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Greetings from the office of the President! As I sit down to prepare my message, it is difficult to know where to begin. Obviously, 2020 has been an interesting year to say the least and has presented us with many challenges. 2020 has tested our faith and our strength but it has not dented the fabric of who we are as Titans. Every day we continue to live out our mission of educating the whole student – mind, body and soul and our vision of awakening greatness continues to be present in all that we do.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is indeed a great time to be a Titan! The rallying support through these challenging times has been gratifying, yet humbling. The commitment of our bishop, pastors, board of directors, administration, faculty, staff, parents, patrons and students has never been more present.

Last spring, we had to abruptly send our students home and prepare for distance learning. Our administration, faculty and staff did not waste any time in rolling up their sleeves and developing a plan to continue to educate the whole student – mind, body and soul. The patience and understanding of our students and parents were amazing! It was far from perfect, but with everyone working together we did the best that we could under the circumstances. Despite many challenges, the Class of 2020 was able to walk across the stage together, though with a small and socially-distanced crowd.

Fast forward to this summer and fall and now we have been faced with the challenge of safely reopening our schools. Once again, Titan pride and spirit came to the forefront as the Titan Smart Reopening Plan was developed and implemented. Most everything looks and feels a bit different, but at Trinity Catholic Schools we are people of faith; and for that we are deeply appreciative to our clergy for leading us through this unprecedented time.

As we look ahead to Thanksgiving, despite all of the challenges and disappointments, we have so much to be thankful for. We are truly blessed in so many ways starting with the cornerstone of our faith. Our loyal and dedicated faculty, staff, students and parents, and patrons shine a bright light and help get us through these dark days. It is truly an honor to lead such an outstanding team and please know how thankful that I am for all of you.

I wish you and your families a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and an Advent Season filled with God’s blessings!
CHILDREN OF EDEN
December 3-6
TRINITY JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
December 13
GOLDEN MASS
December 18
TRINITY MARDI GRAS
January 29-31
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
January 31-February 6
MANY GIFTS, ONE NATION DAY OF GIVING
February 2
2021 TITAN HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS OPEN
March 1-April 30
DIVINE WINE AND DINE
March 13
RACE FOR EDUCATION
May 5
TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL REUNION WEEKEND
July 2-4
2021 TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FALL GALA
October 16, 2021

SCHOOL PRAYER TO ST. IGNATIUS
Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To Thee, O Lord, I return it. All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and thy grace, for this is sufficient for me.

ABOUT THE COVER PHOTO
In July of 2020, several Titans gathered, including teachers, coaches, administration, staff, students, and family, to dedicate “Ken Keller Court.” Ken pictured with coaches of Titan Athletics on Ken Keller Court, July 2020.
For more on this story, see page 4.
Even in the new school building – if one listens closely the echo of Ken Keller’s voice can be heard vividly – as vividly as when he began at Trinity in 1965. Even in his retirement, Ken visited Trinity Junior High and High School on multiple occasions to substitute teach; to meet with Athletic Director Gregg Grinsteinner on the ins and outs of a tournament; or to manage a basketball tournament himself.

This “forever Titan” was celebrated this past summer, on a warm July morning in a small, private gathering with his family, and a few members of the Titan Family, as the court of the Knights of Columbus Activities Center was named and dedicated “Ken Keller Court.” It came as a surprise to Ken, who had been undergoing cancer treatment for many months, and passed away in September of 2020. “This is such an honor for my family and for me,” Keller said during the dedication. He continued, “Titan Nation always has my back.”

“The idea of naming the court after Ken started in the spring, 2020, after the regional boys basketball tournament. Ken usually was the manager for that tournament and wasn’t able to in 2020 because of his battle with cancer. His presence was missed,” said Gregg Grinsteinner, Trinity High School Math Teacher, Athletic Director, and Boys Basketball Coach. Grinsteinner continued, “…many times we reminisce about the impact someone has had on a community after they are gone. The Trinity Athletic Department wanted Ken to know how his many years of commitment, service, expertise, and being the face of our athletics didn’t go unnoticed. It was a long-overdue token of our appreciation.” Little did Mr. Grinsteinner know, that this day would be one of the last times Mr. Keller would enter Trinity High School.

