# Warrior Express

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## Superintendent's Perspective



Superintendent Mrs. Stellato Belt

three years In тy as Superintendent of the school, there is one thing that has becoming increasingly clear to me. There are many families who desperately want to send their children to *Trinity*, but they just can't find the financial resources to do so. It is equally clear that since the school's inception, it has been a value of ours to do all we can to assist these families in making a Trinity education accessible.

This year, our board and administrative team made the decision to focus our fundraising efforts to this cause specifically. On Friday, May 10, 2019, we gathered at the Quest for Knowledge: A Grand Affair to raise money to benefit our Tuition Assistance Program. The event, held at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel, featured guest speaker, Steve Finn and honored two individuals as Trinity Champions, Linda Day and

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## **Being Faithful in Little and Much**

In Matthew 25, Jesus told a parable about two faithful servants who invested their talents, while a foolish servant buried his without any return on his master's investment.

In recent months, the school has been given so many resources and opportunities. Our administration, faculty, and staff want to be faithful to optimize each one for the good of our students and families.

When both the boys' and girls' basketball teams went on a state title run, the school was presented with an opportunity to support the teams and build community. Rather than have normal school days, students were given the option of riding the school's bus to the tournament or spend the day at school for a non-traditional academic day.

"It was great that the whole school was able to have a non-traditional academic day so that those who wanted to support the teams in Charleston could do so," said Sarah Rice, Spanish teacher and Trinity parent. "The Trinity family tries to support everything the students are doing."

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At the beginning of the school year, a grant from Mr. Richard Snyder provided interactive Promethean boards for classrooms school-wide. After receiving training also provided by the grant, teachers and students have embraced the technology.

"The Promethean Board has allowed the students to be interactive with the material everyday in class," said secondary history teacher John Fowkes. "The textbooks are now used as a supplement to everything we do with Continued on Page 2



Finishing touches on the outdoor classroom are taking place as the school year comes to a close.



Brittney Hostutler (center back) poses with members of the Little Mermaid cast. The musical was performed this spring by the Drama Department.

#### Q & A with Brittney Hostutler

## Q - You play many roles at Trinity. Can you briefly describe all the ways you contribute to the team?

I teach High School Drama, Elementary Library, serve hot lunch, and work in our aftercare program. I also sub in the mornings when needed.

## Q -- What do you find most rewarding about being a part of the Trinity family?

The love received from students, their families, and other faculty/staff.

## Q -- Can you share a fun fact about yourself that might surprise your students?

Growing up I had a pet pig named Petunia.

## **Q** -- Outside of the school environment, what is your favorite activity?

Theatre, baking, and spending time with my family.

#### Q - What is your favorite Bible verse and why?

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." ~ Ephesians 2:10.

I held on to this verse when I was in high school and I was so uncertain about my future and what I wanted to do. There is so much pressure put on high school students. I thought because I didn't know what I wanted to do that somehow meant that I had no future. This verse reminded me that God gave us a new life to do the things he planned for us long ago (before we were even born!). I also love that it says we are "God's masterpiece". Masterpiece: a work of OUTSTANDING artistry, skill, or workmanship.

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the new technology, which has resulted in a very engaged classroom environment."

When the school was awarded a grant from Dominion Energy to develop an outdoor classroom, staff members, students, and families worked together to see the project through. Although the project will be continually changing to meet educational outcomes, the bones of the project are in place.

Picnic tables, raised beds, and flowering plants occupy the fenced area, creating a place for students to explore and learn. Under the guidance of Elementary Principal Diana Kingsbury, students have planted fruits and vegetables, prepared the butterfly garden, placed bird feeders, and more. The students are enthusiastic about working outdoors and creating a living laboratory.

Fourth-grader Molly Gyovai shared her thoughts on the benefits of the classroom saying, "It helps the eco-system by adding more flowers and things to the environment."

Being faithful is about maximizing the gifts we've been given. We have been blessed with much. It is our goal to be found faithful in all things while giving our students the best possible experience.



Artists Carly Anderson and Kaylie Laskody pose with their paintings.

#### **Inspiring with Art**

Senior independent art students saw an opportunity to use their talents to encourage classmates through an art installation. Combining Bible verses or inspirational quotes with images, they designed and painted 3' by 5' murals on restroom stall doors. The project took months to complete, but the results were worth it.

Art teacher Meghan Casto was excited about the project, saying, "The students far exceeded my expectations for these doors and I'm happy that they've been able to leave a legacy in this way.

Senior artist Jayden Donham hopes that their work will inspire more installations. "I could see it even bringing out more projects over future years with students," he said.

## **Early Childhood Chapel**



With the expansion of our preschool program, the school has added a special Early Childhood Chapel.

"We created something where Kindergarteners and preschoolers have a chapel that's geared to their developmental needs and interests," said Elementary Principal Diana Kingsbury.

The chapel has been highly successful because it is tailored to the ages and attention spans of the over 60 students enrolled in the early education program at the school.

#### Back to B.A.S.I.C.s

Trinity seniors learned how to identify parts of a car, how to change a tire, sew on a button, and more at the second annual B.A.S.I.C. conference. The soon-to-be graduates attended the conference in preparation for life after high school.

B.A.S.I.C., an acronym for Bringing Applicable Skills Into the Classroom, brought the students together with community members who shared their expertise on numerous topics ranging from wellness to time management to finance.

After attending the conference, senior Belen Turak said, "It left me wanting more. I want to learn more about specific things," she said while her classmates expressed agreement.



Seniors learn about car care at the one-day B.A.S.I.C. Conference.

