

## Why Trinity?

Considering where your child will attend school is one of the most significant decisions you will make as a parent. You can expect Trinity to differ from other schools in many ways, such as better discipline, higher academic achievement, lower teacher-student ratio, and greater commitment from teachers. But the real distinction is that we proclaim Jesus Christ. We are confident that our program of academic studies wrapped into the spiritual understandings and practical applications of living, will provide you with what is most needed for your child's education.

## Christian Principles

Our desire is to grow and foster strong Christian leaders who are difference makers in their families, communities and in their world. Our students have weekly scripture verses to memorize, follow our integrity ladder and participate in weekly chapel.

**Worship** at Trinity is not confined to the daily classroom devotion or to whole-school worship services, but occurs throughout the day. Children are helped to grow in their prayer lives, learning to pray privately and corporately whenever needs or opportunities arise.

**Service** to others is an important component in Christian leadership. Our students have a monthly servant event where they focus on the needs of others outside of school and recognize the value of putting someone else's needs before their own. Service becomes a natural part of school life. Children are led to help others, not only in the school, but also in the community and the world.

**Fellowship** is enjoyed by all members of the school community. Students and staff accept one another as fellow members of the body of Christ. Teachers and students work together to maintain a classroom atmosphere of love and joy.

# Be Prepared

## Everyday Excellence

### Teaching Staff

Every teacher at Trinity Lutheran School is highly qualified and has a teaching credential or is pursuing a masters in education. They attend continuing education seminars and classes and are men and women of faith and integrity. Each teacher has been hired on the basis of his or her academic qualifications and biblical beliefs.

### Accreditation

Trinity is accredited by the National Association of Accredited Schools (NAAS) and the National Lutheran School Association (NLSA) and recently received a rating of SCHOOL-EXEMPLARY STATUS meaning Trinity (PreK through grade 12) is a "school of choice in the community." Being an accredited school has many advantages but the most important meaning for parents is that students' credits transfer to other schools. For example the high school credits that our eighth graders are earning for Math and Spanish (our eighth graders can take High School Spanish 1, Algebra or Geometry - based on ability level) will transfer to public high school or to another school if the student moves from the area.

This is only true for accredited schools and not all private schools are accredited. This is such an important question for parents to ask as they are evaluating private schools! As part of the accreditation process, we are required to keep the NLSA informed about our school and are required to file annual reports with them. It is a lengthy process but it is certainly worth the time and effort as we strive to have our students receive the best Christ-centered education possible.

**Financial Aid is available.**

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: What are the class sizes at Trinity?**

**A:** Our goal is to keep class sizes small to provide the best education for our students. 22 students maximum in Preschool three year olds through fourth Grade (PreK-3 through Kindergarten also has a teacher's aide). 25 students in fifth through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**Q: What percentage of the student body is not Lutheran? We are not Lutheran. Will our beliefs be honored as well?**

**A:** Presently, our student population is approximately 70% non-Lutheran and 30% Lutheran. At Trinity we welcome families of other Christian denominations who can enter into a "partnership of faith" and support the focus of a Christ centered learning environment. We believe such a commitment and participation enriches our school.



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## Devoted education.



Train a child in the way  
he should go and when  
he is old he will not  
turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6

At Trinity, our focus is presenting challenging academics in a safe and caring Christian environment where faith is integrated in the learning process, giving children the foundation necessary to continue their education and to proceed in the life-long process of Christian service. When you enroll at Trinity, you not only enroll in a school, you enter into a partnership with us.

## Preschool

### Preschool

Preschool is designed for three and four year olds who are in a formal preschool program for the first time. The focus is social development with peers and teachers and adjusting to being away from a parent during school.

Academic focus includes mastery of numbers to 12, colors and shapes and recognizing and writing the first letter of their name. Enrichment activities include music, art, physical education, God's Creation Can, helper of the day and chapel.

