



TRINITY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



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Dear Friends and Family,

God is on the move

God is moving in the Christian school world around the globe and that definitely includes Prescott, Arizona. In recent years due to the changing demographics on the south side of Prescott, Christian Academy of Prescott (CAP) has experienced declining enrollment.

Conversely Trinity Christian School on the north end of Prescott has grown and is outgrowing its current facilities. Thus to better serve the families of the quad city area, the Boards of Christian Academy and Trinity Christian School have agreed to join their school communities together on July 1, 2018 under the direction of Trinity Headmaster Kyle Maestri.

With the imminent purchase of 17.5 acres of land, Trinity Christian School is moving closer to its goal of building a new campus increasing the capacity to grow to 600 students. Thus, we believe the timing is appropriate for Christian Academy to join with Trinity on this journey. CAP has a rich 36-year history of providing families with a quality Christian education in Prescott. CAP has served hundreds of children and families, including many in the Trinity family.

For 15 years, Trinity Christian School has been providing families with a classical Christian education that equips young people to lead in our culture. Trinity joyfully invites the community of Christian Academy to join in its continued pursuit of high academic standards rooted in the classical tradition of education and deep discipleship to our Lord Jesus Christ in a community of prayerful love for the families of the quad city area.

The way forward

It is our desire to provide a stronger school for parents and the community and to build support for the vision of a pre-K through 12th grade campus for 600 students on the north side of Prescott. Trinity is working to break ground on the first phase of the campus by this summer (2018). Up to this point, Trinity Christian School and CAP have been graciously hosted by Willow Hills Southern Baptist Church and Solid Rock Christian Fellowship. We believe there are clear common values and objectives that we share that allow us to join forces and build one school together, one that is committed to discipling young people in Christ and equipping them with classical education that nurtures the whole child.

How did this come about?

Trinity and CAP have always enjoyed being "sister schools" in ACSI as we are both accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International. We have participated over the years in teacher trainings together with Branching Out Educational Consultants. Our leaders have connected through ACSI District events and a Northern Arizona Christian Administrators group with leaders of Christian schools in Flagstaff, the Verde Valley, Payson, Wickenburg, and many other areas with smaller schools throughout Northern Arizona.

Increasingly over the years, Christian school leaders and donors have asked if the schools had ever considered joining forces to be a stronger school. Throughout that time,

neither Trinity nor CAP had the space to provide for all the students and both schools were growing and doing fine on their own. This past spring these two factors changed. In April, the Trinity Christian School board moved closer towards purchasing land and began to plan a new campus for 600 students. The leadership at Trinity then prayerfully approached Christian Academy's leaders about joining Trinity when its new campus is complete in a few years. After considering their situation, the CAP board concluded that this could be a good move for the 2018-19 school year. Thus, a conversation began and a prayerful process was put in place with the help of leadership from ACSI and participation of the boards and leaders from both great Christian schools.

Throughout this time of planning and praying, many questions arose and each had to be researched and considered. All along, it has been evident to all parties involved that with each step, God is leading us forward to be united in one purpose for serving the young people and their families of the Greater Prescott community.

While certain things are yet to be determined, we believe it is time for the faculty, staff, families, and donors of Christian Academy and Trinity Christian School to join together. United we will continue to strive for one BIG God-sized vision for our Christian School in the near future. To that end, we are now making public that Mike Scigliano of Christian Academy's board and Susie Neil, the Head of School at Christian Academy have joined the Trinity Christian School Board as advisory members as of January 11, 2018. We welcome Mike and Susie's experience, wisdom, and input as we continue marching forward with our plans for the 2018-2019 school year and beyond. Mike and Susie will continue their roles with Christian Academy through the end of the 2017-18 school year, after which Christian Academy of Prescott will close its operations. It is our prayer, hope, and intention that Christian Academy will finish this school year well and that CAP families will be lovingly incorporated into the Trinity community for the 2018-19 school year and beyond as we are growing our capacity for more students and staff with each year.

Stronger Together

Together, we have an exciting vision for the future. Trinity is pursuing a plan for a new campus that will (Lord willing) open in the fall of 2019. This past summer, Trinity launched an internal teacher training institute that will continue to train generations of teachers in Christ-centered classical education in keeping with its mission, a mission we believe the Christian Academy community can readily join.

As we grow, we remain committed to our students being a part of a family and including parents in all that we do. We continue to work diligently to build solid partnerships with parents who are committed to raising their children in the truth. In all things, we desire to remain a family of Christ-centered believers unified with purpose.

Both schools have been accredited by the largest Christian School conglomerate in the world, the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). ACSI's motto is "stronger together." We are convinced that CAP joining Trinity will do just that – make us stronger together.

May God lead us forward with wisdom, love, and unity in one body coming together to make one incredible school that brings glory to His name and equips young people to become world changers who think Biblically about the world, know who they are in Christ, and are ready to serve Him where He calls them into His story.

In Christ,

The School Boards of Trinity Christian School and Christian Academy of Prescott

Here are some upcoming dates that will help answer more of your questions:

January 19th -- Written Announcement to all CAP and Trinity Families
(All CAP families and faculty are invited to apply to Trinity for 2018-2019 school year.)

January 22nd -- Trinity families Q & A session about the future vision (8:15 AM in the gym)

January 22nd -- Trinity Administration Team at CAP for Q & A session about the future (3:00 PM)

January 23rd -- Trinity families Q & A session about the future vision (2:30 in the gym)

January 25th -- Pre-K - 6 Grammar School New Families Night at Trinity -- ALL new families interested in enrollment for 2018-2019 school year (4:30 - 7:00)

January 30th -- Trinity Admin Team at CAP for Q & A session with CAP Families (5:30 PM)

February 6th -- Deadline for CAP families Priority Enrollment for Trinity 2018-2019