

# TRINITY





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A Recognized  
School OF  
Excellence



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# TRINITY

*Where Children Learn to Love Learning*



Sponsored by the Sisters  
of Notre Dame de Namur

PROLOGUE . . . . .



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Deep in the heart of Howard County, MD, lie forty-eight acres of a beautiful and tranquil community. These wooded acres are the home to *Trinity School*, located conveniently to Baltimore, Washington and surrounding counties.

The “*creation of a Christian environment in which the total person is recognized and respected*” is the philosophy of Trinity’s founding principals, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Trinity School’s wooded campus is an apt setting for the fulfillment of this goal. At Trinity, the individual student stands at the center of the school’s curriculum, activities, accomplishments and ambitions.

*“One of the greatest gifts a parent can give to their children is the gift of a strong education—both spiritually and academically. We chose Trinity for our son’s primary and middle school education to give him that gift.”*

Parent

# THE QUALITY . . . . .



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*T*rinity School is a private, primary and middle, Catholic, coeducational and ethnically diverse school. The school is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and by the Association of Independent Maryland Schools. *Trinity* is twice the recipient of the Exemplary School Award designated by the U.S. Department of Education.

Its campus is located in an environment that fosters the educational process. The primary school has classes from pre-school through fourth grade; the middle school from fifth through eighth grade. One of the school's major strengths is its commitment to a challenging, comprehensive curriculum offered in a personalized manner that invites the best from each student. This curriculum incorporates both family and religious values.

Trinity maintains a strong instructional staff dedicated to children and excellence in academics. Graduates are extremely well prepared academically and emotionally for the transition to area high schools.

*"I am impressed with my son's attitude toward school.  
He has a goal for everything."*

Parent

# THE COMMUNITY . . . . .



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**T***Trinity School* reaches out to bring parents into its community. *Trinity* is known for its commitment to the Howard County area helping residents and especially those in need.

*Trinity* is a founding member of FISH of Howard County, a 24 hour volunteer service for the needy. On a year-round basis the *Trinity Community* reaches out to families in need and local charities such as PACT (Parents and Children Together), The Elkridge Mission and Our Daily Bread. While emphasis is placed during the holiday season, *Trinity* is generous year round to many local charities.

*Trinity* middle school students connect with residents in homes for the retired. This program is known as “*Adopt A Grandparent.*” Care for the elderly is manifested with a yearly event called “Operation LOVE.” This event draws approximately 400 grandparents and special persons to *Trinity* for a luncheon, celebration and performances by their grandchildren, our *Trinity* students.

*Trinity* remains sensitive to current needs and engages students in responding to these needs whenever possible. The development of leadership among the students is a primary goal at the school. The growth of the entire family is one of *Trinity’s* most unique features and is fostered through the many family events sponsored at the school.

*“To me Trinity is not only a school—it is a part of my family.”*

Parent

# THE PROGRAM . . . . .



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**T***rinity School* offers a strong curriculum based on core subject areas that are responsive to the individual needs of the students. Teaching for values permeates the curriculum. Students experience scientific investigation in science labs and on the campus; the world of literature through award winning books, mathematical hands-on based concepts; the riches of history and geography; writing across the curriculum; a cultural heritage in music and art; physical fitness through athletics; foreign languages; computer programs; and study skills. Technology is incorporated throughout the curriculum. Prayer, Scripture, social justice and morality are essential components of the Religion Curriculum.

Developing an attitude of self-discipline within each student is a priority in Trinity's philosophy. At Trinity, the qualities of love and respect are fostered to create a caring Christian community.

*"Our son graduates from Trinity this year and he definitely has all the tools he needs to do well in high school. A child who was once shy has blossomed into an out-going and self assured young man. It is a good feeling to know that as a parent you have done the right thing for your child."*

Parent

# PHILOSOPHY OF TRINITY SCHOOL

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**T***rinity School* is an independent, Catholic Primary and Middle school, a place where children learn to love learning. The primary purpose of Trinity's education is to maintain a program which challenges the students in a Christian environment. The uniqueness of each person is recognized, accepted and respected. The teachers encourage each individual to achieve to his and her fullest capacity in a caring environment through a personalized approach to teaching.

Religious values form the center of the program. Proclaiming the Gospel, creating Christian community, prayer, and service are reflected in our teaching. Trinity is committed to nurturing self-respect, self-discipline, self-direction, and acceptance of moral responsibility for one's actions. Skills in leadership, decision-making, and conflict resolution are taught. Trinity strives to be a community of peacemakers.

Trinity offers a strong academic curriculum with expanding and enriching programs in all disciplines. The primary focus of the program is to teach children to learn how to learn. Instruction centers on skill-building across the various disciplines including: reading and writing skills, computation, problem solving, the scientific method, technological skills, critical thinking, historical and geographical inquiry, study skills and creative expression.

The school strives to maintain a student population that is enriched by economic, cultural, and ethnic diversity. Trinity seeks to prepare students to interact in a diverse society and to assume responsibility for community development through service and out-reach programs. By learning how to sacrifice for others and to share resources with the needy, the children are taught to be responsible citizens in a global society.

