



From the Office of the President

November 2, 2018

Greetings from the office of the President! It has been an incredible start to the school year for Trinity Catholic Schools. I am so proud of all that has been accomplished that it is difficult to know where to begin.

Let's begin with enrollment. Kindergarten through senior enrollment is up 4.2% and we have 75 students enrolled in our pre-school program. We are extremely excited about our growth and already have begun planning for the 2019-2020 school year.

The first nine weeks of the school year has been hectic to say the least and I believe that much of what has taken place is unprecedented in the storied history of the Trinity Catholic Schools, and in particular, Trinity High School.

We are currently going through the Accreditation process for grades 7-12 and this is proving to be a great journey. It provides countless opportunities for us to look at how we are doing as it identifies strengths and weaknesses and helps us develop strategies to be better at fulfilling our mission of educating the whole student – mind, body and soul. There are a number of surveys where many different constituents are asked a variety of questions. This is great data to analyze and certainly is a big part of the process, which is scheduled to be completed this spring.

We have recently completed several standardized tests at all levels. Thank you for your support as this data is so important for you and your children.

Fall was been jam-packed with special events. The event caravan started in early September with a very successful Titan Hall of Fame banquet followed by dedication ceremonies of our newly renovated Knights of Columbus Activities Center and auditorium. Over the summer, we completely renovated both facilities. Both the gymnasium and auditorium are state of the art facilities that will provide excellent opportunities for not only our students, but also for the community and region. Next time you are in town, please take the time to stop up to Trinity to visit us and see all of the exciting improvements.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Gala was a spectacular event. The theme *Bella Serata –Beautiful Evening* was so fitting for this night. The evening started with Holy Mass in our beautiful chapel and then moved into the renovated gymnasium. It was indeed a “beautiful evening” as we raised \$180,000, which was a new record!

All of our extracurricular activities have had a very successful fall and excitement for the post season is high. Our girl's volleyball team will enter the regional tournament as the number one seed and our football team won their first two playoff games and is preparing for the state semi-finals with a berth in the Dakota Bowl at stake. In our athletic coop with Dickinson High School, girls golf and swimming, as well as boys and girls cross country have done very well.



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Our fine arts programs are excelling as well. Our first junior high and high school band and choir concert was held on October 11, the night we dedicated our newly renovated auditorium. It was a great concert. Several choir students performed extremely well at the NDSU Choral Festival, and many of our talented Titan musicians qualified for and will be performing at the Northwest International Festival of Music as well as the Northern Plains Music Festival.

We also have students competing in Student Congress. This is another great opportunity for our students to excel in what is an extension of the classroom.

Rehearsals are well underway for the much anticipated musical, *The Music Man*. Dates for the performances are November 30, December 1 and 2. You do not want to miss the show!

Trinity Elementary School has been bustling with activity and excitement this fall, too! In September, our elementary students memorialized Patriot Day (September 11) with prayer around the flagpole. Students continue to learn, from a very early age, about the importance of positive and healthy choice making through frequent lessons and visits with our elementary school counselor and occasions such as Red Ribbon Week. Our TEN students worked hard in researching the life of a saint to provide a living museum called "Meet the Saints" on the Solemnity of All Saints. As part of the *7 Habits of Happy Kids*, all elementary grades are leading assemblies to display the important life skills they are learning through this program. Our students are thriving as we teach the biggest subjects, inside and outside of the classroom!

As we begin this month of giving thanks, I am reminded that we at Trinity Catholic Schools are so blessed and have so much for which to be thankful. Please know of my sincere appreciation and gratitude for all of your support. Success does not happen by accident and we could not be doing all of the great things we are doing without your prayers and commitment to our mission, *educating the whole student – mind, body and soul.*

In Christ,

Steve Glasser, President