we have worked on what is called an interactive notebook. Students have added foldable activities to their notebooks that go with what we have been learning. We have learned about Old Testament Heroes such as Noah, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Jonah, and more.

It has been a great year in 2nd grade. What a blessing to see the students grow and mature!

-Mrs. Julie Opsal

3rd

Third grade has been working on Rocket Math this year. Most of the students are mastering addition and moving on to multiplication. We are also enjoying our pre-k reading buddies once a week. With our reading buddies we read stories, put together puzzles, and play games together. It has been a fantastic year!

-Mrs. Heidi Lee

4th

Fourth grade has been learning about types of figurative language; we are especially fond of idioms! We have been diligent this year in reading 100 minutes every week outside of school! We have also been learning the states and capitals for each region and can name all of the 50 Nifty United States in alphabetical order-even in super speed! We are having a lot of fun learning this year!

-Mrs. Allayna Stevens & Mrs. Missy Benton

This year we decided to try a new Middle School concept at Trinity. We felt that it would be beneficial to our students and our teachers. It has turned out to be more successful than previously expected! It has been such a joy to teach such a variety of ages and to see them rise to the challenges that middle school presents. The students get to have more than one voice speaking into their lives and we, as teachers, enjoy the students as they grow from fifth grade into confident eighth graders! It will be very exciting to see how the new system continues to work going forward into the coming years.

-Mrs. Andrea Black, Mrs. Angela Nible & Mrs. Traci Shirk

Middle School

ENGLISH

The last quarter of high school English is packed!

The **seniors** just finished a fun unit on "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde, and are currently working on teaching their own chapters from Animal Farm by George Orwell. They will finish out the year with a series of discussions on The Screwtape Letters by CS Lewis.

The **juniors** are working their way through the Golden Age of the 1920's and discovering modernism in The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald. We will end the year with Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury and a discussion of book banning, as well as writing a paper on the various literary movements studied this year.

The **sophomores** are having a wonderful time learning about various cultures through selected poems, short stories, and adapting fairy tales for an end-of-school speech project for the elementary grades.

The **freshmen** have almost completed To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee, and are diving into their discussion about racism and stereotyping in the 30's. Before the year ends, we will have completed a poetry unit, a short story unit, and finish by practicing and acting out "The Ugly Duckling" by AA Milne.

-Ms. Michelle Bailey

Two high school students qualified for the **State Science and Engineering Fair** held at the University of North Dakota. Congratulations to freshmen Rylee Beyer and Caleb Page!

This is a busy month in high school science!

Physical science students will begin a unit on levers, pulleys, and power. They will build pulleys and determine the power each of them needs to climb the stairs each day.

Biology students will be dissecting fetal pigs as a way of reviewing all of the body systems discussed this year then they will begin a unit on science and faith.

Chemistry students will be working on concentration of solutions where they will determine the concentration of the perfect cup of KoolAid, then determine the pH of common household products in our acids and bases unit.

Physics students will be working on building and analyzing electrical circuits.

Anatomy students will be working on the endocrine system, then learn more about a proper diet in our metabolism unit.

Geology students will study a unit on glaciers and the different landforms caused by glaciers.

-Mrs. Melissa Corneliusen

BIBLE

The WTCS Bible classes are examining a variety of Biblical issues this term.

Our senior class is going through a history of why there are so many denominations in Christianity, and how their interpretations of the Bible contribute to denominationalism.

The juniors are examining the reasons why the Bible is superior to the holy books of other religions.

We have two 9th/10th grade classes; one is finishing a unit on the Book of Matthew, and the other is finishing a study of Biblical relationships.

Finally, the 8th graders are beginning their projects after completing a unit on Genesis.

Additionally, all classes examine current issues through a Biblical lens on a regular basis. As always, the Bible is alive and active, and we trust that God is speaking to our students through everyday application as well as more systematic study.

-Mr. Kevin Crawford

Congratulations to the Class of 2016

Valedictorian, Gracia Eder!
Salutarian, Zachary Reinholdt!

