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Come and See

By Chris DiGiacobbe, Principal

The Holy Trinity Orthodox Christian Academy is now enrolling students for the 2007-2008 school year in Preschool through sixth grade. I invite you to **Come and See** what Holy Trinity has to offer for your child.

Holy Trinity is a unique school that uses an Orthodox Classical curriculum that maintains academic excellence. As stated by Father Jonathan Cholcher, "Orthodox classical education revels in the finest of human learning but relies on the wisdom coming from God alone, revealed through His Son in the Holy Spirit. The Church knows such divine learning is only received by grace as we are purified in body, soul, and spirit. The overriding diet of the Orthodox school is Holy Scripture (the incarnate Word of God), participation in the Liturgy and prayer hours of the Church, iconography, and the example of the lives of the Saints themselves."

The students at Holy Trinity are also challenged to perform above grade level in core subjects. Students never experience boredom within the classroom due to slow pacing or delayed instruction from behavioral difficulties. They are able to advance in different subjects depending on how quickly they master necessary skills.

Parents also feel reassured that their child is in a safe, secure environment. Parents witness students who begin to relate to one another as family and not as strangers. They know that lasting Christian virtues and morals are taught, practiced, and instilled within the child.

Come and see the kind of education your child will receive at Holy Trinity. Call the school at 330-399-7642 to schedule an observation, a school tour or a student shadow day.



2007 Science Fair Projects, Hannh Kurtz on Aerodynamics and Alex Crowbridge on Magnets.

Why I Like Holy Trinity



From the
Parents

By: *The Reverend Canon John A. Hollister, JD*

After school one day, my son asked me, “Daddy, do you know who King Gilgamesh was?” Then he told me, in detail, the creation myth of the first great Mesopotamian urban civilization, the ancient city of Sumer. Actually, I could follow this account, but *he* learned about Gilgamesh in his first semester *in kindergarten*; I had this only *in high school*. Along with this, he learned about ziggurats, the ancient Mesopotamian step-pyramid temples, and how the mud brick cities were built, then decayed into archeological tells or mud hills. The class even practiced making little adobe bricks and built model houses with them.

This shows two reasons why our son is at Holy Trinity Orthodox Academy. First, there is the depth of the curriculum. Ancient History is not my only high school subject that he is taking in kindergarten. He has already learned to analyze a sentence and to identify its parts of speech, something I did not do until ninth grade. Then there is Latin, and his physics project for the science fair, in optics, and the arithmetic he has mastered that I only learned in second grade or higher.

As intense as the curriculum is, some child will always breeze through the assigned material. When that happens, the teachers at Holy Trinity simply hand that pupil the materials from the next grade level. The child continues on without missing a beat, with never a moment in which to get bored.

The second thing Gilgamesh illustrates is the integrated nature of Holy Trinity’s curriculum. Walk into any classroom and look at the walls and the chalk boards; you will see not only the breadth of the materials presented to the students but that they are not taught as little, isolated packets of information, each labeled with a course name. They are presented as one, seamless whole of culture and civilization.

Our son learned that the story of Gilgamesh not only sheds light on archaeology but is also a precursor of the creation story in Genesis. Then followed other great Middle Eastern kings, the Babylonians and then the Pharaohs of Egypt. Jack made his own copy of Pharaoh’s crown, saw the archaeological and museum pictures of statues and temples, and then treated me to another after-school account, this one from Faith History. I heard about the patriarch Joseph’s being sold into slavery by his brothers, how he went going down into Egypt, of his experience in the dungeon of the Captain of Pharaoh’s guards, and how he administered Egypt during the long famine. The lesson would have done credit to a teenager in a confirmation class but this was from a six-year-old.

Academic excellence and a solid grounding in the Faith: that is why my wife and I are glad our son is at Holy Trinity.

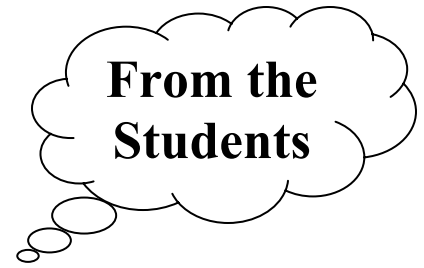
By: *Dr. Bob and Andrea Bisel*

Our son spent the first year of his education learning very little. We observed his enthusiasm and passion for learning start to wane. My husband and I began the search for a school with high academic standards in a safe stimulating environment. Our search ended when we found Holy Trinity.

The past year has been wonderful. His math and reading skills have progressed and he enthusiastically embraced the new subjects of Latin, biology, and ancient history. The dedicated teaching staff is equally concerned with the student’s character development and spiritual growth. Our son’s excitement for learning has been revived. Holy Trinity provides an atmosphere that nurtures the soul while providing a first-rate education.

