



# The Trinity Message



TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL ● ALUMNI NEWSLETTER ● 2021 SEMESTER 1

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

It has been an exciting year at Trinity High School! Due to the continuation of the pandemic affecting a third school year, this year started out tough. It seemed to be harder on both the teachers and students. Last year, there was such a fight for and appreciation of in-person learning, but this year, many seem to feel differently. For example, some believe that masks should be worn, while others believe they should not. Some believe everyone should vaccinate, while others believe it is a person's right to choose what is allowed into their bodies. Right now, there feels like more division in our country than ever before in my lifetime, but when I look around, I still see so much good. Praise the Lord!

Our school community continues to illustrate all that is good. We decided that we would once again do our "Toys for Tots" drive prior to Christmas. However, the teachers and students decided to take that drive a step further this year, collecting blankets, toothpaste, deodorant, paper towels, etc. for the ten days prior to Christmas. They wanted to make a difference in the lives of others! Our students believe that service is what is necessary in our world, and they serve!

Our students are also leading in the

classroom, too! Trinity High School's Class of 2021 scored above the state and national averages on the ACT with an average composite score of 20.8. Congratulations, Class of '21! We are proud of you!

Likewise, the Lady Raider Volleyball Team represented Trinity High School as well as I have ever seen us represented. Led by Trinity High School graduates Daniel Morris (2016) and Shannon Payne (1991), the team became the 12th District Champions and, for the first time in school history, 3rd Region Runner-up! Way to go Lady Raiders! More than just winning, it was the way these coaches and players represented our school that stood out to me. They went out to compete, night in night out, and they encouraged one another and represented their

families, our school, and this community with class. Way to go, Lady Raider Volleyball! Additionally, our student section for the Third Region Tournament was second to none. This student section came to represent! They were in unison, cheering loudly and with such enthusiasm that there were concerns that the bleachers at Owensboro Catholic High School could not hold them! The communities of Knottsville and Whitesville came to support the Lady Raiders in their quest to win the Third Region Title, and our crowds were by far the most impressive throughout the week.



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The mission of Trinity High School is to provide a spiritual environment, together with a comprehensive educational program, dedicated to faith formation in the Roman Catholic Church. Our goal is to prepare and empower students to become lifelong learners who are responsible members of the Church, their families, and the community.

# RAIDER REPORT

Greetings! I am so blessed to be the new athletic director here at Trinity and St. Mary of the Woods. I took over for the wonderful Christina Rhodes in July and have been embraced by this community. I'm a transplant, as I'm not from East Daviess County, or even the state of Kentucky. I'm a native Indiana Hoosier (don't hold that against me), graduated from the University of Evansville, currently reside in Rockport, IN, and have worked in interscholastic and collegiate athletics for the last five years. My journey in athletics has taken me across the country to many different schools, rural and urban, public and private, large and small. However, I feel fortunate to have landed here in Whitesville. This community is a strong one that loves its school and steps up to the plate when called upon. Community support is the backbone of every interscholastic athletic department and school, and this community certainly excels in that category.

Lots of exciting things have been taking place in the athletic department over the course of the last few months. First, one of the most exciting things we've seen this semester is a return to a degree of normalcy at athletic contests. The bleachers are out, the parking lot is full, and fans have returned to the Horn Community Center to watch our athletes compete. It is so great to see fans return to the stands to cheer on the Raiders! As aforementioned, this school community truly bleeds blue and always shows up to support our student-athletes.

This semester has also boasted strong performances by our teams and athletes in competition. Our Lady Raiders volleyball team had a historic season on the court. The Lady Raiders broke many individual records, finished with a 27-6 overall record, and matched the 1999 softball team for the deepest postseason run in school history. Our girls won the 12th district championship in convincing fashion, then went on to defeat Owensboro Catholic and Meade County

in the regional tournament before falling to Daviess Co. in the regional championship game. This team was so enjoyable to watch compete, and the crowds we had at the regional tournament substantially topped that of any other school present. The 2021 Lady Raider volleyball team will certainly be one that is remembered for years to come!

