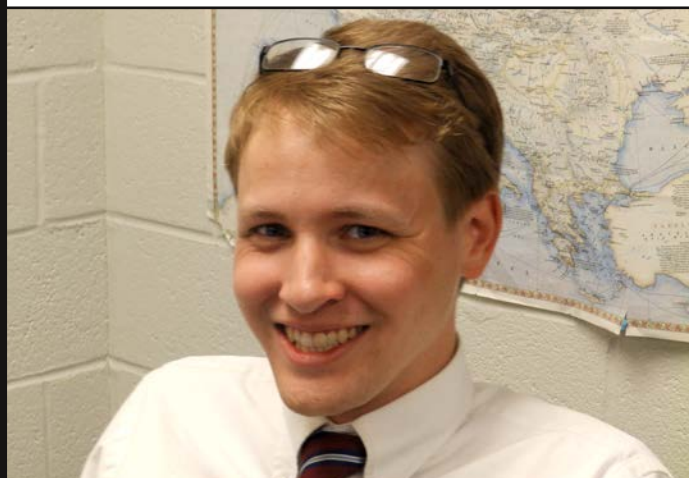




We're Gonna Miss Them When They're Gone

Jurgen Lipps, Anita Witten, and Peter Yamasaki

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Mr. Nelson brought a youthful presence to the staff and students of this fine establishment. Watching him leave, we can see his legacy in the lives of his students. Upon Mr. Nelson's announcement of his departure, sounds of wailing and gnashing of teeth were heard throughout the halls of our school.

But in all seriousness, Mr. Nelson is and always will be a significant part of Trinity. We are excited to hear about his pursuit of a career in the business world. Mr. Nelson's meteoric rise to stardom amongst the Trinity population serves as a foretoken for great big things to come. Myself, Jurgen Raymond Lipps, and my trusty manservant, Peter Jamesworth Yamasaki, took it upon ourselves to interview the legend for the first and the last time. Here are our results:

What will you miss the most about TCS?

Definitely my students

What was your best memory at TCS?

Probably during my first year of coaching middle school track, when my girls won MACSA.

What was your worst memory at TCS?

I'd say my worst moment was when I had dislocated my knee playing basketball, and when I went to the hospital, the nurses thought that Mr. Prol was my dad.

What are some things that you have learned while teaching here?

Lots of patience, I've learned not to take myself too seriously. One important thing that I've learned is that it's okay to sometimes get distracted or go on a rabbit trail when I'm teaching for the sake of learning.

Is there any advice that you would like to leave with your students?

Yes, take these three things to heart:

1. Spend time in prayer.
2. Study hard what you don't like.
3. Build relationships with your siblings now.



Mrs. Bonsell has announced her plan to retire from teaching after this year. For eleven years, she has faithfully served here trying to educate students on how to better appreciate great literature from all eras. Her news definitely shocked her students because she has been a big part of all of their lives. She will be dearly missed by everyone and the impact that she had on this school will always be remembered. The seniors would like to especially thank her for all the great memories they made in her class for the past two years. We interviewed her on some of the highlights she has from teaching at Trinity Christian School and this is what she had to say:

What will you miss most about TCS?

This may sound silly, but I'll miss teaching most. For eleven years I've had the privilege of talking with students daily about the things I love.

What is your best memory from TCS?

Two of them are:

-Tim Justnes and Rachel Ciuizio as Richard III and Lady Anne in our very first Shakesperience.

-The afternoon the boys from the class of 2009 took turns testing my dog's shock collar on themselves.

What is your worst memory from TCS?

Saying goodbye to the class of 2013 during their Senior Banquet. When I began teaching at TCS they were in fourth grade. I taught them Latin that year and at least one subject every year until they graduated. When they left they took a piece of my heart with them.

What have you learned from teaching the students here?

I have learned that every student is gifted in some way. It's up to a teacher to try to discover and cultivate that gift.

Do you have any advice for the students?

My advice to each student here is, "Do not be a spectator in your education; be a participant." The classroom experience of the invested student is so much richer than that of the student who is simply biding his or her time.

Smorgasbord

One page for the knowledge of a good amount of things
Daley Harris, Ethan Hastings, and Zoe Schafer

Track & Field

This year, the Trinity Track and Field team has persevered through a difficult season full of hard work and no small number of injuries. The Junior High teams performed very well with contributions from the 6th grade newcomers, and the Varsity teams enjoyed the support of the student body and some returning former members.