By Hannah Kurtz Grade 3

There are 3 reasons why I like Holy Trinity. First, is the subject Math. I like math because it is really fun. Second, is our class pet Niko. Niko plays with us but sometimes he nibbles or bites and it usually hurts. Last, it is school plays. I learn how to be brave for going on stage, memorizing, and public speaking. Holy Trinity School is the best school ever.



By Paul DiGiacobbe, Grade 4

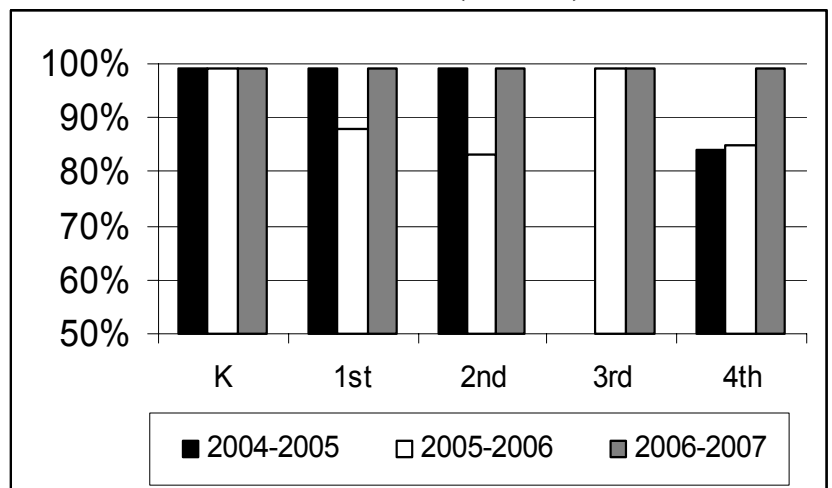
There are 3 reasons why students like Holy Trinity. The first reason is that they get to go on fun field trips. For example, we get to go to art museums, gardens, Wagon Trails, farms and monasteries. We get to help at the monasteries and farms, and we have fun at the art museums, Wagon Trails, and gardens. The second reason why students like Holy Trinity is because you get to play and take care of younger children. Playing and taking care of younger children is fun because they are funny and cute. The last thing why students like Holy Trinity is because they get to have fun math classes. For example we get to play multiplication and division bingo in class. This helps us because we learn our math facts. Students should love Holy Trinity.

State Standardized Testing (IOWA Tests)

How does Holy Trinity Compare with other private schools throughout the nation?

The Holy Trinity Orthodox Christian Academy is achieving academic excellence in the state standardized tests (IOWA Achievement). For two consecutive years, the kindergarten, first, second, and third grade have shown that reading, language and math skills, averaged for each grade, are very high. The dedicated and highly qualified staff at Holy Trinity continue to expect the very best from each student. We are very proud of these test scores here at Holy Trinity, as the school continues to excel in its academic program.

National School Norms (IOWA) 2004-2007



WFMJ Pizza Hut Luncheon at Children's Museum of the Valley

Upcoming School Events and Activities

- ◆ Spring Arts Festival, Tuesday, May 22, 6:30pm
St. Demetrios Church, 429 High Street
- ◆ Liturgy-Ascension, Thursday, May 17,
9:00am, St. John's
- ◆ Holy Transfiguration Monastery Field Trip,
Monday, June 4



Congratulations to Elias Kondolios our school Spelling Bee Champion. Elias went on to compete in the Annual Tribune Chronicle/Scripps National Spelling Bee held at the Trumbull Campus of Kent State University.

Which Comes First... the Hamster or the Egg?

Mrs. Smith's third and fourth grade classes have timely visitors this semester. Coinciding with their studies of the Animal Kingdom in Biology class, the class has adopted a miniature mammal. Named for every child's favorite saint, Niko the hamster brings joyful learning to the classroom. The students have created a Niko Handbook complete with rules and checklists for his handling and care. They even carryout a fresh fruit and veggie snack schedule for Niko each day!

In May, however, science and spring beckon for new life. In lieu of a traditional biology unit about birds, the class will be observing the hatching and growth of cheeping chicks. The students are anxiously awaiting the arrival of an incubator and eggs, which are graciously being loaned to the school by Joseph Goodge. In conjunction with keeping a cheeping chick observation log, the students will also be writing a research report on the avian subject matter of their choosing.

Once the chicks have hatched and grown a bit, the class will donate them to St. John the Theologian Monastery in Hiram. Niko, however, will attend summer camp at Chez Smith in Akron, Ohio.

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