



The Trinity Message



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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

God is the reason Trinity High School exists. As long as God wants the schools of Mary Carrico, St. Mary of the Woods School, and Trinity High School, and we do what He asks of us, they will continue. People have asked me, "Did you really ever think you would be the principal of Trinity and St. Mary?" The answer is always, "No! I always wanted to teach, but really never had the desire to be a principal."

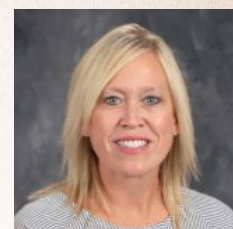
About four years ago, I was sitting in adoration and could feel God telling me my path would change. I would pray and say, "God, I am happy at Owensboro teaching six Biology classes. I love the people I work with and the job, and I feel good about what I do." Looking back now, I know God had a different plan for me. I was chosen for School Culture Training and was in the Future Leader Group at OPS. God was preparing me for what was coming, and I truly did not realize it at the time. When I was offered the job as Principal of St. Mary of the Woods School, I tried in every way to say no because I was comfortable and satisfied with where I was. God's plan is always

better than the one we have for ourselves.

I feel blessed to be entrusted with this important job of educating the students of Trinity High School and St. Mary of the Woods School. I love helping teachers be their best so we can all facilitate students in their journey of spiritual development, social growth, and academic achievement. Put God first and make all decisions with love. Excellence is what He wants from each and every one of us. At Trinity High School, we work to help each person in the building—faculty, staff, and student—to become the best version of himself/herself. As we all work to achieve this

goal, we will continue to produce students with grit, determination, empathy and compassion. Advocating for what our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents thought was such an important part of this community is the most rewarding thing I have done in my career. I am proud to serve these students and represent your school, Trinity High School.

Blessings to you and yours,
Emily Hernandez
PRINCIPAL



Onward and Upward!

We have some new faces and several of our staff members have new roles for this school year! Visit the school's website at www.trinityhs.com to see who has joined the Raider family!

Congratulations to Jill Payne and Nathan West for accepting their new roles as assistant principals for St. Mary of the Woods School and Trinity High School! Jill and Nathan will assist our schools' principal, Mrs. Emily Hernandez, in leading our schools.

RAIDER REPORT

As I come to the end of my 8th month as Trinity High School's latest athletic director, I have much good news to report. In the spring semester last year, our wrestlers made it to state, and Blaise Morris and Briar Roberts won Trinity's first-ever state matches. Around the same time, our boys basketball team won the Aleris Christmas Tournament and took the runner up trophy at the All A tournament; our girls basketball team made it to the regional tournament with only seven full-time players. In March, Trinity archer Blake McBrayer qualified for the national championships in indoor archery. Our Lady Raiders softball team came in 2nd in the All-A tournament and won the 12th district tournament, which I think was our first championship since moving into that district. In June, our outdoor archery team stepped "right out of the woods" to snatch a S3DA state title and a runner up spot in the national tournament. Along the way, our student athletes broke school records, signed to colleges, and managed to put our tiny school on the competitive maps.

Since the current school year began, we have completed a growing year in golf. New coach Isaac Rhodes is excited about where his team is going, and he looks forward to working with the golfers in the coming years. Our cross country team is growing and improving. Just this past weekend (October 26), Gavin Howard and Jacob Howard both qualified for the state meet, and our team, as a whole, came in 7th at the regional meet. Tonight (October 28), our Lady Raider volleyball team, which came in second at the district tournament, will play in the regional match

against Breckinridge County. Our basketball and wrestling coaches are gearing up for their upcoming seasons, and I look forward to more victories and broken records from our student athletes.

I think it's often easy to take our successes for granted, but I have learned, in the past 8 months, how much work really goes into these victories: from the athletes, their coaches, and their families. Students practice almost daily to improve their skills, pushing themselves outside of their comfort zones to be better than they were the day before. The coaches, most of whom have families and full-time jobs outside of athletics, have to plan practices and schedule games, and before they can do that, they have to fill out more paperwork and complete more classes than I had to complete before buying my first house. The family members are there, too: parents, grandparents, and siblings. They transfer the athletes to practices, work where needed at the games, and cheer on the teams until they can hardly speak.