### Junior Kindergarten

Junior Kindergarten is a three or five day per week program designed to build Kindergarten readiness for the following year. Academic focus includes letters, numbers above 12, letter sounds, writing their first name in upper and lower case letters, and reading readiness.

Enrichment activities include music, art, physical education, letter can, helper of the day and chapel.

## Kindergarten

### Half Day Kindergarten

This program is designed for five and six year olds who are at least five on September first of the current school year. Saxon Math and Phonics are used to give students a solid math and reading foundation. Kindergarten students use D'Nealian Handwriting and the focus is on refining their motor skills and proper technique for holding a pencil. Science is hands-on as they learn about the world that God has created. Social studies time is spent learning about citizens and traditions that make up our country's heritage. Music, physical education, art and chapel round out the weekly activities.

### Full Day Kindergarten

Full Day Kindergarten is designed for students who are ready for the academic challenge of being in school all day. The program is the same as the half day program in the morning and then includes lunch and a rest time. The afternoon includes Spanish Immersion and additional enrichment time for math, reading, technology, art music and physical education.

### Enrichment Activities Before and After School

For children that need to be on campus longer than their normal school day, we provide additional enrichment activities before and after school. For Preschool and Junior Kindergarten students this time in the afternoon includes lunch, rest time, and additional activities in art, music, physical education, math, reading and play. For students Kindergarten through fifth grade a homework room is available. Please refer to a tuition schedule for pricing for each of these programs.

## Elementary Education

### 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

At Trinity we recognize the value of a preparing your child for success in life by emphasizing academic excellence. Our students build a strong foundation with Saxon Math and Phonics, weekly spelling words, a sound reading program, emphasis on grammar and writing, science, religion and social studies. In addition to academics we also include music, art, technology, Spanish and physical education into the weekly instruction time.

### 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

At this level academics are stepped up in preparation for junior and senior high school. Students take more responsibility and accountability for their learning and are placed in math ability groups so all groups are challenged. In addition to academics we also include music, art, technology, Spanish and physical education into the weekly instruction time. Students are given the opportunity to participate in the Lutheran Elementary Schools Tournament (LEST) competitions.

## Junior High

### 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Self-confidence and critical thinking

The junior high program at Trinity addresses all facets of the teenage student: intellectual, social, moral and physical. Self confidence is nurtured; critical thinking is developed.

Students participate in a modified block schedule where they rotate through 80 minute periods for core and elective classes. Math classes are divided by students' ability and 8th graders are able to take high school level algebra and geometry. Eighth graders also earn high school credit for Spanish.

Students at Trinity excel with one-on-one attention and develop time-management skills that prepare them for high school and college.

Our curriculum is written to meet and exceed state standards. In addition to quarterly progress reports, our students take the standardized Stanford testing in April.

## Senior High

### 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Individual attention and independence

High school students with advisor approval can choose to split their time between Trinity, online courses, electives at a public high school or take advanced courses at COCC. Of course, for the families who prefer, a full academic schedule can also be taken on the Trinity campus.

Core and elective classes are 80 minute periods taught by a specialty teacher who is passionate about their subject area.

Our curriculum is written to meet and exceed state standards. In addition to quarterly progress reports, our students take the PSAT in preparation for the SAT.



## Extracurricular Activities & Electives

Leadership  
Student Government  
Spelling Bee  
Math Competitions  
Chess  
Musical Theatre  
Lego Club/  
Lego Robotics

Sports:  
Cross Country  
Track  
Volleyball  
Basketball

Field Trips:  
Fort Vancouver  
Oregon Capital  
Portland  
Oregon Coast  
Shakespeare Festival  
Mount Saint Helens

Lutheran Elementary  
School Tournament  
Activities (L.E.S.T.)

Band  
Choir  
Drama  
Knowledge Bowl  
Spelling  
Science  
Writing  
Basketball  
Dance  
Cheer  
Swimming  
Chess

# Be Confident