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Interim Administrator's Perspective



As I reflect on the 3 months that I have been here at Trinity as your interim Administrator, I have observed many positive success stories as we complete the 2015-16 school year. This includes excellence in many academic areas of our school as well as competing in regional and state academic competitions, along with our success with our athletic teams, our weekly chapels and Spiritual Emphasis days, and a willingness to be part of a ministry that exemplifies a Christ-centered environment.

Everyone involved here at Trinity should have a thankful spirit toward our Lord for the blessings of all the endeavors and activities that He has allowed us to accomplish and enjoy this school year. I have observed and sensed that our dedicated faculty and staff, our supportive and prayerful parents, and our student body have allowed Trinity Christian School to be a 'shining light' for our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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Bravo for *Beauty and the Beast*!

A "tale as old as time" was brought to life on the stage when the Trinity Christian School Drama department presented Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* for the Spring musical under the direction of Mr. Nathan Boone and Mrs. Kalyn Pierson.

The story, with scenes ranging from poignant to hysterical, was enlivened by the talented performers, many of whom played multiple roles. Comprised of middle and high school students as well as a few faculty members, the cast tirelessly presented four delightful shows over three consecutive days at the historic State Theatre in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. They were supported by an equally amazing production staff, stage and technical crew, a pit orchestra, and parent volunteers who assisted with everything from costuming to set building to fund raising.

During a preview performance for a Trinity secondary chapel, Nathan Boone, who

also played the role of the Beast, noted that *Beauty and the Beast* is a story of redemption. Belle gives up her freedom for the sake of her father's, choosing instead to live with the unlovable Beast. Both Belle and the Beast demonstrate that love requires sacrifice, often at great personal cost.

To further showcase the cast's diverse talent, the four shows were equally shared by two different casts. Cast members from both performed in all shows but played different roles depending upon the performance. Sharing roles were Christiana Beigel and Emma Chase as Belle, Elyse Moser and Cambrie Decker as Mrs. Potts, and Katrina Hyde and Elora Glad as Chip.

Sam Dale and Trevor Cooke played off of each other as Gaston and his sidekick Lefou. Stuart Gillum performed the dual roles of Belle's father Maurice and the Prince. Isaac

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Chip, Lumiere, Mrs. Potts, and Cogsworth wonder if the spell cast over the castle will ever be broken.



Linda McCoy talks with a middle school student during English class.

Q & A with Linda McCoy, Secondary English

Was there a pivotal point in your life when you knew you were called to be a teacher?

Growing up I wanted to be a Sports Broadcaster...not a teacher. My father was an English teacher and my two sisters wanted to be elementary teachers, yet I had no desire to become a teacher. I studied English/Communications at Waynesburg College with the goal of becoming a Sports Announcer. However, my junior year at Waynesburg I did an internship at KDKA where I was introduced to the competitive “ugly” side of the broadcasting world. The Lord began working in my heart during this time reminding me that it is not my nature to compete for things at the expense of others. I began taking the Education classes that would enable me to obtain a teaching certification along with the communications degree. As soon as I graduated, I was offered a teaching position in the Albert Gallatin School District and I have loved teaching from that moment on! I am sure that the Lord has called me into Christian education and have been blessed to be at Trinity for the last 9 years!

What is your favorite aspect of teaching?

I love my students! Building relationships with my students is the most natural thing in the world for me. Being able to share my love for Christ with my students is the bonus!

What’s your favorite Bible verse and why?

Romans 8:28, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” NIV

This verse has been my life verse. I look back over my life and see how the Lord has had His hand on me through the good and the bad. He has always had His hand on me and has been the strength of my life!

What might your students be surprised to know about you?

I’m sure they would never guess that I was elected homecoming queen at Waynesburg College or that I used to sing in a Christian band many eons ago!

Focus on elementary

Forays into Public Speaking

Second grade students stood proudly by their displays, note cards in hand, ready to share their firsthand knowledge with guests to the annual Hobbies and Collections Day. The concept behind the event is simple: introduce young students to public speaking by allowing them to talk about something they enjoy.

“The children really enjoy sharing something that interests them,” said their teacher Chris Zeigler. Mrs. Zeigler has prepared students for Hobbies and Collections Day each of the ten years she has taught at Trinity, as a carryover from her days teaching in public school.



Sydney Baston shares an owl stuffed animal for Hobbies and Collections Day.

“This experience is a precursor to more in depth projects that they will be presenting throughout their middle and high school years,” she explained.

One such project is required in fifth grade and culminates in the spring at the annual Nations Fair. Early in the year, students do extensive research on a nation of their

choice. Based on their findings, they complete a comprehensive notebook and create a colorful display, which often includes native foods and artifacts. At the fair, students share the highlights of their research in a short presentation with any guest who visits their booth. They gain invaluable practice during the three hour event.

The practice seems to help students gain confidence in public speaking. “I’ve really enjoyed giving the presentations,” said fifth-grader Samantha Guenther. After their participation in the fair, she and her classmates will be better equipped for the new academic challenges they will face as they enter middle school next year.



Kane Eanes waits for the next visitor at his booth at the Nations Fair.

