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Symbolism of the Advent Wreath and Candles

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning coming. The four outer candles of the Advent Wreath represent the four weeks of waiting during Advent, which symbolize the four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi, the last book of the Old Testament, and the birth of Christ.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Upcoming Events

December 5

Student Vestry pizza party at lunch

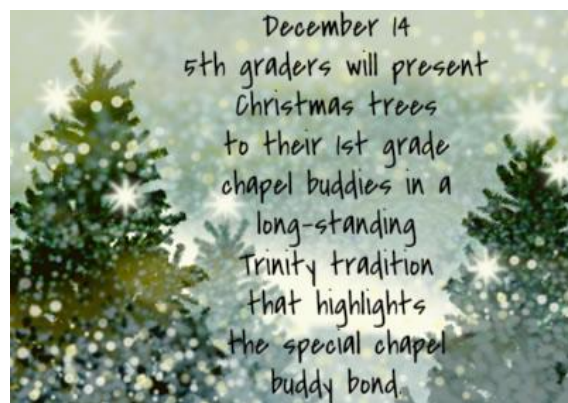
December 6

Coffee with Mike at 8:00 AM in the parish hall

Brown Bag with Mike at 12:00 PM in the parlor

December 7

Eucharist celebrated during our chapel service in the church



This special event takes place during the 8:05 AM chapel service in the church.



December 16, 19, & 20
Middle School Mid-Terms
click [here](#) for full schedule

December 19
PTO meeting at 4:30 PM in the library

December 12
K3 & K4 present their Nativity
program at 8:30 AM in the church



**This hour-long chapel service
includes scripture readings
alternating with songs of Advent
and Christmas.**



December 21
Early dismissal for Christmas break, no ESC

End of 2nd nine weeks

December 14
Birthdays from 12/14-12/31 celebrated during our
chapel service

[Full Calendar of Events](#)

Teacher luncheon hosted by the 8th grade

December 25- Christmas

"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were

terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great

joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the

Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a

manger." Luke 2:8-12

Announcements

Parent and Guardian Survey

We hope that your child is having a great year at Trinity. We are very pleased to have your family as part of our community and want you to know that we continually strive to make that community as strong as possible. Periodically, we like to solicit feedback from parents on what you seek for your child educationally and how well

we are delivering.

We are planning to do so through an online parent satisfaction survey created by the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) and customized for our use. I am asking you to take 15-20 minutes out of your busy schedule to complete this survey by **December 6, 2016**.

You can access the survey by clicking [here](#).

Spinal Screenings

Dear Parent and/or Guardian:

Trinity Episcopal School will conduct spinal screenings on December 08, 2016. I have attached information pertaining to the screenings. If you would prefer that your child not participate due to religious reasons, I have also attached an affidavit of religious exemption. If your child has had a sports physical, and it is on file with the school, then your child will not need to have a spinal check, since that is part of a sports physical. If you wish for your child not to be screened, if they have already been screened or are currently under a physician's care, please notify me by December 08, 2016.

Thank you for your cooperation,
Tamara Fox
tfox@tecvtoriana.org

click [here](#) for attachments

Giving Trees

In the spirit of the season, we at Trinity are delighted to offer an opportunity to serve many children of God who live far from Victoria, Texas. Haiti Giving Trees, located in the lower school hall and in the church narthex, will benefit our sister school in Haiti, St. Jacques. Monetary donations will be used to purchase uniforms for the students at St. Jacques. A complete school uniform can be provided with a donation of thirty dollars, and, for most of the students, this will be the only nice set of clothes they own. Children wear the uniform to church as well as to school, and it is also a symbol of the future.

Please visit the Haiti Giving Tree, and join us as we share the love of Christ with His precious children. You may contact Charlotte Foreman at crforeman@tecvtoriana.org or you can ask any member of the Trinity Student Council for additional information.



Patriot Pen

Patriot's Pen Essay Writing Contest is open to students in grades 6-8 who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial school or home study program in the United States and its territories.

In Victoria, more than 150 student essays were submitted this year. From those essays, seven of the top ten places went to students from Trinity Episcopal School.

1. Lindsey Galarza
3. Maiya Tillman & Nicholas Valdes
6. Gordon Hicks
7. AnnaPaula Llompant
8. William Robinson
10. Emily Dickinson

Essays are judged on content, originality, punctuation, grammar and spelling, and how well the essay addresses the essay topic.

The contest is offered each year by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), a federally chartered corporation formed in 1899. The organization, headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, is dedicated to helping America's veterans, including disabled and needy veterans, veterans' widows and orphans and the dependents of needy or disabled veterans. The purpose of the annual essay contest is to encourage youth to learn



You are welcome to attend any or every chapel service. Regular chapel services begin at 8:05 AM on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and at 3:00 PM on Friday. If you have any questions regarding our chapel services, please contact Amy Eastham, aeastham@tecvictoria.org

Land's End is running a promotion on uniform orders. See below for details.



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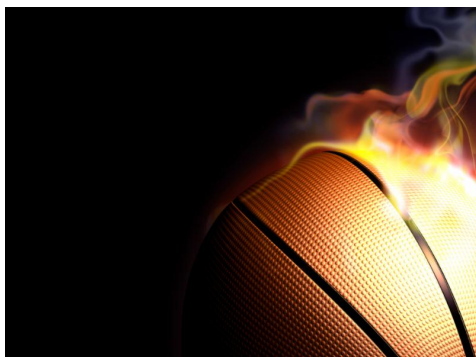
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Sports

December Patriot Basketball Games



Boys

12/5- A, B, & C team vs Faith Academy at Trinity

12/8- A, B, & C team vs St. Joe in Yoakum

12/12- A & B team vs St. Philip at Trinity

Girls

12/5- A & B team vs Faith Academy at Trinity

12/8- A team vs St. Joe in Yoakum

12/10- A team tournament at Nazareth Academy

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