



**TRINITY ACADEMY**

Innovative Classical Learning

**New Family  
Handbook  
2021-2022**



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Dear New to Trinity Families,

Welcome to the Trinity Academy community! As you look forward to the first day of school in the 2021-2022 school year, we want you to feel a part of your new community right away. We have designed this “New Family Handbook” as an initial orientation. In the following pages you will learn about important event dates, dress code information, and even Trinity terminology. For more details, we would invite you to read the Lower and Upper School Handbooks, found on our website under *Our Community* → *Parents* → *Handbooks* (<https://trinityacademy.com/parents/handbooks/>).

Soon you will start receiving our weekly electronic newsletter, *Tiger Tales*. As our go-to communications resource, *Tiger Tales* will keep you “in the know” for all Trinity activities throughout the school year. A quick tip: Be sure to approve [jcurrin@trinityacademy.com](mailto:jcurrin@trinityacademy.com) in your email inbox to prevent *Tiger Tales* from ending up in your spam folder.

We are honored that you have chosen to partner with Trinity Academy for your child’s education. We look forward to your involvement in our community over many years to come.

Blessings,

Timothy Bridges, PhD  
Head of School

## Quick Reference

### School Hours:

Lower School (Transitional Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

8:00 am – 2:40 pm

Upper School (7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

8:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Summer Office Hours:** 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday (Please note we are closed the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>).

**School Day Arrival Times:** Your student may arrive at school as early as 7:30 am. Carpool drop-off begins at 7:30 am.

**School Day Dismissal Times:** Lower School carpool will start promptly at 2:40 pm but Upper School will not start until 3:05 pm as students need time to visit their lockers before names are called.

Lower school buildings are locked at 8:00 am and remain locked throughout the school day for safety. If your child arrives at school after 8:00 am, you will need to accompany him/her to the receptionist's desk to sign in and receive a printed tardy pass. Access to the Lower School buildings during school hours is permitted only with a pass from the receptionist and a badge which unlocks the door.

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## A Glossary of Trinity Terminology

*Trinity Academy's mission is to equip students to live with wisdom, excellence, and purpose in the modern world by offering an education grounded in the Christian faith and the classical tradition.*

Every organization has its own language and Trinity is no exception. We understand that sometimes this kind of unique language can be confusing, so we have compiled the following list of terms and definitions to get you up to speed.

### Assembly/Chapel/Forum/Character Ed

In Lower School, Wednesdays alternate between Chapel and Assembly. In Upper School, students alternate between Character Ed (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) or Forum (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) on “B” weeks and Chapel on “A” weeks (there are separate chapels for Middle (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) and High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12)). Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend Chapel, Assembly or Forum. If your child’s class has a special presentation during an Assembly, you will be notified by the teacher, in advance. 6<sup>th</sup> grade students tend to follow the Middle School schedule although there are times when they will join the Lower School for Chapel or Assembly.

### Cadence

A weekly Wednesday video (with printed transcript) communication from our Head of School, Dr. Bridges.

### Littlejohn Atrium/Alumni Court and Founders Hall (Gym)

**(Atrium)** This structure, attached to the gym, hosts Trinity students for lunch each day. However, it is a multi-purpose facility that allows for an open-air feel that flows out onto Alumni Court – the brick patio area between the Littlejohn Atrium and our playground. During the winter months we enjoy the stone fireplace in this area.

**(Founders Hall)** This is where the Trinity community comes together for a variety of activities. Students use it for Chapel, Assembly and Forum on Wednesday mornings. Of course, it’s used for basketball and volleyball games as well as physical education classes. In addition, we also gather there as a community for theatre and choral presentations, Grandparents’ Day, Baccalaureate, Graduation, and most other whole-school activities.

### Five Hallmarks of Trinity Academy - For further explanation, please see Appendix II on page 26

AUTHENTIC CHRIST-LIKE CULTURE  
DISTINCTIVE CLASSICAL PROGRAM  
INSPIRATIONAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT  
EXEMPLARY ORGANIZATION  
THRIVING FUTURE

To watch Dr. Bridges explanation of the Trinity Hallmarks, please visit this [LINK](#).

### Houses and City/States

Our school has adopted a British-style House System for High School and an Advisory model for Middle School. Through this we have established distinct “areas of belonging” within our community. House names are MacLennan, Baxter, Craig and Urquhart. Advisories are Sparta, Athens, and Olympia.

## PATT

PATT stands for Parents and Teachers at Trinity. It is the Trinity version of the PTA. Its purpose is to organize volunteers to support the administration, faculty, and students at Trinity. They do this by hosting events, coordinating passive fundraisers (i.e. Box Tops for Education, local grocery programs, spirit nights at local restaurants, etc.) and welcoming new families. You are invited to the **New Family Reception on Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am (location TBA)** to learn more about their mission and to sign up and get involved. During Trinity's Homecoming/PATT Fall Family Picnic, scheduled for Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> on our fields, you'll get to meet students, faculty, alumni and parents as well as sign-up for PATT committees. Learn more about PATT on our website: [bit.ly/TA-PATT](http://bit.ly/TA-PATT).

## Prefect

A Prefect is an officer in our student government. The Upper School student government is a system of prefects. Prefects apply for their positions and are elected by the student body to lead the Upper School.

## Tiger Tales

This is our weekly electronic newsletter, delivered to your inbox on Thursdays.

## Trinity Fund

**The Trinity Fund** is the name of our annual fund. Gifts to this fund, during the fiscal year that runs July 1 to June 30, benefit school operations and enable exciting strategic initiatives.

## School Events

(In non-COVID years, these events take place as listed below. Events may be modified as necessary.)

### “An Exceptional Evening”

This is a fun, annual kick-off event for the Trinity Fund. The gathering always includes a nice dinner and a thrilling display of The Trinity Difference. An Exceptional Evening table hosts underwrite the cost of this event. We are always amazed at how our community members come together to pledge their ongoing commitment to annual giving that advances the mission of our school. This year's event is scheduled for **Saturday, September 18, 2021** at 6:00 pm in Founders Hall. Contact Development Director, Courtney Woodfin [cwoodfin@trinityacademy.com](mailto:cwoodfin@trinityacademy.com) for more details.

