



# TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

*Pursuing Excellence for Mind and Heart*

## 2023–2024 School Profile

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### MISSION STATEMENT

Trinity Christian School exists to educate students to the glory of God by pursuing excellence for mind and heart.

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### ACCREDITATIONS

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), an accreditation division of Cognia.

Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

Virginia Council for Private Education (VCPE)

### MEMBERSHIPS

Evangelical Council on Financial Accountability (ECFA)

National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)

Potomac and Chesapeake Association for College Admission Counseling (PCACAC)

For tuition and admission information, scan the QR code.



### TRINITY AT A GLANCE

- 2019 National Blue Ribbon School (5-year award)
- Independent, interdenominational Christian school
- 750 K–12 students on one campus
- 415 Upper School students
- 63% of faculty members have advanced degrees
- Math and Writing Labs
- Two Libraries
- Weekly chapel program
- Performing and Visual Arts
- 36 teams in 16 sports
- College-preparatory curriculum
- Intellectually engaging
- Extended Day Program
- Member, Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association; Founding Member, Virginia Christian Athletic Conference
- More than 60 zip codes and 155 churches represented

### LOWER SCHOOL DISTINCTIVES

Lower School includes Kindergarten through Grade 6. Homeroom core subjects include Christian Studies, Language Arts, Math (Singapore Math curriculum), and Social Studies. Our Reading Specialist, Math Specialist, dedicated Science/STEAM teacher, and teaching assistants provide extra classroom support. Students enjoy co-curricular Art, Music, and Physical Education, weekly visits to the Lower School Library, and recess on playgrounds and athletic fields.

### UPPER SCHOOL DISTINCTIVES

Upper School includes Grades 7 through 12, with a middle-level curriculum for seventh and eighth graders and a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum in Grades 9 through 12. Since approximately 98% of Trinity graduates attend four-year colleges upon graduation, emphasis is placed on teaching content and developing lifelong learners who are adept at reading, writing, and critical reasoning.

#### Senior Capstone Thesis:

The Trinity curriculum culminates in a 15–20 page comprehensive worldview thesis prepared by each senior. This thesis is orally defended before a panel of faculty and administrators in the spring.

#### House System:

In the fall of 2022, Trinity implemented a House System in the Upper School. Student leadership positions include Head Boys, Head Girls, Prefects, House Mentors, and Form Reps.

### TECHNOLOGY

A technology-rich program focuses on actively engaging students in the learning process and appropriately extending the classroom experience for every child. Responsibly utilizing technology on a regular basis allows students to develop the skills they need for the future.

#### Grades K–4

*Computer Carts and Computer Lab*

Students are introduced to technology through teacher-directed activities.

#### Grades 5–6

*Classroom Laptop for Every Student*

Students access the student portal and TCS email. Students are introduced to the Microsoft Office suite and learn to practice digital citizenship.

#### Grades 7–12

*Bring Your Own Laptop*

Students bring a personal laptop that meets TCS specifications.

- Trinity's wireless internet is monitored, restricting users from accessing inappropriate content.
- The use of cell phones is prohibited throughout the school day.

### GRYPHON'S LAIR (Learning Assistance and Institutional Resources)

- Content Tutoring
- Math and Writing Labs
- NILD Therapy
- NILD Search and Teach
- Educational Testing
- Executive Function Study Halls
- ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)
- College Advisors
- School Counselors
- School Chaplain

Housed in the LAIR, the Learning Center provides resources that help students with learning differences realize their fullest academic and social potential. Teaching different approaches to learning and providing students with proven educational tools empowers them to become successful independent learners.

## CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

|                   |   |                    |  |
|-------------------|---|--------------------|--|
| Christian Studies | 4 credits   | Foreign Languages  | 3 credits in one or<br>2 credits each in two |
| English           | 4 credits   | Fine Arts          | 1 credit                                     |
| Social Studies    | 4 credits   | Physical Education | 1 credit                                     |
| Lab Sciences      | 4 credits (Biology, Chemistry required)             | Electives          | 3 credits                                    |
| Mathematics       | 4 credits (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 required) |                    |  |