Keller gave over 40 years of his life to Trinity Junior High and High School as an English teacher, as a coach, and as an athletic director. To speak of Ken brings sentiments of sincere admiration and of authentic gratitude for all that he gave to Trinity Catholic Schools in his years of service. Now, with the dedication

“Well done, good and faithful servant! Eternal rest grant unto him, o Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and all souls, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen.”

- From the TCS Facebook Post

Ken Keller Court
A lasting dedication to a forever Titan

Ken and his wife, Lavonne, pictured with family who attended the dedication in July.
of Ken Keller Court, generations of Titans will come to know a man who served this school community in an unforgettable way. “One of the things I hope future generations of Titans will come to learn and love about Ken is his example of staying the course for something you believe in. This, to me, is an example of great faith. He was offered other opportunities to teach and coach in other schools, but he had such a depth of love for Trinity and belief in her mission, that he remained committed to it throughout his life”, offered Grinsteinner.

What a pleasure it is for Trinity Catholic Schools to celebrate Ken Keller – a forever Titan!

“Best substitute teacher out there! Going to miss you playing your good old 50s music (which I loved!) and you singing along! You have a heart of gold! We will miss you Mr. Keller!” – Cassi Beck

“One of my favorite teachers! Great teacher! Great sense of humor! Great man! We will miss you Ken. May the God of hope bring comfort to your family.” – Susan Dafnis

“What a great man, what a great mentor, what a great coach.” – Conald Havelka (’73)

“One of the many teachers I looked up to, a great man, leader, and father.” – Terry Hoyt (’70)

“Mr. Keller was a huge fan of Minnesota sports teams, and it was always so easy to distract him from class by bringing up a sports topic. We got out of more than one of his pop quizzes that way! Also, almost every single day at some point in class he would stop everything, shake his head, and mutter ‘What the h*!!’ at something one of the boys in class said and/or did.” – Nicole (Stroh, ’93) Berger

“A great and loyal man.” – Rod Kleinjan, KDIX

“Rest in peace, Mr. Keller.” – Tammy Hovet

“You were a blessing for Trinity!” – Cindy Fisher

“God Bless a true Titan!” – Gary Kuhn (’69)

“My deepest sympathies LaVonne and family. Rest in Peace!” – Rock Kovash (’74)

“Our two boys played golf under Ken. They think the world of him! What a great man!” – Kathy Wegleitner

“May Ken Rest in Peace. My sympathy to his family and friends. He dedicated his life to God, family and THS sports program and loved every minute of it. We all will remember all that dedication and the fun that went along with it. Thanks for the memories Ken.” – Anita Gaab

“My first year at Trinity was the fall of 1973. It was then I met Ken Keller, whose personality and presence intimidated this naive young teacher. For the next twenty five years I discovered that he was a man of many layers. He truly loved his chosen career as an English teacher, his family, the world of sports and his faith. In the last few months of his life, Ken revealed intimate layers of his life. As a man who had been fiercely independent, submission and dependence on others was a tender place of humility. These moments were entered with grace and an incredible sense of humor. He was ever grateful to all persons who reached out to him during his illness. He always held onto hope. He fought to the bitter end like the true Titan that Ken Keller embodied. I imagine that he continues the battles with St. Michael the Archangel, the saint he held near and dear within his soul. Rest In Peace, Ken.” – Cherie Roshau, former colleague of Ken Keller

“So blessed to have had him in our lives!” – KayLyn (Kovash, ’92) Gefre
Dukart Grads. From the Class of 1965 to the Class of 2020, we have seen many Dukarts walk across our stage! Class of 2020 graduate, Isabel Steckler, put together this collage of graduates in her family, beginning with her Grandma, Marie (Dukart) Fichter, including her mother, Sandy (Fichter, ’90), several family members, and ending with herself. How many of these THS grads can you name?