## Black and Gold Day

Black and Gold Day is an opportunity for students to show Trinity pride and school spirit. Also – let's be honest – it's a day to wear jeans to school. On Black and Gold Days, students may wear “sanctioned” Trinity attire (aka “Spirit Wear”), or the colors black and/or gold. Spirit Wear is available for sale at designated times throughout the year. “Sanctioned” attire is any item that has been purchased or obtained from an authorized Trinity source, i.e. the Athletics Department, Camp Trinity, or the Admissions Department. The **PATT** Used Uniform Sale is also a good place to find lightly used Spirit Wear. Don't worry if you forget to wear black and gold on these days; *it is not mandatory*. Students may wear their regular school uniform/dress code on that day. A full description of the Black and Gold Day Dress Code is located in the Appendix.

## Forum

On the Wednesdays when they do not attend Chapel, High School students (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) attend Forum. Prior to Forum, students read information regarding that week's Forum topic in order to prepare for discussion. Students may be required to read an article or watch a video and submit questions regarding the topic to the Forum facilitator. Forum topics are generally controversial (i.e. prone to encourage debate) and relevant to current events. Sometimes the Forum facilitator, Chris Evans, presents and leads the discussion. At other times, a speaker is brought in to present the topic to the students. You can explore past topics at <http://tarforum.blogspot.com/>.

## Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day is a "big day" at Trinity, especially for the Lower School students. Grandparents are treated to a delicious breakfast and academic performances by all Lower School classes and select Upper School students. This is an opportunity for grandparents to experience the Trinity Difference. We generally celebrate Grandparents' Day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in October. **This year it will be October 15<sup>th</sup>.** When you are given access to the FACTS Family Portal in July, please be sure to fill out and complete the Grandparent Information so we can send them an invitation. Oh, and by the way, no parents allowed – unless you're volunteering with PATT!

## GPS (Grandparent Society)

Our Grandparent Society helps connect grandparents to volunteer opportunities in our school. They enjoy monthly meetings with guest speakers from within the Trinity community. There is no fee to join.

## Night of the Arts

Trinity is blessed with extraordinarily talented students. Our Night of the Arts showcases their gifts. Come watch our students recite poetry, sing, dance, play musical instruments, and showcase their God-given talents, including amazing artwork. **Night of the Arts will take place at 6:00 pm on Thursday, March/April TBD, 2022 in Founders Hall.** The visual arts will be on display during the event and also the morning after in the Atrium.

## Poetry and Prose Competition

Trinity's annual Poetry and Prose competition is held in March. Lower School students are challenged to commit a time-honored passage to memory. The passage may be taken from an approved poem or essay. Students go through multiple rounds of competition at the classroom and grade level. Finalists in TK-6 perform their recitation in front of the entire Lower School, as well as guest judges from local colleges and universities. **Poetry and Prose finals will take place at 8:30 am on Wednesday, March TBD, in Founders Hall.**

## Service of Lessons and Carols

This service of lessons and carols has been adapted from the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols that has been celebrated annually at King's College, Cambridge. All Lower School students, and Upper School music students, will perform. **This event will be held on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 7 pm at Christ Baptist Church (400 Newton Road, Raleigh).**

## Spring Fling/Second Empire 5K

If you like delicious food, inflatables, and fun raffles, you will love **Spring Fling**. This annual tradition is an opportunity for the Trinity community to come together and have tons of fun. We combine Spring Fling and our annual **Second Empire 5K Run/Walk** on the same day: **Saturday, April 23, 2022** on the Trinity campus. The race starts the day and then the 1-Mile Fun Run and Kids' Dash follow. \*\*If you want to join us for this year's Spring Fling, on Saturday, May 1, 2021 – visit this link: [bit.ly/TASF2021](https://bit.ly/TASF2021).

## SELA

SELA is an acronym that stands for Service and Experiential Learning Activities. All 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade classes participate in a SELA activity at the end of each academic year. There is a cost associated with each SELA activity. Families are required to pay the cost of travel, lodging and food while on the trip.

For rough planning purposes, a typical SELA schedule is listed below. Remember that the costs are estimated and may vary based upon the number of travelers, lodging, airfare, and food. Information will be forthcoming from each trip coordinator regarding due dates for payments, trip specifics, etc.

7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Work with local charitable organizations/ministries	Approximate cost for transportation, snacks and entertainment is \$40.
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Washington, D.C. – American history, geography, and culture.	Approximate cost is \$400 to cover van rental, gas, and hotel.
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade A service experience working with local charitable organizations related to food insecurity in the Triangle.	Approximate cost is \$40
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to New York City	Approximate cost is \$900. Covers airfare, hotel and entrance into multiple venues.
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Service Project in North or South Carolina.	Approximate cost is \$200.
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade A 10-day trip to Italy	Approximate cost is \$3,500.*

\* Only the senior class holds fundraisers throughout the school year to help offset the cost of their trip to Italy.

## Carpool Procedures

Over the course of the upcoming summer, we anticipate site work construction being done on our campus as we prepare for the construction of our new Upper School Academic building. We will be assessing our morning and afternoon carpool procedures, over the summer, to make sure we keep our students safe and the process efficient for families. Look for an all-school communication in August with specific carpool instructions, including diagrams (and maybe even a helpful video, as well).

## Dining Services

Trinity students have the option to bring a lunch from home or order a hot lunch through our vendor lunch program. TK-5<sup>th</sup> grade students do not have access to a microwave so all lunches from home should not require a microwave. A decision regarding microwave use for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above will be made at the start of school.

On or around August 1, log in to [www.Boonli.com](http://www.Boonli.com) (use code TAR289) and set up your account. The welcome page explains the entire program. Look for an announcement in Tiger Tales when ordering is open. At this time, school lunch vendors have not been confirmed. In years past, some of our vendors have included:

**Salsa Fresh** (California-style Mexican food)

**Jet's Pizza** (pizza and salads)

**Tropical Smoothie Café** (sandwiches/wraps and smoothies)

**First Watch** (breakfast foods and sandwiches)

**Milton's** (pasta, salads, burgers, pizza, etc.)

**Chick fil-A** (sandwiches, nuggets, salads, wraps, fruit cups)

**Ni Asian Kitchen**

**City BBQ** (BBQ, Chicken sandwiches and salads)



## Trinity Academy Physical Education and Athletics Programs

Athletics are integral to Trinity's classical liberal arts curriculum. All students in transitional kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade participate in a weekly physical education program to prepare them for competitive sports in upper school. **To satisfy the school's P.E. requirement, each student 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade must compete on at least one of the school's athletic teams.** Exemptions from sports are rare. Students must sign up to participate and help us plan.