Trinity is a family-centered school. Parents and teachers form a partnership, working together to achieve the best for the child. Opportunities for growth and involvement in the school are made available to the entire family throughout the Trinity experience.

Every aspect of the Trinity philosophy nurtures the total child, emotionally, spiritually, physically, and academically. The fostering of a positive self-image encourages every child to accomplish his or her unique God-given mission.

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# TRINITY SCHOOL OBJECTIVES



- ❑ Create daily a stimulating and caring environment that is conducive to learning.
- ❑ Provide religious formation through the modeling of Christian living and instruction in values and religious concepts.
- ❑ Develop a quality, comprehensive curriculum that responds to the needs of a changing world.
- ❑ Foster a positive self-image in each student by helping students develop a willingness and capability to recognize, accept, and respect one's gifts and limitations and those of others.
- ❑ Develop skills and opportunities for leadership.
- ❑ Provide and foster opportunities for service within and outside the school community.
- ❑ Strive to create a student population that is enriched by economic, cultural, and ethnic diversity.
- ❑ Facilitate an understanding among the parents of the levels of child development and the respective responsibilities of parents, students, and teachers in the educative process.
- ❑ Initiate and implement programs that foster the growth and development of the entire family.

# THE CURRICULUM

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PRE-SCHOOL

Ages 3 and 4

A thematic, developmentally appropriate approach to:

- Religion
- Chapel
- Language Arts
  - Literature
  - Phonemic Awareness
  - Phonological Awareness
- Math Concepts
- Social Studies
- Science
- Spanish
- Art
- Physical Education
- Music
- Library
- Fine Motor Skills
- Gross Motor Skills
- Organization Skills

KINDERGARTEN

- Religion
- Library
- Literature
- Art
- Music
- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Science
- Physical Education
- Spanish

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Grades 1–4

- Religion
- Language Arts
  - Phonics
  - Reading
  - Spelling
  - Handwriting
  - Grammar
  - Composition
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Science
- Music
- Art
- Physical Education
- Library Skills
- Computers Skills
- Spanish (Grades 1,2)
- French (Grades 3,4)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 5–8

- Religion
- Language Arts
  - Reading/Literature
  - Spelling
  - Vocabulary
  - Handwriting
  - Grammar
  - Composition
- French
- Spanish
- Computer Education
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Science
- Music
- Art
- Physical Education
- Library Skills
- Life Skills
- Latin
  - (Grade 8—Elective)
- Pre-Algebra, Algebra, Honors Algebra

*“Students can’t go through here and not get noticed. Every teacher is tuned in to every child.”*

Teacher

# TRINITY BY THE NUMBERS

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In our most recent year of *Trinity School*, this picture emerges:

- A student population of 385 in Pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.
- A student-teacher ration of 12 to 1 with an average class size of 18.
- Full and Half Day Pre-school
- Full day kindergarten.
- A culturally diverse student population. Trinity welcomes students of other religious affiliations and beliefs.
- Student body is representative of a large geographic area including: Howard, Baltimore, Anne Arundel and Carroll counties.
- Our Faculty members hold 13 Bachelor's and 16 Master's degrees.
- Parents and grandparents are committed to Trinity through their generous volunteer efforts at the school and throughout the community.
- Standardized test scores exceed those of the Archdiocesan mean.
- Average acceptance of Trinity students by area high schools is 100%.
- Cross Country and Track

Trinity offers:

- Financial assistance.
- Extended day program. (school days and some holidays)
- Lunch program.
- Services of nurse, counselor and reading specialist.

# THE ACTIVITIES

A wide range of co-curricular activities provides many opportunities for affirming a student's gifts and for developing a positive self-image.

Concert Choir	Spelling Bee	Piano Lessons
Ensemble	Math Week	Art Lessons
Handbell Choir	Science Fair	Liturgical Dance
Band	Geo-Bee	Scouts
Talent Show	History-Bee	Outdoor Education
Drama Club	Art Contests	School & Community
Team Sports	School Newspaper	Service
Physical Fitness	Memory Book	Cross Country
Basketball Leagues	Creative Writing	Track
Inter & Intra Mural Sports	Assemblies	
Field Day	Student Council	
Buddy Classes		

*“Trinity has many of the things children need in order to grow— good teachers and a beautiful campus. But most important, it is a school where children are encouraged to do all the things that really make them sprout.”*

Parent



Big and little brothers and sisters bring middle school and primary school students together in bonds of friendship.



First Graders celebrate Dr. Seuss Day by reading to preschool students.



Kindergartners engage in Indian Life Day.



The love of learning continues as students enter high school.

*Trinity School admits qualified students of any race, religion, sexual orientation, natural or ethnic origin or any disability to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, natural or ethnic origin, or any disability in administration of its hiring, educational, and admissions policies, as well as of its scholarship, loan, athletic and other school-administered programs.*



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