We are SO very proud of these students and their academic accomplishments. They represent the academic standing we strive for at Williston Trinity Christian School.



HIGH SCHOOL AT WTCS

HISTORY

9th through 12th grade social studies is made up of at least six courses: Freshman geography, Sophomore world history, Junior American history, Senior problems of democracy, economics 1 (financial literacy) for juniors and seniors, and a new modern history class called Current World for juniors and seniors.

As a freshman, you will explore many countries throughout the world within the continents of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, and Australia.

As a sophomore, you will analyze historical people and events from Creation through World War II including Ancient Egypt, Greece, Rome, China, the Middle Ages, and the Reformation, etc.

As a junior, you will discover and analyze specific events and people of American history from the pre-Columbian era through World War II including exploration, colonization, the American Independence movement, the early republic, western expansion, the Civil War, industrialization, and so on.

As a senior, you will explore the foundation of the American government system and learn how it all works. In economics 1, you will learn valuable lessons on money management including budgeting, debt avoidance, and investing. In the Current World class, you will see how America and the world has been shaped after World War II.

All of these classes are taught through the lens of the Bible, with the Christian worldview applied to every event and category. I look forward to joining you on this adventure through time.

-Mr. Sean McKenney

The goal of our WTCS Mathematics Department is to equip and encourage your students to strive for and achieve academic success. We wish to inspire parents to 'hop-on-board' and to come along side our mathematics educator to lead your student, 'our kids' to success. We want to, with this snapshot of the math department, provide families with understanding of the key features of each class. The passion held by the teacher in this department transcends into your student's learning. There are five mathematics courses being taught currently at WTCS; in the future we will strive to add more. Currently, two students take Calculus off-campus at Williston State College; the future will bring this class into our own building; allowing our students to stay on-campus while learning. We understand the importance of a growing math department. We want our students to truly strive in mathematics offered at WTCS. Below you will find the courses offered in our math department, and the general skills encompassed in each course.

Algebra I- Freshman; Factoring, working with variable, and interpreting polynomials.

Geometry- Sophomores; Shapes, and relationships with angles and segments.

Algebra II- Juniors; The study of higher degree polynomials, logarithms, and complex functions.

Pre-Calc- Seniors; Trigonometry, and analyzation of graphing and graphing functions.

Consumer Math- Juniors/Seniors; Personal Finance; Life mathematical skills.

-Mr. Nathan Walstad

MATH

Williston Trinity Christian School

Quarter 3 Honor Roll

5th-8th Grade 'A'

Hannah Cornell
Margaret Garbel
Dylan McGlothlin
Carter Smith
Derek Lee
Hayley Melby
Kinsley Opsta
Molly Setchfield
Emma Tong
Lizzie Unterseher
Morgan Swarthout

5th-8th Grade 'B'

Kayla Arnson
Dawson Fleck
Isabelle Holmen
Rane Pederson

Dallas Pitman
Sierra Ramsey
Samantha Romo
Jaden Unterseher
Ben Weeks
Mackenzie Allen
Emma Lund
Jon Moonen
Bethany Williams
Caleb Babcock
Brady Benton
Dylan Erlandsen
Mattie Barela
Ethan Decker
Madison Lackey
Elijah Nible
Alice Pederson

9-12 3.0 Honor Roll

Ashley Melby
Peyton Monzon
Ilyssa Sanford
Judah Lind
Miranda Penner
Chloe Schell
Gabriel Vazquez
Olivia Hamrick
JJ Bressler
Tailor Mapes
Allise Pierce
Trevor Smith
Airiana VanBerkom

9-12 3.5 Honor Roll

Jonathan Babcock
Kaia Poole
Kaleb Cornell
Jacqueline Williams
Beau Skurdal
Gracia Eder
Zachary Reinholdt
Joshua Sanford

