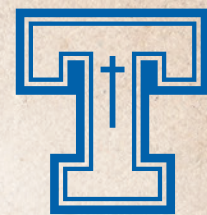




The Trinity Message



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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

I have had many memorable experiences in my 26 years in education. I love to learn, and I love new experiences. In October, I was able to chaperone my first Traveling Classroom, and it truly was an experience of a lifetime.

The Traveling Classroom 2025 journeyed to London, Normandy, and Paris. The class had a phenomenal experience exploring these remarkable destinations. The trip was led by Mrs. DeeAnna Wathen, who taught the class and coordinated the journey alongside our exceptional tour director, Yannis. We spent two memorable days in England, attending Mass at Westminster Cathedral and visiting iconic landmarks such as Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, and the London Eye. From there, we crossed the English Channel by ferry to France.

In Normandy, we visited significant World War II sites, including Omaha Beach, the Normandy American Cemetery, and Pointe du Hoc. On our way to Paris, we stopped at Saint-Malo and the breathtaking Mont Saint-Michel—both unforgettable highlights.

While in Paris, we ascended the Eiffel Tower, visited the Louvre, and attended Mass at Notre-Dame. While at the Louvre, thieves carried out a jewelry heist, stealing French Crown Jewels valued at approximately \$102 million from the Apollo Gallery—and we were just one room away. Although this was an intense and frightening moment, it was only a small part of an otherwise wonderful 10-day journey.

The students learned so much throughout the trip and created memories that will last a lifetime. As remarkable as the destinations were, what impressed me most was the camaraderie within the group. The students consistently looked out for one another, included everyone, and maintained a positive spirit—there wasn't a single cross word among the 20 students over 10 days. They represented Trinity High School with pride and respect, and while we gained a wealth of knowledge abroad, the students also shared a piece of our community with the world.

Each tour guide we encountered commented on how polite and well-disci-

plined the students were. On our way to the Paris airport, Yannis said, "I know I've said this is the best group I've ever had—but I truly meant it. They were always on time, brought great energy, caused no issues, and were eager to learn. They're happy kids." That sentiment perfectly reflects the spirit of our 10-day adventure.

I am deeply grateful that Fr. Powers had the vision back in 1999 to give students from Trinity High School the opportunity to see the world. I am equally thankful for those, like Mrs. Wathen, who have continued to carry that vision forward. It takes a great deal of effort—but it is so worth it. I am truly thankful for the experience, and may God bless everyone who made this trip possible.

God bless you all,

Emily Hernandez
PRINCIPAL



RAIDER REPORT

What's up, Raider Nation!

We wrapped up fall sports, and we're knee deep in winter sports. It has been a fun and rewarding stretch here at Trinity, and our student-athletes continue to make us proud in a lot of different ways.

We wrapped up fall sports with a bang. Our volleyball team made its 20th straight regional tournament appearance, and we were thrilled to welcome longtime head coach Adam Huff back to the sidelines. Emmy Edge earned Academic All-District honors. Ella Morris, Ava Coomes, and Emmy Edge all made the All-Tournament Team. That group competed hard and represented Trinity really well.

Our golf program keeps trending upward thanks to our continued partnership with The Pearl Club. We return our entire roster next season, so we are excited to keep developing that program on both the boys' and girls' sides.

Cross country was represented this year by one high school runner, Ian White, who improved every single race. Ian never once backed down from the work and really set an example for what steady progress looks like.

Winter sports are now full steam ahead. We continued our partnership with Poole's Pharmacy Care and Wedding Orthodontics to provide complimentary student tickets for every home basketball game for students at St. Mary of the Woods, Mary Carrico, and Trinity. It has been great seeing the gym full of young Raiders supporting our teams and building that sense of community.

Both our boys' and girls' basketball programs are off to great starts. Our girls won the Kentucky Christian Athletic Conference state tournament in Louisville last month, and both teams have winning records as we get closer to post-season play. We still have three district games left, but we really like our chances of playing in the Sportscenter in March.

Wrestling continues to grow in both numbers and competitiveness. They spent a week in Gulf Shores, Alabama, training and competing, and came home with a lot to build on. Coach Martinson's crew always shows a lot of grit on the mat.

Cheer and dance are doing amazing things as well. Participation is strong, energy is high, and we feel like we are moving back toward the competitive levels Trinity once enjoyed in both programs.

Baseball, softball, and track are getting after it in the weight room and with preseason work. We are currently remodeling both press boxes and will host the Kentucky Christian Athletic Conference tournament on April 24 and 25 for baseball and softball. We are also in the early stages of planning for an indoor hitting facility and upgraded dressing rooms at the park. Both baseball and softball return their full rosters and have the talent to make deep postseason runs.

On the track side, we welcomed Adam Gregory to Trinity as a teacher this year. He will join Christina Hawkins as an assistant coach. Adam competed in track at Brescia University, and we are excited to have him working with our kids. They will kick off the indoor season soon.

Archery is also active and practicing multiple nights a week at the old public school. They had a great showing at the Bluegrass Open Shoot and continue to develop quickly.

We are sad to see our longtime bass fishing coach, BJ Fitzgerald, step away. He and our volunteer captains deserve a ton of credit for building that program from the ground up. We are finalizing paperwork to bring in a strong replacement, and we look forward to continuing to support that program as it grows.

Boys volleyball will return for its second KHSAA season with a mix of returners and newcomers. That group has a great



attitude and will be competitive again this year.

I am constantly amazed at the support of this community. Every time we turn around, someone else is stepping in to help with concessions, facility improvements, or transportation. None of this works without you, and it really does make Trinity a special place.

I am also excited about where our feeder programs are right now. Our facilities are full of young kids getting great instruction, learning how to compete, and falling in love with being a Raider. It feels like we are building something really meaningful for years to come.

Thank you for supporting Trinity athlet-

ics. It is an honor to work with these kids and this community, and I cannot wait to see what the spring brings.

Go Raiders,

John Kirkpatrick

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Trinity High School



New School — UPDATE —

**Campaign Income
for New School** **\$9,149,731.21**

**Campaign Pledges
(576) as of 1/23** **\$12,471,820.99**

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL GROUNDBREAKING – DECEMBER 2025



The gift of a Catholic education is a gift that keeps on giving and one of the greatest tools the Church possesses to evangelize.

"Our present school buildings were built in the 50's and 60's. While they have served us well, we recognized that it was time to invest in the future of our parish and Catholic schools. Further, in 2029, we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of Catholic school education on the campus of St. Mary of the Woods Church. We are preparing for a bright future by taking bold steps of faith today, building on the hopes, dreams, and sacrifices of generations gone before us."

Fr. Brian Roby



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Emily Hernandez, SMWS & THS Principal, along with being a THS '94 alum, was recognized as one of Owensboro Living's top 20 to watch in '26 for her steady leadership. "Hernandez has strengthened both schools, contributing to enrollment growth, improved curriculum, and a school culture that has

earned national recognition. She supports professional development and has driven cultural shifts that enhance attendance, behavior, and performance. Dedicated to making Catholic education accessible, Hernandez aims to offer this educational opportunity to everyone who desires it." Congratulations, Emily!

Jessica Boarman '97 recently took an exciting step in her writing journey by signing with a literary agent.

In traditional publishing, a literary agent represents an author and submits the book proposal to publishing houses on the author's behalf. This milestone marks the beginning of the process, as the proposal is now being reviewed by publishers, with hopes of securing a publishing contract in the coming months. You can sign up here to be notified when the book is available for purchase.

