

Proposed Recreational Complex

History of TCS

Trinity Christian School was established in 1986 to serve the needs of families seeking an alternative to local public schools. The initial enrollment was 47 students in grades K-4 with an operating budget of \$110,000. Today, after nearly 24 years of continuous operation, TCS has an enrollment of approximately 175 students in grades K-12 and an operating budget of over \$1 million. Although the majority of students live in the Morris county area, some families come from surrounding towns such as Caldwell, Bloomfield, Livingston and Wayne, and others from as far away as Lyndhurst, Jersey City, W. Orange and Ringwood.

Vision and Goal of TCS

Trinity Christian School provides a complete educational program in the classical tradition, challenging students to pursue excellence in all of their studies. The school is committed to the education of the whole student, with an emphasis on character development in its academic, athletic and extra-curricular programs. We believe our society desperately needs young people who are committed to integrity, self-discipline and hard work and who are equipped with the thinking skills and persuasiveness to help stem the tide of a culture in decline. Our mission, therefore, is to train students in a Christian environment to be citizens of the future who will stand firm for what they believe and live so as to positively impact their respective communities.

Accomplishments of TCS Students

Trinity Christian School has a long-standing record of excellence when it comes to academic achievement, college placement and success in the job market.

- SAT scores for college-bound students demonstrate academic success. TCS shows an average of 1294 for the math/verbal portion of the test over eight years. Compared to Morris region public schools, the SAT average was 113 points above the highest township public school.
- Approximately 92% of all TCS graduates have gone on to college. The majority have received some form of scholarship. TCS graduates have been accepted at such universities as Wharton School of Finance; John's Hopkins; Carnegie Mellon; Columbia University; West Point and the U.S. Naval Academy. Complete scholarships have been granted to NJIT; Drew University; Rutgers; Seton Hall and many others.
- After college, TCS graduates have gone on to land career positions as accountants, architects, lawyers, teachers, engineers and congressional assistants.

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The Need

Since its inception, Trinity Christian School has functioned well in the very modern and spacious facilities provided for our use by Trinity Baptist Church. As the school grew, an entirely new phase was constructed in 1998 to provide additional classrooms and locker accommodations for the newly started high school. However, throughout its history, TCS students have been challenged and in many ways handicapped by the absence of a dedicated recreational facility.

Consider the hindrances:

- The education and development of the whole student requires not only the training of the mind through academic pursuits, but consistent attention to physical development through a well-designed physical education and sports program.
- Without adequate, easily accessible facilities, such programs will inevitably be compromised preventing our programs from reaching their full potential.
- Over the years, TCS has 'made do' with the large parking lot and perimeter lawn of the church property when outdoor conditions were suitable. However, with inclement weather conditions, these activities are often interrupted or cancelled.
- Borrowed or rented gymnasium facilities have allowed us to carry on basic physical education and sports programs. These arrangements, however, are often less than ideal creating serious scheduling challenges and undesirable added expense.
- The growth of our enrollment, so vital to the future stability of TCS, is undoubtedly hampered by the absence of a dedicated recreational facility. Interested parents who would otherwise choose TCS for their children, may look to other schools that can provide this benefit.

The Solution

The property upon which the Trinity Baptist Church and Trinity Christian School facility sits is large enough to lend itself beautifully to the addition of a dedicated recreational complex. In addition, the 24 year cooperative relationship between the two entities has proven the test of time. Working together, we are enthusiastically committed to moving ahead with this project.

Consider the benefits:

- *A complete program of education* for academic, athletic and extra-curricular activities
- *A rallying point* for TCS families and students that reinforces a commitment to growth
- *A significant asset* to attract potential families and promote the value of a TCS education
- *A signal to supporters* and donors that we are taking tangible steps for the future of TCS

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The Scope of the Project

Size:

- Main Level – 80' x 130' (approx. 10,400 sq. ft.)
- Second Floor – 25' x 75' (approx. 1,875 sq. ft.)
- Utility Room – 18' x 32' (approx. 576 sq. ft.)

Building:

- Masonry and steel construction
- Complete all-weather HVAC system
- Synthetic gymnasium floor for multi-functional use

Interior

- 50' x 84' full size basketball court
- Full side bleachers for spectator sports
- Men's and women's bathrooms
- Home and visitor locker rooms with private bath
- Utility room for storage
- Second floor apparatus area
- Physical education director's office

The Projected Cost of the Project

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| • Engineering | \$35,000 |
| • Architectural | \$20,000 |
| • General conditions | \$35,000 |
| • Site work | \$60,000 |
| • Super-structure | \$280,000 |
| • Mechanicals | \$110,000 |
| • Finishes | \$60,000 |
| • Furnishings | \$150,000 |

TOTAL COST PROJECTION

\$750,000.00

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The Timeline for Completion of the Project

- Engineering contract 2/2009
- Engineering complete 11/2009
- Preliminary architectural (incl. professional rendering) 11/2009
- Town planning board review 12/2009
- Township approval 2/2010
- Final architectural 4/2010
- Building department approval 5/2010
- Begin construction 6/2010
- Finish construction 12/2010
- Occupy building 1/2011

An Appeal for Support and Involvement in the Project

Anticipating the joy, energy and excitement of TCS students the day they walk into their own gymnasium is something that we hope and pray will move all of our hearts to action. But to state it plainly, it is only in partnership with parents, grandparents, church members and interested donors that this recreational complex will become a reality. We can assure you, that working together in common cause for the good of our children and making sacrifices for their benefit is something that will yield benefits beyond the physical structure we hope to construct.

Will you consider helping to make this dream a reality? While we recognize our dependence upon God, your help is vital. If you would like to be part of this exciting project, there are a variety of ways you can help, ranging from tax-deductible gifts to donated materials and/or services. Please contact Jeff Holcomb at 973-334-1785 or by email at jholcomb.tcs@gmail.com.