### Fall Sports

Sign-up – June 1-15

Practice Begins – August 2

### Winter Sports

Sign-up – September 1-15

Practice Begins – November 1

### Spring Sports

Sign-up – November 15-30

Practice Begins – February 14

Visit our website at [bit.ly/TA-Athletics](http://bit.ly/TA-Athletics) where you'll also find dates for our Spirit Wear sales to purchase Trinity themed attire.

If you have questions, please contact David Schenk, Director of Athletics at [dschenk@trinityacademy.com](mailto:dschenk@trinityacademy.com).



Trinity Academy offers after-school options through Camp Trinity's Extended Learning programs. These include After-School Academy, After-School Art, School's Out Days and more. Learn about all of these offerings plus Camp Trinity's Summer camps by visiting [CampTrinityNC.org](http://CampTrinityNC.org).

## Important Dates for Lower School Transitional Kindergarten - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

See the One-Page School Calendar at [TrinityAcademy.com/calendar/](http://TrinityAcademy.com/calendar/)

### Morning Mingle

Mark your calendar for fellowship with other Trinity parents and meet some of our Administrative team, as well. These are held at the Regent House, adjacent to our main campus, just through the woods on the gravel drive to the left of the traffic circle. Times are 7:35 am to 9 am. **Visit this site [bit.ly/TA-NewFamSite](http://bit.ly/TA-NewFamSite) for links to RSVP to help us plan for your attendance.** You'll want to choose the grade your child is in currently so you can meet parents of students who will be in your child's grade, next school year.

Grade	Date	Grade	Date
TK	Monday, April 26, 2021	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Tuesday, April 13, 2021
K	Friday, April 30, 2021	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Thursday, April 15, 2021
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Monday, May 3, 2021	9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Tuesday, April 20, 2021
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Wednesday, May 5, 2021	11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Thursday, April 22, 2021
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Wednesday, May 12, 2021		
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Friday, May 14, 2021		
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Wednesday, May 19, 2021		

### Summer Playdates/Picnic for TK, K, 1<sup>st</sup> Grades

- **Thursday, June 17** – Playdate on the Trinity Playground at 9:30 am – 11:00 am
- **Wednesday, July 21** – Playdate on the Trinity Playground at 9:00 am – 10:30 am
- **Thursday, August 12** – Come enjoy a picnic for the entire family on the Trinity Playground and in the Atrium. More information will follow closer to the date. 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

### READY, SET, GO for rising 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> students, that are new to Trinity:

- Tuesday, August 3 through Thursday, August 5 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Thursday, August 5 at 11:15 am is the New Parent Meeting (**please arrive at 11 am**)

### Lower School Parent/Teacher Meeting – for parents only

- Monday, August 16
  - 5:30 pm\* - Opportunity for parents to meet with their student's teacher.
  - 6:00 pm\* - Opportunity for parents to meet with their student's teacher.

**\*Two sessions** are offered to allow those with more than one child to be able to meet each teacher (i.e. one at 5:30 pm and the other at 6 pm). You may also choose to attend only the 6 pm session and have each parent meet a different teacher during the 6 pm time.

### Lower School Meet the Teacher

- Tuesday, August 17 from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
  - This is an opportunity to drop off materials and for your student to meet their teacher prior to the first day.
  - Due to teachers preparing for the first day of school, please do not come outside of the scheduled time window.

### **First Day of School**

- Wednesday, August 18, Early Release for Lower School Only (11:45 am dismissal). This is a full day for Upper School Students because this is their second day of school.
- TK and K Staggered Entry, August 18 – August 20
- You will be notified in August of your child’s “stagger” day.

**New Family Reception** – Friday, August 27, 8:15 am location TBA – Sponsored by PATT

**Homecoming/Fall Family Picnic** – for all students and parents (soccer game, Homecoming Court, and more)

- Friday, October 8 on Trinity fields, start time 3:30 pm

**Grandparents’ Day** – Founders Hall

- Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> - TBD start time
- Help us invite Grandparents by providing their contact information in FACTS Family Portal when it opens in mid-July.

### **Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten Staggered Entry**

Transitional kindergarten and kindergarten students begin school on a “staggered entry” approach. Using this approach, approximately one third of the students are invited to come to school for one day of the first week of school. During this time, teachers complete student assessments, introduce students to key school staff and help them become acclimated to the school. All of the students then return to school on the first day of the second week of school (August 23, 2021). You will be notified in August, via email, about your child’s “stagger” date. Students are required to wear their uniforms on “staggered entry days”. Children may begin entering the building at 7:30 am. You are welcome to walk your student into the classroom on his/her “staggered entry day”.

### **Lower School Dress Code Overview**

**Full details about school uniforms can be found in the Lower School Handbook and in Appendix I.**

All TK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade uniforms are available through Lands’ End. By entering Trinity’s preferred school code of **900123837** at [www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com) you can review Trinity’s dress code items online. You can also register for free shipping offers and discount promos at [www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com) .

#### **Transitional Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Boys wear navy slacks or shorts (no cargo or corduroy pants) and the Lands’ End white or maize mesh polo shirt with a Trinity Academy logo. Boys must tuck in their shirts. A belt is required for 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade boys. An evergreen polo option is available for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders.

TK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade girls wear “white plaid” jumpers with a white Peter Pan collar blouse or the navy, short sleeve polo dress, all from Lands’ End. Girls are also required to wear navy bike shorts under their jumpers and dresses. In 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, girls may begin to wear skirts instead of jumpers and dresses.

Boys and girls also have the option of wearing the Trinity approved PE uniform on their PE day. This uniform is the same for boys and girls and substitutes athletic shorts (with Trinity Academy logo) for school uniform bottoms. These shorts are available through Lands’ End but are not required.

Additional optional items include: a Lands’ End Fleece jacket for boys and girls, the Fine Gauge Cardigan sweater for girls, and the Cotton Modal Sweater Vest for boys (these items all **require** the Trinity Logo).

## Books and Supply Lists

Trinity provides all books to students in Lower School through 9th grade, the cost of which is included in tuition and fees. The books provided remain the property of the school and are returned to the school by the students at the close of the school year. Books not returned, or returned damaged, incur charges to student accounts. Report cards are not released until books are returned or appropriate replacement fees are paid.

