A Message from the Principal...

Dear Families and Friends of Trinity Academy,

Arise, Shine for your light has come, and the Glory of the Lord rises upon you. Isaiah 60:1. This past year has provided the opportunity to hone into the important aspects of our lives, God, family and friends. This year the students and staff have been focused on this verse as we strive to be the light for Christ in the midst of these uncertain times.

At Trinity Academy we are celebrating 25 years of the elementary school. This school has been a blessing to our Hudson area community for over 43 years starting with preschool in 1977 expanding to elementary in 1995 and middle school in 2011. Pastor Todd estimates that our school has impacted the lives of over 3K students through the years.

Although the effects of the pandemic are evident everywhere we have done our best to create an environment for the students in which they are able to enjoy the daily interactions with teachers and peers in a face to face learning situation. We continually pray for God to lead us and protect our students and staff as we move through the school year.

This year we have witnessed God’s hand in many instances such as the military reunion of the Klein family, healing from sickness, See you at the Pole, Chapel, the blessing of the PTO to bring the parent community together, a successful Fall fling, monthly celebrations of 25 years, parent volunteers for outside recess, donut and coffee mornings, Christmas performances, staff who have taken on many added responsibilities, and happy students who express their gratitude for the face to face instruction.

We hope that your family continues to be blessed by our Academy as you are a blessing to all of us.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year of 2021.

Mrs. Amanda Johnson

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**Student Demographics**

- Students in K-8: 174
- Students in Preschool: 80
- Total Enrollment: 254
- Preschool Students Utilizing Wrap Around Care: 53
- K-8 Students Who Utilize Extended Day Care: 40
- Hispanic Students: 2%
- Asian Students: 5%
- Other Non White: 1%
- White/Caucasian: 96%
- Students with Learning Disabilities: 3%
- Economically Disadvantaged: 0%
- Students Receiving Tuition Assistance: 20%
- Students at TECA (East Campus): 91

**Staff Demographics** (All staff incl. TECA, Academy, WrapCare)

- Principal, Director of Educational Ministries: 1
- Director of Childcare TECA: 1
- Asst. Director of Childcare TECA: .25
- Coordinator of Wrap-care WC: 0
- Administrative Assistants: 2.75
- Teachers Full Time: 13
- Teachers Part Time: 4
- Classroom Aides Full Time: 5
- TECA Teachers /Staff: 21
- Cook: 1
- Maintenance: 1.5

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**Student Academic Achievement:**

The 3 graphs presented are the results of our Fall 2020 IOWA Basics assessment. 89% of our students in grades 1-2 are scoring at or above the 50% nationwide on the Core Composite. 77% of our 3rd-5th graders are scoring at or above the 50% on the Complete Composite, and 85% of our 6th-8th are scoring at or above the 50% on the Complete Composite. The Complete Composite includes all the core subjects along with Social Studies and Science. Spring learning was not a usual situation for students, parents and teachers; we are grateful for the partnership between home and school to ensure authentic distance learning took place.

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**National Jr. Honor Society:**

- 9 Trinity students/members

2020– Trimester 1 Honor Roll (Grades 5-8):

- 7 Students achieved Highest Honors of a 4.0 GPA or above
- 28 Students achieved High Honors of a 3.67-3.99 GPA
- 20 Students achieved Honors of a 3.0-3.66 GPA

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**Iowa Basics Core Composites F2020**

Grades 1 through 2

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Includes: Reading, Language, Vocabulary, Word Analysis, Listening, Mathematics

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**Iowa Basics Complete Composite Fall 2020**

Grades 6th through 8th

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**Iowa Basics Complete Composite Fall 2020**

Grades 3rd through 5th

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Trinity Trailblazers!

Summer 2020 definitely looked different for our Trailblazers. The program was limited to only a few field trips off campus this year as most businesses and parks were closed due to the restrictions for large group gatherings. We were able to attend two waterparks, the Hudson Movie Theater opened just for us, and we had many adventures at the local parks for fresh air and wide open spaces for the kids to run. Our amazing teachers planned activities for the days we all remained on-campus and no one left disappointed. It took creative thinking and using all resources available to provide educational and enjoyable experiences for everyone that attended.

