



CENTRAL NEBRASKA LUTHERAN SCHOOL

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." -Ephesians 2:10

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It's great to be back in the swing of things! It's hard to believe we are nearly two months into the school year. Our theme verse for the year from Ephesians 2:10 reminds us of the purpose God created each of us for. While we individually have unique gifts and abilities, God created all of us for a common purpose, to glorify Him and serve His people in all circumstances. It is a distinct privilege to work alongside families in raising up children in fear and instruction of the Lord, reminding them daily of the purpose our God created them for.

Here at Trinity it has been a busy first quarter. From MAP testing, to homecoming week, field trips, and class projects - our students have hit the ground running. As with the start of every year, our staff has done a great job of establishing classroom rules and routines, in hopes to provide a fun and safe environment for all students. I am grateful for the hard work and dedication our staff has for the development of our students' academic and spiritual growth.

As we look forward to the second quarter, we do so with much anticipation and excitement. Anticipation for the blessings God provides us, and excitement for living out the purpose he has for each one of us. Let us work together in Christian love and encouragement for one another as we invest in the lives of our students!

-Andy Rathe, Head of Schools



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ONE MISSION TWO CAMPUSES

Central Nebraska Lutheran School is a vibrant, Christ-centered educational community in Grand Island, Nebraska, serving students from Preschool through 12th Grade.

- Trinity Lutheran School: Pre-K through 6
- Grand Island Lutheran High: Grades 7–12

United by a shared Lutheran faith and mission, CNLS is dedicated to nurturing the whole child, academically, spiritually, and personally. We equip students to become confident, compassionate leaders who excel in their studies, grow deeper in their walk with Christ, and live lives of meaningful service in God's world.

At CNLS, every student is known, valued, and challenged to reach their God-given potential in a supportive, family-like environment rooted in the timeless truth of God's Word.





From the desk of Mr. Slough

We are off to an exciting start to the school year! We have already celebrated many successes, both in the classroom and on the playing fields.

Strong scores on MAP Testing provide evidence that our students are growing academically. Our music department has performed the National Anthem, and students have completed auditions for honor choir and band opportunities. Our Cheer and Dance Teams continue to prepare for competitions and performances, while our athletic teams have shown great growth in the early part of their seasons.

Through our theology classes, chapel, and daily devotions, we continue to strengthen our foundation in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our students have volunteered at events like Husker Harvest Days, attended college fairs, competed in an art mural competition, and represented GILH in so many other ways.

Our kids are busy, involved, and excelling both inside and outside of the classroom. It is exciting to see them taking advantage of the many opportunities to use their God-given gifts in so many different ways.

Homecoming Week is a great opportunity to relax, refresh, have some fun, and celebrate our school spirit. From the competitions and dress-up days to our athletic events, it is great to see our students come together and enjoy being part of GILH while still demonstrating the core values that guide us in all that we do.

We have a lot to be proud of, but we also have a lot to look forward to.

It's a great time to be a Lightning!

Mr. Slough- GILH Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CNLS:

- 10/1-Homecoming Volleyball @ 4:30pm
- 10/1- Homecoming Football @ 7pm
- 10/3- Homecoming Dance
- 10/14-10/15- PT Conferences at Trinity
- 10/16-10/19- No School

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NEWSLETTER, AND STAY CONNECTED AND
UP TO DATE ON GILH ACTIVITIES!

[LIGHTNING BUZZ](#)



LIGHTNING TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Tiffany Murdoch



About Me

I very rarely can turn down anything bright, colorful, patterned, or chaotic. I love being married to my high school sweetheart and I consider myself a professional spectator and Uber Mom. My love for History and Government/Politics began early as I followed the 1992 presidential election through 4th and 5th grades. I love teaching at Grand Island Lutheran High where we can share truth with our students and give a Biblical perspective of world events as we study them and watch them unfold.

My Favorites

- Color:** All of them!
- Animal:** Cheetah
- Hobbies:** Kids activities, crafts, trips, and indoor plants
- Food:** Popcorn
- Bible Verse:** "But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen" -2 Peter 3:18

Education

- Kearney High School
- UNK Undergrad
- UNO Masters

GRAND ISLAND LUTHERAN HIGH
LIGHTNING

meet our STUDENTS



JOSH OLSON
Sophomore

ABOUT ME!

I'm a Sophomore at Grand Island Lutheran High. I really enjoy basketball, football, and running. My favorite part about GILH is the amazing people I get to be around every day. Whether that is teachers helping with assignments or the amazing friends that I can have fun with.

MY FAVORITES!

COLOR: Blue

SUBJECT: Math and Science

CANDY: Sour Patch Kids

DRINK: Arnold Palmer

FOOD: Pizza

HOBBY: Playing Basketball

BIBLE VERSE: Joshua 1:9



Highlights

Lutheran High



LIGHTNING CORE VALUES

A-Accountability

We take responsibility for our actions, words, and growth.

B-Belief

We trust in God-and in the abilities He's given us.

C-Consistency

We show up with integrity and do our best every day.

D -Discipline

We stay focused, work hard, and grow through challenges.



TIGER TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Barb Sheeks



About Me

I'm Barb Sheeks, second grade teacher at Trinity. I've been teaching at Trinity for more than 30 years. My favorite free time activity is reading and spending time with my 10 month old grandson. I love Husker volleyball and football. My favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 3:5-6. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your path straight."

My Favorites

Color: Cobalt Blue

Animal: Dog

Hobby: Reading

Food: Ice Cream/Mexican Food

Bible Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6

Education

- Grand Island Senior High
- Kearney State College



TRINITY
Lutheran School

meet our STUDENTS



carter JOHNSen
6th Grade

ABOUT Me!

I am a 6th grader at Trinity Lutheran. I like to draw and I really like PE. My favorite sport is basketball. I'm a good listener and I like to help whenever I can. One of my favorite things to do is work.

MY FAVORITES!

COLOR: Black

SUBJECT: Math

CANDY: Peachy Rings

DRINK: Sprite

FOOD: Tortellini

HOBBY: Basketball

BIBLE STORY: Noah's Ark



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