**By mid-June, the school supply list will be communicated to you and available on our website at <https://trinityacademy.com/parents/student-supplies/> or look under Our Community, Parents, School Supplies.**

## Lower School FAQs

### 1. Will my child be able to have a snack in addition to lunch each day?

Our Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes have time each day for a morning and afternoon snack. Each child should bring two healthy snacks each day. 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> graders will have one snack period every day.

### 2. Are there any food restrictions for lunch and snacks?

There are no specific restrictions on foods that children may or may not bring for lunch. Children are not allowed to share food with each other. Depending on classroom allergies a policy may or may not be implemented for that class. In an effort to promote healthy bodies and minds, **no candy or soda should be sent with students.**

### 3. Will my child take a nap during the day?

Full day Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten students will have a 30-40 minute rest time. Items requested for their rest time will be communicated via the supply list or teacher.

### 4. Are there any requirements for my child's backpack and lunch box?

There are no restrictions. Please make sure the backpack can hold a class folder, lunch box, and jacket. For carpool, all the children will put everything into their backpacks so they can move around the hallways easily. Rolling backpacks are allowed but they can be big and bulky for young children to maneuver.

### 5. What school supplies are required for my child to start school?

These will be communicated by mid-June. You can also visit this page on our website that will be updated as requirements are finalized: [www.trinityacademy.com/parents/student-supplies/](http://www.trinityacademy.com/parents/student-supplies/)

### 6. What is FACTS Family Portal and the Magnus Health?

It is a website that Trinity uses to communicate with parents and students and where parents can view homework, assignments, grades, and report cards. Forms and documents are also accessible on FACTS Family Portal and Magnus Health, which serves as Trinity's student health portal. Look for a detailed email with screen shots and "how to" instructions by mid-July.

## **7. When will I find out my child's teachers for next year?**

For Lower School, class rosters with teacher assignments are announced in early August. Families are encouraged to interact with others regardless of class assignment, helping create cohesion and community within the grade level.

## **8. Can I walk my child into school and how does carpool work?**

The first week of school you are welcome to walk your child to the classroom. You should park in the main lot and cross at the crosswalk with the carpool guard. The rest of the school year we encourage you to drop your child off and pick them up during carpool, although walking them in for students in grades TK-2 is still allowed. While permissible, younger students may need you to not walk them in as they transition to school. Specific carpool procedures will be communicated in early August. Those who do walk their student in should not enter classrooms or expect to engage in conversation with teachers.

## **9. Communications Devices**

If a Lower School 6<sup>th</sup> grade student brings a communication device to school, it must be turned into the teacher at the start of school and picked-up at the end of the school day.

# Important Dates for Upper School

7<sup>th</sup> Grade to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

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Grade	Date
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Tuesday, April 13, 2021
7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Thursday, April 15, 2021
9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Tuesday, April 20, 2021
11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Thursday, April 22, 2021

**Upper School Meet the Teacher:** Upper School (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) students

- Monday, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> - **7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation (all 7<sup>th</sup> graders)** – 9 am to 11 am
- Monday, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> - **8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade Meet the Teacher (new to Trinity)** – 1-3 pm (drop-in)
  - Upper School Head, Jane Houchin will host a Q&A session for parents at the following times (while students meet their teachers) 1 pm, 1:30 pm, 2:00 pm, and 2:30 pm at the Regent House – adjacent to main campus. Park on campus and walk through the woods on the gravel road near the traffic circle.

## First Day of School

Tuesday, Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>, Early Release (noon)

## Upper School Retreat – Off-site locations

Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 8:30 pm

Please note that **High School will be back on campus by 8:30 pm** (please don't plan evening activities for your High School student tonight).

Please note that **Middle School will be back on campus by 4 pm.**

## New Family Reception

Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am in TBD location. Sponsored by PATT (Parents and Teachers of Trinity)

## Upper School Parent Night

Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm in Upper School classrooms

## Homecoming/Fall Family Picnic (students, parents, alumni, soccer game, Homecoming Court, and more)

Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

Homecoming Dance for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students, Saturday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, location/times TBD

## Grandparents' Day – Select Upper School students will participate. All Grandparents are welcome.

Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at TBD time in Founders Hall

Help us invite Grandparents by providing their contact information in FACTS Family Portal.

## High School Dress Code – 2021-2022

The purpose of the dress code is to encourage high standards of decorum to cultivate a positive and encouraging learning culture, and to maintain an environment that promotes respect for others. All students should maintain a professional appearance while at school. In Upper School, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders adhere to a dress code.

Ladies Dress Standard (Wednesdays)	Men’s Dress Standard (Wednesdays)
Solid White Oxford Button-Down <b>Shirt</b> (tie optional)	Solid White Button-Down Long-Sleeve <b>Shirt</b> (tucked in)
Gray Knee-Length <b>Skirt</b> (2”-3” above knee acceptable)	<b>Tie/Bow Tie</b> (conservative stripe, solid, pattern)
Dress <b>Shoe</b> (w/ back, no boots above ankle, no tennis or canvas shoes)	Khaki Colored Dress or Business Casual <b>Pants</b> with black or brown belt
Navy <b>Blazer</b> (navy or gray sweater under blazer, optional in ♦ winter months)	Dress <b>Shoe</b> with dark dress sock (no canvas or athletic shoes)
	Navy <b>Blazer</b> (V-neck navy or gray sweater under blazer, optional in ♦ winter months)
Ladies Daily Standard	Men’s Daily Standard
<b>Tops, Blouses, Collared Shirts</b> (ALL ladies’ tops must have sleeves that cover the shoulders, no low-cut necklines, or bare midriffs, backs or cut-outs. Also, ladies’ tops should NOT have words or pictures).	Solid, Checked, or Striped <b>Collared Shirt</b> (tucked in)
Solid Colored <b>Pants or Skirt</b> (may be solid if top is solid, 2”-3” above knee acceptable)	Solid Colored Pants or Solid Shorts in non-♦ winter months (Black or brown belt)
Dress or Casual <b>Shoes</b> (must have a back)	Dress or Casual <b>Shoes</b> with <b>socks</b> (no sandals)
Sweaters are optional	Sweaters are optional
Ladies Black and Gold Days - As Announced	Men’s Black and Gold Days – As Announced
<b>Tops:</b> Any Trinity Academy branded t-shirt or polo or, if not Trinity-branded any solid-colored black or gold polo or t-shirt without words or logos	<b>Tops:</b> Any Trinity Academy branded t-shirt or polo or, if not Trinity-branded any solid-colored black or gold polo or t-shirt without words or logos
<b>Bottoms:</b> Appropriately fitting jeans (without holes or tears). NO Athletic bottoms, NO shorts, NO athletic shorts.	<b>Bottoms:</b> Appropriately fitting jeans (without holes or tears). NO Athletic bottoms, NO athletic shorts.

