

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI NEWSLETTER 2023-24 SEMESTER 1

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Opportunity is often a word used in a negative context when spoken about Trinity High School. Some people say, "I am not sending my student to Trinity because I want him or her to have more opportunity." Opportunity, however, is alive and well at Trinity High School!

First, all of our students have an opportunity to serve at Trinity High School, and when I think about our school's mission, service is key to what we are about. Our students serve in mass weekly, provide money to different organizations through our Dollar Dress Down Days (DDDD) sponsored by the National Honor Society, host food and toy drives during Thanksgiving and Christmas, and even host an annual Penny War to raise money for St. Jude's Children Hospital. Serving within our local community isn't the only acts of service our students and staff perform, though! This summer eight of our students, Mr. French, and several of our students' parents went to Jamaica on a mission trip to work with the Missionaries of the Poor and serve people in need. On the first day of school, these students shared the profound impact this experience had on them and explained how this trip changed their lives and perspectives for the better.

Aside from the numerous faith-based opportunities we offer, we also offer a lot of educational opportunities for our students as well. This summer, Georgia Howard had the opportunity to study at Morehead State University in the five week Governor Scholar Program. She was one of three students selected from the Diocese of Owensboro and now has the opportunity for several prestigious scholarships at several universities throughout the state since she successfully completed the program. Similarly, Sieneca Valdez and Aaron Wright were selected to attend the Commonwealth Honors Academy at Murray State University where they studied for three weeks. Like Georgia, they too completed their program, and now Sieneca and Aaron have a scholarship to Murray State University in the fall.

One of the more unique opportunities that we offer at THS is our Traveling Classroom. Every other year, our students have a chance to travel abroad with Mrs. Christina Rhodes and Mrs. DeeAnna Wathen. While the classes of 2022 and 2023 missed their opportunity to travel abroad due to the pandemic, Mrs. Rhodes went out of her way to reach out to those students—who had since graduated, by the way—and took a week of her time this past summer to take any of these students to Puerto Rico. Eight students took her up on this offer and



spent a week immersed in the culture. In April, another class will return to Puerto Rico and will spend this semester learning about the country they will soon visit. With a lot of the travel restrictions loosening up, the Traveling Classroom for October 2025 is set to go to England, Normandy, and France. As I write this, students are interviewing for their opportunity to travel abroad!

Our school's small size does not keep us from competing with larger schools, and the students of Trinity have received numerous athletic opportunities and accolades! For example, the Lady Raiders volleyball team won the 3rd Region All "A" Tournament, earning a chance to play in the All-A State Tournament, where they made it to the final four! Despite a tough loss in the final four, their teamwork and determination were number one in my book! During this season, Hannah Nash broke the school record for most kills, finishing with over 1,500 kills in her career. She also set the record for most kills in a

RAIDER REPORT

Happy New Year!

Trinity athletics has started off strong once again, and we have had so many great things happening. First, the Golf team, coached by Will Howard, qualified for the 3rd Region Tournament held at Ben Hawes Golf Course on September 19th.

The volleyball team had another exciting season as well! The Lady Raiders won the 3rd region "All A" Classic Championship, advancing to the All-A State Tournament where they placed 3rd. Also, Trinity High School had the chance to show off its beautiful Horn Community Center as we hosted both the 12th District and 3rd Region Championships this year. The Lady Raiders finished as the 12th District Runner-Up. Senior Hannah Nash had a historic season, breaking the school record with 1,500 kills and being named 3rd Region Player of the Year! The Lady Raiders, coached by Daniel Morris, finished the season with a record of 27 wins and 10 losses.

The Trinity Cross-Country team, coached by Kristen Mikulcik, advanced to the state meet this year! This final race of the season was held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington on October 28th, and it was a great experience for all our runners!

On November 17th, we kicked off our winter sports season with our annual Blue/White Night. This is always a fun event, and I love how we recognize everyone from our elementary programs to our high school athletes. Coach Morgan Miller's cheerleaders did a fantastic job of raising the BLUE & WHITE spirit, and the



halftime entertainment by Kendal Howard's Raiderettes was a great show!

As I write this, girls and boys basketball is in full swing. These two young teams have been working hard training and conditioning for the season. The Lady Raiders are coached by Emily Hernandez, and the Raiders are coached by Nathan West.

In other news, we added a new yellow bus to our fleet this year, adding more travel opportunities for both sporting and school events.

Finally, spring sports will be kicking off before we know it, and I would like to introduce a new sport coming to Trinity this year: Track and Field! Our Track and Field Coach, Christina Hawkins, has over 20 years of experience as a Track and Field coach and is super excited to get our program up and RUNNING!

I am looking forward to a great spring season for THS Athletics!

Regards,

Debbie Connor ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

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game with 31. She was voted by the 3rd Region Coaches as the 3rd Region Player of the Year. Great job to Hannah and all the volleyball team on a successful year!

In our testing, our current seniors performed above the national average in every category on the ACRE test (a religion test given to all Catholic school students) as juniors last year. Also, our newest alumni, the Class of 2023, performed above the national average in every category of the ACT. While our teachers pride themselves on their ability to teach their content at a high level, I am even more proud of the spiritual impact our teachers have on our students, emphasizing "God First" in all we do.

Our school may be small, but the opportunities at Trinity High School are big! The work done by our teachers and students this last year has been amazing. When I think of Trinity, I think of some of my fondest days in my life as both a student and teacher. As a student, I never truly understood the amount of work and effort it took for those who served me. I thank my parents and all those who taught me for the opportunity to be a Raider! I now understand that we work hard for everything we have, and we will continue to develop relationships that last a lifetime. I am thankful for the opportunity to be a student, teacher and principal at a place I so dearly love.

God bless you all,

Emily Hernandez PRINCIPAL



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\$4,191,726.06

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\$9,755,878.92

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