

Belonging

Connecting with Trinity

Thankful for Community

AS I REFLECT on my first 3 months at Trinity Christian School, the first word that comes to my mind is thankful. From the day I moved into my office, I have been welcomed and made to feel part of the community. This is a reflection on the quality of individuals that make up our staff, our students, our parents, our board of directors, and the broader Trinity community.

One of the areas we are blessed at Trinity is the dedicated work of our staff. We truly have teachers who care about their students individually and want to make a lasting, positive impact in their lives. This is particularly evident in the way that they incorporate their faith into the classroom and weave a Christian perspective across the curriculum.

While perfect students don't exist, we do have a wonderful group of children in our school, who live out their faith on a daily basis. As I wander through our halls, it is not uncommon to hear students singing praises to God and acting out Bible stories. More impressively though, I can observe students displaying Christ-like characteristics such as gratitude, love, and compassion for one another. In the egocentric world that we live in, it is so refreshing to see students putting others first.

I'm also thankful for the parents, grandparents, and extended Trinity community. This is truly a strength at Trinity, as we have a dynamic group of parents that serve our school through a variety of committees, become members of our association, and lead on the board of directors. Together, we make Trinity a wonderful place that will continue to flourish in the years to come. Currently, we are looking to spread the news about Trinity to the broader community, which will allow us to reach new families. I'm excited to see where God will take us, as we continue to trust in Him.

by Jean-Daniel Lussier, *Principal*

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Interview WITH CELINA ROSE (Gr. 1B)



Q. How many years have you been at Trinity?

A. *3 years*

Q. What is your favourite subject to teach?

A. *Language Arts, especially writing.*

Q. What are you most passionate about as a teacher?

A. *Having kids love coming to school by creating a fun safe environment for them.*

Q. What do you like to do when you aren't at school?

A. *I enjoy playing basketball, going for a run and visiting friends.*

Q. What is your favourite thing to eat?

A. *Hamburgers and French Fries*

Q. Tell me one or two interesting facts about what makes you unique (or about yourself).

A. *I remember elementary teachers up to grade 5, but not the others. That's why I became an elementary teacher. A fun fact is I once ate 65 chicken wings in a night.*

Q. What is the best thing about teaching at Trinity?

A. *I love the community here. I didn't grow up in Christian education, so I love the experience of being part of a great community that is welcoming. I enjoy seeing students at school and at church. Having taught in 3 divisions, I felt the generosity and support of the other teachers who I have the privilege to be with each day.*

Q. Tell me about one of your hopes and dreams.

A. *I hope to make a lasting impression on the kids and that they will look back with great memories of our time together. Hopefully, it will inspire them to do whatever they feel called to do with all of their heart.*



Student REFLECTIONS

What makes Trinity a great place to go to school?

- ★ All of the teachers look out for you and make sure you understand what to do ~ *Grace, Grade 8*
- ★ Trinity is great because the teacher teaches us about God ~ *Emily, Kindergarten*
- ★ We have fun! ~ *Claire, Kindergarten*
- ★ You feel safe here ~ *Mikayla, Grade 3*
- ★ It's a place where you learn to be nice to each other and play with them ~ *Mikale, Grade 3*
- ★ It's a Christian school and we can learn about God and make good friends ~ *Liana, Amabelle & Stephen, Grade 3*

What is one exciting thing you learned this year?

- ★ I have learned how to be a good leader. I always enjoyed being the boss, but I have been taught that sometimes you have to step down to let others step up and that if you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself ~ *Beatrice, Grade 8*
- ★ I love making words with the Letter People ~ *Alina, Kindergarten*
- ★ I learned that blubber keeps polar bears warm ~ *Michael, Kindergarten*
- ★ We learned about First Nations peoples, especially the Anishinabe's history ~ *Anna & Olivia, Grade 3*
- ★ How to find Bible verses using footnotes and other tools ~ *Lucy, Grade 3*

What does community at Trinity mean to you?

- ★ The community is really caring and everyone is welcoming ~ *Julie, Grade 8*
- ★ I enjoy knowing that there are so many people who will always be there for me no matter how old or young they are ~ *Joyce, Grade 8*
- ★ Being kind and nice to each other ~ *Kindergarten*
- ★ I love going to chapel ~ *Kindergarten*
- ★ Standing up for each other ~ *Caleb, Grade 3*
- ★ Everyone is in the same building and it feels nice to be with them ~ *Andrea, Grade 3*

ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF, STUDENTS AND BOARD OF TRINITY,
WE WISH YOU HOPE, JOY AND PEACE THIS CHRISTMAS TIME
AND THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR!



New Year - New Phase

Enduring with Excellence Campaign

MERRY CHRISTMAS and greetings from Trinity Christian School. As carols fill the air in our homes, cars and workplaces, I really am convinced it's the most wonderful time of year. A time to reflect on another year coming to a close. A time to celebrate our Saviour's birth. Most importantly perhaps, a time to eagerly look to what God has in store.

2018, like any year, had its challenges, but God is always faithful and has continued to bless us. The Campaign has continued to make strides and the Excellence Fund has reached over 1.385 million. Praise God!

As we wrap up the initial phase of the Campaign, the team will start to shift into it's second phase. Through over 40 churches we believe that God will continue to use our school to reach the hearts and minds of children throughout the city of Burlington. As Trinity has grown, so has our community of families and supporters, and we are excited to build on these new relationships and strengthen our existing ones.

I want to thank the two previous Chairmen of the Campaign team, Wilfred Vos and David Lammers. Under their leadership, we have been able to lay the foundation for which Trinity's fund development can really grow and flourish. The ongoing success of our Excellence Fund will impact families for generations to come!

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a donation appeal that is two-fold. We are raising funds to fulfill a \$100,000 annual goal in support of providing Christian education; as well as funds for classroom rejuvenation.

We ask that you prayerfully consider a generous gift to Trinity Christian School during this Christmas Season. Your gifts will be an answer to prayer.



Thank you,
Kurt Sieders, Campaign Chair

CLASSROOM RENOVATION PROJECT

Education happens in the classroom – it is a very important space in our student's school life. A number of our classrooms have not been updated since we moved into our new building. Our classroom rejuvenation project includes the replacement of blackboards to whiteboards, as well as replacing older desks. As part of integrating the use of technology in education we have been utilizing Smartboard technology. The whiteboard virtually becomes an educational tool through the use of various forms of software. The classroom environment, designed for the best learning possible, is a wonderful gift for our students.



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