#### **High School Football in Fall 2019**



Former WVU standout Marcus Law signs shirts for students after being named Trinity's Head Football Coach.

Varsity football is back at Trinity for the 2019-20 season, with former WVU football player, Marcus Law leading the team as head coach.

Athletic Director, Cary Woods, said Law's experience made him an ideal candidate to take on the challenge of leading a new program.

"Marcus brings his experience as a Division I player along with his proven leadership skills and knowledge from his role as an assistant coach at a successful Morgantown High School football program. Equally as important, I believe he demonstrates the character necessary to mold our boys into young men with the Christian values that all of us connected with the school and the program desire."

The school has plans for an athletic facility expansion, with plans to install lights by the first home game and to break ground on a multi-purpose building in the near future. The building will include home and away locker rooms as well as a workout area.

Trinity is scheduled to kick-off its season on Friday, August 30 at home against Mapletown (Pa).

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the late Stephen K. Shuman, who have served as faithful servants to the ministry of our school.

Throughout the night, we were reaffirmed in our mission as we heard countless stories of God's faithfulness over the years. We were filled with joy and overwhelmed by His blessings as individual after individual stepped up to help our kids receive a Christian education. By the end of the night, **over \$50,000** was raised to sustain Tuition Assistance at Trinity. The work the Lord started years ago in the hearts of the founders continues today. We are grateful that we are able to provide a Christian education in the Morgantown area and grateful that we can Educate for Life.

## Alumni News

Christiana Beimel '18 is attending WVU majoring in Biology and also works at Stefano's restaurant in Morgantown as a hostess.

**Elizabeth Satterfield '16** just graduated from WVU with a BA in history and will be continuing at WVU in the fall to get double MA in public history and public administration.

**Tucker Livengood '18** has been accepted into Waynesburg University's nursing program after successfully completing his freshman year at the college.

**Trinity Graduates** 

#### Are you interested in:

- Starting an Alumni Association?
- Using our facility for a reunion?
- Scheduling an Alumni game?

#### Contact our Advancement Office at 304-291-4659

**Trinity Graduates:** We want to keep in touch! Please submit your alumni news and contact information through our website at tcswv.org/connect/alumni/ We also invite you to like our Facebook alumni page at fb.me/tcswvalumni. We look forward to hearing from you!



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Daniel Han and Adelyn Tager won West Virginia's Middle School Cyber-Robotics Coding Competition!







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## School Advancement Updates

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## Hoop-A-Thon

The excitement and smiles seen on the student's faces during this event are contagious! Just ask our parent volunteers who had to get in on the action and shoot hoops while waiting for another class to arrive.

Not only did students show determination when shooting hoops or hula-hooping, they also fully supported their classmates by cheering from the stands. We were also impressed by the secondary students who stepped in and assisted elementary students when needed. The Hoop-A-Thon was a success both from the fun had by all and the amount of money raised for the school, which totaled over \$19,500! Thank you to all the students, volunteers, teachers, parents and donors who made this possible!!!

## **Corporate Sponsorships**

Corporate sponsors make school events like our annual Hoop-A-Thon even more of a success! We love to celebrate their contributions by sharing business logos on event banners, posting websites on our school Facebook page, printing business information in athletic programs and much more!

We offer three levels of sponsorship with corresponding

levels recognition. interested of If vou are in learning more about our Corporate Sponsor program or to receive sponsorship packet, please а contact Samantha Lov at sloy@tcswv.org bv or calling 304-291-4659 ext 158.



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## Ending 2018 with a **Grateful Heart**

Giving Tuesday took place on November 27, 2018 and Trinity Christian School took part in this national day of giving with a Facebook campaign. We created an event and posted facts throughout the day sharing why our school is so special. We were thrilled when 5 donors stepped up and gave a total of \$2,900 on Giving Tuesday!

The giving didn't end there! We sent letters to community donors and businesses asking them to assist Trinity in providing tuition assistance for our students who qualify. 5 held cZ % Xebcfg k YfY [YbYfci g' ]b' h Yff' []j ]b[' UbX' dfcj ]XYX' ci f' gWcc`` k |h\~+ž) ' \$!

We are thankful that God provides for our school and we are also thankful to those donors who opened up their hearts and felt moved to give to Trinity Christian School.

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Jpdate: 3rd Graders using new Chromebooks provided by the generous grant gifted by Richard Snyder and Novelis

## Continued Faithfulness

Trinity Christian School is beyond blessed to have the continued faithfulness and support of organizations like the Stover Foundation.

The Stover Foundation was founded by the late W. wife, Joan to Robert Stover and his invest contributions in a manner that would glorify God and point others to the source of all truth. This foundation has continuously given to our school and this year we were grateful to not only receive a check for \$10,000, but also an accompanying heart-warming letter.

This letter written by the president of The Stover Foundation, Mr. Williamson stated, "Clearly, vou regard education as a high calling. By encapsulating facts and skills within a Christ-centered world view you elevate your students toward lives of meaning and purpose." We give thanks to God for putting our school in the hearts and prayers of organizations like The Stover Foundation who have similar missions and outlooks on life.

#### **Questions?**

If vou have questions about school any advancement, donations, or how to get involved at Trinity, please contact one of our Advancement staff members at 304-291-4659.

## **My Gift Amount**

Please complete all the information below, so we may properly recognize your gift. All gifts are tax-deductible. You may mail or return to Trinity Christian School, attn. School Advancement at 200 Trinity Way, Morgantown, WV 26505. All financial gifts are tax-deductible.

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