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Dear Parents,

Happy Easter! I hope you all enjoyed a beautiful and blessed Easter weekend.

Next week Monday--Thursday, we will be testing all of our students with the Terra Nova standardized test. As you may remember, this is the second year the Diocese of Little Rock has used the Terra Nova. This new test requires some short answer written responses. Our students perform very well on standardized tests, as a general rule, and I am looking forward to seeing how well they do this year. If you are wondering what you can do to help your child, here are some suggestions:

- Encourage your student to try his/her best!
- Help your student get a good night's sleep and have a good breakfast in the morning.
- Refrain from scheduling any morning appointments.
- Remind your student to read carefully and to check his/her work.

Our fourth quarter is packed with many activities and events and will pass quickly as it always does. This week is no exception, with two track meets (track season has started off in a great fashion, with the 7th grade boys team winning runner up in the Ramsey relays last week). Cheer and Dance team tryout clinics will be held each day this week, with tryouts on Friday. Our varsity band members will have their concert assessments in Alma on Thursday. We are also finishing up our rewards for ticket sales for the Taste of Trinity. This year's event was record-breaking and we are grateful for your support!

Other important April dates:

April 2	9th grade track @ Greenwood
April 3	7th/8th grade track @ Greenwood
April 6	First Friday Speakers
April 9--12	Terra Nova Testing
April 9	9th grade track @ SHS
	Golf begins
April 10	7th/8th grade track @ Alma
	Future School Presentation to parents 6 p.m.
April 12	7th/8th grade track @ SHS
April 13	Graduation pictures (students will wear gowns over uniforms)
April 16	Midterms
	Conference track meet @ Alma
April 17	Volleyball tryouts
April 19	Family STEAM Night
	April Birthdays Free Dress/Outside Lunch brought in
April 23	Regional Track Meet @ Greenwood
April 29	Drama Dessert Theater 7 p.m.
April 30	Crystal Bridges 9th grade trip

Ninth graders will be especially busy soon, with all graduation events coming up quickly. Watch your email for a separate letter that will be sent outlining these dates. One “year-end” event is coming up already next week--graduation pictures will be taken on April 13. Robes will be provided for students to wear over their uniforms for pictures.

Many of our students owe lunch money to the office, and some amounts are significant. Please ask your student if he/she is one of those students and send money to cover their debt. Also, please take note now of our plans for the May lunch program. Friday, May 4 will be the LAST day to borrow lunch money from the office. All students who do not pay their outstanding lunch bills by Monday, May 7 will have lunch orders canceled and should plan to bring a brown bag lunch instead.

I hope many of you plan to join us for the STEAM fair on Thursday, April 19. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. Creation of a STEAM fair project is mandatory for all Pre-AP Science students. From 6--8 p.m. in the TJH gym, you will be able to see amazing projects and participate in activities of all types, for elementary and junior high age levels. Come and see our fantastic learning in action!

In our ongoing effort to keep our students safe, Trinity participates through the Diocese of Little Rock in the Circle of Grace program, developed by the Archdiocese of Omaha and endorsed by the Catholic Mutual Group. Circle of Grace is age-appropriate information for children and youth so they can know how to help create safe environments for themselves, and what to do when they feel that a certain environment is not safe. TJH will present lessons to each grade level on April 24 in religion classes. These lessons are required for all dioceses in the United States, and we strongly encourage all parents allow students to participate. However, as a parent, you do have the right to opt your child out of these lessons. If you determine that you DO NOT want your child to participate, please contact the School Office to obtain an “opt-out” form, which must be submitted to your child’s teacher no later than April 20, 2018. For more information on the *Circle of Grace* program, visit *Circle of Grace Online*™ website at www.dolr.org.

Warmest regards,

Dr. Karen Hollenbeck
Principal