Sister Richardé Marie Wolf is celebrating 50 years as a SSND. She was born in Dickinson to Richard and Mary Wolf in 1949, the second of six girls. The family belonged to St. Patrick Parish where she received her grade school education with the Benedictine Sisters. She attended Trinity High School with the School Sisters of Notre Dame. She received her BA degree in Education from Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, and she completed a Master’s Degree in Education from University of Mary. Sr. Richardé Marie’s teaching career started during a major consolidation of the school in 1970 at Lonsdale, Minnesota. This was followed by a two-year assignment at St. Michael in Prior Lake, Minnesota. For five years, she served as principal at St. Benedict in Strasburg, North Dakota. She then had a similar role as principal for seven years at St. Patrick in Dickinson. After that, she moved to Red Lake Falls, Minnesota where she served as a faith formation director and administrator at St. Joseph School. Another teaching assignment brought her to Glendale, Arizona where she served at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. From 2009 to 2014, she ministered as principal and teacher at St. Bernard Indian Mission in Fort Yates. Since 2015, she has served as a teacher and refugee outreach coordinator at the Learning Center at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Minnesota. In this ministry, she serves the needs of many refugee women in their homes and children and adults at the Center. “In these 50 years as a School Sister of Notre Dame, I was able to use my God-given gifts in the field of education. I am grateful to the Benedictine Sisters and School Sisters of Notre Dame for the education I received and the encouragement given to me in my ministry.”

Matt Ellerkamp, parent of children at Trinity Catholic Schools, was diagnosed with cancer this past spring. The community rallied in support of Matt, his wife Jennie, and their family, offering a well-attended benefit in his name. The entertainment at the event featured a band comprised almost entirely of Trinity High School alumni. It was a fantastic day, in honor of a tremendous Titan family. (pictured above)

On October 31, 2020, THS Class of 1986 graduate, Dr. Jeffrey Vaagen was ordained a deacon in the Diocese of Fargo. Dr. Vaagen, MD, is a Family Practice Specialist in the Devil’s Lake area. He is affiliated with many hospitals, including The Mercy Hospital of Devil’s Lake. Dr. Vaagen and his wife Leatha, are parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Devil’s Lake.

We celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the Trinity Catholic Schools Fall Gala this past October. We proudly welcomed THS Class of 2008 graduate, Fr. Dominic Bouck, as the Master of Ceremonies. Fr. Bouck is currently the Chaplain at the University of Mary in Bismarck. The event looked quite different this year, as Stark County moved to “orange” risk level just days before the Gala. Fr. Bouck, however, took on this challenge eagerly, entertaining a smaller crowd with his celebrity impressions and humorous outlook on life. Trinity Catholic Schools partnered with the Southwestern District Health Unit to create several dining areas in the school, allowing for adequate social distancing and meeting the requirements for the North Dakota Smart Re-start plan. The event, despite being held during a pandemic, was a success!

Class of 1987 graduate, Fr. Wayne Sattler, recently held two mini-retreats in Bismarck/Mandan. He spoke about the teachings of St. John of the Cross, and St. Teresa of Avila and what God does in prayer. Fr. Sattler, the current pastor of the Church of Saint Anne in Bismarck, wrote a book titled “And You Will Find Rest: What God Does in Prayer.” In June, three Titan Alumni ran for two open positions on the Dickinson City Commission: Peggy Thomas O’Brien (’76), Suzi (Stefes, ’99) Sobolik, and John Odermann (’02). Suzi and John both were voted in, and have been proudly serving the Dickinson community in their new roles. Congratulations to all three of these Titans!
**Mind**

*Trinity Elementary North continues to grow! We welcomed a new principal, Miss Amy Grinsteinner ('07), as well as a new Guidance Counselor, Tammy Hovet, to the team this summer!*

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We are incredibly proud of our Science/STEM programs at TCS! Today, we are thrilled to announce that four Titans have reached a level of thinking and design in partnership with Texas Instruments and NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration. That’s right, folks, these Titans are nearing real partnership with NASA and robotic work in outer space! Congratulations to the team of Adelyn Emter, Erik Schwindt, Mason Hibbs, and Brooklyn Berger for their incredible work to automate or optimize a process or product for living and working on the International Space Station! These four entered a contest, using coding and Texas Instruments technology to design and build a model, as a proving ground for future Artemis missions to the moon and Mars. Congratulations, Adelyn, Erik, Mason, and Brooklyn for taking this giant leap! They qualified for the top 25 teams nationwide!

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Our junior class got to spend a morning in Medora at the awesome Chateau De Mores State Historic Site and Chimney Park. The juniors, in quarter 1 studied the impact the railroad and cattle industry had on the settlement of the west, and history comes alive with this trip! And of course, you can’t make a trip to Medora without a stop for ice cream!

