



Trinity Academy News

From the Administrator's Desk: Mr. David Murray

As we have finished another remarkable academic year at Trinity Academy, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of you. It has been a year filled with growth, learning, and the formation of strong foundations in the lives of our beloved students.

As we bid farewell to the academic year, we reflect upon the incredible achievements and celebrate the progress of our students. Their dedication, hard work, and resilience have been truly remarkable. They have embraced the pursuit of knowledge with enthusiasm, and their thirst for wisdom is admirable.

In the midst of the summer season, let us be reminded of the words of Psalm 113:3, which proclaims, "From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised." As we witness the beauty and splendor of the world around us, let us not forget to give thanks to our Creator. May this verse serve as a constant reminder that in all we do, whether in times of joy or challenge, we should turn our hearts towards God and praise His name.

Highlights

Spring Program, May 5th

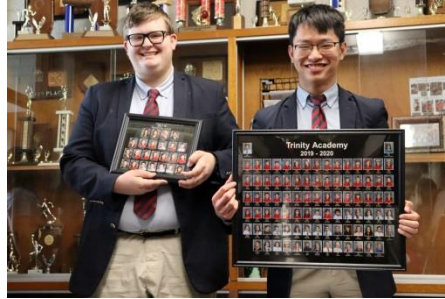


Various choirs sang songs both historical and contemporary, featuring songs from around the world. We enjoyed Gregorian chant, Negro spirituals, well-known Irish ballads, and selections from South Africa, all in praise and worship of our Lord. Students sang with joy and enthusiasm, from the youngest to the oldest of our students. Our marching band and 5th and 6th grade bands played with gusto and several young pianists' accomplishments were showcased between choral selections.



Honor of Graduating Seniors, May 16th

On the Tuesday before their official graduation, Trinity teachers and staff coordinated the first all-school "Walk of the Graduates," in which students and staff assembled on both sides of the north hallway while Brody and Gabe walked in their midst to cheering and applause, giving all our students a chance to celebrate them. They are pictured here holding the class picture of the first year they joined Trinity.



Graduation, May 19th



We have so looked forward to the day when we would celebrate our first graduating seniors! As we've added a new grade year by year, the occasion of watching our two graduating seniors 'walk the aisle' brought us much joy. Both Brody and Gabe gave heartfelt speeches recounting some of what they learned and experienced while at Trinity.



Keynote speaker Ms. Monteen, Rhetoric teacher and former Board Chairman, reminded us that this day's enjoyment was a culmination of the diligence and dedication of teachers, parents, students, and staff—the entire school working toward this end.

Field Day, May 24th

2023 Field Day was again a time for our students, parents, and teachers to enjoy a day outside playing games for fun and competition, being active, eating a picnic lunch (provided by Susan Hood and the TPO) and celebrating the school year coming to an end.



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This year, students wore their House colors and competed with their Houses in athletic activities. Not only athletics, but also academic and extracurricular talents were considered in determining which house would be the victor. House Tolkien enjoyed the honor of being the first to win the House Cup.



Student Recognition

Moses Monteen is the Illinois State Champion for the Daughters of the American Revolution essay contest titled, "Delegate to Second Continental Congress." Moses won the local Macomb Chapter award and moved on to be the District 1 Champion. From that, he advanced to the state level and won there as well, which moved him on to the division competition. There were seven states represented in the division, and we are pleased to announce that Moses placed 3rd.

The following students participated in the Macomb Art Centers Young Artists Show for 7th through 12th grade back in March: AnnaMary, Dessa, Brenna, Aimee, Anna, Boston, Rayelynn, Dani, Miriam, Olin, Stella and Reagan. Dessa won first place for her bird painting.

