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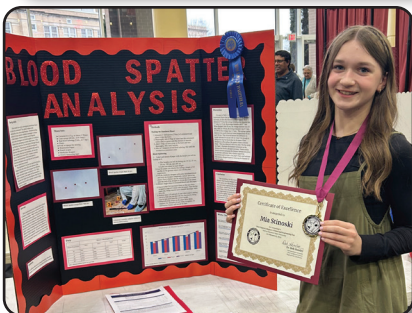
Academic Highlights



Winter is the time for academic fairs and competitions and our students have been busy with both. Topping the list, senior Ethan Tomlinson (top photo) has been named a National Merit Finalist, making him the sixth Trinity student to qualify for this honor. Upon graduation, Ethan will attend the University of Florida where he'll double major in Computer Science and Business.



For the first time in school history, we had middle school teams (second photo) compete in the Science Bowl. Coached by Chris and Bekah Oliver, our eighth-grade team qualified for the afternoon session after winning four and tying one of their five rounds. With a start like that, the team has a bright future.



Also in STEM news, seventh-grader Mia Stinoski (third photo) earned a trip to the State Science Fair when she won first place in the regional fair for her Blood Spatter Analysis project. Through her research, Mia concluded that the farther the distance that blood was dropped, the larger the diameter of the spatter.

Our early elementary students are receiving an excellent foundation in reading with 97% of our kindergarten and first-graders reading at or above grade level based on mid-year assessments.

Lastly, our Trinity Honor Society inducted 25 students for this school year.



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Amazing Gifts of Support: Funded by a generous grant from the Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General Charitable Fund sponsored by the Armstrong County Community Foundation, the school purchased security film for the windows and doors of the lobby and main office. This is just one of several measures the administration has taken recently to improve security at the school.

Additional funds from the grant were used to purchase a second 15 passenger van (bottom photo) for student groups and teams to use for field trips, games, and service projects. Remaining grant funds are designated for rubber mulch for play areas, sound equipment, and more.

The school also received gifts from the Mission Fund in Memory of Chuck & Pearl Snyder and the Richard G. Snyder Endowment for the Arts, both sponsored by the Armstrong County Community Foundation.

We are so thankful to the Lord, Mr. Snyder, and the Armstrong County Community Foundation!

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Arts Highlights

Winter has been a busy season for our arts program and spring promises a full slate as well. We started off winter with a perennial favorite of our school community, the elementary Christmas program. The marching band also celebrated the sounds of the season when they performed in the Morgantown Christmas parade.

Senior and alto saxophonist Ethan Tomlinson received the honor of performing with the West Virginia All-State Band. Ethan was not the only TCS student recently recognized for excellence in the arts. Actors Anna Lohmann and Rylan Sharp were awarded All-Festival Cast at the Region II Thespian Festival for their performances in *Her Senior Year*.

Our thespian troupe #12393 made school history by inducting its first class of ten students into the International Thespian Society, Theatre Honorary. The troupe will travel to the South Eastern Theatre Conference for a national competition at the end of March. The drama department will present *Little Mermaid, Jr.* on May 1st through 3rd.

Our visual arts department will showcase students' work on the Night of the Arts, scheduled for Tuesday, April 8th. This annual celebration of the arts will include performances by the elementary and secondary bands, too.



Top Left: Ethan Tomlinson

Top Right: Clay owls created by fourth-graders and mirrored name by a third-grader

Bottom Left: Newly inducted members of the International Thespian Society, Theatre Honorary

Bottom Right: Elementary students present *The Camel Lot* Christmas musical



Athletic Highlights

This year, our athletics department was excited to introduce bowling as a new varsity sport sanctioned through the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, coached by Jeff Street. The girls team had an impressive season, finishing 2nd in the division overall with a 6-2 record and 2nd in the OVAC Championship, competing against 12 1A, 2A, & 3A teams. Team member Ashlyn Street broke Girls West Virginia State Individual records this season for high average at 228.9, high game at 280, and high 2-game series at 508. She will compete at the US High School Bowling Foundation Tournament in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in June. Coach Street expects all seven girls and two boys to return next season, with a goal of adding enough boys for a team. We are so proud of the team and excited to offer bowling to our students.

The fall sports teams were represented in post-season all-star games by seniors Cora Friend and Mason Rodeheaver for soccer, and Emma Jenkins and Rylan Sharp for volleyball.

Our basketball seasons are nearing the end with postseason upon us at the time of this writing. This year we introduced new coaches for both the high school teams. Both teams have shown resiliency and improvement as have our middle school teams. It's been a year of rebuilding, and we can see a bright future for the basketball program.



Top Left: Ashlyn Street



Top Right: Girls Bowling Team and Coaches - OVAC Runner-Up

Bottom Left: Senior Soccer Players Cora Friend and Mason Rodeheaver

Bottom Center: Rylan Sharp accompanied by parents and teammates

Bottom Right: Senior Volleyball Players Emma Jenkins and Rylan Sharp



Alumni Highlights



Jenna Barnett

Jenna Barnett '24 earned a spot on the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) All-Academic team for cross country. To qualify for the team, an athlete must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale and finish in the top-30 percent of their respective regional meet. Jenna is a freshman majoring in biology at Glenville State.

Sadie Wyer '23 is in the spring semester of her sophomore year at Fairmont State University majoring in Forensic Science. Sadie plans to complete her degree and work in evidence collecting emphasizing in serology.



Sadie Wyer



Christian School Culture: After introducing "Friday Finales" last year, the monthly assemblies have become a valued part of our school culture. Students in grades kindergarten through 12th gather in the gym to worship together, celebrate achievements, and recognize students and staff for displaying biblical character traits. We also gather on Friday mornings before school to worship in the lobby. Spiritual Emphasis Week continues to be a time set aside for students to focus on growing in their faith. This year we started the week with a student-led Night of Worship. It was amazing!

Healthy Lunches: In January, the school started a partnership with Healthy Kids Inc. to offer a four-day-a-week hot lunch program for our students and staff, and the program has been widely successful so far!

Early Education: The school is reverting to a preschool model starting with the 2025-2026 school year. More details to follow soon.



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