

# Trinity Christian Academy of Cape Cod

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## **Junior High School Overview**

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## **Welcome to Trinity Christian Academy's Junior High School!**

Trinity Christian Academy utilizes a Junior High School model, which consists of entry at grade seven, and commencement at grade eight. The academic focus in Junior High is not only on continued content mastery, but study skill acquisition prior to entry into our college preparatory High School program.

Students move from class to class and have teachers who specialize in their area of instruction. Science courses include a lab component, and foreign language study consists of Latin I and II, which is an excellent precursor for further study of Romance languages such as Spanish and French in High School. Core courses are enhanced by enrichment courses which include: Art, Music, and Physical Education and Discipleship classes. As with our High School curriculum, the Junior High curriculum is presented from a biblical worldview, and Bible study is presented as an academic course based on an accredited text.

In keeping with developmentally appropriate best practice guidelines, Trinity's Junior High School program includes many varied opportunities for social interaction such as team athletic sports and extracurricular activities, which range from Drama Club or Choir, to lunch clubs such as chess club, computer coding, or sign language. Leadership skills are fostered in Upper-Level Student Council and Campus Ministry teams, and academic support is available Monday through Thursday after school from 3:15 to 4:00 PM.

It is our desire to present a Christ-centered, Bible-based program which fosters pursuit of academic excellence as well as personal social-emotional growth and ongoing spiritual maturation, while acknowledging each student's unique God-given abilities and talents.

## 7th Grade Program

**English:** English 7  
Text(s): Elements of Literature, BJU Press; Wordly Wise, School Specialty, Inc.; assorted novels (refer to list in Curriculum Guide)

**Science:** Life Science  
Texts(s): Life Science, BJU Press; Life Science Laboratory Manual, BJU Press

**Language:** Latin I (Introduction to Latin)  
Text: Latin, Prentice-Hall

**History:** World History: Ancient Civilizations  
Text(s): Ancient Civilizations, McDougall-Littell

**Math:** Pre-Algebra  
Text(s): Pre-Algebra, Math-U-See

**Bible:** ACSI Bible 7  
Text(s): Wisdom and Proverbs, Positive Action Bible Curriculum

### **Junior High Retreat**

**National Seashore Trip:** *Life science comes alive for 7<sup>th</sup> graders during an annual four-day trip to the Cape Cod National Seashore.*

### **Enrichment Courses:**

Art  
Music  
Physical Education  
Discipleship/Campus Ministries

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Program

**English:** English 8  
Text(s): Fundamentals of Literature, BJU Press; Wordly Wise, School Specialty, Inc., assorted novels (refer to list in Curriculum Guide)

**Science:** Physical Science  
Text(s): Physical Science, BJU Press; Physical Science Laboratory Manual, BJU Press

**Language:** Latin II  
Text(s): Latin II, Prentice-Hall

**History:** American History  
Text(s): American Republic, BJU Press

**Math:** Algebra I  
Text(s): Algebra I, Math-U-See

**Bible:** Apologetics  
Text(s): Journey Advocates, Awana Curriculum

### **Junior High Retreat**

**Washington, D.C. Trip:** A week- long visit to explore the rich history of our nation's Capital

### **Enrichment Courses:**

Art

Music

Physical Education

Discipleship/Campus Ministries

# GRADING SYSTEM

## GRADING SCALE

97-100 = A+ (4.33)

93-97 = A (4.00)

90-92 = A- (3.67)

87-89 = B+ (3.33)

83-86 = B (3.00)

80-82 = B- (2.67)

77-79 = C+ (2.33)

73-76 = C (2.00)

70-72 = C- (1.67)

67-69 = D+ (1.33)

63-67 = D (1.00)

60-62 = D- (0.67)

Below 60 = F (no course credit given)

I = Incomplete (grade becomes final after 4 weeks)

A final grade of 70% or lower signifies a failure to satisfactorily complete course requirements of the curriculum and will result in mandatory after school tutoring sessions during the year and mandatory summer school sessions for math and language.

## HONORS

Academic honors for students will be announced after each grading period. Honors are awarded for grades in all subjects including electives. Honors will not be awarded to any student with an incomplete in any subject.

HIGH HONORS: Nothing lower than an A- in all subjects including electives

HONORS: Nothing lower than a B- in all subjects including electives

GPA will determine Honors (3.0) and High Honors (3.5) for high school students.

## **TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY ENHANCES CURRICULUM WITH ONLINE COURSES**

Trinity Christian Academy continues to strengthen its position as a leader in the delivery of excellent Christian education by including online courses to our curriculum. We understand how online learning is transforming the landscape of education, so we want to make sure we leverage this proven delivery method as we strive to meet the needs of our students.

