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Trinity Academy News

From the Administrator's Desk: Mr David Murray

As Christians, we produce outward fruit because God is providing life inwardly. The cup overflows with this inward substance. This is a concept that believers never outgrow; that is, we are in need of the true Vine. This truth impacts our thoughts, our actions, and our work. This month's memory verse speaks to this process:

"Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:12-13). The labor is a serious business as we work 'with fear and trembling', but it is God who works in us. This means, not only do we rely on Him for our desired outcome in our labors, but also for all of our toils themselves.

This nuance is expounded upon by Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:10:

"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me." It is not our clout nor our clever ideas nor our creativity that has lasting purpose, though they all may be gifts from above; instead, it is by the grace of God that we walk on the path He sets before us. Therefore, we do not trust the outcome of the work, but rather trust that God will do His good work.

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matt. 11:29-30) These are the words of Christ. What a glorious and freeing standard to embrace!

Trinity Academy is the fruition of God's purpose among so many willing laborers. And though there is much yet to be done, there is nothing better than to rest in that paradoxical peace when taking on the yoke of Christ. Thank you all for being co-laborers in this glorious endeavor.

Highlights

Trap Shoot and Raffle Sale, April 11th

Although our annual Trap Shoot was cancelled due to inclement weather, students, parents and others were able to sell many raffle tickets. Our final tally for the Raffle sales was \$6,150, earning the students memorable prizes such as a popcorn and movie day and nerf wars. We thank everyone for their effort in selling and buying raffle tickets.

Spring Program / Exhibition Night, May 6th

Having studied the period of the Revolutionary War during our concentrated study this spring, we continued to celebrate our heritage in song and recitations in our final program. Students, dressed in red, white, and blue, processed into the gymnasium to the tune of "Stars and Stripes," played by our advanced band and then proceeded to cheer us with rousing renditions of patriotic favorites, songs some of us grew up singing in school. Between musical selections, words spoken by our founding fathers, reminding us of their devotion,



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wisdom and sacrifice. We are as always so thankful to Mrs. Chatterton, our choral and band director, for her devotion to excellence she brings to her work here. Of course, ice cream, fellowship and much laughter followed the program, while visitors viewed student work displayed in the halls of the corridors.

Etiquette Dinner, May 13th



Thank you to Paul Miller and Judy Robbins for developing an informative and entertaining course in which to teach our upper level students some fundamentals of social mores and etiquette, with the primary aim to show the connection between comportment and integrity. The lessons culminated in an excellent multicourse meal provided by Kea Miller Runyan and Monica Taflinger. The meal emulated a fine dining experience, giving the students a chance to practice their knowledge and skills.

Chapel / Field Day, May 19th

We celebrated our last day of school, beginning with our final Chapel service of the year, followed by a time to gather up belongings and tidy the classrooms, concluding with our annual Field Day celebration. As there was rain in the forecast, some of the activities took place indoors, but we played outside as well. Highlights of the day were the volleyball tournament, pie in the face, and, of course, several tug of war contests. Lunch and ice cream were provided by Mark Sullivan and our TPO.



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Thanksgivings

We would like to offer a huge thanks to the TPO for the energy and support they have expended this academic year. They have given of their time, talent and resources whenever needed and beyond our expectations. They have been especially generous in keeping the teachers' workroom stocked with food, snacks, and drinks. Thank you all so much!

All faculty positions for the upcoming school year are filled: our Kindergarten teacher will be Mrs. Murray; 2nd grade, Mrs. Dixon; and in all things humanities in the Logic and Rhetoric schools, Mr. Brooks. We are so thankful for the provision of qualified and enthusiastic instructors, both new and established.

What's New

First Yearbook

A mostly pictorial memorial of this past year has been provided to students and their families at low cost. Thank you to Mrs. Dixon who has donated her time and talents to create TA's first yearbook.

Marching Band

Mrs. Chatterton has been advocating the inception of a marching band at TA for years. At the end of the school year, with the exceedingly reasonable purchase of marching band equipment from the Schuyler-Industry schools, we will begin our marching band in August of this upcoming academic year.

Hot Lunches

Also beginning this next school year, we will pilot a hot lunch program on Thursdays. As both current and prospective families have taken an interest in this assistance, we have taken our first steps to implement this program in order to provide nutritious meals to students and to provide relief to parents who make lunches every school day. One of our teachers, Mr. Adams, will spearhead this effort.

First Days of the Next Term

With the addition of 3-year-old preschool and 11th grade, all classrooms have been reassigned, and teachers are in the process of moving / setting up their workspaces in their new environments. As usual, Mark Sullivan and many others are cleaning, painting, fixing, and otherwise preparing the building for the arrival of students. Enrollment at this time tops 80; we expect more students to register within the next month.



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Needs and Opportunities

Work Days, Wednesday, July 21; Thursday, July 29; and Saturday, July 31

We need some extra hands to help prepare our building for this upcoming year. Tasks include: painting, moving furniture, cleaning halls/walls, arranging and moving books, cleaning windows and wiping furniture, hanging whiteboards, setting up and taking inventory of our new library area, setting up the parents lounge, and installing a few air conditioners. We will start at 9:00 a.m. and work until 3:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to help ready the school for the school year, please respond with the date/dates that you are available and your preferred task(s), if any, by calling the office at (309) 731-4016.

Prayer

Please pray for the health of some of our TA family—students, parents, teachers, and teachers' families—who are struggling with serious illnesses.

Pray also for our preparation for the new term, both for all the organizational and physical work that has to be done, but especially for God to work in our hearts and minds to prepare us spiritually for all that he wants us to do. Pray for the students to be open and ready to receive when we welcome them back into the school building this August.

Board Positions

Our Board Chair, Claire Monteen, who has served us wisely and sacrificially, has finished her nine year term with the board this month. Kea Runyan, a parent and board member, has been led by the Lord to step into the position of Chairperson. She brings dedication and many gifts to this position and we look forward to working with her in this capacity. Another faithful board member, Louise Neff, also ends her term this summer. This leaves two open seats of the board. If you are being led to serve God in this way or just want to find out more about it, contact Kea at directors@trinityeagles.org

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.
Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl.
Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.
In the same way, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:14-16

Now thanks *be* to God who always leads us
in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses
the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.
2 Corinthians 2:14