### Community Service:

Students in Grades 9 through 12 are required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of community service each year. Over the past five years, 350 Trinity students have received the President's Volunteer Service Award in recognition of 100 or more hours of community service per year.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE OFFERINGS

|                                     |                                |                             |                               |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| AP English Language & Composition   | AP Music Theory                | AP Physics 2: Algebra-based | AP United States History      |
| AP English Literature & Composition | AP Computer Science Principles | AP Environmental Science    | AP US Government and Politics |
| AP Drawing                          | AP Computer Science A          | AP Calculus AB              |                               |
| AP 2D Art & Design                  | AP Chemistry                   | AP Statistics               |                               |
| AP 3D Art & Design                  | AP Physics 1: Algebra-based    | AP European History         |                               |

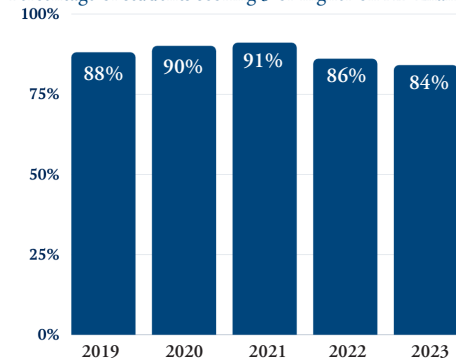
## ACT / SAT SUMMARY

Classes of 2019–2023

|                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| ACT Mean       | 28                    |
| ACT Middle 50% | 26–31                 |
| SAT Mean       | ERW: 658<br>Math: 633 |
| SAT Middle 50% | (ERW & M) 1180–1410   |

## AP TESTING: FIVE-YEAR SCHOOL SUMMARY

Percentage of students scoring 3 or higher on AP Exams.



## CLASS OF 2024 AP COURSES COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS

(89 students)

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| 7 to 12 APs | 34 |
| 4 to 6 APs  | 31 |
| 1 to 3 APs  | 16 |
| 0 APs       | 8  |

## REPRESENTATIVE COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

|                                      |  |                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| American University                  | Emory University                               | Pepperdine University                | University of Florida                       |
| Auburn University                    | Fordham University                             | Pratt Institute                      | University of Georgia                       |
| Baylor University                    | Franklin & Marshall College                    | Princeton University                 | University of Illinois                      |
| Belmont University                   | Furman University                              | Purdue University                    | University of Mary Washington               |
| Biola University                     | George Mason University                        | Reed College                         | University of Maryland<br>College Park      |
| Boston College                       | George Washington University                   | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute     | University of Michigan                      |
| Boston Conservatory                  | Georgetown University                          | Rhodes College                       | University of North Carolina<br>Chapel Hill |
| Boston University                    | Georgia Tech University                        | Rice University                      | University of Notre Dame                    |
| Brandeis University                  | Gettysburg College                             | Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  | University of Oklahoma                      |
| Bucknell University                  | Gordon College                                 | Rutgers University                   | University of Pennsylvania                  |
| California Institute of Technology   | Grove City College                             | St. John's College Santa Fe          | University of Pittsburgh                    |
| Calvin University                    | Hampden-Sydney College                         | St. Olaf College                     | University of Richmond                      |
| Carnegie Mellon University           | Howard University                              | Savannah College of Art & Design     | University of Southern California           |
| Case Western Reserve University      | Indiana University                             | Southern Methodist University        | University of Texas at Austin               |
| Catholic University                  | James Madison University                       | Spelman College                      | University of Virginia                      |
| Cedarville University                | LeTourneau University                          | Taylor University                    | University of Wisconsin Madison             |
| Christopher Newport University       | Liberty University                             | Texas A&M University                 | Vanderbilt University                       |
| Clemson University                   | Massachusetts Institute of Technology          | Thomas Aquinas College               | Villanova University                        |
| College of the Atlantic              | Miami University of Ohio                       | Tulane University                    | Virginia Commonwealth University            |
| College of William & Mary            | New York Conservatory for the<br>Dramatic Arts | United States Air Force Academy      | Virginia Military Institute                 |
| Cornell University                   | New York University                            | United States Coast Guard Academy    | Virginia Tech University                    |
| Covenant College                     | New York University – London                   | United States Military Academy       | Wake Forest University                      |
| Dartmouth College                    | Northeastern University                        | United States Naval Academy          | Washington & Lee University                 |
| Davidson College                     | Northwestern University                        | University of Alabama                | Wellesley College                           |
| Duke University                      | Ohio State University                          | University of Arizona                | Wheaton College                             |
| Duquesne University                  | Old Dominion University                        | University of California Berkeley    | Yale University                             |
| Elon University                      | Pennsylvania State University                  | University of California Los Angeles |   |
| Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University |  | University of Chicago                |   |