In addition to our volleyball team, we saw success on the cross country course. Sophomore runner Jacob Howard qualified for the state finals in cross country and placed 42nd out of 265 runners at the state finals. What an accomplishment!

This year has been a year of firsts for the athletic department as well. We welcomed our first girl golfer in school history with the addition of senior Makenna Greenwell to the golf team. Makenna was able to compete alongside the boys in several matches and represented Trinity in the regional golf tournament at Madisonville Country Club. Additionally, we are in the process of adding a new program. This spring, Trinity High School plans to launch the school's first ever bass fishing team. Bass fishing is a sanctioned KHSAA sport-activity and has a sponsored state championship. We are so excited about this addition to the department and look forward to the success our student-athletes will have! Finally, we also plan to have our first junior varsity baseball team in many years this spring.

In addition to all of our success in competition, many positive additions have occurred behind the scenes as well. Trinity High School announced a partnership with German-American Bank, who graciously sponsored our Blue/White Night a few weeks ago. The athletic department has partnered with the NFHS Network to live stream every athletic contest in the Horn Community Center for years to come. The department has also just launched a brand new athletics website ([www.trinityraiders.com](http://www.trinityraiders.com)) which will house schedules, results, rosters,

pictures, and more for all of our teams.



So many positive things have happened across our campus over the last few months, and Trinity Athletics is no exception. As we move into the winter and spring sports seasons, I know that we will continue to see success both on the court/field and in the classroom from our student-athletes. Thank you for your continued support of our school and athletic department! You are truly appreciated! If I can be of any assistance, please reach out at [josh.bowlds@trinityhs.com](mailto:josh.bowlds@trinityhs.com).

Go Raiders!

**Josh Bowlds**  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



## CASH RAFFLE

Trinity High School  
Homecoming Game

**January 21, 2022**

**8:00 PM**

**Horn Community Center**

10534 Main Cross St.  
Whitesville, KY 42378

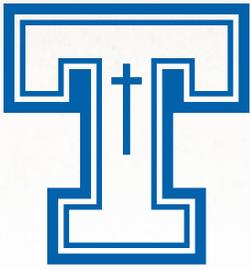
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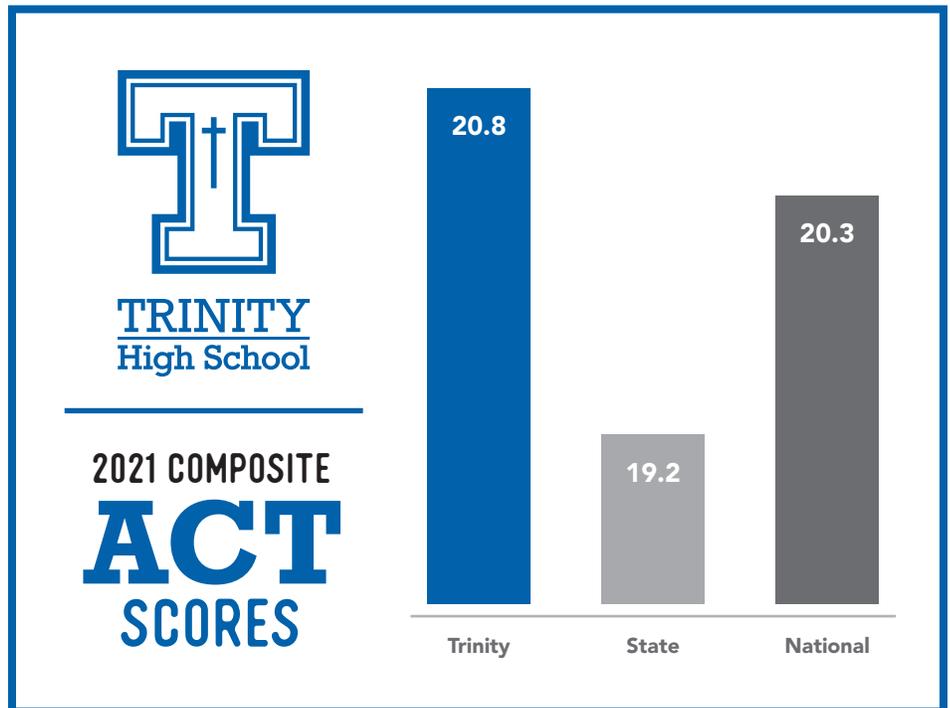
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Someone from one of our other local high schools stopped me recently at the Horn Community Center to say, "There is something to say about this. You know the way this community comes and supports one another. At most schools, you see parents in the stands and maybe a few students and grandparents, but when you come here, you see a community." We are one of the last small communities with pride in all for which we work. Are we perfect? No, but we strive for excellence, generation after generation, putting God at the forefront of all we do. There is way more good than bad, but what we see depends on what we concentrate on. When someone is struggling, I would put this community up against any other community in how we serve and take care of one another.