♦ Winter months are defined as the days between the end of Thanksgiving Break and the start of Spring Break.

**Hygiene and Hair:** Good hygiene is expected; men must keep their faces shaved. Natural hair color is expected. Hair must be out of the eyes and clean. Men’s hair must be OFF the collar.

**Jewelry and Tattoos:** Jewelry is acceptable for women (piercings in ears only), men may wear a necklace under the shirt. Tattoos should not be visible.

**Hats and Outerwear:** Hats and outerwear must be removed by the start of school. Outerwear may be worn outside. In ♦ winter months, the Trinity-approved hoodie may be worn inside the classroom for warmth. The only hoodie that may be worn on campus, at any time, is the Trinity-approved hoodie (athletic and/or house). Spirit wear sales are held in summer and fall.

**Fit and Appearance:** Clothes should not be overly tight, have any holes, or be see-through. No undergarments should be visible, either directly or underneath other garments. No denim, jeans, or cargo pants/shorts. Leggings or any pant that fits like leggings are never appropriate. If a young lady is unsure of the fit of her pants, she should wear a top that falls below the hips. Clothing or appearance issues not addressed in the above dress code may be addressed on an individual basis by the administration.

**Accountability:** If a student is out of dress code, the parents may be called and asked to bring the proper attire. Students may be asked to wait in the office until parents arrive. Three dress code infractions will incur an after-school detention.

## Middle School Dress Code – 2021-2022

The purpose of the dress code is to encourage high standards of decorum to cultivate a positive and encouraging learning culture, and to maintain an environment that promotes respect for others. All students should maintain a professional appearance while at school. In Upper School, only 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders wear uniforms, while 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades adhere to a dress code. Uniform polos (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls) must be purchased through Lands' End. Enter Trinity's preferred school code of 900123837 at [www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com) to view and purchase items.

Ladies Dress Standard (Wednesdays)	Men's Dress Standard (Wednesdays)
Solid White Oxford Button-Down <b>Shirt</b>	Solid White Button-Down Long-Sleeve <b>Shirt</b> (tucked in)
Gray Knee-Length <b>Skirt</b> (2"-3" above knee acceptable)	<b>Tie/Bow Tie</b> (conservative stripe, solid, pattern)
Dress <b>Shoe</b> (w/ back, no boots above ankle, no tennis or canvas shoes)	Khaki Colored Dress or Business Casual <b>Pants</b> with black or brown belt
Navy or gray sweaters are optional in ♦ winter months	Dress <b>Shoe</b> with dark dress sock (no canvas or athletic shoes)
	V-neck navy or gray sweaters are optional in ♦ winter months
Ladies Daily Standard	Men's Daily Standard
<b>Trinity logo Polo short or long sleeve</b> (any solid color Lands' End offers).	<b>Trinity logo Polo short or long sleeve</b> - tucked in (any solid color Lands' End offers).
Solid Khaki, Navy, Burgundy, or Black <b>Pants or Skirts</b> (2"-3" above knee acceptable)	Solid Khaki, Navy, or Black Pants or Shorts in non-♦ winter months (Black or brown belt)
Dress or Casual <b>Shoes</b> (must have a back, no boots)	Dress or Casual <b>Shoes</b> with <b>socks</b> (no sandals)
Sweaters are optional	Sweaters are optional
Ladies Black and Gold Days - As Announced	Men's Black and Gold Days – As Announced
<b>Tops:</b> Any Trinity Academy branded t-shirt or polo or, if not Trinity-branded any solid-colored black or gold polo or t-shirt without words or logos	<b>Tops:</b> Any Trinity Academy branded t-shirt or polo or, if not Trinity-branded any solid-colored black or gold polo or t-shirt without words or logos
<b>Bottoms:</b> Appropriately fitting jeans (without holes or tears). NO Athletic bottoms, NO shorts, NO athletic shorts.	<b>Bottoms:</b> Appropriately fitting jeans (without holes or tears). NO Athletic bottoms, NO athletic shorts.

♦ Winter months are defined as the days between the end of Thanksgiving Break and the start of Spring Break.

**Hygiene and Hair:** Good hygiene is expected; men must keep their faces shaved. Natural hair color is expected. Hair must be out of the eyes and clean. Men's hair must be OFF the collar.

**Jewelry and Tattoos:** Jewelry is acceptable for women (piercings in ears only); men may wear a necklace under the shirt. Tattoos should not be visible.

**Hats and Outerwear:** Hats and outerwear must be removed by the start of school. Outerwear may be worn outside. In ♦ winter months, the Trinity-approved hoodie may be worn inside the classroom for warmth. The only hoodie that may be worn on campus, at any time, is the Trinity-approved hoodie. Spirit wear sales are held in summer and fall.

**Fit and Appearance:** Clothes should not be overly tight, have any holes, or be see-through. No undergarments should be visible, either directly or underneath other garments. No denim, jeans, or cargo pants/shorts for boys. No shorts for girls. Leggings or any pant that fits like leggings are never appropriate. Clothing or appearance issues not addressed in the above code may be addressed on an individual basis by administration.

**Accountability:** If a student is out of dress code, the parents may be called and asked to bring the proper attire. Students may be asked to wait in the office until parents arrive. Three dress code infractions will incur an after-school detention.

## PATT Used Uniform Sales

Our Parents and Teachers of Trinity (PATT) hosts Used Uniform Sales throughout the year from their Uniform Shop (located in the gravel lot at the end of Lower School Building B). Used Uniform Sales are scheduled on the following dates:

- Wednesday, April 14 from 1:00 - 2:00 pm (Special time for New Families only)
- Thursday, May 6 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm (Special time for New Families only)
- Thursday, August 6 from 9:00 to 11:00 am

## Upper School Books and Supply Lists

Trinity provides all books to students in Lower School and through 9th grade, the cost of which is included in tuition and fees. The books provided remain the property of the school and are returned to the school by the students at the close of the school year. Books not returned, or returned damaged, incur charges to student accounts. Report cards are not released until books are returned or appropriate replacement fees are paid.