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Goff, Sierra Spinder, Ellena Gemmen, and teacher Mr. Stephen Boone provided comic relief throughout the show as Cogsworth, Babette, Madame de la Grande Bouche and Lumiere respectively. Supporting cast members included Belen Turak, Regan Baker, Zeriel Wong, Gabriella Johnson, and Jaclyn Smith as Silly Girls, Jackson Miller and Catarina Hagedorn as Townspeople, and faculty member Roy Schneider as Monsieur D'Arque.

Following the performance-filled weekend, Nathan Boone praised the cast and crew. "I am incredibly proud of all of the students who made this show happen," he expressed. "The students went above and beyond expectations and took our production to the next level. This was a huge show! They should be proud of all they have accomplished. They did a wonderful job!"



(L to R) Emma Chase, Belen Turak, Morgan Mullens, and Kate Dlugos represented Trinity at the State Science Fair

Building a history of success

If you attended the state's academic fairs prior to 2015, you might not have heard the name Trinity Christian School. Our faculty and students are changing that. Trinity students tallied strong scores at the state social studies and science fairs, setting a high standard for upcoming TCS classes.

Freshman Emma Chase came away with more than just an award when she placed first at the West Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair. She spoke of the overall experience and the people she met. "It was really cool to see other people's projects... and get to interact with people from other schools," she said. "It was a really nice surrounding."

At the WVSSEF, Students from grades 9 through 12 competed in 15 divisions ranging from Animal Sciences to Physics and Astronomy. TCS student Kate Dlugos placed second in the Biochemistry division and Belen Turak placed third in the Materials Science Engineering division. Morgan Mullens represented the school in the Physics and Mathematics division.

In addition to the State Science Fair, Trinity students competed at the West Virginia Social Studies Fair for the first time in

school history. Senior Elizabeth Satterfield placed third in Division III – Political Science for her project, *Ideological Origins of the American Revolution*, while freshman Belen Turak received an Honorable Mention in Division III – US History for her project, *Comparing and Contrasting the Year-Round School Calendar to the Traditional School Calendar*.



(L to R) Elizabeth Satterfield and Belen Turak placed at the WV State Social Studies Fair in April.

This was also the first year that the school sent students to the RESA 7 regional fair. Thirty-one Trinity middle and high school students competed at the regional level, many of whom placed. However, only Satterfield, Turak, and sophomore Abby Goff achieved the first place award necessary to qualify for the state competition.

The hardworking students and supportive faculty at Trinity are helping to build a history of academic success at the state level.

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Although this has been an unusual year with a few bumps in the road, we continue to look to the Lord and His Holy Scriptures for guidance, wisdom, and discretion as we continue on the legacy path that Trinity has been on for the past 20 years. If we stay on this well-tested path, He will continue to honor and bless our efforts. I learned years ago that there is a big difference between a "Christ-centered School" where the Bible and Christ are center-stage versus a private school where Holy Scripture and the Trinity are rarely considered. What will keep our school Christ-centered? - - daily prayer, otherwise daily spiritual battles cause endless disruptions not only in the school environment but to the cause of Christ, and those battles blemish His Holy Name.

Trinity's basic premise of the "Three-Strand Cord" of family (parents and children), local Church membership and involvement, and our school (Trinity Christian School) must continue to be the backbone of our ministry. Continued commitment to this basic tenet is essential for success at Trinity Christian School. Our School Board and our faculty and staff must always emphasize the Latin phrase "In loco parentis" which means that during the school day and its activities, we are continuing to "train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6 - ESV) And may all of us at Trinity continue to grow in the Spirit and Likeness of Christ - - -

Alumni News

◆ **Sarah Evans '12** graduated in May 2016 with a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Math Education (certified grade 5 through adult) from West Liberty University. At West Liberty, Sarah was a four-year starter on the women's soccer team and a member of Kappa Delta Pi international education honor society.

◆ **Emily Myers '12** was selected to the Disney College Program for the Fall of 2015, working in the Magic Kingdom at Casey's Corner. Because of its location on Main Street and their world famous hot dogs, Casey's was a very fast-paced location, and provided memorable guest interaction.

Emily is finishing her studies as a Management major with an Area of Emphasis in Human Resources. She will graduate Summa Cum Laude from the WVU College of Business & Economics in May 2016 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. This summer she will complete another internship with BrickStreet Insurance in Charleston, WV, before beginning her graduate studies in the WVU Master of Science in Industrial Relations program in her

pursuit of a masters in Human Resources.

◆ **Ali Staud '13** recently completed her first year of the Pharm. D. program at West Virginia University. She and **Seth Earl '13** plan to be wed in October of 2016.

Seth is on track to graduate with a degree in Civil Engineering from WVU at the end of 2016.

◆ **Danny Boyles '14**, a civil engineering student at West Virginia University, was a member of an award-winning engineering team that received first place at the American Society of Civil Engineers' Virginias Conference. Danny helped build the bridge used in the competition prior to the regional event held in Washington, D.C. According to the WVU website, the team now advances to the national competition in Provo, Utah, scheduled for the end of May 2016.

Trinity Alumni: We want to hear from you! Please send your Alumni News to trinity@tcswwv.org



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