

# Belonging

Connecting with Trinity



## Coming to Trinity

Jean-Daniel Lussier

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL is pleased to announce that Mr. Jean-Daniel Lussier has accepted the position of Principal at Trinity beginning August 2018. Mr. Lussier comes to us from Emmanuel Christian School in Montreal. Mr. Lussier, along with his wife Pamela and their daughter Annabella, are excited about being a part of the Trinity community.

Jean-Daniel (J-D) has been dedicated to the field of education for many years. He is a graduate of Calvin College (BA and Education) and McGill University (Master's Degree in Educational Leadership). He has taught in various grades and in a number of different schools in Quebec. For the past five years, he has been in administration, first as Vice-Principal and then as Principal of Emmanuel Christian School, a K-11 school.

J-D is excited to work with the teachers, staff, board and parents of Trinity as we continue to provide students with a balanced Christ-centred education and a solid foundation for service in God's world.

We look forward to introducing J-D to the Trinity community later in the year.

by Sara Flokstra, *Vice-Principal*

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## Receiving RECOGNITION



OUR WEEKLY CHAPELS have been a highlight for me this year at Trinity. It is a time when classes take leadership roles, students share their musical abilities, and our community sings together. At the end of each month, we also recognize students when our teachers award the certificates for our character trait of the month.

In Galatians, Paul recognizes that as Christians there should be evidence of what we believe, *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-*

*control. Against such things there is no law,”* Galatians 5:22-23. In August, our staff discussed how we would give expression to our theme, *“Be transformed by the renewal of your mind.”* Part of the development of this focus would be through the recognition and teaching of our character traits.

The emphasis on excellence in our academic teaching is always framed through our relationships with each other. God is love, and as we accept His love we can then convey that love to others. When we congratulate students for receiving a character trait certificate, we reassure them of God’s love. We see their smiles as they receive recognition for a character trait that they have demonstrated in their relationships with others. Each month there is true evidence of the fruit of the Spirit at Trinity.

by Steve Paas, *Principal*

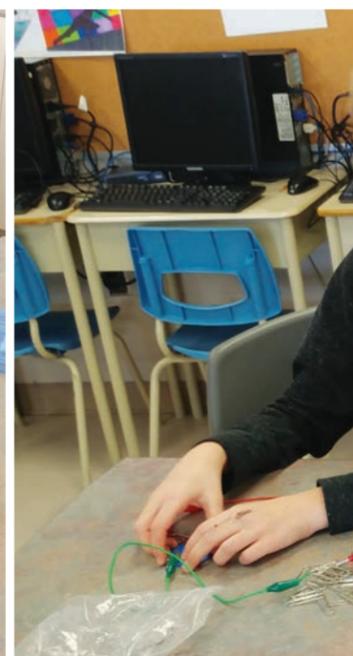
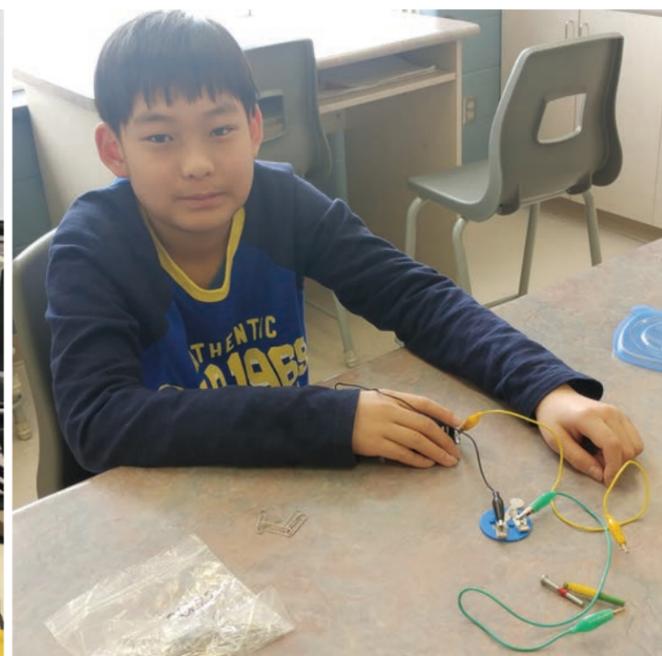
## Engaging IN MATHEMATICS

WHAT DO HOCKEY NETS, wrapping paper, and tuck shops have to do with learning? These were projects that students completed in grade eight enrichment math class this year. When students are given purpose to their learning, an authentic real-life connection is provided. Projects were given to students as they confidently demonstrated their understanding of mathematics concepts. After designing, testing, and shopping they successfully completed the task.

