



# TRINITY ACADEMY

## ANNUAL REPORT

### 2018

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

### Dear Families and Friends of Trinity Academy,

Our theme this year focuses on the fact that Jesus is our super 'servant' hero. Staff have been teaching students to distinguish the difference between the truth and fiction with respect to super heroes. During our chapel services we have recognized local earthly super heroes and the ways they serve in our community and world. As the book of Matthew tells us, Jesus is the finest example of a humble servant who gave His life for all mankind. "—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."-Matthew 20:28.

As a total school ministry, Trinity Academy Preschool thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Trinity Wrapcare at the West Campus and Trinity Early Childhood Academy (TECA), we are blessed and privileged to teach and care for approximately 370 children each week. I would attest that all of our teachers and school staff are Super Heros in their work at Trinity.

May you be filled with the hope and knowledge that Jesus is the super hero of your life's story. I also encourage you to take a moment to celebrate your own earthly super hero.

The staff and I pray that the 2019 year will be rich and full of God's blessings to your family and those you love. *Mrs. Alison Johnson*

### ALUMNI NEWS

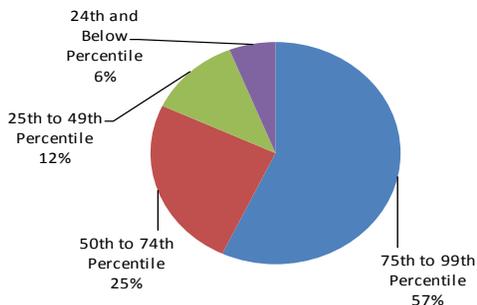
We are excited to hear from our alumni! Elijah Verdoorn says this to our school community. "After graduating from Trinity Academy in 2007 (then a K-5 Trinity Lutheran school), I enjoyed seven years in Hudson Schools. My time was marked by involvement in choir, theater, a job at the Hudson Library and volunteering. I credit much of my academic and extra-curricular successes in the public school system to the excellent foundation that Trinity provided to me in my early childhood. I remember trips to nursing homes, singing Christmas Carols at the Mall of America, bell ringing and chapel performances. In addition to giving me the opportunity to engage with my theatrical penchant from a young age, these performances built up a desire to serve others and spread a message that I still feel today."

Elijah is a graduate of St. Olaf and is currently working as a Software Engineer at Pandora in San Francisco, CA. Combining his love for music with Computer Science and Mathematics.

If you are an alumni we want to hear from you!

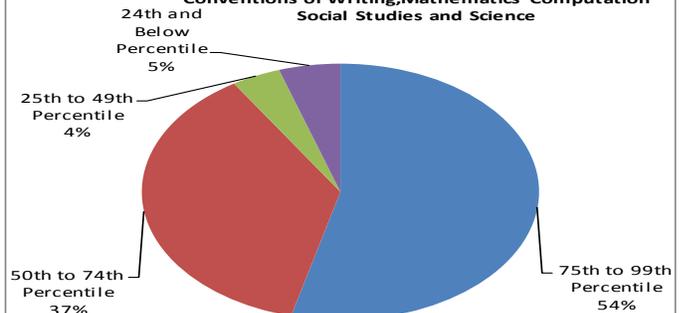
### Iowa Basics Complete Composite Fall 2018 Grades 3rd through 5th Percentage of Students

Includes : Reading, Written Expression, Vocabulary Conventions of Writing, Mathematics Computation Social Studies and Science



### Iowa Basics Complete Composite Fall 2018 Grades 6th through 8th Percentage of Students

Includes : Reading, Written Expression, Vocabulary Conventions of Writing, Mathematics Computation Social Studies and Science



### STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Students in K-8	163
Students in Preschool	113
Total Enrollment	276
Preschool Students Utilizing Wrap Around Care	75
K-8 Students Who Utilize Extended Day Care	49
Hispanic Students	6%
Asian Students	2%
Other Non White	4%
White/Caucasian	88%
Students with Learning Disabilities	3%
Economically Disadvantaged	7%
Students Receiving Tuition Assistance	13.5%
Students at TECA (East Campus)	94