Trinity supplements our current curriculum by offering online courses to meet a variety of needs, which include: providing a required course that does not fit into the student's schedule, providing summer school options, offering Advanced Placement courses and Dual Credit (college credit) courses to Juniors and Seniors who want to get a head start on college, and offering courses to home school families in the area. Trinity sees online courses as providing solutions to scheduling challenges and other special situations that arise every year.

We are excited about our partnership with Sevenstar Academy to offer online courses that not only meet national education standards, but more importantly, present material from the Christian worldview. Courses are biblically integrated and include the guidance of Christian teachers. These aspects are central to our mission and important to the families we serve.

We believe that the school is also equipping students to become successful online learners, which, today, is advantageous for college students, business professionals and military personnel.

### **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

Trinity seeks to educate and equip our students to become productive citizens and strong Christian leaders who will have a positive impact in this world. Students are provided the opportunity to immerse themselves in the school's Leadership Training Program which offers the following:

- Personalized coaching and advising based upon scriptural principles
- Small group leadership training based upon scriptural principals
- Public speaking and training on how to share your faith
- Training in small group facilitating and conflict resolution based upon scriptural principles.
- Training in outreach and opportunities to utilize leadership skills through organized outreach experiences to the greater community
- Direct service experiences with those who are impacted by financial, relational and spiritual poverty

## **ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES/COMPETITIONS**

### **In House:**

National and International Language Exam(s)  
Science Fair  
Math Olympics

## **CAMPUS MINISTRIES**

Weekly Chapel  
Retreats  
Service and Community Outreach Opportunities  
Praise and Worship Team  
Discipleship  
Conferences

## **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Student Council  
Student Newspaper  
Drama Club/Productions  
All School Art Shows  
Lunch Clubs: (per student interest) chess, foreign language clubs, etc.  
Socials

## **SPORTS**

***Based on Student Interest and coaching staff***

*Volleyball*  
Cross Country  
Soccer  
Basketball  
Softball  
Tennis  
Golf



## COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING

*from Lisa Williamson, Guidance Coordinator/ Academic Dean*

As TCA's Guidance Coordinator, I would like to highlight how TCA's academic program prepares students for life after high school graduation, how we assist you in college/career planning, and information about the college acceptance of our students.

**College Preparatory:** Trinity's academic program is college-preparatory, with required courses in Math, Science, English, History, Bible, World Languages, Physical education/Health, and Creative Arts. As you can see from Trinity Christian Academy's High School Course Overview, in addition to core courses, a variety of electives are available.

**Online/Dual Credit Options:** Online classes are also available in virtually all disciplines through our affiliation with the Seven Star Online academic program. Our small student/teacher ratio enables us to provide more individualized guidance and planning with high school students than is typical in larger institutions, and students have direct input into which electives and online courses are presented each year.

**Honors and Advanced Placement:** Honors options, such as AP English or Language classes, are available, and AP exams are offered in the Spring. Additionally, all Seniors participate in a Senior Thesis research project. Trinity offers a dual-enrollment option for qualifying Juniors and Seniors in which students may enroll in courses at nearby Cape Cod Community College and receive transferable college credit while still in High School.

**College Guidance:** Students are guided throughout their four years at TCA in planning for their futures through both individual and group meetings and workshops. They are also offered related resources on an ongoing basis, including college guides, financial aid information, and scholarship opportunities. Letters are sent home periodically to parents, as well, updating them on college/career planning activities, both at Trinity and in the community-at-large

**College Entrance Exams:** Trinity Christian Academy is registered with the College Entrance Examination Board and authorized to offer PSAT exams on campus. Registration and test dates for both PSAT and SAT exams are posted on the college planning bulletin board in the Upper Level wing, as well as relayed directly to students, and PSAT/SAT review sessions are available on campus.

**College Acceptance:** As the college application process begins, students are assisted in procuring and submitting appropriate letters of recommendation and authorized transcripts. Trinity Christian Academy graduates to date have a 100% acceptance rate into the colleges/programs of their choice. These include:

*Anna Maria College, Bethel University, Boston Baptist College, Boston University, Brandeis University, Bridgewater State University, Cape Cod Community College, Charleston Southern University, Clark University, Crown College, Curry College, Eastern Nazarene College, Emmanuel College, Emmaus College, Emerson College, Fisher College, Framingham State University, Gordon College, Grove City College, Lesley University, Liberty University, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Merrimack College, Messiah College, Muskegon College, New England College, Northpoint Bible College, Norwich University, Nyack College, Pace University, NY, Palm Beach Atlantic, Plymouth State, Quinnipiac University, CT, Regis College, Roger Williams, Southeastern University, Southern New Hampshire University, Southern Adventist University, Stonehill College, Tufts University, Union University, University of Hartford, University of Maine, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, University of Massachusetts-Boston, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, University of Massachusetts-Lowell, University of New England, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Wheaton (MA), Wheelock College and more!*

**Scholarship Opportunities:** Trinity graduates have been awarded a variety of scholarships, including the TCA Faculty Scholarship, scholarships and grants from the institutions which they attend, and merit scholarships from organizations such as the Elks national foundation, Daughters of American Revolution, and the United States Achievement Academy Scholarship Foundation.

