



Trinity Academy News

From the Administrator's Desk: Mr. David Murray

This is the letter written to parents and teachers at the beginning of the term:

The halls of Trinity Academy will once again reverberate with the sounds of laughter and shouts of delight from the many elated, new and returning, students. In the few moments we have had to ponder everything—it has been a busy summer!—we stand in humble awe at the beautiful refuge God has provided in TA.

The goal for all Trinity students, families, and staff this year is to take a step back and reflect on the essence of who we are in Jesus Christ. Though this may seem like an elementary thought or meditative process, it is fundamental to walking in the Spirit and experiencing his love overflow toward others as he works within us.

As most believers experience the walk, there is the strain of the flesh and the continual clash with the world. It is a real fight. Paul says, "For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?" -Romans 7:22-24

The beauty of this passage is that it does not end there; instead, he follows with the most incredible chapter of Romans 8 as a response. Our hope is to delve into this passage and memorize it over the course of the year. Please pray with me that we are truly attentive to the voice of the Lord and fully immersed in His calling for our lives and the whole of TA.

Highlights

Building and Grounds Repair and Refurbish, end of July

Thank you to the families who worked diligently to clean, organize, paint, and even construct parts of our rooms on these hot summer work days! We especially want to convey our gratitude for Mark Sullivan's tireless commitment to improving our building and grounds. His work here has been unstinting and consistent, always offered in love and done with excellence. We now have a parent lounge which we continue to furnish and the use of several new rooms into which we can grow.

Logic and Rhetoric School Retreat, September 17th and 18th

Our third annual overnight Logic and Rhetoric School Retreat gave our students an opportunity to grow individually and spiritually. As in years past, it was wonderful for our students to fellowship outside the classroom and focus on Jesus, "the founder and perfecter of our faith." This year's retreat theme of "Identity" from Romans 8:14-17 focused on the law of the Spirit which leads to life and peace. In it we considered how our true identity is found in Christ. We were encouraged to let our attitude, words and actions reflect our identity in Christ, and we contemplated the distractions that take our focus away from our identity. During this respite, the students spent time worshipping and reflecting on their individual relationships with God, as well as taking moments to enjoy fellowship and solidarity.

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Lunch Program

We've had enthusiastic reception to our pilot hot lunch program offered just on one day this semester. More than sixty students and staff enjoyed good food prepared well on the first hot lunch Thursday, with even more interest on each succeeding Thursday. Our aim is to offer delicious and nutritious food that is a pleasure to eat and to save food preparation time for families. So far, we have met our goal!

Marching Band

Our newly formed Marching Band can be seen traversing the campus as they learn how to play their instruments while marching. We always enjoy hearing the band rehearse; now we are enjoying hearing the rousing tunes waft across the grounds.

Chapel has resumed



Our musicians and speaker for Chapel held September 28th



Students on First Days of School



Trinity Student Body

Thanksgivings

We are always so very thankful to all of you who support Trinity by praying and giving of time and resources. We thank God for your presence in our lives. God bless you richly!

Our very first **TPO fundraiser**, the 'Mum' sale, raised over \$4,000! This money will be used by the TPO to help with various functions throughout the year. We are ever thankful for the work this group does to encourage us and make our ship sail smoothly.

We are very excited to introduce our **new teachers** this year. We welcome Mrs. Mariana Murray, Kindergarten; Mrs. Elizabeth Dixon, 2nd Grade; and Mr. Justin Brooks, Humanities and Theology in the Logic/Rhetoric Schools.

Mrs. Murray was born and grew up in Indonesia, but has for the past two years enjoyed the beauty and atmosphere of living in Industry, Illinois. Ever since she can remember, she has had a passion for teaching young children. She has earned a Master's Degree in Educational Psychology and worked for several years at various international schools in Indonesia. After being a stay at home mom while living in the U.S., she is extremely excited and grateful to join the Trinity Academy family. She and her husband, David, have a son, Luke, who is in 1st grade at Trinity this year. She is looking forward to growing together in Christ with the rest of the school community.

Mrs. Dixon grew up in LaHarpe, attended the University of Illinois and received a Bachelor of Science degree in 2002. She is very active in her local church, especially in the children's ministry, and has four children at TA.



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After being introduced to the classical model of education, her children joined Trinity Academy in 2019. She eagerly looks forward to being a part of the joyful, encouraging environment at Trinity and partnering with parents to challenge the students.

Mr. Brooks and his wife Heidi and four children recently returned to Macomb in the spring of 2021. Justin received his B.A. Philosophy from Lincoln Christian University in 2010. Justin is passionate about the intersections between faith and reason, Christ and culture, and recovering the treasures of ancient and medieval thought for today's Christian. They have homeschooled their children and are enthusiastic about being part of the community at Trinity.

Upcoming Events

Shadow Day, November 4th: Trinity Academy will be hosting a shadow day for prospective families on Thursday, November 4. A shadow day is an opportunity for prospective students to spend the day at Trinity Academy and experience firsthand what it's like to be a TA student. Children that shadow are paired with a TA student, they attend classes, go to lunch, and get a true feel for student life at Trinity Academy.

Christmas Program, December 9th: Please join us for a lovely and festive evening celebrating Christ's birth.

Needs and Opportunities

A Simple Way to Support Trinity: Shop Amazon Smiles: If you shop on Amazon or are an Amazon Prime customer, sign in first to smile.amazon.com. Log in and then select Trinity Academy, Industry, IL as your charitable organization. A small percentage of each purchase will go towards supporting Trinity Academy.

Prayer

Please keep on praying for all the staff, students, and their families at TA, as we desire to see a daily renewal in our lives and hearts in the coming days, months, and years. We need prayer to help us fight this battle to win the hearts and minds of our students for Christ.

Board Positions

We have open seats on the board. If you are being led to serve God in this way or just want to find out more about it, contact Kea Runyan at directors@trinityeagles.org

Romans 8:1-4

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit."