TRI-CITIES PREP

2025 - A Year In Review













CHARACTER ~ COMPETENCE ~ COMPASSION

COLLEGE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL

Through our partnership with Central Washington University, Tri-Cities Prep offers College in the High School courses that let students earn CWU credit on our own campus. Students may earn credit for Math 152, 153, and 154, Finance 174, and Psychology 101.

CLASS OF 2025

- **52** exceptional graduates
- **5,200+** hours of community service
- **$12M+** in scholarships offered

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Last spring, 30 of our students were inducted into the National Honor Society. Students are invited to apply if they have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above, and exhibit outstanding leadership, service and character. We are proud of our strong NHS chapter!

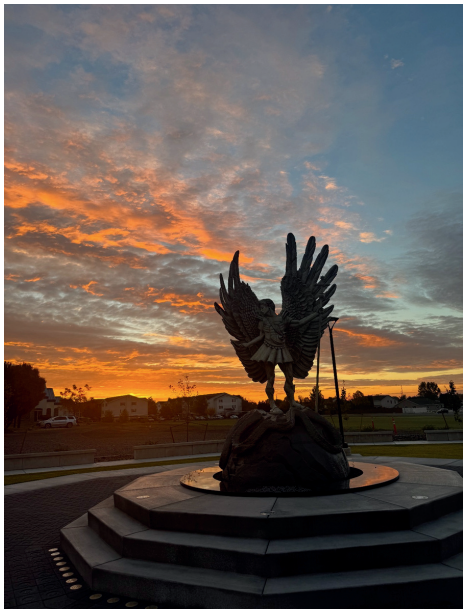
NEW CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Tri-Cities Prep celebrates a year of growth and progress with two major campus projects that enhance student life and learning.

Phase IV of our campus expansion, which broke ground on June 3, 2024, added six new classrooms and additional restrooms to accommodate our growing enrollment. By April 2025, all six classrooms were completed and fully in use, creating modern learning spaces that are now being fully utilized as of the beginning of the 2025-26 school year. In total, more than $3.4 million in private funds was raised, exceeding our goal and ensuring every student can learn within the main building in dedicated classroom spaces.

This fall, we also celebrated the dedication of St. Michael Plaza, made possible by an anonymous donor. Featuring a striking bronze statue of St. Michael the Archangel, the plaza provides a beautiful space for reflection, prayer, and inspiration. Dedicated on September 29, the Feast of St. Michael, it stands as a meaningful gathering place at the heart of campus and a reminder of our Catholic identity.

These projects mark a milestone year for Tri-Cities Prep—one made possible by the incredible generosity of our supporters.





"TO THE HEIGHTS!"

Each year, Tri-Cities Prep selects a spiritual theme to help guide and inspire our students. For 2025–2026, our theme is drawn from the life and witness of newly-canonized Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati and his famous motto: "To the Heights."

Pier Giorgio Frassati, a joyful and dynamic figure of the early 20th century, is beloved throughout the Church for his service to the poor, his deep devotion to the Eucharist, and his zest for life. An avid mountain climber, he often connected the physical ascent of a mountain with the spiritual journey toward God. His well-known phrase, "Verso l'alto"—"To the Heights"—captures his belief that we are called to continually strive upward, toward holiness, virtue, and excellence.

This year, "To the Heights" will serve as an invitation for our students to pursue that which is higher in every aspect of their lives: intellectually, physically, relationally, and most importantly, spiritually. We challenge them to seek Christ more intentionally in their academic efforts, athletic pursuits, friendships, and faith life. In a world full of distractions and discouragement, Frassati's example reminds us that the Christian life is an ascent—sometimes demanding, always meaningful, and ultimately directed toward God's light and truth.

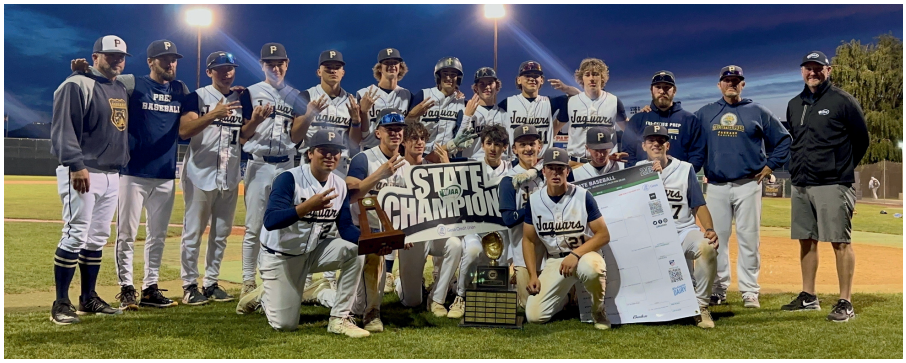
The theme comes to life throughout the school year in many forms, including retreats, athletic and ASB messaging, school banners and posters, and daily prayer. Together, we hope to foster a culture that lifts one another upward as we journey, step by step, to the light, to the truth, and ultimately—***TO THE HEIGHTS!***

JAGUAR ATHLETICS

Jaguar sports have seen much success in 2025! We pride ourselves on athletic programs that serve our students and teach the many important aspects of teamwork and sportsmanship. While winning is not everything, we are proud to acknowledge some of the outstanding successes of our athletic programs over the past 12 months.

Our boys basketball team returned to Spokane in March, and made it to the quarterfinals of the WIAA State Championships. In spring sports, we had plenty of postseason action. Our boys AND girls golf teams placed third in state. Our baseball team *(below)* won the WIAA 2B State Championship for the *THIRD* year in a row!

Fall sports have seen much success as well. Our volleyball team headed to Yakima for state, and made it to day 2 of the tournament. As of the publishing of this newsletter, our football team is preparing for the WIAA 2B State Championship game - a feat not accomplished since we moved from 8-man to 11-man football!



INTRODUCING...



Tri-Cities Prep is pleased to welcome **Scott McNamee** as our new President, beginning his service to the school in June 2025. Selected unanimously after a nationwide search, Scott was chosen for his exceptional leadership, his passion for Catholic education, and his commitment to the formation of high school students. He and former President Lisa Jacobs were able to work closely together throughout the summer, ensuring a smooth and thoughtful transition.

Scott brings extensive experience from Catholic schools, universities, and parish ministry. Most recently, he served as Director of Campus Ministry at Marian University, where he earned his bachelor's degree; he also holds an MBA from Anderson University.

This fall, Scott has jumped into his work with great energy, embracing Prep's mission and engaging fully with our students, staff, and community. Please join us in welcoming Scott—and in offering our gratitude to Lisa Jacobs for her decade of dedicated leadership.



Tri-Cities Prep is delighted to welcome **Whitney Thompson** as our new Performing Arts teacher and Theatre Director. Whitney recently completed her first production at Prep, *The Adventures of Sam Spade*, marking the exciting return of our performing arts program.

A La Grande, Oregon native, she holds a BFA in Musical Theatre from Central Washington University and brings extensive experience from regional, national, and international productions. With her talent, creativity, and passion for mentoring young performers, Whitney is already breathing new life into theatre at Prep. We are thrilled to have her on our faculty and look forward to many productions ahead.

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Fourth year in a row!