**Students in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades are responsible for purchasing all required textbooks and supplements.** The list of required coursework books and suggested supplies will be emailed to you during the first week of June. Students should have obtained all books prior to the first day of school. Students may purchase used or new books through any source but should search by title and ISBN number to ensure that they purchase the correct edition if specified. A used textbook sale is held each Summer. More information will be communicated soon. You can reference this page on our website which will be updated as soon as all requirements for the 2021-22 school year are known: [www.trinityacademy.com/parents/student-supplies/](http://www.trinityacademy.com/parents/student-supplies/)

**Students in 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grades have the option to purchase a literature bundle, allowing them to annotate in their books.**

There will be required summer reading for all Upper School students. Summer coursework requirements for AP students will be communicated by teachers by mid-June.

## Upper School Communications

New Families should expect communication over the summer from *Tiger Tales* (every Thursday), the Upper School Head, and your child's teacher (if AP coursework is assigned).

Trinity's website includes the Upper School Handbook at <https://trinityacademy.com/parents/handbooks/>.

Mrs. Houchin, Upper School Head, sends a weekly Upper School email every Friday, during the school year.

## Upper School FAQs

### 1. Will my student be able to have a snack during the day?

Upper School students may bring refillable water bottles to school. No glass bottles are allowed at any time and sodas are only permitted at lunch time. Snacks are allowed during most “C” period classes on “A” weeks and “F” period classes on “B” weeks, at the discretion of the teachers.

### 2. What is FACTS Family Portal and Magnus Health?

It is a website that Trinity uses to communicate with parents and students and where both can view homework, assignments, grades, and report cards. Forms and documents are also accessible on FACTS Family Portal and Magnus Health, which serves as Trinity’s student health portal. Look for a detailed email with screen shots and “how to” instructions by mid-July.

### 3. When will I find out my student’s schedule for next year?

Class schedules are sent out in early August. Your student will be able to meet their teachers during a drop-in time on Monday, August 16, 2021. Please put this date on your calendar, see important US dates on page 14.

### 4. Does the school provide books or is my family required to purchase them?

See previous page for a full explanation.

### 5. Does Trinity offer Driver’s Education training?

Driver Education classes are not offered at Trinity Academy. Jordan Driving School is your Wake County source for Driver’s Ed, they can be found at <http://www.jordandriving.com/>. To enroll, students must complete the NC Driving Eligibility Certificate, available from the receptionist in the front office.

### 6. What happens if my student is late to school?

The Upper School day begins promptly at 8:00 am. Upper School students may arrive at school between 7:30 and 7:57 am. Upon arrival, students should put away articles of clothing, backpacks, and lunches, and go directly to their homeroom class and ready themselves for the day. Students are expected to be in their homeroom and prepared to begin their day when the 8:00 am bell rings. Upper School students must check in at the office and receive a tardy slip if they are not in their homeroom class when the bell rings at 8:00 am. All tardies are recorded as “unexcused,” unless the late arrival is due to one of the nine (9) situations in which the State of North Carolina considers an absence from school as “excused. See your student handbook for more details.

### 7. Can my student use a cell phone during school?

Please see this information from the [Upper School Handbook](#).

Tablets such as iPads and Surface Pros and laptops fall into a category of educational devices until student usage indicates otherwise. Smart phones and iPods are considered communication devices. The policies below govern use of communication devices and technology that can be used for recreational purposes.

#### **Communication Devices**

Cell phones, cameras, any video games (including calculators being used to play games), etc. are not to be used during school hours and are not allowed on school trips without the written permission of the faculty members leading that trip. If a student is observed with a cell phone, video game, or other non-school item, the device may be confiscated by the teacher and reported to the parent. The student may pick up the item from the Upper

School Head after school. Any future offenses may result in the student being sent to the Director of Discipleship, who may assign disciplinary consequences for infractions related to electronic devices.

**Smart Devices/Phones:**

- For grade 12, phones should not be seen during the day and may be used only with teacher permission.
- For grades 9-11, phones must be powered off and turned into their homeroom teacher.
- For grades 7-8, phones must be powered off and turned into the student's advisor (homeroom teacher) at the beginning of the day.
- No calls, texts, tweets, etc. between 7:40 am-3:00 pm without a teacher's permission.
- No wearing headphones/ear buds on campus inside or outside except with teacher permission during art class, study class or lunches in classrooms.

# Appendix I

## LOWER SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The purpose of the dress code is to encourage high standards of decorum and excellence, and to cultivate a positive and encouraging learning culture. In the Lower School, the dress code is viewed as an opportunity to slowly expose students to choices. As they progress through Trinity (from TK-12), student freedoms increase in the uniform/dress code. Learning to make wise choices is one of the goals of Trinity's uniform/dress code. The Lower School dress code primarily centers around a uniform policy.

The base daily uniform and dress code applies each day unless otherwise noted and announced in advance. Alternative dress days may include:

- Black and Gold Days or Special Event Days (e.g. Field Day)
- Physical Education attire on non-Chapel days
- Concerts or other ceremonies befitting more formal attire (such as LS Choir Concert)

### Dress Code Infractions for Lower School

- If a student is out of dress code, the parents may be called and asked to bring the proper attire. Students may be asked to wait in the office until parents arrive.
- Discernment is used to identify an infraction related to a misunderstanding versus an intentional violation of the dress code. While a student who unintentionally is in violation may be required to change clothes and wait in the office until proper clothing arrives, that is not intended as a disciplinary measure.
- Intentional or consistent violation of the dress code will lead to disciplinary actions including loss of privileges for special dress days.

### Special Note Regarding 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

While part of the Lower School, **6<sup>th</sup> grade will follow the Middle School dress code** given their frequent interactions with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders (e.g. lunch and chapels). See page 16 for the Middle School Dress Code.

