



**TRINITY**  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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# Belonging

Connecting

with Trinity



## Pursuing Excellence...through Science!

**THIS SPRING**, a number of our intermediate students participated in regional Science Fairs. On March 31, fourteen students spent the day at Mohawk College presenting their projects for the BASEF (Bay Area Science and Engineering Fair) Science Fair. The closing ceremonies were held the following Tuesday evening and once again Trinity was represented well. Brenda and Jacob M. were each awarded a special award (Dr. Laura Blew Social Science Award and the Human Resources Training & Development Award). For Merit Awards, eight students were awarded a Bronze (Emily, Lauren, Michelle, Kaitlyn C, Kaitlyn Z, Joelle, Brenda and Sarah) and three were awarded a Silver (Jenna, Alia and Seoyeon). Congratulations to all the students for representing Trinity well.

On Tuesday, April 4, four students attended the Jarvis Community Regional Science Fair (replacing the Redeemer University College Science Fair). It was a great day and the students did well there. Emily was awarded second place for her project, "I Wet my Plants", and Jenna and Christiana were awarded first and third place for their Christian Perspectives.





# All THINGS

*I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13*



**IT HAS BEEN** an honour and privilege to take on the role of interim principal at Trinity Christian School. I have been a part of the Trinity community since 2004, teaching in the intermediate grades, and more recently as Vice Principal. I have been an educator for almost 20 years. Education is my passion. I love to teach and I love to learn.

The teachers and staff of Trinity are committed to providing our students with a balanced, Christ centred education, and our desire is to instill in them a passion for Christ and a love of learning. Our community is so blessed to have a team of professional, dedicated, talented educators who love the Lord and love the children.

As a team, we will continue to pursue excellence through Christ who gives us strength.

Trinity celebrated its 50th anniversary last year. We now look to the future knowing that God will go before us. We are encouraged by the support of the greater community that we have witnessed in the past, and will continue to experience in the future. Continue to pray for Trinity Christian School, the students, staff, parents and board. Trinity is rooted in Christ. We will move forward in faith.

In Christ,  
Sara Flokstra, *Interim Principal*

## Stronger Together... a student's perspective

**ONE OF THE GOALS** that we have at Trinity Christian School is to work together. Working together is something we want to do because we can accomplish more when we work together than if we just work by ourselves. If nobody in the school works together, the school will fall apart, but if everyone works together, the school will thrive.

Ecclesiastes 4:10 talks about how two people can accomplish more than one. Verse 12 also says that a cord of three strands is not easily broken, so if we work together at Trinity and are united, we will be strong.

1 Corinthians 12:12,14, 24-27: 'For just as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body—though many—are one body, so is the body of Christ. For in fact the body is not a single member, but many. Instead, God has blended together the body, giving greater honour to the lesser member, so that there may be no division in the body, but the members may have mutual concern for one another. If one member suffers, everyone suffers with it. If a member is honoured, all rejoice with it. Now you are Christ's body, and each of you is a member of it.' These verses tell us that all Christians are all part of one body. That means everyone at Trinity Christian School is part of that same body.

As Christians we know that the Bible is God's guide for our life, so if Trinity Christian School follows God's word, the school will grow and thrive.

by Natalie Behnke, *grade 7*



Enduring with Excellence!

## Stronger Together... Enduring with Excellence Campaign

*And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:14*

**WHEN PEOPLE LIVE,** work and serve together in the spirit of Christ's love they are strong! We have dubbed our campaign theme to express how moving forward, together, in unity, we will gain strength, a strength that God alone can provide for Trinity...so that together we can endure with excellence. As a community we need to rely upon one another, hold each other up so that when we are weak we can become strong.

Our campaign was in a state of pause. We can no longer pause and have to hit the play button. Trinity is in need of financial support and so it is very important for us to move forward with our campaign. The campaign for Trinity is a campaign to raise funds to seek excellence for the educational programs of Trinity and to establish a healthy bursary fund program. In the coming months the board and campaign team of Trinity will be reaching out to the community for assistance with the campaign. We need a team of ambassadors to carry out the plans of the campaign. With a team of individuals willing to visit with supporters we can move onward. Perhaps you have the time for one visit, three visits or ten. Your gift of time would be appreciated. Your prayers of support for the campaign are appreciated. Pray for willing hearts to serve and willing hearts to give. We give thanks for your prayers. The board and campaign team are leading this effort with the support of Janet deVries who will be serving in the campaign/development office. You may reach her at the school office on Thursdays - Phone: 289.668.5226 | email:development@tcsonline.ca.

## Stronger Together... a student's perspective

**I TRULY THINK** that if we work together as a community and school we can accomplish more than simply working by ourselves. The reasons I think we can be stronger together is that when working with a group we can share opinions and help each other grow, we can get things done more efficiently, and we can even become closer with one another.

I think by working together we become stronger and can share ideas and grow in understanding. For example, singing by yourself or just playing one instrument can sound good, but if you were singing with a whole choir, or playing lots of instruments, it can sound even better and you can harmonize well. In the same way when we work by ourselves we can get the job done, but when working with others we can do even more. Just like Walter Payton says, "We are stronger together than we are alone." When working together we can also work more efficiently. I think this because the more people there are, the faster things can be accomplished. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 says, "Two are better off than one, because together they can work more effectively. If one of them falls down, the other can help him up."

When working together we can grow closer with others. When we work with a group we have to learn to collaborate with one another. Through learning to collaborate with one another, we grow closer with others. Psalm 133:1 says, "It is good and pleasant when God's people live together in peace!" If students, teachers, and parents work together as a community imagine what we would accomplish!

by Ava Schwarz, *grade 7*

## Show Time



IT'S 3:35 PM on Tuesday afternoon and the Trinity buses have just rolled out. Six girls are carrying in props, hats, Hawaiian leis, and staging boxes while chattering and munching on a bear paw or two. Mr. John Cowles is prepared and waiting

with his guitar, amp and music set up. John is a passionate man of music who writes the shows and music for a club that Trinity offers: Showtime (\*cue jazz hands\*). Showtime is a musical variety group for grades 5 to 8 where students have opportunities to entertain seniors and church groups at locations like Brant Hospital. John has taught drama and music with the Halton Board of Education and has formed various musical entertainment groups, performing for seniors throughout Burlington and Oakville. Mrs. Natalya Geleyse adds to the practices by choreographing the actions and movements.

Showtime was started by John after his mother passed. She had been living in a retirement home during the latter days of her life. She missed the social gatherings, music, and energetic activities. John wanted to give back to the community and share with elderly people who may be lonely and did not have opportunities to interact with music and young people. There are six girls currently practicing after school and at lunchtime to prepare *This is your Captain Calling* for three performances in April. The primary students at Trinity watched the dress rehearsal of this show before March Break. Students enjoyed the performance and dancing the Macarena with the club members.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PASTORS' BREAKFAST

Thursday, April 27  
8:00 - 9:00 am

### CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Thursday, May 4  
7:00 - 8:30 pm  
Program begins at 7:00 pm  
Open House to follow  
Everyone is welcome  
to attend!

### GRANDPARENTS & SENIOR FRIENDS DAY

Friday, May 5  
9:30 am - 1:00 pm

### CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

Thursday, May 18  
2:00 pm

### GRADUATION

Thursday, June 22  
8:00 pm  
Glad Tidings  
Pentecostal Church

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