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While COVID-19 has presented its challenges, we are proud of the dedication of our teachers, students, and parents as we encounter obstacles. From pre-k (Mrs. Hofer) to senior high (Mr. Grinsteinner), not even close-contact quarantine can keep us from acting upon our mission! These fine educators, among others, teach their classes from home while a substitute helps in the physical classroom. It’s a testament to the amazing relationships in the Titan Family! (Neither teacher was sick, but stayed home due to being exposed to COVID-19 to keep our kids safe)

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Mr. Tim Baustian (pronounced boss-chin), one of our social studies teachers, and husband to THS alumna Carissa (Karsky, ’04), is an avid runner. This fall, he completed a solo “Baustian Half Marathon” and challenged his students to track him down for a photo for extra credit. Our creative students did that and more! Great news: Mr. Baustian says he was first place overall and first in his age group with a time of 1:33:13!
The playground at Trinity Elementary West received a much-needed update this summer! We were able to use some of the old turf from the field of the Biesiot Activities Center to form a safe and colorful ground for the playground equipment. This is a huge improvement that will provide a much safer place for our students to play, thanks to our friends at Dickinson State University!

The Badlands Big Sticks, Dickinson’s hometown Expedition League Baseball Team, hosted “Trinity Catholic Schools Night with the Big Sticks” this summer. Athletic Director and teacher, Gregg Grinsteinner (’82), even got to dust off his arm and throw the first pitch! Our students were invited to sell 50/50 tickets, and we completed the drawing for our Titan Family Raffle onsite. We raised $481 for Trinity Catholic Schools, and the Titans had a blast watching some baseball!

The Bezdicek Family has been a faithful steward, offering a bountiful crop of sweet corn to our Titan Family for many years. Generations of Trinity Athletic Boosters have led coaches and athletes to the farm, north of Dickinson, to harvest and sell this corn to the community, for the benefit of Titan Athletics. This year was no exception. How grateful we are to the Bezdicek family, and to our Lord for the gift of an incredible harvest!

During Spirit Week, Dr. Brian Holder took the THS band to TEE and TEW to play the school song and some other fun pep band songs. The kids loved cheering along, dancing, and experiencing the joy that comes with Titan Spirit during Spirit Week! Thank you, Dr. Holder, for offering this great experience for TCS!

The Titan football team, creating a new tradition for the second straight year, hosted a group of pre-K and elementary Titans on our practice football field. Congratulations to Coach Odermann and the Trinity Titans on a great season!

Mr. Grinsteinner’s pre-calc class and Miss Grinsteinner’s Problems of Democracy class collaborated to hold a mock election for all students and staff in the junior high and high school. Polls were open before school and again over the lunch hour. Most of our students weren’t old enough to vote this year, but they are old enough to understand the importance of participating in our democracy!

It’s Cupcake Wars 2020! Students in Mrs. Kathy (Weiler, ’77) Kiedrowski’s Life Skills class baked cupcakes from scratch and then decorated them with a Halloween theme. The students sold their cupcakes at lunch and the student body voted on their favorite designs. Proceeds of the sale have been donated to the Matt Ellerkamp family.
Father Smith and the Titan Football team celebrated Holy Mass in the St. John Paul II Chapel before their first football practice. The tradition is strong!

These 5th and 6th grade students sacrifice their recess time, regularly, to join Chapel Choir for the Trinity Elementary North Holy Mass. What a beautiful testament toward using their God-given talents, exhibiting confidence in praising Him! At TCS, confidence is a core value that we nurture in our students, allowing them ample opportunity to become the best that they are capable of becoming.

Since the St. John Paul II Chapel is closed to the public (due to Covid-19), our good friends at Queen of Peace Church opened their doors for us to host Grandparents’ Day Holy Mass for our 5th and 6th grades! While we missed the “comfort” of a donut, per tradition, Father Hochhalter reminded us of the comfort we receive in Jesus, much like the comfort we receive when we are with our grandparents. Thank you, grandparents, for celebrating with us! (If you missed it, you can access the recording on our YouTube channel.)