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## LOWER SCHOOL (TK-5<sup>th</sup>) DRESS CODE – GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Clothing should be neat, clean, modest, and appropriately sized. Clothing should be free from holes, tears, and excessive fading.
- Belts should be worn in pants with belt loops (**for both boys and girls**). Exceptions allowed for TK-1<sup>st</sup> grade boys, but all boys should be wearing belts by the end of first quarter their 2<sup>nd</sup> grade year.
- Details about footwear/shoes:
  - Athletic or casual shoes are appropriate. Unsafe shoes such as Crocs, flip-flops, sandals, thongs, or excessively high heels are not permitted. Please note that **boots are not allowed**.
  - Shoestrings should match the shoes and not stand out in contrast to the shoes in either design or color.
  - Shoes with wheels or lights are not permitted.
  - **Shoes should not be a distraction or distinguishing feature of a Trinity Academy student.**
- Socks or tights must be worn with all shoes; bare feet are not permitted. **Socks must be white, black, or navy in color ONLY and visible above the shoe.**
- Body piercing is not permitted (except for girls' ears).
- Tattoos are not acceptable, either permanent or temporary, except for special spirit days when temporary face stickers may be appropriate as long as they are not distracting from the educational environment.
- No hats, caps, bandanas, or other headwear permitted inside (including the Atrium).
- Details about hair:
  - All hair should be out of student's eyes.
  - All hair should be natural/conventional in color (no blue, green, purple, etc.).
  - Young men's hair should be off the collar.
- All clothing items are recommended to be labeled with family name, particularly outerwear items.
- Navy logo fleece jackets, navy logo half-zip fleece pullovers, navy cardigans and maize sweater vests may be worn in the classroom.
  - Please note that hoodies or other Trinity Athletic sweatshirts may only be worn outside.

### **Boys:**

- Students are not permitted to wear *cargo* shorts or *cargo* pants as part of the regular uniform.

### **Girls:**

- **All skirts and the tops of slits in skirts should be at or below the knee.**
- **NAVY modesty shorts are required under all jumpers and skirts, year-round. Navy is the only acceptable color for modesty shorts.**
- **Undergarments (camisoles or sports bras) are required to be worn by girls by 4<sup>th</sup> grade.**
- **Hair accessories which include clip-on feathers may not be worn.** All hair accessories should not be distracting to the student or their classmates. This is ultimately at the discretion of the teacher and administration, based upon what they observe happening in the classroom.

# LOWER SCHOOL DRESSCODE GUIDELINES - BOYS

## **TK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

### **Required:**

- Lands' End white, maize, logo polo shirt (short or long-sleeve)
- Navy pants or shorts (no cargo).
- Belt, solid colored (begins 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at end of first quarter)
- White, black, or navy solid socks visible above the shoe

### **Optional:**

- Lands' End Microfleece Half-Zip pullover with logo, Classic Navy
- Lands' End Fleece Jacket Full-Zip with logo, Classic Navy
- Lands' End Modal Sweater Vest, maize
- Solid white mock or turtleneck
- Solid white undershirt

## **3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

### **Required:**

- Lands' End white, maize, evergreen, logo polo shirt (short or long-sleeve)
- Navy pants or shorts (no cargo).
- Belt (solid colored or with pattern that is appropriate for navy shorts)
- White, black, or navy solid socks visible above the shoe

### **Optional:**

- Lands' End Microfleece Half-Zip pullover with logo, Classic Navy
- Lands' End Fleece Jacket Full-Zip with logo, Classic Navy
- Lands' End Modal Sweater Vest, maize
- Solid white mock or turtleneck (worn underneath uniform shirt)
- Solid white shirt (worn underneath uniform shirt)

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Privilege (Boys)**

- Boys may wear colored or patterned socks (no neon).

# LOWER SCHOOL DRESSCODE GUIDELINES - GIRLS

## **TK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

### **Required:**

- Lands' End White Peter Pan Plain Blouse (short or long-sleeve)
- Lands' End Uniform Girl's Plaid Jumper
- White, black, or navy solid socks worn above the shoe
- Modesty Shorts, navy (worn underneath the skirt or jumper)

### **Optional:**

- Lands' End Fine Gauge Cardigan with logo, Classic Navy
- Lands' End Microfleece Half-Zip pullover with logo, Classic Navy
- Lands' End Fleece Jacket Full-Zip with logo, Classic Navy
- Navy leggings (worn underneath the skirt or jumper)
- Navy or white tights (worn underneath the skirt or jumper)
- Solid white mock or turtleneck (worn underneath the uniform)
- Solid white undershirt (worn underneath the uniform)
- Short-sleeve polo dress with logo, Classic Navy (worn in place of the blouse and jumper)

## **3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

### **Required:**

- Lands' End white, maize, evergreen logo polo (short/long sleeve, regular/feminine cut)
- Lands' End Pleated or A-Line Skirt, White Plaid
- White, black, or navy solid socks worn above the shoe
- Modesty Shorts, navy (worn underneath the skirt)
- Undergarments (camisole or sports bra must be worn by all girls beginning in 4<sup>th</sup> grade)

### **Optional:**

- Lands' End Uniform Girl's Plaid Jumper worn with White Polo underneath (worn in place of regular uniform)
- Lands' End Khaki pants (winter months only; November-February)
- Lands' End Fine Gauge Cardigan with logo, Classic Navy
- Lands' End Microfleece Half-Zip pullover with logo, Classic Navy
- Lands' End Fleece Jacket Full-Zip with logo, Classic Navy
- Navy leggings
- Navy or white tights
- Solid white mock or turtleneck
- Solid white undershirt

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Privilege (Girls)**

- Girls may wear colored or patterned socks (no neon).

# LOWER SCHOOL DRESS CODE – NON-STANDARD DAYS

## **Black & Gold Day Guidelines –Lower School**

Black & Gold Days are school-wide celebratory days that are announced in advance. Students may choose to wear their normal uniform on these days, or they may wear the following:

- Trinity “spirit wear” tops (Trinity Athletics officially sanctioned clothing including T-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies)
- Solid black or gold shirts with minimal logos or writing
- Blue jeans or blue jean shorts; black, navy, or khaki pants or shorts (no cargo); or Trinity Academy PE shorts (no other athletic shorts allowed).
- **No sweatpants, athletic pants, or athletic shorts may be worn.**
- **No cheerleader outfits, or cheerleader style skirts**

## **Physical Education Uniform - Grades TK-5<sup>th</sup> grade**

PE Uniforms are optional for TK through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Students may participate in PE dressed in their daily uniforms or in the Lands’ End specific PE items that include the standard Trinity logo polo shirt (short or long-sleeve) and navy athletic pants or shorts, purchased only from Lands’ End. Athletic shoes and socks are highly recommended for PE days. When a student’s PE day falls on Wednesday with chapel, they should wear their daily standard uniform, not the PE uniform. PE uniforms are not worn for Structured Recess. Please note that the Boy’s Athletic Shorts are the approved shorts for both boys and girls.

