

# Trinity Times

"Our times are in Your hands."



## A Grand Opening

*Mr. Jeff Holcomb and Miss Marya Mendelsohn*

Trinity Christian School and Trinity Baptist Church celebrated the long-awaited grand-opening of its new gym on September 18th. The school community, members of Trinity Baptist Church, and community leaders gathered for the grand-opening at the site of the gym.

The ceremony marked a significant milestone in the life and history of Trinity Christian School. The project began in 2009 with architectural and engineering plans. The township planning board review was completed in July 2010, with

final township approval granted in 2012. Fundraising efforts to date have generated \$600,000. The overall cost for the project was \$1.4 million.

Mr. Holcomb echoed the sentiments of the board and the administration. "Having our own gym will enhance our overall program of education for academics, athletics, and extra-curricular activities. The athletic facility will be a rallying point for TCS families and students and reinforces our commitment to growth and service to the community."

Students and parents are enthusiastic about the completion of the gym, looking forward to reduced commuting time for student athletes, and a more functional place for recess and physical education classes to meet during inclement weather. Church members anticipate more space for informal gatherings and the possible re-start of a TBC basketball league. In addition, the gym will open opportunities for Trinity Baptist Church's growing ministries, like Helping Hands, a unique service provided to the handicapped.



## Meet Mr. Odland

*Ethan Hastings*



This year, we welcome Mr. John Odland to the TCS teaching staff. Growing up, Mr. Odland was passionate about two jobs. He wanted to either become a police officer or a history teacher. He has been blessed with the opportunity to do both in his life. Mr. Odland started his career path in the NYPD, serving as a cop in the 18th precinct in Midtown Manhattan, and then he was promoted to sergeant and served in the 71st precinct in Brooklyn. He then served as a sergeant in the 42nd Detective Bureau. Officer Odland was a 9/11 first responder. He has extensive experience dealing with hundreds of robberies, burglaries, homicides, etc. His experience has given him the expertise to take over the role of security head at Trinity. He has lots of ideas to make our school safer. He is also passionate about history, earning his teaching degree after retiring from the NYPD, and he's excited to teach World and US History!

## Welcome, Kindergarten!

*Joseph Gustav V Boch*



TCS would like to welcome the new kindergarteners of 2015-16. We wish them a great start in their education at our school and that is why we dedicate this newspaper issue to them. We hope they take advantage of this great opportunity that God has given them. Now without further adieu, the new kindergarteners are as follows:

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| Maxwell Azzari | Tori Larosa      |
| Adrielle Brand | Bradyn Long      |
| Silas Gibello  | Torah MacLean    |
| Brayden Grasso | Giliannys Mateo  |
| Elijah Kaiser  | Isabella Prol    |
| Shakeel Khan   | Elizabeth Snyder |
|                | Enoch Yu         |

# New Faces

Joe Boch and Jurgen Lipps



**Yona Tu**  
1st Grade  
She likes her teacher and music class, and sometimes she likes to play games and go outside.



**Ryle Gibello**  
2nd Grade  
He likes to play with legos and is "A lot excited" to go to TCS.



**Elizabeth Canales**  
6th Grade  
She is very happy to be part of TCS and she loves to play soccer.



**Julia Falciola**  
1st Grade  
She likes to play tag at the park and she loves recess time.



**Cayden Gibello**  
3rd Grade  
He likes to read adventure books and is excited about his Indian project.



**Aaron Jones**  
6th Grade  
Aaron loves to sleep in his free time, and his favorite sports are football and basketball.



**Grace Vitkosky**  
1st Grade  
She likes to play with her many sheep and she likes baseball.



**Hunter and Logan Force**  
4th Grade  
They like lunch and playing sports. Especially soccer.



**Matt Glaser**  
8th Grade  
He loves sports and he really likes history with Mr. Odland.



**Karen Canales**  
2nd Grade  
She likes working ahead in her class and her favorite subject is science.



**Hannah Canales**  
5th Grade  
She loves to read mystery books and her favorite subject is Math.



**Ollie Boch**  
9th Grade  
His favorite class Geometry and he loves playing soccer, baseball, and basketball.

## A Word from the President

Ali Champagne

Dear Students,

I hope everyone is having a great year so far! Although the school year only started a few weeks ago, we as a Student Council have been working since the summer to help this school year be a good one for everyone. This year the Student Council is going to look a lot different than it has in previous years as it is the largest we've had. Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Soca are our new Faculty Advisors, Ethan Hastings is our Vice President, Ian Stempert is the Secretary, and Jürgen Lipps is the Treasurer. Greg Tanis is the head of the Social Committee and Tori Holmes is the Service Committee leader. If you have any questions, or just ideas for new Social or Service Projects, please don't hesitate to ask your class representatives. Always remember that we are here to help you. I'm looking forward to an amazing year!

Sincerely,  
Ali Champagne

## A Note from the Editor

Ethan Hastings

Dear students, teachers, faculty, et al,

As the new editor-in-chief, I would like to formally thank you so much for not only picking up a copy of this copy of the school newspaper, but actually taking the time to read it, especially given the state of print journalism in our modern age. The Newspaper team is excited to announce the addition of Danny Champagne, Kyle Eliason, Charlie Mills, Kelly Reid, and Chanelle Spivak as contributing editors. Will Martone will also be joining as our graphics and comic consultant.

This year we are open to any suggestions on how to better our newspaper. We want to provide you with interesting articles, op-ed pieces, Blazer culture, and other segments that will catch your eye, inform you about our community and the world, and strengthen your school spirit. We hope that this year the Trinity Times will be the most informative and entertaining publication available at TCS. Thanks for reading!

Ethan Hastings

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