Fr. Robert Shea, the new pastor of the Church of St. Wenceslaus, gave a tour of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church to Mrs. Peggy (Nistler, ’85) Mayer’s kindergarten class. How beautiful it is to see these children learn about our faith, and see the visual representation of so many important parts of the lives of Jesus and the saints! Faith is one of our core values, and we work hard to teach our students to have a personal relationship with God.

Typically, the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Bismarck gather in Bismarck during October break, but due to the pandemic, our faculty and staff stayed in Dickinson and participated in “ConVacation.” The preK-12 faculty spent the day together, mostly in prayer, but also in learning more about St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Patron of our Titan Smart Plan. The 6th graders from Trinity Elementary North helped plan a “walking Rosary,” and they created beautiful art, representing the crucifix and each of the Glorious Mysteries. They also made small luminary bags that represented each of the Hail Mary beads. It was truly a beautiful day of prayer, meditation, and rest for our team. God is so good!

We celebrated THRILLER THURSDAY, the week of Halloween, at Trinity Junior High and High School! We had a blood drive, pep rally, and awesome Halloween costumes!
ENROLLMENT GROWTH

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TUITION ASSISTANCE

2020-21

$114,887 awarded to 67 families or 116 students

FACULTY

- 40% of TCS teachers have a Master’s Degree
- Faculty Base Salary
  - Since 2012
  - Average increase of 18%
ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

2020-21 TOTAL BUDGET
$4.693 MILLION

2020-21 REVENUE
- Tuition & Fees – 50%
- Parish & Diocesan Subsidy – 18%
- Co-Curricular – 1%
- Fundraising & Advancement – 17%
- Building Rental – 5%
- Foundation Endowment & Trust – 6%
- Other Income – 3%

2020-21 EXPENSES
- Salaries & Benefits – 61%
- FICA/Health Insurance – 12%
- Buildings & Grounds – 8%
- Technology – 5%
- Admin Expenses – 4%
- Instructional Materials/Supplies – 3%
- Advancement & Marketing – 3%
- Scholarships/Financial Aid 2%
- Co-Curricular/Fine Arts – 2%
ATTENTION ALUMNI.
Are you expecting a tiny Titan in the coming months? Have you recently gotten married? Have you experienced a death that touches the Titan Family? We want to know about it.

Please contact DeAnn Scheeler (deann.scheeler@k12.nd.us) in the Office of Mission Advancement with any news and we’ll include it in the Family Connection section of the Titan Echoes.

Welcome Little Ones

Harper Rae Gerber
Date of Birth: 12-30-2019
Parents: Katie (12) Veverka & Thomas Gerber

Kai John Lefor
Date of Birth: 01-31-2020
Parents: Brett Lefor (07) and Samantha Keller

Huxley James Vavra
Date of Birth: 02-09-2020
Parents: Jillian (14) Stockert and Alex Vavra

Jude Solanus Jerome
Date of Birth: 08-30-2020
Parents: Hunter (13) and Courtney Jerome

Tenley Jayce Hovick
Date of Birth: 09-26-2020
Parents: Jacob & Sheyenne (Plummer, ’09) Hovick

Shai Jacquelin Steiner
Date of Birth: 08-15-2020
Parents: Lexi (03) Friedt & Jared Steiner

Hayes Martin Odermann
Date of Birth: 08-31-2020
Parents: Jacob (02) & AJ Odermann

“...you knit me together in my mother’s womb.”
- Psalm 139:13

TITAN ECHOES

Just Married

Kelbie (Ficek, ’12) & Colby Wartman
Married: 09-27-2019

Aaron (’13) & Christina (Steckler, ’13) Brydl
Married: 12-09-2019

Nicole (Grinsteininner, ’12) & Josh Torgerson
Married: 06-26-2020

Mark (’15) & Abby Veverka
Married: 12-27-2019

Ryan Fahy (’15) & Heather Hintz
Married: 08-01-2020

Katelyn (Rummel, ‘14) & Chance Kurle
Married: 09-26-2020

“...Therefore, a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.”
- Genesis 2:24
In Loving Memory

