

# **Partners in Ministry:**

## **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, School, and Parents**

1. The Biblical model for the Christian community's partnership in education

### Deuteronomy 6

God gives His commands .... **(2) so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. (6) These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. (7) Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. (8) Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. (9) Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.**

2. We thank Trinity congregation for their partnership in this ministry:
  - a. For prayer support (monthly prayers on behalf of Trinity Lutheran School)
  - b. For Church Ministry Team support (chapels)
  - c. For opportunities for worship involvement with our congregation
  - d. For opportunities for Bible study for anyone who would like to participate
  - e. For a family focused environment.
  - f. For pastoral support and counseling when desired, whether for member or non-member families
3. We thank Trinity school parents for their partnership in this ministry:
  - a. For regular church, Sunday School, and Bible class attendance either at Trinity or at your home church
  - b. For regular contributions to the congregation (for church members)
  - c. For prayers on behalf of the church and school.
  - d. For supporting and encouraging the school faculty, Ministry Team, staff, and other workers and volunteers
  - e. For sharing of your time and talents – as you are able – for the work of our Lord in Christian Education
4. We thank students for the commitment they make to their teachers.
  - a. For showing respect for the authority of our teachers, pastors, and staff members, according to the Fourth Commandment
  - b. For doing your best, both in school day work and in work and activities after school
  - c. For listening, and asking questions, and seeking to learn
5. We thank students for the commitment they make to their parents or guardians:
  - a. For those times when you honor your father and your mother as taught in the Fourth Commandment
  - b. For your honesty about situations that happen at school involving teachers, students, or other adults
  - c. For working toward a positive beginning of each new day

6. We thank students for the commitment they make to Trinity Lutheran School:
  - a. For being willing to practice forgiveness when difficult situations arise
  - b. For understanding that God values each of us equally regardless of abilities, possessions, and physical attributes.
  - c. For respecting Trinity's property and building, school equipment, and the personal property of others in the school, and for helping keep it in good order
  
7. We thank parents for the commitment they make to Trinity Lutheran School teachers:
  - a. For encouraging and supporting the teaching staff in front of your children.
  - b. For not criticizing teachers in front of your children, rather discussing situations face to face
  - c. For practicing Matthew 18:15-17 whenever there is a grievance between you or your student and other people
  - d. For your willingness to get the facts before you jump to conclusions about things that happen at school
  - e. For speaking well of others rather than gossiping to others or by means of Facebook or other electronic media, according to the Eighth Commandment
  - f. For sharing your time to help with school activities
  - g. For being willing to believe half of what your children tell you in return for the teachers being willing to believe half of what the children tell them about their parents!!!
  
8. We thank Trinity faculty for the commitment they make to parents and students:
  - a. For practicing daily forgiveness of students and parents as part of our understanding of daily renewal through our baptism.
  - b. For respecting the thoughts and opinions of parents and students.
  - c. For honoring the Eighth Commandment in discussions about students and parents.
  - d. For listening
  - e. For demonstrating unconditional love.
  - f. For appreciating and supporting parents and children in their family roles at home
  
9. We thank parents for the commitment they make to Trinity Lutheran School:
  - a. For faithful payment of fees and tuition.
  - b. For your work to make our school better by offering constructive comments and solutions
  - c. For blessing others with your faithful service in volunteering
  
10. How you can help the school continue to be a great blessing to parents in future years:
  - a. Please recruit new students for school.
  - b. Please partner with the Faculty, staff, and Day School Board to improve this school and make it better each year.
  - c. Please tell family and friends about the wonderful things you know about Trinity.
  - d. Please thank congregational members for their commitment to school ministry.

Please complete the Commitment Form on the final page and return to the school office. These Commitment Forms will be dedicated to the Lord at weekend worship services. You are encouraged to keep a copy for yourself as a reminder of our commitments to one another.

## **Our Commitment School Year**

As those created by God to live holy and blameless lives, we, the **Parents of Trinity Students**, joyfully and willingly participate in Christian Education by sending our children to Trinity Lutheran School, a ministry of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. In living out the God-pleasing life of those bought by the blood of Jesus Christ, we make these commitments for the upcoming school year:

1. To faithfully worship our loving Lord and to bring our children regularly to worship.
2. To faithfully continue Christian education through Sunday School attendance.
3. To faithfully pray for one another – Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Trinity Lutheran School, the teachers and staff, and all school parents and students.
4. To faithfully support our Lord’s church with gifts of time, talents, and treasures.
5. To faithfully meet financial responsibilities for tuition and school fees.
6. To faithfully bring our children to school.
7. To practice the forgiveness of Christ in our relationships with others involved in school.
8. To put the best construction on all events and happenings. (8<sup>th</sup> commandment)
9. To work for solutions and turn concerns into opportunities for learning and growth.

As Christ is faithful to us at all times, we commit ourselves, one to another, to the Lord’s work at Trinity – for the glory of God and the good of His kingdom.

Parent/Guardian Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Student names \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_