Classroom Spotlight

Pre-Algebra (Mr. Day)

While at Trinity Academy, we are not slaves to the textbook, but it is nice to look back and see all the wonderful material that the students have mastered over the course of the year. Our advanced pre-algebra students range from 6th through 8th grade, and they are developing skills in using formulas, classifying and calculating areas of polygons, and performing basic trigonometric functions. The students are now one chapter away from completing a rigorous pre-algebra course and are ready to move on to full algebra. They have been greatly assisted in their mathematics education by Mrs. Spangler's wonderful "Harmony in Math" course and their mental math is really impressive. Every so often, we play "Around the World" where the students compete against each other to solve problems such as, "What is 15% of 40?" in their heads. They can do this type of problem in seconds. As Mr. Miller likes to say, "God's language for the universe is math" (approximate quote). These students are learning that language well so they can better understand God's wonderful creation.

Third Grade (Mrs. Bean)

The third grade class spent January preparing for the Science Fair. Our project was to construct balloon powered vehicles, and we had so much fun building them and trying them out. Most school days, we had some trial runs and we learned a lot about what would and wouldn't work well. We really enjoyed sharing our vehicles at the science fair and showing the power of the balloon. Additionally, Concentrated Studies and the Wax Museum were so exciting for the 3rd grade to look forward to. This is the first year they were able to take part in the Wax Museum. Since we were studying the Ancients, they were each assigned a Bible character to present. They put a lot of time and effort into preparing for their Wax Museum performance. They began early in February researching and taking notes. Then they prepared a sentence outline, rough draft, and final

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copy of their speeches by the end of February. They worked hard during March memorizing their speeches and preparing costumes and props.

Health (Mr. Adams)

We have finished our first ever 12th grade Health class with our first ever seniors, Gabriel Watkins and Brody Runyan. Recently, they both gave strong presentations on two very different mental illnesses. Gabe gave an informative presentation on the ever prevalent attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Brody also gave a thoughtful presentation on the often misunderstood illness of Schizophrenia. Both of them did a great job and put in a lot of effort. It appears our seniors did not suffer from the ever present illness of Senioritis!

Thanksgivings

We have ended the year well, with the House System in full swing and thriving. We are so appreciative of our innovative teachers who are not only highly motivated to do their prescribed duties, but who do whatever is further needed of them with integrity and grace. We also are blessed with upper-level students who take on leadership roles, working with patience and enthusiasm with the younger students within their Houses.

Events

Fundraiser

We are in the midst of a new large-scale fundraising effort, the "Let Freedom Ring" gun raffle. This summer, we are selling tickets and will hold an early bird drawing on August 28th. The most up-to-date information can be found at this site: www.facebook.com/groups/freedomraffle

Media Training and Video Storytelling Resources

Mr. Williamson has been taking Skillshare classes over the summer as part of the Tracy Family Foundation's grant for video storytelling. He has shared several times that he has immensely enjoyed the majority of the classes, and he has been inspired to create some more videos. He has created all the following which can be accessed at [Trinity Academy Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8w8w8w8w8w8w8w8w8w8w8) :

- The Story of Trinity Academy: Mission and Legacy
- The History Industry Schools (an interview with an Industry alumni)
- The Hybrid Model: Taking Control of Your Child's Education
- Christ Focused Education

23-24 School Year

Classes resume on Tuesday, August 15th. We consider Trinity Academy to be God's school, and so we much appreciate your prayers. **Please pray** for us to be wise— to discern and to joyfully do all that he asks. We ask for his protection and provision, and that his joy and peace will reign in the hearts of those who are involved with Trinity Academy during the upcoming school year.



Needs and Opportunities

Trinity Wish List - Sponsored by the TPO

TPO has discussed ways to support the school throughout the year. Trinity teachers have listed needed items and projects at the request of the TPO, which can be shared with those who want to help. If you would like to join us in supporting our teachers in this way, contact the office at office@trinityeagles.org to see how you can help.

Open Positions at Trinity Academy:

The primary responsibilities of a teacher at Trinity Academy are to love students, love learning, and serve parents. When faithfully carried out, the teacher equips students with the tools of learning and cultivates humility and gratitude toward God.

TA is searching for well-qualified staff and 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. This is the position which is currently open:

Grammar School Teachers

- 1st Grade Homeroom Teacher

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 kea.runyan@yahoo.com

Psalm 113:1-4

**Praise ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.
Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore.
From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the LORD's name is to be praised.
The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.**