



## Trinity Academy News

### From the Administrator's Desk: Mr David Murray

The apostle Paul issued a warning to believers, "For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths" (2 Tim. 4:3-4).

Truth is key in this passage. Those who have 'itching ears' turn away from the truth and wander into myths. Their hearts will not allow them to endure sound teaching; instead they surround themselves with teachers who speak to their passions and they become entangled in false doctrines. In short, scriptural truth and worldly passions do not coincide.

On the other hand, those that belong to Christ discern what is true. They hunger for the Word of God, and when that hunger is satiated, there is fullness of life and strength of purpose. Believers have no need of cheap ploys because, "we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God" (2 Cor. 4:2). Our calling is to stand guard and point to the living Word. It is a precious jewel—brilliant, multifaceted, and resplendent with glory. May we hold it up high!

Additionally, Christians are to be marked by love and unity. Not a flippant, tolerance-focused unconcern for the lives of others (as sometimes espoused these days), but a rich, agonizing, and at times heart wrenching ocean of charity married with Truth. Believers should have nothing to do with disunity, worldly passions, mocking or scoffing as these are the weapons of the adversary. Our weapon is the double-edge sword of Truth, one that cuts both ways and that is "able to discern the thoughts and the intentions of the heart" (Heb. 4:12b).

In short, we are disarmed without the Word of Truth. We need continual reminders that the purest and most genuine form of love comes from Him who has shown it to us. The fruit of the Spirit, "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control," all purify and subdue the heart for unity in Christ.

## Highlights

**Founders Forum**, recorded February 11<sup>th</sup>

This Fall, our board read and discussed a book entitled Mission Drift, by authors Peter Greer and Chris Horst. In reading this text, we recognized our need to recount our founding stories and to commemorate how we have seen God work in the inception and development of the school. To that end, a friend of Trinity, David Lattan, hosted and recorded a Zoom meeting with board members and administrators, both present and former. The conversation highlighted how God brought Trinity into being, providing us with the vision and ministry of Trinity from the beginning. It is our hope that those who continue on in leadership at Trinity will view this forum and understand our founding, in order to avoid drifting from our original purpose.

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### Online Auction and Pulled Pork Drive-Thru, February 8<sup>th</sup>

Because we thought it best to not gather this year for our annual Chili Supper, we instead offered a drive-through meal of pulled pork and sides. Auction items were gathered at the school, photographed, and offered online. Although we didn't know how well these 'socially-distanced' alternatives would be received, this event was incredibly successful, thanks to the gifts of time and talent offered by our wonderful Trinity Academy families and the Industry community. We are also extremely grateful to be part of the education legacy in Industry and the surrounding areas, as displayed by the outpouring of love and generosity from this community. A big thank you goes to Mark and Janet Sullivan, Scott and Georgia Jones, and the Industry United Methodist church for handling all of the food preparation and service, as well as Cary Little of Lunch Box Café for donating supplies. We are also very grateful to the Greuels and Sullivans for providing the meat, as well as Katie Greuel for helping so much with the Silent Auction. We are grateful for all of our families who donated items to the auction, invited guests, and offered their time and talents to serve in order to make this a joyful auction and supper. Through both events we raised nearly \$9,000!

### Open House, March 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>

We hosted several families on two days, Thursday evening, March 11<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday morning, March 13<sup>th</sup>. During these two sessions, prospective families toured our campus and attended an information session. We praise the Lord for the many wonderful conversations and questions families have as they attend these Open Houses. We truly hope to see these families bringing their children to Trinity next school year. We already have 80 students signed up to attend for next year, with a Kindergarten class that is close to our set cap of 15 students!

### Wax Museum & Merry Wives of Windsor, March 25<sup>th</sup>

As the culmination of the Concentrated Studies week, Trinity Academy students participated in the annual Wax Museum (Grades 2-6) Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. This year, students who took part of the wax museum, most in Revolutionary War costume, were recorded recounting ordinary jobs held by citizens during this time and the histories of well-known revolutionary heroes such as George Washington, Paul Revere, Nathan Hale, as well as lesser known patriots, young men and women who worked as spies, runners, poets and songwriters, all who played an important role in bringing about our independence. Not only players who aided the American cause were represented, however; the wife of Benedict Arnold, also a traitor, told the story of her exploits during that harrowing time period in our history.



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After the Wax Museum presentations, the Logic/Rhetoric students presented, "The Merry Wives of Windsor," a Shakespearean comedy. All of the upper level students took part in either staging the play or performing. The play was well-staged and well-performed. There were multiple sets, conceived and constructed by students, parents, and teachers. . The performance was attended by Trinity Academy families and friends; for those who missed the performance, there is a recording of the play posted on Trinity Academy's YouTube and FB pages.



### Grandparents' Day

We did not hold a traditional Grandparents' Day celebration this year, but look forward to seeing our many grandparents here at the school next year.

### Thanksgiving

We are truly thankful for the spiritual growth we see in our students, for their willingness to witness to how God is working in their own lives, whether in song or chapel messages or just in how they show love to each other.

### Upcoming Events

The "Pull for Trinity" Trap Shoot\*, set to be held April 10, was cancelled, due to the threat of inclement weather. The raffle sale has continued to be held through May 4<sup>th</sup>. The raffle drawing will take place May 8<sup>th</sup>.

\*This annual event tests marksmanship skills and is a great time for fellowship for Trinity Academy and local trap shoot enthusiasts. This event has in the past been held in Carthage at the Hancock County Gun Club located at 1605 IL-94, Carthage, IL 62321

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### Volleyball

One of our Trinity parents, Nicole Royer, has graciously stepped up to offer a volleyball program to develop skills and conditioning for our 4th through 8th grade girls. This will run on Mondays after school, beginning April 12th.

### Spring Program/Exhibition Night

Our 2021 Spring Program will be held **Thursday, May 6 at 6:30 p m.** We hope that this will be a time of joyful fellowship as we are able to delight in the hard work of Trinity Academy's students, who have continued to grow musically (and otherwise) under the guidance of Mrs. Chatterton. This year's concert will have a patriotic theme. Upper-level students will wear concert dress, while PreK through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will dress in the colors of the American flag. This event will be held in the gym where there will be plenty of socially-distanced room. Families and prospective families, friends and neighbors, are all invited to attend.

### Needs and Opportunities

#### Prayer

Please continue to fervently lift us up in prayer. Many families, including several faculty families and community friends, are experiencing loss and undergoing health issues. As you pray, ask that those who are suffering be mindful that, ". . . we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28

### Search for Educators

Trinity Academy continues to see a strong trend of growth. As we expand and augment our programs, TA is looking for well-qualified faculty members who demonstrate an understanding of classical Christian education, a love for learning and teaching, and a calling to serve Christ at a classical Christian school.

We are currently seeking applicants for the following positions:

#### Grammar School Teachers

- Kindergarten Homeroom Teacher

#### Logic School Teachers/Rhetoric School Teachers

- Mathematics: Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus
- Science: 7th–8th Grade Life Science
- Humanities: 7th Grade Literature, 9th–11<sup>th</sup> Grades Humanities

If you or someone you know is interested, submission of a resume, cover letter, and application from our website to [administrator@trinityeagles.org](mailto:administrator@trinityeagles.org)



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**Board Positions**

As the terms of several members of the board will end within the year, we look for others willing and called to serve in this capacity, which is a great blessing to all they serve and to themselves as well. We meet once a month at the school to seek God's will and to pray as we make decisions regarding the future of the school. Our discussions are Spirit-led and joyful. If you feel God leading you to this ministry, contact Claire Monteen at [directors@trinityeagles.org](mailto:directors@trinityeagles.org)

**"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,  
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,  
whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence,  
if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."**

**Phillipians 4:8**