I shouldn't be surprised, though. Though athletics is a completely new world for me, my experiences with this community have always been with people who give everything their all. People who work to be better, and people who are supportive of one another. People who sometimes don't reach the goals they set for themselves, but who never let a defeat keep them down.

I am thankful to have been a part of this community for so many years, and I look forward to what the rest of the year holds for Trinity athletics. I appreciate

the support I have received from everyone, and I am especially thankful to the coaches who give so much of their time and talent to support the kids I love so much and to make sure they are competitive in athletics. The skills you are teaching them – grit, sportsmanship, etc. – will benefit them throughout their lives, and the examples you set – selflessness and supportive natures – will help our young people become the wonderful men and women God intends for them to be.

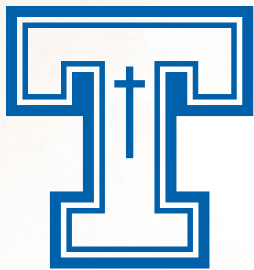
Christina Rhodes ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



From Raider to Bearcat

Three classmates from the THS class of 2019 signed with Brescia University where they will continue their Catholic education while still competing in the sports they love so dearly.

Pictured from left to right: Savannah Aull (Volleyball Scholarship), Cameron Wright (Basketball Scholarship), and Brittney Booker (Softball Scholarship)



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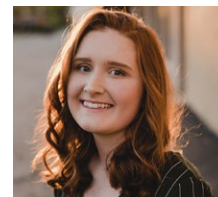
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Governor's Scholars

In 2019, Lydia Lambert was selected to participate in the Governor's Scholar program and Mary Hardesty was selected as an alternate. Principal Emily Hernandez said neither of their selections were a surprise to her. "The Trinity High School student body, with the rest of the faculty and staff, and I are very proud to have a student accepted into this selective program and to have another student recognized as an alternate." She continued, saying, "Both are highly deserving candidates! We are proud! We are Trinity!"



Tribute to Mrs. Armes

On April 28th, friends, family, students, former students, co-workers, and many whose lives have been impacted by Mrs. Armes gathered in the Horn Center to commend her for 26 years of service to Trinity High School. It's hard to imagine a school year without Mrs. Armes, a Trinity staple for over two-and-a-half decades. The students and staff of THS can't thank Mrs. Armes enough for her years of hard work and dedication. We are going to miss seeing her warm smile, hearing her daily com-

pliments, and, yes, we will even miss taking "just a few notes." Good luck in Bardstown, KY, Mrs. Armes! Remember: Once a Raider, always a Raider!

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Traveling Classroom

Members of Trinity High School's Traveling Classroom recently returned from a Pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal where they visited many elaborate churches and monasteries, including the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima. Since its inception on 2010, inspired by Father Richard Powers and established by Joe Bland and Christina Rhodes, members of the class have traveled to Europe 5 times and taken 86 students and 7 adults to cities in Italy, England, France, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Spain, and Portugal.

This is the first year the students traveled to the Iberian Peninsula. The students marveled at the elaborately adorned cathedrals and universities. At the site of the Miracle of the Sun, they prayed at the gravesides of Saints Jacinta and Francisco and also the gravesite of Lucia (who has not yet been declared a saint). DeeAnna Wathen, current trip organizer for the Traveling Classroom, described the Fatima experience as a truly peaceful one.

Student travelers have been learning about Spain and Portugal since August and will wrap up the second semester with reflections on the trip. The culminating project is a sponsor dinner during which they will feed those who helped make the trip a reality for them, and they will share videos, photos, and speeches in which they tell about their experiences.

The plan for the class has always been to introduce our students to the world and to allow them to "walk in the footsteps of the saints," according to Joe Bland's original pitch for the class. In 2017, adult chaperone Brian Payne, though, pointed out how exciting it was to let the rest of the world get a taste of what Trinity is all about by introducing the world to our students.



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