## **Other Special Dress Days**

There will be opportunities during the year for students to dress for the day and out of the typical uniform. During these days, students are required to follow any established guidelines; however, there is often opportunity for discernment and specific choice with these days that cannot be outlined in advance. Parents are expected to make sure that all attire is appropriate for school (modest and aligned to that day’s intended purpose). In the event that a student is not appropriately attired, they may be asked to change clothes. If you are unsure, you may always send your child’s uniform with them as a back-up.

### **Some basic guidelines for these days:**

- No tank tops although at times sleeveless may be appropriate for girls.
- No jerseys (or items with over-large arm holes) unless a shirt is worn underneath.
- No bare/exposed midriff (either via hole or short shirt) or exposed back.
- Athletic shorts, other than PE shorts, not part of the approved attire.
- Shorts/skirts should be of an appropriate length and take into account activities of the day.

**Note** – if students will be on stage, a skirt should be longer than you may initially think given the height of the Founders Hall stage.

## LOWER SCHOOL DRESS CODE – ORDERING GUIDELINES

Our uniform provider is Lands’ End (**Preferred School No. 9001-2383-7**). Toll free 1-800-469-2222 or [www.landsend.com/school](http://www.landsend.com/school)

**Parents are encouraged to order uniforms prior to August** to ensure availability and delivery prior to the start of school. Certain uniform items are required to be ordered through the uniform provider. Lands’ End always offers FREE shipping on orders of \$50 or more. Periodic sales and FREE logo promotions are shared with Trinity families via Tiger Tales. We encourage you to sign up for notifications directly from Lands’ End so you don’t miss promotions. PATT offers SCRIP cards for Lands’ End that can be used to purchase uniforms. PATT also holds multiple Used Uniform Sales throughout the year.

There are many items that may be purchased from Lands’ End. However, only **the ones listed here MUST be purchased from Lands’ End** as part of the Lower School dress code.

Please note: this page is to help with ordering correct items but does not list which items are optional/required or which items are only allowed worn during certain months. That information is found under the guidelines for each grade level.

### TK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Boys:

Description from Lands’ End	Color	Logo Required
Mesh or Interlock_Polo (short or long sleeve)	White, Maize	Yes
Modal Sweater Vest	Maize	Yes

### TK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Girls:

Uniform Girl’s Plaid Jumper	White Plaid	No
Peter Pan Plain Collar Blouse (short or long sleeve, knit or woven)	White	No
Fine Gauge Cardigan	Classic Navy	Yes
Short-sleeve Polo Dress	Classic Navy	Yes

### 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys: All items from TK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Boys plus

Mesh or Interlock Polo (short or long sleeve)	White, Maize, Evergreen	Yes
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### 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls:

Mesh or Interlock Polo (short or long sleeve) (regular or feminine cut)	White, Maize, Evergreen	Yes
A-line Skirt	White Plaid	No
Pleated Skirt	White Plaid	No
Fine Gauge Cardigan	Classic Navy	Yes
Khaki Pants	Khaki	No

### Available to all grade levels, Boys & Girls:

Athletic Jacket, Athletic Pant, Athletic Shorts (Boy athletic shorts only for both girls and boys)	Dark Navy	Yes, to all
Fleece jacket (Full zip)	Classic Navy	Yes
Microfleece Half-zip	Classic Navy	Yes

## **Appendix II**

### **THE FIVE HALLMARKS OF TRINITY ACADEMY**

Trinity Academy views its mission as a series of promises to be fulfilled – to our students and to our families. Our promises center on “Five Hallmarks” that encapsulate our commitments to those who choose to partner with us for the education of their child(ren).

#### ***Authentic Christ-Like Culture***

An authentic Christ-like culture is one that encourages Christians to walk humbly, honestly, and thoughtfully before their God and with one another. We promote a school culture in which a student’s faith can thrive in community. In and out of the classroom, we encourage reverence, but we also welcome difficult questions that allow students to own their faith. Our priorities are Kingdom-oriented, and we enjoy a robust spiritual growth program that includes Chapel, Character Development, Religious Studies classes, a number of faculty-led Bible studies and weekly CRU meetings. We recognize that man’s greatest need is not education, but redemption. We seek heart change, not mere behavior modification and that is why our discipline is handled in the form of discipleship. We want our students to seek godly wisdom, not mere knowledge and live lives that use that wisdom to serve God and transform the culture.

#### ***Distinctive Classical Program***

Classical learning uses methodologies, a philosophy, and a curriculum that set it apart from other models of education. Students are immersed in an education that recognizes the relationship of all skills and subjects to each other and teaches the foundational skills that every later subject requires. A foundation in grammar, logic, rhetoric, languages, and philosophy prepare students to be life-long learners who excel in the sciences, math and the humanities. Classical education has endured for centuries and has been tested and proven. The methods don’t work because they are Classical. They are Classical because they work.

#### ***Inspirational Learning Environment***

Our faculty moves the intellect and emotions of students to action and invention by immersing them in truth, goodness, and beauty through the wonder of science, the structure and order of math, the genius of the arts, and the living stories of great books. We desire for our facilities and learning environments to support and promote the same. Our physical presence should match our spiritual strength.

## *Exemplary Organization*

Our stakeholders deserve a commitment to excellence in all facets of our organization: communication and marketing, financial integrity, policies and procedures, health and safety, orderliness, accountability and professionalism. We are charged with stewardship of your precious resources and are committed to being efficient and effective in our work so we can prioritize you. The Christian should be exemplary in his life, as well as correct in his doctrines and worthy of imitation.

## *Thriving Future*

If a school plans only for year-to-year concerns and fails to plan for generation-to-generation concerns, our mission will feel short-sighted, erratic and ultimately fail. We are committed to investing time, energy and resources into expanding our campus and programming so that we can continue to shape future generations with culture-transforming, Christian worldview thinking, until the day Christ returns.

Dr. Bridges expounds on the Trinity Hallmarks in this [video](#).



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