

# Trinity High School

## *Fast Facts*

### Personal attention

- Average class size is around 20. The student-teacher ratio for 2009-10 is 13:1.
- Students attending Trinity live in Jefferson and surrounding counties, making the school a vital regional asset.
- Even as enrollment has grown, the school has become “smaller” with the implementation of the unique “House System,” a student-counselor ratio of 150:1 and more than 100 clubs and activities for students to enjoy. Nearly 30 schools from around the country have visited Trinity to learn more about the House System. Activity offerings include award-winning programs in the performing arts (theatre, band and chorus), print and broadcast journalism and the expressive arts – all housed in free-standing facilities that are on par with those found on college campuses.
- Four out of five students are Catholic. All students participate in the four-year religion class curriculum, daily prayer, school-wide worship experiences and Campus Ministry program. Our students are encouraged to seek and develop an active spiritual life, which includes yearly retreats, community service and frequent prayer.
- Students meet regularly by House during the school day. Additionally, the Houses are further personalized through the use of smaller mentoring/advising groups. These groups are monitored by one or more teachers and meet four times a week on a special schedule.
- All teachers have a classroom phone with a direct-dial number and voicemail. Grades and upcoming assignments are posted online in *real time*. A bi-monthly 12-page newsletter is sent to every family. Our Web site, the first of its kind among Louisville high schools, is a valuable information conduit. Parent-teacher-student conferences are held during the year.

### Academics

- Trinity maintains an excellent academic reputation – including a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence designation by the United States Department of Education. Trinity is accredited by AdvancED, the Department of Education of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is a member of the National Catholic Educational Association.
- Trinity’s mean scores for the ACT are consistently above state and national levels. All graduates must take the ACT, and when the school reports results all results are included.

- The Advanced Program average composite score for the ACT is 40 percent higher than the national mean for males. *All* students receive extensive in-class preparation for these tests.
- Recent graduates were admitted to more than 180 colleges and universities nationwide, and typically are granted acceptance by schools such as Stanford, MIT, Yale, Harvard, Dartmouth, Brown, Duke, Virginia and Notre Dame.
- Trinity students perform more than 30,000 hours of community service each year.
- Trinity is thought to enroll the most diverse academic student body of any private school in the community.
  - There is a flexible college-preparatory curriculum that challenges every student to maximize his strengths
  - Annually, a dozen or more students are recognized by the National Merit Scholarship program.
  - Trinity sends a large contingent of students to the prestigious Governor's Scholars and Governor's School for the Arts programs each year.
  - More than 70 colleges and universities send recruiters to campus each year seeking our graduates.
  - The Class of 2009 earned \$16 million in college merit scholarships.
  - Schools that specialize in working with students who have learning disabilities, such as The DePaul School, Meredith-Dunn School and Summit Academy, routinely send the majority of their graduates to Trinity each year.

### **Faculty**

- More than nine of every 10 teachers hold a Master's degree or beyond. Five hold a doctoral degree.
- There are nine counselors on staff, with more than one for every grade, and two college guidance counselors.
- There is low faculty turnover, yielding a stable and experienced staff. More than 50 members of Trinity's faculty and staff have given 10 or more years of service to Catholic education at Trinity.

### **Technology**

- Trinity has an integrated computer network with Internet access in *all* classrooms.
- Trinity boasts one computer for every four students and nine computer labs.

- The Cisco Academy is a two-year elective computer-training program culminating in networking certification.
- Many classes now function in a paperless atmosphere through the use of the school's online *Moodle* program. Trinity students log in to these classes using a secure password and interact with their classmates and the teacher in a virtual environment.
- Students use their ID card as a purchasing tool in the cafeteria and to enter campus buildings.
- Students make use of a modern Library Media Center that has access to all the major information-retrieval services.
- Trinity has a modern television studio used by students in creating their own daily news and information show. The studio has the equipment capability to produce a newscast for local network affiliates.

### **Affordability**

- Charitable contributions by her alumni and other donors allow the school to charge a tuition that is more than \$2,000 less than the actual per-student cost.
- In addition to a wide range of payment plans, financial aid remains a high priority...more than \$1 million will be distributed in 2009-10 to more than 40 percent of our families.

### **Campus renaissance**

- Called a "renaissance" by others, Trinity has been transformed into a college-like campus by the investment of more than \$18 million since 1993, including:
  - The conversion of a former car dealership building into a modern campus center that is easily accessible with plenty of close-in parking.
  - The construction of four new buildings in the past eight years – all through the generous support of donations – resulting in an additional 25 classrooms, the school's seventh and eighth science labs, a second gymnasium and a one-of-a-kind sports center that rivals those found on many college campuses.
  - There have been extensive renovations to four existing classroom buildings, including a beautiful remodeling of the school's Chapel and the installation of modern heating and cooling systems. All public spaces are air-conditioned.
  - Visitors see remarkable improvements to campus green spaces, including a recent planting of the 100<sup>th</sup> tree in the past few years.
  - The campus is dotted with numerous spiritual spaces where students gather, including St. Patrick Place, "The Trinity" statue on the rotunda plaza and plans to add art depicting House Patron Saints in the Alumni Courtyard area.
  - There was a complete rewiring of the campus for data, video and voice applications.

- We achieved 100 percent handicap accessibility of all campus buildings; the school was given the 2002 “Breaking Barriers” award by the Metro Disability Coalition. Previous award recipients include the Kentucky Center for the Arts and Louisville Slugger Field.
- The school recently purchased and converted neighboring property for school use.

### **Athletics**

- Trinity has an athletic record unparalleled for a school in its first 50 years. From 2003 to 2009, the school added individual and state team championships in cross country, golf, football, powerlifting, ice hockey, crew, track & field, swimming & diving, wrestling, cycling, tennis, bowling, volleyball and lacrosse to its more than 130 individual and team state championships.
- Annually, numerous Trinity student-athletes are offered collegiate athletic scholarship grants.
- A full-time strength and conditioning coach oversees the impressive R.W. Marshall Sports Center year round, and all 10 KHSAA sports and nearly as many club sports participate in both off-season and in-season weight and conditioning programs.
- Athletic, activity and academic accomplishments are all given equal attention and exposure through numerous school channels, including our Web site. All are recognized with banners that adorn the walls in our large gym.
- With the recent addition of Marshall Stadium, Trinity’s campus vision is 99 percent complete. The new artificial surface is durable enough to sustain numerous school activities, including lacrosse, football, soccer, intramurals and physical education classes.

### **Activities**

- Trinity offers an incredible array of student activities to enhance the high school experience:
  - The House System offers ways for students to engage in friendly competitions with diverse ways for all to become involved, including contests in speech, Martin Luther King essays, political debates, PlayStation 2, art, Web design and hundreds more.
  - An extensive intramural program allows students to be active in a number of sports all year long. Examples include basketball, ultimate Frisbee, volleyball, ping-pong, softball and more.
  - Trinity works to engage students in a variety of leadership experiences, including the Governor’s Scholars Program, the Governor’s School for the Arts, Congressional Youth Leadership, Retreat Leaders, Student Ambassadors, etc. Additionally, there are 90 House representatives who engage in school leadership with their peers.
  - More than a dozen clubs exist solely to promote academic interests and prowess.
  - Visit [www.trinityrocks.com](http://www.trinityrocks.com) to find out why at Trinity you become...

**Brothers for Life**