Below are the scores of our two league meets:

JrH Girls

MACSA: 3rd

ACSI: 5th

Varsity Girls

MACSA: 1st (73 pt. lead)

ACSI: 2nd

JrH Boys

MACSA: 3rd

ACSI: 2nd

Varsity Boys

MACSA: 1st (49 pt. lead)

ACSI: 2nd



To Philly They Went

The freshman finally got to go on their field trip to Philadelphia (after two failed attempts due to lack of drivers and threats of violent riots) on May 11. There they walked around the historic city, ate some authentic Philly cheese-steaks, and of course learned about how this great country came into being. They visited sites such as the Liberty Bell (sort of seen behind the wall of students), Independence Hall, and the Ben Franklin museum.



Liberty and Beyond

The sophomores and seniors were scheduled to visit the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, but after a bomb threat, they were evacuated. They still had an excellent outing and a good view of Lady Liberty from a distance.



Shakespearian

The high school Shakespearian drama class got the opportunity to perform a selection from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at Drew University. Along with five other middle schools and high schools, they performed twenty-five minute selections from Shakespeare. The Trinity team was met with enthusiasm and commendation from the judges, and several students received special recognitions for their individual performances. Josiah Chung received an award for his role as Pyramus. Ali Champagne received recognition for her ability to make difficult Shakespearian language accessible to the audience in her role of Puck. Finally, Joe received a roaring commendation for his role as Lion. Their reward? Softcover copies of some of Shakespeare's greatest plays. Every year, the event encourages young people to explore the rich world of Shakespearian drama and showcase hidden thespian talent.

Sciencentric



Gym

The school's gym is almost finished! The outside is nearly complete, except for some landscaping. On the inside, we still need to install the gym floor, tile the foyer, the locker rooms and bathrooms, and sheet rock the extra rooms upstairs. The basketball hoops are in, but the bleachers, scoreboard, and other furnishings will come a little later. The faculty's guess on when the gym will be ready for use is this fall. We don't yet know whether it will be ready for the start of school, or a perhaps a little while after. For years, many students have eagerly waited on a new gym. The entire student body is ecstatic that they will be able to host their own games, practice right at the school, and have a place to hang out in the cold.

Blazer Culture: Writing Edition

Samantha Yamasaki and Jestira Mladenovic

Congratulations to all who received awards in the ACSI writing contest. The following are three excerpts of pieces by TCS students who achieved the recognition of "Superior."

"Clocked and Measured" by Greg Tanis

First a scream, and then a cry,
Another clock starts ticking.
Son in her arms, smile on her face,
-- And the clocks keep on ticking.

She runs her hand across his face;
He lifts his hands as if to stop her,
But powerless in her arms he lies,
-- And the hands keep on turning.

The tassel's tipped, then flung into the sky;
Thirteen years passed, four more will fly.
Top of his class, what could go wrong?
-- But the clocks keep on ticking.

He moves the tassel across his head,
Another hour is past;
The sun is rising, the morning dawns,
-- And the hands keep on turning [...]

"I Entered a Land" by Hannah Genberg

I entered a land in the old wardrobe,
That reeked of mothballs and dust.
It was a magical land, with towering trees,
With a lion who's kind and just.

I entered a land with magical wands,
Where owls flew messages 'round.
And flying on brooms is considered a sport,
And magical creatures abound [...]

"Invisible Beauty" by Alison Champagne

Monday morning. Last thing I wanted to hear was my alarm clock, rousing me from my dream- I don't remember what, exactly, I was dreaming about, but anything was better than waking up. I groaned as I slapped the off button and swung my legs over the side of my bed. "Turn off the light," I growled at my sister who was doing her makeup in the mirror across the room. We'd been sharing a room since we'd moved the previous summer; I hated it.

I stumbled into the kitchen where my mom was making lunch. "Morning, Kasey," she said cheerfully. She opened her arms for a hug.

"Close the shades, Mom, it's so bright in here," I snapped, dropping into a chair and pouring myself some orange juice. In my periphery I could see her frown slightly, but she said nothing.

The rest of my morning was a disaster - I took too much time in the shower, so I missed the bus. I wanted my mom to drive me to school, but she was late for work, so I begrudgingly slung my backpack over my shoulder and walked. "Ugh, why is it so warm in New Jersey?" I muttered to myself as I stepped onto the hot pavement. My hair was already stuck to my face and neck, and I wished I hadn't worn jeans.