We have also implemented this learning in the intermediate division, by giving students the opportunity to develop a “sport in a box.” As educators, it is encouraging to watch students become excited and motivated to deepen their knowledge. Engaging students in their learning is satisfying to those involved and creates long lasting memories.

The variety of God’s gifts in our students and classrooms is evident in many ways. When we can use mathematics to explore those abilities, we are adding another dimension that speaks to the consistency and multi-faceted nature of God.

by Jason Jarvis & Al Bezuyen, *Intermediate Teachers*





# Ten thousand Hours

**TIME! IN THIS FAST PACED WORLD** with too many things to do and not enough time; time becomes very valuable. How do you spend your time? Do you have enough time? I spend time on work, but I also like to spend time with my family and friends. I never have enough time for my hobbies either. I think time is scarce and is worth using wisely. I believe God calls each of us to use our time to His honour and glory. In Ephesians 5:16 it states *“making the best use of the time”* and Rich Warren states *“Time is your most precious gift because you only have a set amount of it.”*

Did you know that from junior kindergarten to grade eight graduation, the typical student will spend more than 10,000 hours in the classroom? That is a lot of time. Much happens in those 10 years and they are informative years for children and a time when they learn a lot. They leave their home and start the processes of seeing and interacting with the world. At Trinity, learning about the world and how we interact with it starts with a Christian worldview and that worldview manifests itself in various manners throughout the 10,000 hours the children spend in the classroom. The teachers, staff, volunteers, community and their peers, etc. all invest their time in each child. Spending time at and in Trinity is an unbelievable blessing that lasts a lifetime.

Trinity allows children to transition from being a toddler as young as three to becoming a young person ready for high school and beyond; to become the teenager and person Christ intended them to be. Christ uses Trinity each day and uses each student or graduate to fulfill His unique will. Trinity uses the 10,000 hours that kids spend at school to build a strong foundation within them; to build a life story based on His will and for His glory.

Will you help us make an impact on more kids? Will you continue to pray for the *Enduring in Excellence and Stronger Together Campaign*? The vision of the Campaign is to establish funds that will provide reoccurring bursaries to the school so that the school can keep helping families make their commitment to Christian education for 10 years. These are big commitments that we are making together because they have big impact. We can only do this through Christ and together. The campaign has raised \$1.4 million to date and we are making more visits. Would you like a visit? Please contact Janet deVries at 289.668.5226 or email [campaign@tcsonline.ca](mailto:campaign@tcsonline.ca).



by Wilfred Vos, Campaign Chair



# Enrollment

## APPLICATIONS FOR 2018-19 are now being accepted!



OUR DOORS ARE OPEN for school visits every Wednesday during the school year between 9:30 and 10:30 am. We'd love to meet you in person, show you our school, and provide you with answers to any questions you might have about Trinity.

Can't make it on a Wednesday? Contact us to schedule a visit. We encourage families with a kindergarten student to spend a morning in the classroom.

Our weekly chapels are Thursdays at 9:00 am and we invite prospective families to join us in the gym to share in community worship.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*We invite community members to join us for all special events at Trinity!*

**THE LION, THE WITCH  
& THE WARDROBE**  
Thursday, May 3 ~ 7:00 pm

**GRANDPARENTS &  
SENIOR FRIENDS' DAY**  
Friday, May 4 ~ 9:30 am

Join for an encore presentation of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, tour our classrooms, and enjoy a free lunch.

**CELEBRATION OF  
THE ARTS**

Thursday, May 17 ~ 2:00 pm  
There will be music, art displays, and an opportunity to hear the Drum Club.

**CHAPEL WITH  
JEREMY BENJAMIN**

Thursday, May 24 ~ 9:00 am  
Singer-songwriter Jeremy Benjamin will record the Trinity students to join thousands of other Canadian student voices for a new version of I AM NOT MY OWN. All are invited to join us for this special chapel.

Your support for Trinity would be greatly appreciated. Feel free to complete this form and send along by mail.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**YES, I can donate monthly** (Please make all cheques to Trinity Christian School):

- \$30/month  \$25/month  \$10/month  Other \$\_\_\_\_\_/month *Please attach a void cheque.*  
 I would like to make the following donation:  \$500  \$300  \$200  \$100  \$\_\_\_\_\_  
 I/we would appreciate a visit for the Enduring with Excellence Campaign.



*Thanks you!*

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