



Trinity Academy News

From the Administrator's Desk: Mr David Murray

It is our utmost privilege to partner with parents who are invested in Christ-centered education. We are thankful to these parents for entrusting Trinity Academy with their children, especially now as we walk an untraveled road together preparing for education this fall.

I have shared with parents our intentions and plans for re-opening, outlining possible scenarios in the next school year, as well as the basic precautions that we will take. We plan to joyfully return with as much normalcy as possible to keep a thriving continuity of learning. We can take heart in 1 John 5:4, "For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith."

The year ahead will bring challenges and, as we make our plans, we know that we do not have all the answers. However, we are committed to the One who does provide light for each new day. Our TA staff and family are deeply rooted in eager anticipation to the direction God leads, so that we continue to be "... like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that [we do, that we may] prosper" (Psalm 1:3). We already see that God is providing in abundance!

Please continue to commit to pray for God's will to be done at Trinity Academy, for our leadership, and for our country. We cannot wait to see students once again in the halls, as well as to work with students and families to equip minds and nurture hearts on campus!

Preparations

As stated by our administrator, classes will meet on campus this fall, taking into consideration guidelines suggested by the CDC. As we look forward to the new school year, we first and foremost prayerfully strive to be faithful stewards to our families and our mission. As we reflect on this, we find that we are extremely blessed to be able to resume our normal schedule with few modifications.

We do plan to extend efforts to clean and disinfect classrooms on a daily basis, providing stations for students to wash and sanitize their hands. We will also be diligent in assessing our student and staff health, as well as providing general health updates. Whereas we already meet many of the social distance recommendations due to our small class sizes (and large rooms), evaluation of our classrooms will be performed once enrollment is complete. As always, we will work faithfully with our students and teachers to ensure that Trinity Academy provides an optimal learning environment for the coming years.

And though we have been rerouted from our regular schedule these past few months, *much* has been accomplished, as highlighted below.

Highlights



ACCS Membership

We have joined the Association of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS), the primary public advocate for classical Christian education. The ACCS sets educational standards and offers accreditation in order to unify classical and Christian learning. We will benefit, as a member school, by having access to many resources that the administration and the board believe will be of incredible use to us as a Classical Christian School. All staff, teachers, parents and board members can access these resources. ACCS also sponsors the Repairing the Ruins teleconference in June of each year. This is the largest national conference on classical Christian education with around 80 vendors and over 1000 educators in attendance, with many sessions recorded and offered online. Many of us took advantage of this offering in June. Recordings and simulcasts of workshops can be reviewed as well.

Preschool Preparation

We have garnered overwhelming support from TA and families and our TA board has voted to start a preschool program. This first year, we are opening admission only to families with students enrolled in upper grades, focusing on four and five year old students, with half day and full day options. We are excited about how this new program will help families see the wonder and joy of education even from the earliest ages.

Archery Program

This year, we will offer archery to our students through the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP). Archery will be offered to students in 4th through 12th grades as both an in-school and after school activity. Four of our staff and one board member have completed archery training and are very eager to incorporate it into our PE program and to offer it as our first club.

New Uniforms

Uniforms have been updated in the Rhetoric school, as we see our first 10th grade class. Students continue to learn integrity and comportsment as they don their new apparel with the addition of Trinity Academy blazers, khakis, and specialized Rhetoric ties.

Staffing and Contracts

All teacher positions are filled, thanks be to God! As we add another grade to the upper school, (Rhetoric), we have hired another well-qualified individual to teach and help coordinate at this level. We welcome Mrs. Velynna Spangler as our Secondary Lead Teacher. She has been with Classical Conversations for nine years serving in various capacities, including as director, tutor, speaker trainer, and practicum speaker. Additionally, she has taught private piano lessons, served as a volunteer 4-H leader, and helps with children's ministry and plays piano on a worship team. Mr. and Mrs. Spangler have four children and seven grandchildren. We are thrilled to have her as part of our family at Trinity Academy.

Additionally, two of our teachers will take on more leadership this year. Mrs. Lampitt will serve as our Grammar School Lead Teacher, and Mr. Stinnett will serve as our Family Life Liaison and Athletic Director. We are anticipating a beautifully rich year ahead.

Enrollment

Continue to pray for our prospective parents. More families are showing interest and inquiring into TA day-by-day. Our application deadline is firmly set as Friday, July 24th so teachers can access classroom accommodations according to class size.

Upcoming Events

Building Readiness

All classroom and hallway floors in the north wing have already been washed and waxed. Other work is ongoing and much progress has been made. As much still remains to do, we have scheduled two work days—**Friday, July 31st and Saturday, August 1st, 9:00-4:00.** Volunteers will gather to help with painting, moving furniture, cleaning halls/walls, arranging and moving books, cleaning windows and wiping furniture, hanging whiteboards, among other tasks. If you can serve in this way, please contact the office at office@trinityeagles.org.

Needs and Opportunities

We are most thankful that, as some board members have retired after serving their terms, the Lord has brought two new members to the Board of TA. Kea Runyan, a Trinity parent, and Vickie Beard, a long-time friend and supporter, have committed to serve in this way. We now are comprised of seven members. If you are sensing God's leading or just would like to inquire about this position, please contact Claire Monteen at directors@trinityeagles.org for more information regarding qualifications and process.

Psalm 46:1-5

*God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.*

*Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth give way and
the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam and
the mountains quake with their surging.*

*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.*

*God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.*