9-12 4.0 Honor Roll

Greta Eder
Austin Brown
Camden Haugenoe
Emily McKenzie

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - APRIL/MAY 2016

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| Monday, April 18 | Spring Parent Meeting/WTCS Board Election , 6pm. Child care will be provided in the gymnasium by the volleyball team. Free will donation. 5:30pm – Free Dinner: pizza, drink & dessert 7pm – WTCS Board Meeting |
| Tuesday, April 19 | Elementary Basketball games at WTCS at Alexander. Girls at 5pm; Boys at 6pm. |
| Friday, April 22 | Junior/Senior Banquet |
| Week of April 25 | Classroom Spanish Language Bees (grades K-6). Winners earn free entry (normally \$15) into the 2016 Spanish Language Bee. 1st prize \$100, 2nd prize \$50, 3rd prize \$25 and drawings for things like Papa John's Pizza and GoGo Donuts throughout. Kids will also earn one nickel per round successfully completed! |
| Tuesday, April 26 | Elementary Basketball games at WTCS at Divide County. Girls at 5pm; Boys at 6pm. |
| Wednesday, April 27 | Midterm |
| Thursday, April 28 | Community Open House , 7-8pm |
| Thurs., April 28-Fri., May 6 | Sr. Class Missions Trip to Seattle, WA. Please keep the seniors and their chaperones in your prayers as they travel to the West Coast and during their missions. |
| Sunday, May 1st | Service Hours are due in the office. We will start charging \$25/hour for unfulfilled hours on Monday, May 16th. If you would like to fulfill those hours during the month of May, just call the office and let Sheri know. |
| Thursday, May 5 | PreK Mother's Day Tea , 10:30am & 2:15pm in the lunchroom |
| Saturday, May 7 | Band Day. Marching band performs. |
| Monday, May 9 | Serve-a-thon |
| Tuesday, May 10 | Serve-a-thon |
| Wednesday, May 11 | Serve-a-thon |
| Thursday, May 12 | Williston Community Library Bookmobile Visit , grades K-6. Please make sure your child returns their library book as this will be the last visit this school year. |
| Tuesday, May 17 | Elementary Spring Concert , 7pm in the gymnasium. |
| Wednesday, May 18 | PreK Spring Program , 10:30am & 2:15pm in the music room. |
| Thursday, May 19 | JH/HS Spring Concert , 7pm in the gymnasium. |
| Thursday, May 19 | Spanish Spelling Bee , 3:30-5:30pm in the chapel. |
| Friday, May 20 | Last Day of Preschool & Kindergarten |
| Sunday, May 22 | Baccalaureate , 5pm in the chapel. |
| Friday, May 27 | Last Day of School for 1st-12th grades Annual All School Year End Picnic , 1pm |
| Sunday, May 29 | Graduation , 5pm |

**Watch your
emails for
more school
events!**

LUNCH MONEY: If you would like to pre-pay for lunch money for the rest of the school year, the total amounts are: *\$90 for grades K-4; \$105 for grades 5-8; \$120 for grades 9-12.* This is the amount if you child were to eat at school every day. You are able to check your student's lunch balance through PowerSchool or feel free to call the office at 701-774-9056.

Looking for an easy way to help WTCS? Well, what could be easier than shopping? That's right! Support Trinity while shopping by saving the following items and turning them into the school office:

- **BOX TOPS**
- **Labels for Education (Campbell's Soup, Goldfish crackers, etc.)**
- **Coke Rewards**
- **Cashwise Points**



AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support WTCS every time you shop, at no cost to you! When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll receive the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will DONATE a portion of the purchase price to WTCS!!! Go to smile.amazon.com & check it out!

In music classes students have been preparing for concerts, competition, and the Band Day parade. The high school choir just had their competition on March 14. Band will compete in April. All 5th-12th grade band students are busy memorizing their music for the Band Day parade - the students got to pick new music just for the parade so they are excited to learn it and start marching. In addition to this, all band, choir, & elementary music students have multiple songs they are preparing for the spring concerts!

MUSIC

-Mrs. Bethany McQuown

WTCS Band students competed at regionals in Divide County on Friday, April 8th. They were awarded 23 out of 24 points and a trip to state band competition in May.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. McQuown & her husband on the arrival of their son, Michael James. Mrs. McQuown is on maternity leave & will return Friday, April 22nd.