Our hope for the upcoming 2021 summer will be to plan many activities on/off campus as we have done in our prior seasons. If you know of anyone looking for seasonal work who loves to engage with our youth, please contact our school office for more information! schooloffice@trinityhudson.org

Student Teachers in 2020

Excellence in education begins with excellent teachers. Trinity Academy is regularly called upon to provide a mentor for student teachers. Each opportunity to mentor a young teacher is considered a blessing to pass on the craft of teaching. Our student teachers were so fortunate this year as their experience included face to face instruction and a portion of virtual learning. As the principal, I am humbled when the university’s seek us out to place student teachers at our school as I know they want a quality experience for their student teachers.

Mr. Johnson (5th grade) had this to say about his mentor Mrs. Gruenes, “She has been not only a supervising teacher but a mentor and friend that I can rely on for advice, guidance and someone to share the daily experience with. She has been an absolute blessing from God in my journey to become a teacher.”

This is what Ms. Eling (2nd grade) has to say about Mrs. Dabruzzi “She has provided me with a lot of support and resources to improve skills that I have already mastered, and skills that I have learned while at Trinity. She has been a true blessing to work with and I have enjoyed my experience at Trinity in 2nd grade.”

We wish both of these young teachers well in their quest to become professional educators!

Trinity Early Childhood Academy

This year our Early Childcare Academy was provided funds from the Depart of Children and Family Services. These funds assisted us to upgrade our playground, classroom resources and provide incentives for the staff. Our new playground includes sunshades, upgraded fall zone protection for students, all included with proper drainage and grading for longevity. We continue to serve children and families with high quality care and retain our amazing teachers as we foster a nurturing environment for young children.

We have continued to provide care each day through this pandemic and will continue to do so to ensure our families are able to work knowing their children are cared for in a stable, loving school.

We ask you for your continued prayers over our center as we move into 2021. Merry Christmas, Ms. DeVos

Facilities and Grounds

In spring of 2020, Trinity hired Mr. Kenny Boily as the Head of Maintenance at the west campus. Mr. Boily can always be seen helping around campus and trying to make our church & school esthetically pleasing. This year, he installed new sod on the playground to fill in a mud hole, spread new mulch, painted walls and the garage. He brightens our day with his sense of humor and kindness and we are so appreciative for everything he does for us.

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SAVE THE DATE!!

May 1, 2021 will be our 3rd Annual Spring Swing and you do not want to miss out on this amazing event! This Spring Swing is run and put on solely by volunteers within our school and church community and is two-fold. First, the Spring Swing is an opportunity for community building within Trinity & friends of Trinity members. Second, it helps to keep tuition costs reasonable for Academy families & supports all Trinity ministries.

The event offers something for everyone with golf & lunch starting midday and games during happy hour before dinner. Last year, Mrs. Johnson provided a traditional Horse Race game and it was a huge hit! The evening brings our silent auction dinner followed by an incredible (and always entertaining) live auction.

We also recruit students from our National Jr. Honor Society to sell Mulligans to the golfers; in 2020 we will use those funds to purchase new athletic apparel for our sports teams. In some prior gala year events, we’ve included a “Fund-a-Need” that also allocates the proceeds directly to the Academy for specific school projects or needs.

I hope you will all join us for the Spring Swing on May 1st at White Eagle Golf Course. It is the same day as the Kentucky Derby so don’t forget to find a fancy Fascinator or Fascinator before they are all sold out!

Warrior Athletics

Cross Country was the first fall sport as we began our school year. Our students are trained thoroughly by our coaches (Vargas & Kurth), and know with perseverance they will always make it to the end of the race...or just to the top of the practice run up the inevitable (steep) 7th Street hill. Even though our team only had two meets this year, it was no reason for the traditional conditioning and endurance training to be taken lightly. Congratulations to all of the participating students on a great year! We are looking forward to our next season in fall 2021!