### STAFF DEMOGRAPHICS (All Academy incl. TECA, Academy, WC)

Principal, Director of Educational Ministries	1
Director of Childcare TECA	1
Asst. Director of Childcare TECA	1
Coordinator of Wrap-care WC	1
Administrative Assistants	1.75
Teachers Full Time	15
Teachers Part Time	4
Classroom Aides Full Time	5
TECA Teachers /Staff	17
Cook	1
Maintenance	.50

### STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:

The 3 graphs presented are the results of our Fall 2018 IOWA Basics assessment. 95% of our students in grades 1-2 are scoring at or above the 50% nationwide on the Core Composite. 82% of our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders are scoring at or above the 50% on the Complete Composite and 91% of our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> are scoring at or above the 50% on the Complete Composite.

The Complete Composite includes all the core subjects along with Social Studies and Science.

**NATIONAL JR. HONOR SOCIETY:** 20 Trinity students/members

### 2018- TRIMESTER 1 HONOR ROLL (GRADES 5-8):

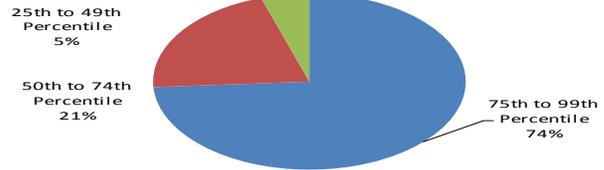
5 Students achieved Highest Honors of a 4.0 GPA or above

24 Students achieved High Honors of a 3.67-3.99 GPA

22 Students achieved Honors of a 3.0-3.66 GPA

### Iowa Basics Core Composites Fall 2018 Grades 1 through 2 Percentage of Students

Includes: Reading, Language, Vocabulary Word Analysis, Listening, Mathematics



## **PRESCHOOL UPDATES**

Preschool teachers are working hard this year to stress the importance of social skills for our preschoolers through daily interactions and the use of our Second Step Social Skills Curriculum.

The preschool classrooms are enjoying many new items this year that were provided by Iron Kids funds and money from the HSD4K partnership. New items include a mimeo system (smart board) in both of our 4K classes (from 4K funds). Our Iron Kids funds were used to purchase new classroom rugs, One in Christ faith curriculum, and student materials. Thank you families for supporting our annual Iron Kids event! This year Iron Kids proceeds will be put towards a new playground structure/equipment designated only for preschool! **Save the Date - Feb 9<sup>th</sup>!**

## **TRINITY TRAILBLAZERS!**

This summer will be our 4th year providing care in our TB program. I wanted to share with you few of the testimonials I've received from families regarding TB. As you read these you will understand, as I do, the care we provide and the program we offer truly makes a difference in the lives of the Trinity families and the community members we serve in the summer months. You can see and feel God is working through us.

"We love that Elsa & Adalin are learning about God and the messages He left for us in the bible when they are at Trailblazers." -Ashley Haslund (HSD)

"I wanted to be sure that I let you know how grateful our family is for all of the hard work you have put into Trailblazers and how much I talk about the amazing program our kids are in during the summer thanks to all of your dedication and the great team you have put together! With deepest gratitude, thank you!" -Jennifer Hummel (Trinity Academy)

"We want to thank you for another great summer at TB. Sully & Finn absolutely love attending and we are so grateful for all of the fun opportunities and friendships they have while attending. You do a phenomenal job of keeping the children engaged, busy, and full of laughter over the summer! ...a sincere THANK YOU to you and all of the extended staff who make TB such a wonderful experience" - Krystal Pelant (HSD)

This summer we will be looking for more help as two of our teachers have moved. If you know of any college students interested in part-time work they can email me at [sdevos@trinityhudson.org](mailto:sdevos@trinityhudson.org). -Miss Shannon DeVos

## **WARRIOR ATHLETICS**

For the first time ever our school swept the Lutheran Schools State Cross Country meet with all of our teams taking first place! Recently our 5/6 Boys Basketball team brought home another trophy for our overflowing cabinet following a win in the Holiday Classic. Congratulations to all of our Warrior athletes and coaches!

