



#WE ARE TRINITY CATHOLIC

*A fully-accredited educational institution, providing a quality
Catholic education to Tallahassee area children ages 3-8th Grade,
located in the heart of Midtown since 1952.*

2023-2024 ADMISSIONS VIEW BOOK







A TRADITION OF *Excellence* SINCE 1952



“Trinity teaches the whole child - in spirit, mind, and body. Weekly Masses, the sacrament of Reconciliation, daily religion classes, and other liturgical celebrations help children grow in their faith. The International Baccalaureate program for Middle School, advanced and honors classes, and high school credit courses allow children to reach their academic potential. The leadership opportunities coupled with a full range of sports and extracurricular activities help students explore their interests and spread their wings.

I invite you to explore what it means to be a Trinity Knight. Check out our website and contact us for your personal tour.”

Sincerely,
Tommy Bridges
Principal



TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

The mission of Trinity Catholic School is to teach the Catholic faith within a challenging academic curriculum, laying the foundation for all students to grow in Christian maturity, integrity and knowledge.

OUR HISTORY

In 1952, Trinity Catholic School opened its doors as Blessed Sacrament School to 102 students in 1st – 4th Grades. The school consisted of a one-building attachment to Blessed Sacrament Church and was known locally as "The Reading School." Three Dominican Sisters from Adrian, Michigan, pioneered the fledgling school. Enrollment doubled just one year after opening.

Today, Trinity Catholic School enjoys a rich history and tradition of excellence. For over 70 years now, our graduates have made lasting contributions to the greater Tallahassee community and beyond.





“ I taught at public schools for 38 years. Teaching at Trinity has been almost like a rebirth of my love for teaching. It's not a job, it is a privilege to come here each and every day and teach these students. **”**

-Dan Nelson, Math Teacher



**Since 1952,
Trinity Catholic has
had a dedicated and
highly qualified
faculty and staff**

35 Faculty Members

40% Holding
Advanced Degrees

350+ Combined Years
of Experience

11:1 Overall
Student-Teacher Ratio

6:1 PreK Student-Teacher
Ratio

Full Time:

- Instructional Assistants in PreK through 5th Grade
- Guidance Counselor
- Registered Nurse
- Gifted Teacher
- Resource Teacher
- Early Childhood Director

WE ARE *Learners*



Our Early Childhood curriculum includes:

- Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Religion
- Language (Spanish begins in Kindergarten)
- Literacy
- Math
- Communication
- Creative Arts
- Science
- Technology
- Social Studies



EARLY CHILDHOOD PREK3, VPK4, AND KINDERGARTEN

Trinity Catholic School provides the foundation for students to become confident and involved learners. Social and emotional learning is valued as a stepping stone to school readiness and academic success. Focus on the foundations of the Catholic faith allow children to share in the wonder of God as they interact in the world.



**Our educators allow
students to discover their
unique gifts and
nurture their individuality
as they transform
into lifelong learners.**

ELEMENTARY

1ST GRADE - 5TH GRADE

Elementary students participate in an academic program committed to developing fundamental skills and mastery of content areas, while maintaining an enthusiasm for learning. Our academically challenging curriculum addresses different learning styles and multiple intelligences while fostering critical thinking, problem solving skills, and discipline of body and mind. Teachers instill behaviors of study habits, independence, and skills they will use for the rest of their lives.

Our Elementary curriculum includes:

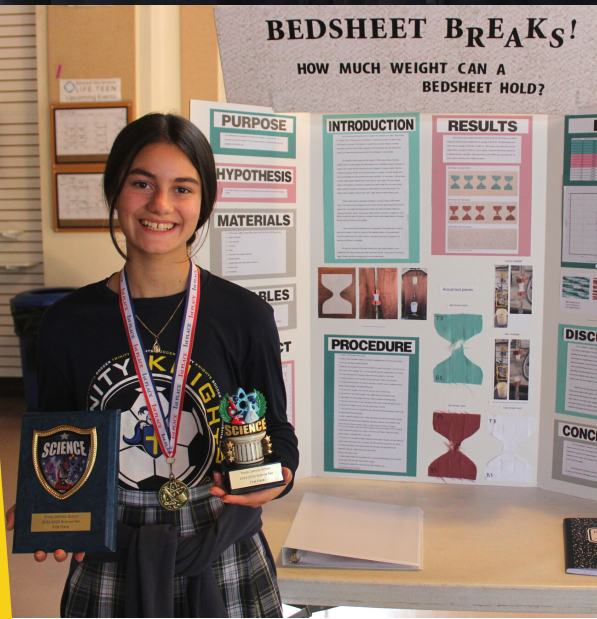
- Reading
- Writing
- Arithmetic
- Daily Religion
- Collaborative Activities
- Technology
- Library/Media
- Spanish
- Music
- Art
- Physical Education
- STREAM Challenges
- Gifted Program
- Resource Program





**Our IB Program
offers learning
that is
collaborative,
hands-on, and
centered on real
world situations.**

Trinity Catholic School
is an International
Baccalaureate World
School offering the IB
Middle Years Program
(IB MYP) to all Sixth
through Eighth Grade
students.



