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A School Where Learning Lasts Forever

The year is 2025 and the kindergarten class of 2013 is graduating from high school. Have we prepared them for what their futures hold? Many of their career choices were nonexistent in 2013. By the time they are thirty-eight they will have had 10-14 jobs. Climate change and a rapidly changing global economy will impact the supply of our planet's natural resources. A huge population of aging baby boomers will increase the demand for healthcare. Do they have the skills necessary to attain financial security and solve the challenges that await them in the second decade of the 21st century? How well did we teach them to love, create and dream?

For the last 29 years Trinity Catholic School has provided families with a viable and quality choice for education. Since our beginning, we have prided ourselves with the high performance Trinity students have always demonstrated in the "4 R's." (Religion, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic) While we acknowledge achievement in these core skills is important for students' success; today's students will need to be equally literate in many other areas. They will need to know more about the world and develop an understanding and respect for other perspectives and cultures. They will need to be able to communicate ideas effectively and learn how to build positive relationships with others. In order to confront the civic, financial and environmental problems that may lie ahead, 21st century citizens will need to think creatively and critically. They will need to be expert collaborators who appreciate the value of interacting with others in constructive ways. Finally, they must be self-disciplined and able to persevere if they are going to solve complex problems. They will need the implementation of a curriculum emphasizing the "4 R's" while integrating the "6 C's:"

Communication

Compassion

Critical Thinking

Creativity

Cooperation

Collaboration

Trinity Catholic School has been actively re-inventing itself into a 21st Century Learning Center. Our faculty and staff recognize the need for change in curriculum and instruction. Teachers can no longer presume to be the sole sources of knowledge for their students. In today's technological world information and knowledge doubles every 72 hours. Consequently, teachers cannot possibly know everything there is to teach.



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Trinity teachers now join students as learning leaders and Trinity classrooms are being transformed into learning teams. Our students are actively engaged in working on solutions to "real world" problems or designing and creating projects to demonstrate to their peers and community members what they have learned. Trinity teachers no longer look for or provide the right answers. Instead, they are in search of the right questions. Questions that will motivate students to dig deeper into a subject, questions that will provoke debate and discussion and questions that will encourage students to persist and complete the task at hand. Trinity Catholic School continues to develop programs that will enhance and enrich our students' God-given potential. Our teachers provide pertinent and rigorous learning experiences that promote lifelong learning.

Our children learn to love and praise God. They learn that God empowers each of them to create a better world and they learn that no dream is impossible with

God. The parents of Trinity's kindergarten class of 2013 can rest easy knowing their children will graduate ready and able to meet all the challenges of the 21st century because they are Trinity students. As Trinity students, they have had years of practice loving others, creating solutions and dreaming about a world filled with endless possibilities.



Collaboration



Critical Thinking



Communication



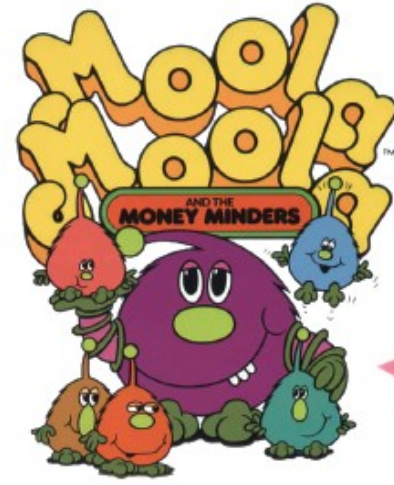
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Trinity's Full Day Pre-K

Consider your child's world and the world you experienced when you were growing up. Family structures today have changed significantly—fewer siblings, decreased time for interaction with other children and adults, and increased screen time. Toys today have become realistic props requiring little or no imagination or creativity to enhance play. Children participate less and less in neighborhood play which used to provide interaction among multiple age groups. Fewer siblings and fewer multi-age friends have stripped our children of the opportunity to learn from older "play" experts.

Educational research has found the best "players" in kindergarten, those with the most active imaginations, usually end up having the greatest interest in reading. They also tend to be the students in their class who are the best adjusted emotionally and socially, even into adolescence and young adulthood. In fact, research is now indicating children who learn to read *before* age 6 or 7 actually lose their early advantage and often end up feeling "burnt out" about school.