## **TRINITY EARLY CHILDHOOD ACADEMY**

2018 brought many blessings, much laughter and a lot of learning at TECA. Our team at TECA partnered together to, "Provide academic excellence and develop leaders who love God, love others and serve the world." Both Academies utilized our team's knowledge, experience and insight when using our curriculum, One in Christ Curriculum from Concordia Publishing House. Teachers for all ages and grades collaborated on the different themes, lessons, teaching strategies to determine what worked for their students. It was a year of learning for not only our students but our teachers as well. In addition, we connected with our Academy students to celebrate the Word of God. Academy students performed Chapel, mentored younger children and taught Bible lessons in classrooms to our younger Early Academy children.

Lastly, it was truly a blessing to connect for a night of fellowship with both Academy's families, teachers and the congregation during the Fall Fling. It was a very special night building community, developing relationships and celebrating what the Academies do. 2018 has truly helped the Education Ministry at Trinity to connect our children, teachers and families.

We look forward to the blessings 2019 brings to us all.

-Miss Amanda Lloyd, TECA

## **FACILITIES AND GROUNDS**

Donations from our families have provided updates to our school over the last several years. This year, we were able to complete the new turf on our enclosed playground with the addition of a commercial grade fence around the entire perimeter. Updating the existing fence was not only for aesthetics, but for the safety of our students as well. Thank you to Todd Erickson for coordinating and helping to make our outdoor spaces look immaculate for our students, and to all of the parent volunteers who came out to help with the installation. We were also able to purchase new Trinity Warrior logo wall mats for the gym that look amazing and help with acoustics, especially during our home basketball games.

Our buildings and grounds are supported by many volunteers. If you are interested in being part of that team please contact the school office.

## **SUPPORT TRINITY**

*"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." Romans 12: 9-13*

Over the years, our annual Gala has been the main fundraiser for our school. This year, our PTO organized and held our Inaugural Fall Fling at the East Campus in November. This was a night filled with fellowship, community building, live music and a silent auction to support our school.

As the year progresses we now move into the time when we start planning our annual spring event; this year it is going to look and feel completely different. Our goal is to provide an event that can accommodate all families in a new setting with an afternoon golf tournament paired with an evening dinner. In addition to raising funds to support the school to keep tuition reasonable for families, we will also be supporting Meals from the Heart charity. Our students will be packing meals in the fall of 2019. 10% of our net profits (up to 5K) will be given to Meals from the Heart in Stillwater, MN to provide meals for local food banks.

As Friends of Trinity Academy we appeal to you to consider volunteering, contributing a donation, sponsoring a hole and attending our event. You can contact the school office for further information. If you receive a donation from a business (local or other), this is a great opportunity for free marketing and potential increased business for them! Networking and using connections you currently have with business colleagues for opportunities to vacation rentals, sporting events, or similar elaborate items can be a tremendous boost to the Live Auction.

Additionally, as a Friend of Trinity Academy, you may want to give at the year end to our Annual Appeal, the Trinity Endowment, or donate Thrivent Choice dollars to our school.

This past year the Trinity Endowment provided a \$3000.00 grant to our K-5 teachers that allowed for the purchase of flexible seating chairs in those classrooms. The Hudson Education Foundation has been very generous to our school. This year they awarded a grant of \$3000.00 (matched with the Trinity Endowment grant) for a total of \$6000.00 to be spent on these functional chairs.

## **LITTLE WARRIORS HSD4K PRESCHOOL**

The HSD 4K Little Warrior class has had a great start to the school year! We are quickly learning new things every day! We are practicing literacy, math, social/emotional and science skills, as well as attending gym, music and chapel once a week. The goals for the program are to strive to meet the Wisconsin Educational Standards for the early childhood level. Along with the academics, we also provide spiritual aspects to our teachings. At Trinity Academy we offer an extra half hour of religious instruction time beyond the district's 2.5 hours of academic instruction. This extra time is used to teach the children about God and His teachings in the Bible. We have worked through the Old Testament and will soon learn about the birth of our Savior and continue into the New Testament. During our religious time, we attend chapel, read and discuss Bible stories, sing, and pray together. -Mrs. Kelsie Most