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM | 6TH-8TH GRADE

Through a rigorous curriculum, service and leadership opportunities, partnership with parents, and our small school environment, our Middle School program fosters academic, spiritual, and personal growth. Before graduation, all 8th Grade students complete the IB MYP Community Project, embodying students' commitment to their Catholic faith, community, and service.

Students have the opportunity to complete the following courses:

- English: Grammar, Writing, and Vocabulary
- Literature
- World Geography
- Civics & Government
- U.S. History
- Mathematics
- Prealgebra
- Algebra I
- Earth Science
- Life Science
- Physical Science
- Religion
- Latin
- Spanish
- Design
- Art
- Music
- Physical Education



Middle School
by the
Numbers...

3

High School Credit Opportunities: Foreign Language, Algebra I, & Physical Education

75%

of Students Involved in Extracurriculars & Athletics

1:1

Chromebook Laptop Program

2

Foreign Languages Spanish & Latin

8

Subjects Per Day

IB Middle Years students are

39%

more likely to achieve a college-ready score on AP and IB Diploma Program Exams.



Compared to the National average, **twice as many Trinity students** perform in the

top 10%

on the Nationally standardized Terra Nova achievement test.

100%

of 8th Graders who took the Algebra I end-of-course exam passed, with over half of them scoring the **highest level of a 5.**

In 2022,
our graduates averaged
3.8 years above
grade level on the
nationally standardized
McGraw-Hill Terra Nova
achievement test.

“Every year, Trinity graduates excel across the board: Best and Brightest Award Winners, National Merit Scholars, Spelling Bee Winners, Area High School Presidents, and on and on. These outcomes come from not just the same few children, I have witnessed over half of each 8th grade class being recognized for **individual successes across a wide spectrum of areas: academics, athletics, art, music, community service, leadership.**” - Current Trinity Family

40%

of Trinity Graduates earned the President's Education Award for Academic Excellence.
Only 3% of students are awarded nationally.

Our President's Education Award winners score an

85%

or higher on the Terra Nova and earn a 3.5 or higher GPA.

WE ARE

Faithful



We live our devotion to Jesus through:

PRAYER

- Daily Prayer
- Weekly Mass
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Living Rosary
- Stations of the Cross
- Reconciliation

FORMATION

- Daily Religion Class
- Virtues of the Month
- Saints of the Month
- Community Service
- Faith-Based Retreats
- Passion Play

PRAISE

- Christmas Programs
PreK-5th Grade
- May Crowning
- All Saints' Day Celebration
- Las Posadas Program
- Our Lady of Guadalupe
Mass Procession
- Blessing of the Advent
Wreaths Tradition

"FAITH IN ACTION IS LOVE, AND LOVE IN ACTION IS SERVICE."

-Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Beginning with our youngest students, we build skills and offer impactful experiences to foster a fully realized capacity for love and compassion for all of God's creations.



3,300

canned food items collected by our Mini Vinnies, the student chapter of the St. Vincent DePaul Society, during the 2020-2021 school year.

430

hot meals served at the Kearney Center each month by our Mini Vinnies.

3

local organizations that regularly depend on our students' service throughout the school year.



WE ARE *Artists*

- Junior Thespian Troupe
- Fall Play
- Spring Musical
- Chorus
- Music Classes (K-8th Grade)
- Art Classes (K-8th Grade)
- PreK Violin Lessons
- Annual Fine Arts Night

**"THROUGH HIS
ARTISTIC CREATIVITY
MAN APPEARS MORE
THAN EVER IN THE
IMAGE OF GOD."**

-St. John Paul II





WE ARE *Athletes*

Our athletic program cultivates teamwork, pride in accomplishments, and respect for one another through FHSAA approved sports.