The best and most effective Pre-K programs throughout the world are recognizing the importance of providing children extended time to engage in guided dramatic play, constructive play and outdoor play. It is during this time that children actually develop and practice self-discipline, creativity, problem

solving, communications skills and collaborative skills. Children learn through play how to be resilient and not succumb to frustration. Large quantities of time dedicated to play allow children opportunities to work in cooperative groups, form positive friendships and develop empathy for others; going beyond simply sharing and taking turns. When children become engrossed in uninterrupted play they learn how to tune out distractions and become self-motivated. For these reasons the Trinity administration and Pre-K teachers have designed our Pre-K Discovery Center. By offering a full day of Pre-K our children will have access to the benefits of guided extended playtime. Teachers will set up safe and imaginative play environments both inside and outside for our children.



Trinity Catholic School is energized and excited about our new full day Pre-K Program for next year! Our new and improved program offers a half day or full day option filled with opportunities for creative and constructive play that will enhance learning connections in reading, math, religion, science, social studies, music and art.

It is hard to believe that children living in today's technological culture are increasingly starting school not ready to learn. Their lack of readiness has nothing to do with their academic capabilities and everything to do with what psychologists refer to as executive function. Executive function is what the rest of the world calls self discipline or self regulation. Children today exhibit greater difficulty resisting temptations and distractions, mentally holding information and adjusting to change. The cause may surprise you. Their deficiencies have nothing to do with parenting, financial status, or limited educational experiences. It seems our children are severely suffering from a lack of quality playtime.



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Where Children Learn the Art of Play

There will be a *Construction Play Center* filled with much more than building blocks or Legos. A wide variety of recycled materials will be made available and children will be encouraged to change these everyday resources into creative buildings, vehicles, dens or caves. The Construction Center will also have simple household items, no longer in working order, for children to take apart and use the parts to create new inventions.

The *Dramatic Play Center* will give our students opportunity to generate their own little worlds by creating and acting out all types of roles and imaginary situations. This center will be filled with a variety of props that children can turn into the resources they need in order to re-enact different scenarios or retell a favorite story.

The *Outdoor Play Center* will provide children with plenty of opportunity to run, jump, climb and absorb natural settings. Children will create art from leaves, twigs or pebbles. They will plant and nurture seeds in their own garden. They will study animals and record their observations.

The *Academic Play Center* will provide children with a wide variety of books, puzzles, writing materials, paints and objects for counting and patterning. Teachers will be observing and assessing throughout all these play settings. They will tune into children's interests and add to play environments the necessary tools for children to extend their knowledge about particular topics or themes. They will intervene to instruct about the social skills necessary for collaboration and cooperation.

Children will also be responsible for planning their play for an increment of time by deciding the area they want to play in, what role they want to imitate, and what resources they may need to enhance their play experience.

Along with each of these innovative play environments our Pre-K children will receive weekly instruction in special areas such as art and music. They will visit the school library weekly to select books for their class and listen to stories. These experiences provide interaction with adults other than only their classroom teacher.

Pre-K students will still learn the structure of school during their circle time as they report the weather, discuss the calendar, recite numbers and letters and listen to thoughts and ideas of their classmates. Learning themes for the week will be introduced and reinforced at this time through stories, poems and songs. Students will also extend their learning from weekly themes during "center time" when small groups work on a variety of games, projects, or products that reinforce the skills for the week. Students who stay for the full day of Pre-K will receive lunch and will have a rest time in the afternoon.

Most importantly, all of Trinity's Pre-K experiences will be integrated with Christian moral values and a family centered atmosphere. Parents will be our partners and their involvement will be strongly encouraged and celebrated. Trinity Catholic will become a child's "home away from home" where he or she is perceived and loved as a unique gift from God.



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Fly, Butterfly, Fly

On Thursday, October 4, at approximately 10:00a.m., a beautiful butterfly emerged from its chrysalis. There she sat in all her splendor; waiting to surprise the students who protected her as a young caterpillar and observed, with awe, her wondrous transformations during the preceding few weeks. To many, this event simply marked the final stage of a life science lesson in a third grade classroom. But to all of us at Trinity Catholic School this was an occurrence of far greater proportion—it was a cherished glimpse into the life of our beloved Ms. Donna Shoen.