WTCS Speech students competed at regionals in Stanley on Saturday, April 9th.

Olivia Hamrick won 2nd place in Speech to Entertain & qualified for state.

Ashley Fagerland won 2nd in Serious Prose and Dramatic Interpretation, both state qualifying.

Anna VanBerkom almost made it to the final round. She lost by a tie!

State speech competition is April 23rd in Mandan.

SPRING PARENT MEETING, Monday, April 18th

Thank you to everyone who attended the **Annual Spring Parent Meeting & Board Elections** on Monday, April 18th. Three new board members were elected. Patrick Haugen & Brent Lee will serve on the board for 2 years. Jamie Lee will serve for 1 year. We thank the members who have served our school with integrity and passion, Tricia McGlothlin & Rachel Swarthout.

Parent Meeting Recap:

- 2016-17 school year will start later than usual due to road construction.
- WTCS is excited to offer Junior High Football & 9th-12th grade Girls Basketball next year.
- Fall Banquet is Tuesday, September 13th.
- Fundraisers for 2016-17: fall banquet ticket sales, fall banquet auction participation, spring serve-a-thon.
- SCRIP rebates

Board Meeting Members:

President (*Parents Portfolio*): Wes Crosby

Vice President (*Administration Portfolio*): Brent Lee

Treasurer (*Business/Budget and WTCS Foundation Portfolios*): Pat Haugen

Secretary (*Meetings & Procedures Portfolio*): Jamie Lee

(*Buildings & Grounds Portfolio*): Becky Cornell

(*Foundation Portfolio*): Chris Vaughn

(*Teachers & Staff Portfolio*): Kathy Ceynar

ND STATE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR—2016—FINAL AWARDS

Representing Williston Trinity Christian School

Senior Division, Northwest Division:

4th Alternate to ISEF for our region: Caleb Page.

Junior Division, Northwest Division:

1st Place: *Elijah Nible*

2nd Place: *Ethan Decker*

3rd Place: *Andra Smith*

4th Place: *Josh Watson*

Special Awards

Senior Division:

Caleb Page, Mu Alpha Theta

Caleb Page, Navy

Caleb Page, North Dakota Physics Teachers

Caleb Page, American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, Heartland Region

Caleb Page, American Meteorological Society

Caleb Page, NASA Earth System Science Award

Caleb Page, UND Department of Atmospheric Sciences

Junior Division:

Ethan Decker, North Dakota Soil Conservation District/Auxiliary

Elijah Nible, UND Harold Hamm School of Geology and Geological Engineering

Megan Kvernum, UND Department of Biomedical Sciences

Elijah Nible, North Dakota Army National Guard

Andra Smith, UND Department of Physics Astrophysics

Elijah Nible, Otter Tail Power Company



ELEMENTARY BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL

Come out & support your WTCS 5th & 6th grade basketball teams. Games are \$3/person. Pop, candy & popcorn will be sold in concessions.



Tuesday, April 19 at HOME vs. Alexander
-Girls game at 5:00pm. Boys game at 6:00pm.

Tuesday, April 26 at HOME vs. Divide County
-Girls game at 5:00pm. Boys game at 6:00pm.

Thank you to all the WTCS volunteers! From envelope stuffers to elementary readers to lunchroom servers, we appreciate all you do!!

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we appreciate you rock! thanks best!
thanks thank you
you're the best!

GARAGE SALE

June 8, 9 & 10

**WTCS is having a
GARAGE SALE in
the cafeteria
coming in June.**

**Donations will be
accepted
beginning
Wednesday, June
1st. All proceeds go
towards WTCS!!!**

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ART CLASS



Our ocean containing all of our sea creatures is complete. We used Isaiah 2:34 for inspiration. All students grades K-6 participated in the project and were excited about the overall result. We even included Mr. Fleck and Mrs. Blotsky diving in their SCUBA gear! During this project we learned about many sea creatures, but many students also learned what the letters SCUBA stand for and I encourage all parents to quiz their kids to see if they remember!

-Mrs. Bolton

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