- Boys and Girls Cross Country
- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Girls Volleyball
- Boys and Girls Tennis
- Boys and Girls Golf
- Boys Baseball
- Boys and Girls Soccer
- Girls Softball
- Boys Flag Football
- Boys and Girls Track and Field





WE ARE

Through academic excellence, faith in action, creative exploration, and healthy competition, we draw upon a rich tradition of Gospel values, exemplified in the person of Jesus, to foster student leadership.





Trinity Alumni
are prepared
for their next
chapters,
consistently
becoming...



National Merit Scholars

Our alumni are regularly
selected for National Merit
Semifinalist and Finalist
recognitions.

Leaders

- National Junior Honor Society
- Student Council
- Mini Vinnies Service Club
- Red, White, & Blue Club
- Spanish Club
- Latin Club
- Brain Bowl
- Running Club
- Art Club
- Cross Club
- Junior Thespians
- Chess Club

Best & Brightest Award Winners

TCS alumni excel in
various categories
including Drama,
Technology, Journalism,
World Languages, Art,
Business, Social Science,
Leadership, and more.



Student Body Presidents

In the last 8 years,
14 Trinity alumni have
been named student body
presidents across three
local high schools.

Get Started

2023-2024 ADMISSIONS PROCESS



1. Parent Visit & Tour

Schedule a Tour:

Call (850) 222-0444 or go to www.trinityknights.org/admissions to set up an appointment or visit us at Open House.

2. Apply!

Requirements for Application:

- Complete an online application available at www.trinityknights.org/apply
- \$300 New Student Enrollment Fee (\$700 Max Per Family)
(A portion of the Enrollment Fee is non-refundable)
- Report card from 2022-2023 school year
- Florida Immunization Certificate (DH Form 680)
- Florida School Entry Health Exam (DH Form 3040)
**Student health physical and immunization forms MUST be dated within the last calendar year and received BEFORE your student can start school.*
**Religious exemptions not accepted.*
- Participating Catholics: submit Parish Voucher form to your parish's office.

3. Student Shadow & Screening

Shadow days are required for rising 2nd-8th Graders.

Screenings are required for rising K-8th Graders with the Guidance Counselor on Shadow Day or by appointment.

4. Acceptance

Acceptance letter will be emailed after review of completed application.

5. Sign up on FACTS

Set up a payment plan on FACTS

Create an account and payment plan on FACTS by June 1st for an 11-month plan

Go to www.trinityknights.org and click on FACTS (\$) to sign up.

6. First Payment

Remaining items to Complete and Submit:

- Signed Trinity Contract
- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Copy of Baptismal Certificate (if applicable)
- Confirm the Admissions Office received your signed parish voucher from your parish.

7. Finish Admission

Begin Tuition Payments July 2023
(11-month payment plan)



We invite you to schedule a personal tour.
Please visit www.trinityknights.org/admissions



TUITION

2023-2024 School Year	Annual Tuition Amount	Monthly Tuition Amount (11 monthly payments July-May)
Base Tuition Per Child	\$9,500 year	\$ 863.63/month (July-May)
With Catholic Family Grant (\$1,000 Per Child)	\$8,500 year	\$ 772.72/month (July-May)
State Scholarship Awards and VPK Voucher	Amounts vary by scholarship type, grade and County	
Multi-Child Family Grant Per Child, Per Year <small>This grant is awarded based on the Total Net Tuition families are responsible for, after state scholarship awards are applied.</small>	Number of Students in Family at Trinity	% Reduction to NET Financial Commitment
	2	15%
	3	20%
	4	22%
	5	23%
Apply through FACTS Grant and Aid for additional scholarships, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trinity "Adopt a Student" Scholarship Catholic Parish Scholarship 		

Call the school office to receive a detailed personalized Tuition Estimation Worksheet for your family, 850-222-0444.

PreK Half Day Options		
PreK3 - Half Day (M-F) 8am-11:30am	\$6,700 year / \$609.09 month (July-May)	\$5,700 year / \$518.18 month (July-May)
VPK4 - Half Day (M-F) 8am-11:30am	Tuition is covered by Florida VPK funding*	Tuition is covered by Florida VPK funding*
VPK4 - Wrap-Around for Full Day 11:30am-2:45pm	\$6,700 year / \$609.09 month	\$5,700 year / \$518.18 month

*With completed Florida VPK Voucher. Rates are subject to change based on VPK funding.

- Children whose birthday falls between September 2nd and December 1st are eligible to enroll in our PreK 3 program, certain conditions apply.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Early Bird Supervision

Early Bird Supervision (EBS) provides before-school supervision for students that need to arrive on campus prior to 7:30 a.m. EBS starts at 7:00 a.m. - No students may be left on campus before that time. Please make sure your child eats breakfast before arriving on campus.