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.” - Psalm 116:15

Todd Decker 08-24-1965 to 06-16-2020 Friend

Scott Gress 05-05-1959 to 07-01-2020 Alumni Uncle

Craig Kubas 07-14-1977 to 07-18-2020 Class of 1995

Edwin Volisky 08-24-1931 to 08-02-2020 Alumni Parent, Grandparent

Johanna “Jenny” Eberts 12-20-1920 to 08-09-2020 Friend

Dennis Faiman 09-17-1941 to 09-21-2020 Class of 1995

Richard Bohrer 01-13-1966 to 09-27-2020 Alumni Spouse

Rose Hecker 03-28-1947 to 10-04-2020 Alumni Parent, Grandparent

Franklin Fridrich 04-07-1946 to 10-18-2020 Alumni Parent, Grandparent

Thomas Bishop 04-30-1968 to 06-21-2020 Class of 1986

Michael Meduna 01-20-1972 to 07-04-2020 Friend

William Faller 10-04-1928 to 07-22-2020 Alumni Grandparent

Mathilda “Tillie” Nelson 06-14-1921 to 08-05-2020 Alumni parent, Grandparent

Mary Senger 11-24-1936 to 08-11-2020 Friend

Phillip Dukart 05-31-1927 to 09-23-2020 Alumni Parent, Grandparent

Lois Hochhalter 02-10-1932 to 09-27-2020 Alumni Grandparent/ Great Grandparent

George Roller 07-24-1930 to 10-04-2020 Friend


Mary Ann Anton 12-10-1950 to 10-26-2020 Friend

Charles Meduna 11-09-1925 to 06-28-2020 Friend

Doug Paluck Birthdate? 07-13-2020 Alumni Grandparent

Mary Haich 08-04-1928 to 07-27-2020 Alumni Grandparent

Frank Greff 10-25-1947 to 08-08-2020 Alumni Grandparent

Veronica Gayda 09-20-1927 to 08-12-2020 Alumni Grandparent

LaVerne Frank 12-08-1950 to 09-24-2020 Class of 1968

Lydia Steiner 03-03-1928 to 10-01-2020 Alumni Parent, Grandparent

Louise Vetter 12-16-1930 to 10-06-2020 Alumni Grandparent

Mary Ann Anton 12-10-1950 to 10-26-2020 Friend

Agnes Smith 06-11-1928 to 10-14-2020 Alumni Parent, Grandparent

Rose Klym 02-25-1920 to 10-25-2020 Alumni Grandparent

Arnie Kubirschta 08-13-1958 to 06-30-2020 Class of 1976

Eleanor Summers 02-20-1924 to 07-15-2020 Alumni Parent

Joe Wagner 10-14-1932 to 07-29-2020 Friend

Edwin Kudrna 02-19-1934 to 08-09-2020 Alumni Parent

Kenneth Keller 11-20-1943 to 09-08-2020 Teacher, Coach, Athletic Director, Alumni Grandparent

Andrew Schweitzer 03-10-1933 to 09-26-2020 Alumni Grandparent

Dorothy Kostelecky 03-11-1930 to 10-02-2020, Alumni Parent

Rose Hecker 03-28-1947 to 10-04-2020 Alumni Parent, Grandparent

FALL 2020
Titan Smart

Trinity Catholic Schools School Mission is to educate the whole student—mind, body, and soul. The mission statement has a strong echo to it, especially for those of us alumni, close patrons, and past/present parents of the system. The Mission stamps our Catholic identity, it clarifies the rigor of instruction we seek to offer our students at every level, and it carries a simple sophistication—conducive to memorization and deep with meaning.

School leadership, nevertheless, has the duty to bring spirit to these words. Administration (certainly in my world and my Administrative Team) works tirelessly to bring the words of school Mission and Vision to reality...so it’s active, operative, and real...in our schools’ hallways. As a chant, a game cheer, or an attractive echo, simple tags like “Titan Strong” and “Titan Catholic” have lived in our voices. So too, those add description for our 1st Graders and Juniors to live more concretely our school mission.

A tag for Titan minds was born this last summer—“Titan Smart.” While it adds flavor to a lived school mission, it also became the name of the re-opening plan for Trinity Catholic Schools. System-wide, Trinity offered her parents and students, faculty and staff, a health and safety constitution that would carry every grade level, every department, and all Red & White stakeholders comfortably into the new academic year this fall. Titan Smart responded to Governor Burgum’s request, that was demanded of all schools in the state of North Dakota, to detail protocols and procedures to safeguard the teaching and learning of schools.