It wasn't until art class seventh period that I actually had a conversation with someone. My best friend Leanna sat across the table from me, leaning on her elbow and sketching with her free hand. "Hey, Kasey, did you see that sunset last night? Oh, my goodness, it was just amazing! I don't think my backyard has ever looked so incredible - it just took my breath away."

I rolled my eyes and laughed. "You say that every day, Lee. It's just a sunset."

"What do you mean 'just a sunset'?" [...]

To read the rest of these literary works, go to tcsnj.org.

The Endless Pursuit

Finished by Luke Spivak



Congratulations to Luke Spivak for his entry into the comic submission contest! Thank you to everyone who participated!

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"The Best Banquet Ever"

Joseph Gustav Boch

Trinity fundraising has been a huge success this past month. The main fundraising event that took place on March 17 was the Banquet. People are calling it the best Banquet ever. We raised a total of about \$82,000, and a total of 250 people attended the event. None of this could have been possible without the help of the TCS Parent Guild and the Banquet Coordinator, Joanna Sifonios. Without the prayer, preparation, and hard work from the people who attended and all the people that helped, the fundraiser would not be possible.

At the fundraiser people got a nice filling dinner and a inspiring message from author and speaker, Dr. Voddie Baucham, right after the opening hymn of "Take My Life and Let It Be." The evening ended after a closing hymn at about 9:45 pm. We would like to thank Dr. Baucham for his message and for his dedication and support. Hopefully we will see him again. Finally, we thank you all for your prayer, money, and support without which we wouldn't have started on the gym. Thanks to you, we are one big step closer to getting our gym. Now, it is time to start planning for the next banquet!

Reflections on Psalm 147

by Mr. Joshua Nelson

Two weeks ago, the junior high track team and I huddled together on the morning of MACSA and read through Psalm 147. The psalm begins and ends by praising God for his faithfulness to Israel, and it contrasts His omnipotent power to our own very limited abilities. It says that God counts the number of the stars (4), prepares rains for the earth (9), and sends winds to blow and waters to flow (18). Verse five says that His "understanding is infinite." We should feel humbled and even afraid when we compare God's awesome power to our own. Our greatest achievements, whether in school, sports, music, the arts, or our personal lives and relationships, pale in comparison to the God who created and rules over nature.

At the very center of the passages are the lines "He does not delight in the strength of the horse; He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man (10)." If our works pale in comparison to God's and He takes no delight in our strength or power, what does the Lord delight in? Verse eleven has the answer: "The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy." This is not a call for you give up on school or sports or music. Rather, it is a call for you to fear and place your hope in the Lord. And we can have great faith and joy when we do. Verse three says "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." The same God who numbers the stars and waters the earth cares deeply for His people and offers us saving grace.

*"Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
Sing praises on the harp to our God,
Who covers the heavens with clouds,
Who prepares rain for the earth,
Who makes grass to grow on the mountains.
He gives to the beast its food,
And to the young ravens that cry."
Psalm 147:7-9*

Bringin' It to Blaze

Alison Champagne

The end of the school year is approaching faster than you think! In just a few short weeks you will be faced with finals and end-of-the-year projects. This year, instead of panicking before your exams and scrambling to pull up your grades, take some of this advise to ensure that your last weeks at Trinity are relaxing and enjoyable. We interviewed some of your fellow students to get study tips and advice for finishing the school year well.

- Don't slow down before you reach the finish line. Every second counts! -Ali
- Study ahead of time so you can relax. -Rachel
- Start collecting tests now and study a few minutes a day. -Kate
- Pray before your exams. -Isaiah
- Leave the school year with a good impression. -James
- Eat enough and sleep enough. -Hannah V.
- End the year like you started it: strong and confident. -Ariana
- Decisions you make now affect your future. -Joe
- For math/Chem: know your equations! -Josh
- For English: know authors and works! -Joe

Prayer requests:

- The nation of Nepal in the aftermath of the earthquakes (offer support by getting baked goods from Kate and Izzy's bake sale)
- Mrs. Bonsell and Mr. Nelson as they leave our school
- End of year/finals
- Martin and Lee families as the fathers fight against cancer
- Track team- many injuries and for the States Meets
- Progress of the gym
- Seniors - safety on their trip and remaining theses

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Thank you!