Students are encouraged to read, study, bring cards to play solitaire, or a Rubik cube, a coloring book, etc.

- One Child - \$5/day
- Two, or more, children per family - \$10/day

Beyond the Bell

Beyond the Bell (BTB) is an after-school program designed to meet your child's needs for afternoon activities and afford you the peace of mind knowing that your child is safe and having fun with his or her school friends with BTB counselors right on the Trinity Catholic School campus. BTB begins when the school day ends and runs until 6:00p.m.

Monthly & Drop-In Fees will be billed through FACTS Tuition Management on a 9 month billing schedule from Sept. - May.

- One Child - \$1,845/year, \$205.00/month
- Two Children - \$2,610/year, \$290.00/month
- Three Children - \$2,925/year, \$325.00/month
- Four Children - \$3,330/year, \$370.00/month



FEES

New Student Enrollment Fee
\$300.00

Re-Enrollment Fee
Early - \$200.00
Standard - \$250.00

FACTS Tuition Management Fee
\$41.00

Athletic Fee
(Middle School Only)
\$150.00 per sport

Graduation Fee
(8th Grade Only)
\$350.00



SCHOLARSHIPS

Trinity Catholic School is dedicated to ensuring that a Catholic education of excellence remains accessible to all families desiring it for their children, regardless of income. Our goal is to keep tuition rates as low as possible, while ensuring the fiscal soundness and growth of our school.

Though the actual cost of education per child is over \$10,000 per year, our tuition rates are much less due to parish support, benefactors, and fundraising. As a result, Trinity's tuition is lower overall than other comparable faith-based, private schools in the area.

In an effort to reduce the financial burden for families to receive a high-quality, private education, Trinity Catholic School accepts the following state scholarships:

- **Step Up for Students Scholarships**
 - **Florida Empowerment Scholarship - Equal Opportunity (FES-EO)**
 - **Florida Empowerment Scholarship - Unique Abilities (FES-UA)**
- **AAA Scholarship Program (K - 8th Grade)**
- **VPK (Florida Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten) for Four Year Olds Voucher**

Additional internal need-based scholarships are available to families that apply through FACTS Grant and Aid, including:

- **Trinity "Adopt-a-Student" Scholarship**
- **Catholic Parish Scholarship**

“We have been at Trinity for 8 years now. Our experience has been truly outstanding. We came over from public school when our youngest two children were early in Elementary school. When I look and compare Trinity to the other private school options in our community, it's not even close. Every year, Trinity graduates excel across the board. Pound for pound. Dollar for dollar. **Trinity is the hands down best value when you look at the development of kids to be contributors in our society.**”



-The Ramos Family



For more information, visit
www.trinityknights.org/scholarships



WE ARE

OUR TRINITY FAMILY IS CELEBRATING 70 YEARS!

For generations, we have strived to create a special bond among the students, the home, the school, and the Church. This bond is an assembly of individuals united by Catholic faith in the pursuit of academic and personal excellence.

Together, parents and teachers become co-ministers in the continuing effort to educate and guide our children.

“Trinity Catholic School has been a blessing and a fixture in our family for nearly 20 years. Our family has been blessed to be a part of the Trinity Catholic School community, with so many outstanding teachers, on-going traditions of leadership, academics, caring for others, and the spiritual and moral compass that we all seek and pray to be found in our children. Thank you, Trinity Catholic, for 18 great years, three kids empowered in Christ, and a million memories.”

- Family of 3 TCS alumni ('08, '15, '17)

Family

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Home and School Association is an integral part of Trinity Catholic School. The Home and School Association holds four meetings each school year. These meetings provide important information about upcoming school events and serve as a forum for discussion between parents and the administration.

There are many opportunities for parents to get involved on campus. Home and School hosts a variety of events and fundraisers including **Boosterthon Fun Run, Spirit Days, Santa's Secret Shop, Grandparents' Day, and more.** Our **Annual Auction** is our biggest and best fundraiser. It features a live auction with art items made by our very own students and a silent auction with various items generously donated by stores, restaurants, and individuals in Tallahassee and beyond.





TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Where students grow
Spiritually, Academically & Physically
for a lifetime of service and leadership.



Visit us in person or call us today:
706 E. Brevard St. | (850) 222-0444
Located in the heart of midtown

WWW.TRINITYKNIGHTS.ORG

f @trinitycatholicschool @trinitycatholicschool @TCSknights