Trinity's Titan Smart is our map for the COVID-19 world of education. For every nook and cranny of our four building school system, from instruction to administration, resources to facilities, including all extra-curricular activities, Titan Smart offers direction, distinguished by North Dakota Risk Level—blue, green, yellow, orange, and red. These five levels, as determined by the governor, inform each school district which level they ought to operate from in delivering effective education to North Dakota students.

The re-opening plan of Trinity Catholic Schools was developed by the Administrative Team of the system: Mr. Glasser, Mrs. Scheeler, Mrs. Johnson, and the three building principals. Without fatigue, in the summer days of June, July, and August, Titan Smart was drafted and approved by the board of directors. Detailed by faculty and support staff, the re-opening plan received the needed reads for not just agreeable direction, but direction that would inspire Trinity's School Mission and Vision to live loudly in a pandemic-burdened world.

This was no small task. As this country and her schools have encountered significant conflict, including division in hybrid, online, distance, on-site, and other needed, yet flippant education styles, Trinity Catholic Schools committed to her responsibility of educating the whole student and her pursuit of awakening greatness in these students. Titan Smart is the playbook for giving life to the Mission and Vision. Offering clear respect to the virus, Titan Smart partnered with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the North Dakota Department of Health, and Southwestern District Health Unit. Fulfilling the call of faith, Titan Smart joined the Diocese of Bismarck in what is more than partnering, but as an example of how Catholic education can thrive amidst the pandemic.

The Patron Saint of the Titan Smart plan is St. Ignatius. See the school prayer to St. Ignatius on page 3.
A commitment to the Trinity Catholic Schools President’s Club is the best way to help us deliver on our mission of educating the whole student – mind, body, and soul. Members of the President’s Club receive special recognition and opportunities to connect with the Titan Family, including:

- Access to invite-only socials throughout the year
- A special gift
- An invitation to the State-of-the-School address
- Special recognition in the Annual Report, *Titan Echoes*, and on our website
- Students will pray for you, by name, on an ongoing basis

Members of the President’s Club make a commitment to give a minimum of $1,000 each year for 5 or more consecutive years. This program validates our mission, and helps us plan effectively for future operational needs. Individuals who file a tax return in North Dakota may be eligible for tax benefits at this level of giving (we encourage you to discuss this with your tax preparer or accountant.)

**INTERESTED?** DeAnn Scheeler, Director of Mission Advancement, welcomes the opportunity to discuss the President’s Club with you.

“WE ARE CALLED TO BE RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS OF GOD’S GIFTS TO US”

**Other ways to support Trinity Catholic Schools**

As a school, our everyday responsibility is to give our students the academic foundation they need to prepare them for a future career path so that they can be a positive contributor in Christ’s world. At a Catholic school, however, we tie that responsibility with the responsibility we have of partnering with parents to teach and hand on the Catholic faith. We tie the need for an academic foundation in this life, with the need for a spiritual foundation – a relationship with God – that will carry us through this life and into eternal life.

To carry out this tremendous responsibility and to faithfully execute our mission, we count on the support of our alumni and benefactors; our current parents and parishioners; and our friends. Here are just a few ways you can support Trinity Catholic Schools – mind, body and soul:

**MIND**
- Annual Fund
- Fall Gala
- A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools
- Mardi Gras
- Race for Education
- Titan Family Raffle

**BODY**
- Trinity Athletic Boosters
- Fine Arts Boosters
- Titan Activities Passes

**SOUL**
- Prayer: Please pray for our students, our teachers, our administration and our staff.
- Holy Mass: the St. John Paul II Chapel offers Holy Mass daily – and our chapel has the second most Holy Mass offerings in Diocese of Bismarck. Join us for Holy Mass when you can.

**LEAVE A Lasting Legacy**

Remember Trinity Catholic Schools in your will! The St. John Paul II Society is a fine group of Titan benefactors who have named Trinity Catholic Schools or Trinity Catholic Schools Foundation in their will.

If you would like to learn more about planned giving options, contact Steve Glasser at steve.glasser@k12.nd.us or at 701.483.6083.
If you know someone who would like to receive the Titan Echoes either via email or mail – please contact Director of Mission Advancement, DeAnn Scheeler (deann.scheeler@k12.nd.us) or 701-483-6085. We will gladly add them to our list!