It has been said, "The caterpillar does all the work but the butterfly gets all the publicity." What an accurate description of Donna Shoen. The caterpillar is the strongest insect of its kind. It quietly but voraciously feeds itself with the gifts God gave it, wasting nothing. It creatively spins its own cocoon where a miraculous alteration can take place. And those who are willing to get close to the caterpillar realize her fuzzy exterior will gently tickle their skin.

Like the caterpillar, Donna was one of Trinity's strongest teachers. Dedicated and hard-working, spending countless hours creating a learning environment filled with fabulous bulletin boards, learning centers and motivating lessons. And she didn't stop there. If there was a job to be done at Trinity, Donna had it under control.

Donna was always content working behind the scenes, quietly and humbly, getting great things accomplished. She loved going unnoticed and staying under the radar. Fanfare and public praise made her very uncomfortable. She would go to great lengths to avoid any acclaim or applause for her triumphs and achievements. Yet we all know she deserves giant accolades and rave reviews for being an outstanding teacher, a faithful friend, and a disciple of Christ.

The life expectancy of a butterfly is only a few months; yet the impact of its miraculous life cycle is tremendous. The same is true for our gentle, soft-spoken Ms. Shoen, an exceptional woman of faith whose brief cycle of life has had a lasting effect on so many.

It is true Donna Shoen never aspired to be a butterfly—beautiful and graceful, varied and enchanting, firm but approachable and able to lead others to the sunny side of life. She was satisfied being the diligent and careful caterpillar. She was unaware of the vibrant life-form she had become. But each of us who had the great privilege of her friendship recognized what an exquisite creation of God she was. We are grateful God allowed her to gently rest her wings in our hearts for a short time. And so it is with great love that we proclaim: "Fly, Ms. Shoen, fly!"



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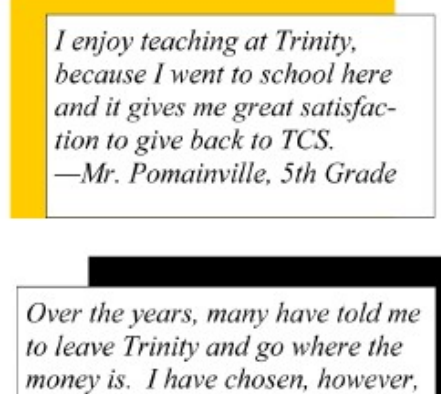
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WHO AM I AND WHY DO I WORK AT TCS?

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I enjoy teaching at Trinity, because I went to school here and it gives me great satisfaction to give back to TCS.
—Mr. Pomainville, 5th Grade

Teaching at Trinity Catholic is more than a job. The values taught at home are also taught in school. Like a parent, I am able to plant the seeds of faith, which one hopes will blossom fully in later years.
—Mrs. Britton, 4th Grade

I love helping children to think and work to be lifelong learners in an atmosphere that is God-centered. When it's time to work, we work. When it's time to play, we play. When it's time to pray, we pray.
- Mrs. Borsellino, 5th Grade

Over the years, many have told me to leave Trinity and go where the money is. I have chosen, however, to stay where the love is.
- Ms. Bombard, 6th Grade

I like teaching at Trinity, because it feels like home. It seems as though it was only yesterday that I was a second grader walking down these halls. I even get to work with some of my former teachers!
- Miss Matthews, Kindergarten

I am at Trinity Catholic School because I have the opportunity to speak with students, parents and faculty about our Loving God. What better way to spend a day?
- Mrs. Behrens, Principal

I teach at Trinity Catholic School, because it allows me to speak, instruct and live my faith freely. It enables me to exceed today's standards for children in a welcoming, safe, loving, family-like atmosphere. What child wouldn't thrive in such a setting?
- Mrs. Stewart, Pre-K

I choose to teach at Trinity for the rewards. I get to come to work each day and be greeted by children who are full of life, eager to learn and full of love—love for each other and God.
- Mrs. LaValley, 3rd Grade



Due to small class sizes, working at Trinity Catholic means I get to know each and every child individually. I love understanding my students so well. I also love working and praying with such dedicated and talented colleagues. I feel so blessed to come to TCS everyday.
- Mrs. O'Neill, Librarian

I love to teach at Trinity Catholic School, because of the family atmosphere. I walk in the door each morning and am greeted with smiles and hugs from the little ones. Each child is precious.
—Mrs. Giroux, Music

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