



TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

A Guide



Mahalo for visiting Trinity Christian School's Open House! If you think Trinity might be a great fit for your family, we would be happy to work with you through the applications process. This document is designed to help you find more information about our school, with easy links to our school website. We hope to see you next year!

About Us

Since 1981, Trinity Christian School has been dedicated to serving our community by educating students for the glory of God.

Applications & Tuition

We hope you will consider Trinity Christian School as the right fit for your family. Learn how to apply for the 2018-19 year.

Academics

What is a classical education and how do we incorporate our educational philosophy into our classes?

Student Life

Beyond academics, our students participate in a variety of electives, and, due to our small size, take part in a close-knit community.

Grand Tour of Europe

One of the highlights of our classical education, our seniors embark on a two-week trip through cities in Greece, Italy, France, and England.

Home School Extension Classes

We are proud to offer Home School Extension classes to 7th-12th Grade homeschoolers.

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TUITION & FINANCIAL AID

Preschool PreK/JK (half day): \$7,500
 Preschool PreK/JK (full day): \$10,100
 Elementary (Kindergarten–6th Grade): \$11,600
 Secondary (7–12th Grade): \$13,100
 Home School Extension Classes: \$800 per full credit,
 \$550 per half credit course (7–12th Grade classes only)

15.5% **\$159,261**

Receive Need-Based Financial Aid Awarded in Financial Aid (2016-17 academic year)

ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIP

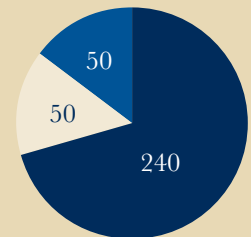
Trinity Christian School is a member of the Association of Classical and Christian Schools (ACCS) and is accredited by The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools (HAIS).

ENROLLMENT

340

Total Students

- Grammar School (Preschool-6th)
- Logic School (7th-8th)
- Rhetoric School (9th-12th)



CLASS SIZE

14:1

Student/Faculty Ratio



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School Highlights

Excursions for All Grades

Student excursions provide students with opportunities for experiential learning and help them to grow in independence and responsibility. As an significant component of the TCS education, we include the costs all excursions in tuition.

Speech & Debate

Our secondary school Speech & Debate team regularly competes in year-round tournaments with big name schools, including Kamehamea, Punahou, and Iolani, often bringing home first-place awards and prestigious recognitions in multiple categories. At least one year of Speech and Debate is required for all secondary school students. View our students in action [here](#).

TCS Makahiki

Every October, Trinity parents, teachers, students, and staff help put together the TCS Makahiki, an all-day event with games, food, shopping, and entertainment, open to the Hawaii community.

Athletics

Elementary students may partake in girls and boys volleyball and basketball, while Secondary students may choose from volleyball, basketball, cross country, and soccer. All secondary students must also participate at least once in our annual Biathlon, as part of our Physical Education requirement. Students swim a quarter mile down Kailua Beach, then run Lanikai Loop, approximately 3.9 miles.

House System

All secondary school students are sorted into houses, where they participate in social events, service projects, and compete in house games throughout the year. The house system serves to foster community across all grades.

Annual Christmas Programs

All Kindergarten–12th Grade students participate in a Christmas Concert in Central Union Church, while Preschool students participate in their own concert in Trinity's Makai Campus Sanctuary.

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Why Trinity?

Originally written by parent and TCS teacher Carol Awaya for Trinity Christian School's Engaging Minds Blog on December 12, 2017.

Why Trinity? For my family, this question resonates in my home throughout the school year as we evaluate each of our children's strengths and needs. "Why Trinity?" How do current Trinity parents answer that question? It might be because Trinity is the only fully accredited Classical Christian School in Hawaii. Or perhaps their child found their niche in a sport that they play, or feel that they are an integral part of their classroom. Perhaps it's because Trinity has an academic curriculum that challenges our students and prepares them for college. Many appreciate that class sizes are small, ensuring each student has the appropriate amount of attention and they don't have the opportunity to fall between the cracks. Others love Trinity for the sense of ohana and community that is fostered here, making the school an extension of every family who attends. Above all, Trinity parents can rest assured knowing that their student is loved by their teachers as they are in your own home.

For my husband and me, all of this matters to us. But most of all, we are striving to raise children with Christ at the center of their lives and praying that they develop a heart of respect, humility, love for others, love



for learning, become confident and articulate adults, and develop a heart that serves—much like what Trinity's "[Profile of a Graduate](#)," a set of goals Trinity sets for each graduating class, outlines. "Profile of a Graduate" starts with the promise that the educational practices at Trinity aims for graduates who "love God, love others, love to learn, think and communicate precisely, engage culture, delight in beauty and walk humbly." Can my husband and I accomplish this on our own? Certainly not apart from the strength and grace of God nor without those who we surround our children with, day in and day out.

Classical Christian education involves the sort of discipline necessary to accomplish all these goals. In the Grammar stage, students are memorizing a ton of

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information through chants and songs to build a bank of information and facts to pull from. In the Logic stage, they are making sense of the information, putting an order to that information and making connections. At the Rhetoric stage, while still gaining information, they can thoughtfully express their conclusions and convictions and are able to defend a senior thesis, a 10-page paper and 20-minute speech in front of a panel of judges. This does not happen just because our children naturally grow and mature in that way. It takes practice, being intentional, moments of taking one step forward and three steps back, and persevering through challenges.



“It takes time, energy, discipline, consistency, persistence and hard work to develop an individual of such character.”

The teachers here intentionally work on training our students to be critical thinkers and life-long learners. Scripture is memorized so that a “branding” takes place in our hearts and that a student can use God’s word to carry them through a challenging part of life or give hope to another in need. The elementary teachers are intentional about teaching through songs and chants because they know it helps the information “stick” so that they may be able to recall that information when they most need it. The school is intentional about training up well-spoken and articulate students via exordiums, our drama club and debate team. Each of these exercises are valuable in themselves, and consequently help develop skills necessary to interview for a job, make an oral presentation in college and help develop leadership skills.

children. Our coaches continue to encourage the players to do all things for the glory of God and walk humbly even when they may have earned a Championship win. These are only a few examples of how the teachers and administration impact our children’s lives. As parents, we are grateful for this partnership we have at Trinity. As a teacher, I am also grateful that I have my colleagues supporting and helping me become a better parent and educator. As Proverbs 27:17 says, “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”

My husband and I don’t know what the future holds or what will become of our children when they are adults, but we are thankful we have partnered with Trinity to invest in our children’s lives and their hearts. Knowing that they know the Lord and have a relationship with Jesus is the best gift we could ask for.

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

—Hebrews 11:1



Secondary teachers are looking for ways for our students to serve in our community and serve alongside our



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