If you watch the news or partake in social media, the world can seem like a scary place. There is so much out there reminding us how divided the world has become, whether that is by race, socioeconomic status, vaccination status, etc. As these feelings begin to seep into our every being, I look around at everything locally and realize it is not the reality in which I live; most people are good! Trinity High School is a prime example of this belief and also of what God expects in our world from each of us: excellence.



I will continue to pray for you, and I ask that you continue to pray for me, my administrative team, our wonderful and hard-working teachers and staff, and the students of Trinity High School. We, TOGETHER, can achieve more!

God bless you all,  
**Emily Hernandez**  
PRINCIPAL

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# Alumni Hall of Fame

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**JACOB HOOK**  
CLASS OF 2015



"It was at Trinity High School helping design that girls and boys basketball yearbook pages when I realized that I wanted to get involved with sports media. It was a small task for Mr. Shoups and the rest of the yearbook staff. But I realized how much I enjoyed working creatively through sports. After graduating from Trinity, I spent two years at the University of Louisville, where I have been a student in a few areas of study like marketing and economics. But after an internship at a sports radio station, I realized sports media was my true calling. After two years as a Louisville Courier-Journal intern, I transferred to Texas Christian University. There, I majored in sports broadcasting and worked in journalism. I was a part of the school newspaper and radio station where I covered the TCU sports on air and through print. My experience at Trinity, TCU and Louisville have led me all across the world. I've broadcasted in Texas, New Jersey, and even South Dakota, and I've gotten the opportunity to work with some incredible NBA athletes like Dr. Scott Pippen and John Malcolm. I currently work as an on-air reporter and weekend sports anchor for WISN in Eau Claire, and nothing makes me happier than when I get to come down to Whitesville and cover the Raiders. I can't imagine where my life would be if I wasn't here given to spend some incredible years at Trinity High School and in the Whitesville community."

**TARA GROVES**  
CLASS OF 2008



"The Catholic education I received through St. Mary of the Woods and Trinity High School is something I will always carry near and dear to my heart. I graduated from Trinity High School in 2008. I went on to attend Murray State University, where I completed the Animal Health Technology Program and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree. After college, I became a licensed veterinary technician and worked at a veterinary hospital in Kentucky. While practicing at KAC, I became passionate about helping farm-raised individuals about the veterinary industry. In 2017, I started working at Oremont, Commerce and Technical College as an instructor for the Veterinary Technology Program, where I continue to spread my passion and love for veterinary medicine. The great support I received at Trinity High School is unsurpassed. It was because of what I learned and found at Trinity and Trinity that I was confident enough to follow my dream of becoming a veterinary technician and teacher."

**JASON LEE**  
CLASS OF 2004



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