

**Trinity Lutheran School** 

# 7th and 8th Grade News



March 12, 2018

The class has been busy planting and caring for their Wisconsin fast plants. These plants grow from seed to harvest in about six weeks. Here you see a picture of the students pollinating their plants. Fairly soon, the plants will be ready to harvest. In the meanwhile, we are taking several measurements each day and monitoring their growth.

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#### Lutheran Schools Week

It should be a crazy, fun week for the class. Here's the schedule:

Monday: Scavenger Hunt @ 2pmTuesday: Obstacle Course @2pm

• Wednesday: Minute to Win It @ 2pm

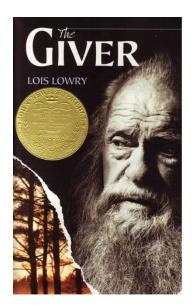
• Thursday: 8th Grade vs Faculty Volleyball Game @2pm [The faculty has never lost.]

• Friday: Grandparents'/Special Person's Day!

#### The Giver

We are reading the novel <u>The Giver</u> in class. It is a worthwhile book for adults to read as well. <u>The Giver</u> offers many themes for parents and children to explore together. Below is the Wikipedia entry for the book.

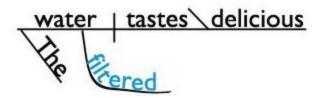
The Giver is a 1993 American young adult dystopian novel by Lois Lowry. It is set in a society which at first appears to be utopian but is revealed to be dystopian as the story progresses. The novel follows a 12-year-old boy named Jonas. The society has taken away pain and strife by converting to "Sameness", a plan that has also eradicated emotional depth from their lives. Jonas is selected to inherit the position of Receiver of Memory, the person who stores all the past memories of the time before Sameness, as there may be times where one must draw upon the wisdom gained from history to aid the community's decision making. Jonas struggles with concepts of all the



new emotions and things introduced to him: whether they are inherently good, evil, or in between, and whether it is even possible to have one without the other. The Community lacks any color, memory, climate, or <u>terrain</u>, all in an effort to preserve structure, order, and a true sense of equality beyond personal individuality.<sup>[1]</sup>

### Language

This week the class is learning about participles. They even have learned to diagram them in sentences. Just ask about the "gently curving line."



## This Week in History

We are studying the Monroe Doctrine, nationalism, and sectionalism. There's a good chance we will find some parallels to America in 2018.

### The Wonderful World of Science

They asked for it and they got it. The class asked if their Science lesson could be put on Google Slides presentations. Each of the lessons for our book on <u>The Water Planet</u> is available in the shared folder at this <u>location</u>. Information, pictures, and videos are embedded in the presentations. This way, students



can view the lesson at home if they miss school. You are welcome to view what the students are learning as well.

## **Upcoming Dates!**

#### March

- 16: Americanism Essay Due
- 16: What My Family Means to Me Essay Due
- 21: 7th & 8th Grade Lenten Supper @ 5:30pm [Proceeds go to Camp Phillip Trip]
- 23: End of Quarter 3
- 23: Trinity Spelling Bee!
- 26-30: No School--Spring Break [Observation of Holy Week]

#### April

- 2: No School
- 4: Visit Avi at MLC
- 9: Mary Bleckwehl book orders due
- 11: Mary Bleckwehl visits Trinity!
- 12: Statewide Tornado Drill
- 13: Camp Phillip permission slips and fees due
- 18: Combined Spelling Bee @ 5pm
- 21: Twin Cities Fine Arts Fair @ St. Croix Lutheran High School
- 23-25: Camp Phillip Field Trip
- 29: Grades 6-8 sing in church
- 30: NWEA MAP testing

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