We welcome you to TCA and hope you enjoy your visit! Feel free to contact us at any time to arrange a follow-up appointment, or with any questions!

## **Jr. High & HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY**

### **Pastor Greg Bar: B.A. , *Campus Ministry Director***

Pastor Bar is an ordained minister and has pastored 3 churches (currently, in Hyannis), directed a homeless shelter, and has helped more than a thousand households on Cape Cod with housing. He holds degrees in Practical Theology, Management and Ethics from Mid America Christian University (Oklahoma City, OK), a NAACP award "In the Field of Religion for the Betterment of Mankind", and hopes to help students at Trinity become adults in our world with pure hearts, good consciences, and genuine faith (I Timothy 1:5).

### **Mrs. Mary Browne: B.S., *Physical Education***

Mrs. Mary Browne earned a B.S. in Health Education at the University of Utah. Her experiences include being a Health and Fitness Coach, Skiing Instructor, and Program Director for a Racquetball Center.

### **Mr. Sheldon Clarkson: M.A., *Bible, History and Athletic Director***

Mr. Clarkson received his Master's in Biblical Studies from Reformed Theological Seminary and his B.A. in Sociology from the University of Utah. Prior to joining Trinity's faculty in 2008, he taught English at North University of China and Jilin University, also in China. In addition to teaching Upper Math, Bible and History, Mr. Clarkson works in Trinity's Extended Day Program. He is the pastor of Outer Cape Christian Church in Truro.

### **Mrs. Kaeyllane DeLima Dias: B.A., *Campus Ministries Music Director***

Kaeyllane DeLima Dias received her B.A. in Communications from FAESA University in Brazil, and Music Education from UFES (Universidade Federal do Espirito Santo). Her previous experience includes serving as Director of Children's Music Ministry at First Baptist Church of Praia da Costa, ES, Brazil and Music Minister at Baptist Church of Aracas, ES, Brazil. Kaeyllane is Dalcroze Eurhythmics and Early Childhood Education Certified, with more than 10 years' experience working at private and public Schools, U.S. and Brazil. In Nantucket, MA Kaeyllane is working with a youth group from Jesus Camp Ministries, encouraging them in their faith, getting them involved with the community, and planning retreats.

**Mrs. Anne Fargher: M.A., *World Languages***

Mrs. Fargher received her B.A. (*Major in French and a Minor in German*) from Durham University in the United Kingdom and did her post graduate studies at Salford University. Her experience includes being an E.S.L. instructor in Zurich, Switzerland and a French language assistant in France. Mrs. Fargher joined Trinity's faculty in 2006 and teaches Latin to 7th and 8th grades, and high school Spanish and French. She enjoys taking her high school foreign language students to Europe. She loves teaching teens and encouraging them in their faith.

**Dr. Bruce Hanlon: D. Min, *8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible***

Dr. Hanlon earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from Eastern Nazarene College and a Master of Arts in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary. He has worked as a pastor, a school administrator, and a teacher for almost 20 years. In 2008 Bruce earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and he is currently approaching the half-way mark toward his Master of Science in Education from Cairn University. At Trinity, Bruce has served as a substitute teacher and has volunteered as the Field Day coordinator as well as in a variety of other capacities. He joined our faculty in 2019 and teaches 8<sup>th</sup> grade Bible class. As part of his required practicum for his Master of Science in Education, Bruce is assisting with some administrative responsibilities as well. Bruce and his wife Sarah have 2 girls (Grace and Beth) who are enrolled at Trinity. As a family, they love spending time outdoors bike riding and hiking.

**Mrs. Susanne Holland: B.S., *Math***

Susanne Holland joins Trinity Christian Academy's High School faculty in September 2018. Sue graduated from Northeastern University and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. She has taught middle school and high school math in both private and public-school settings. Sue enjoys situations when she can help kids of all ages learn, excel and explore outside of their comfort zone. She has been blessed to engage in these adventures teaching not only math, but teaching ESL online, working with the school aged youth of Hyannis at Kiddie Kollege and being a Park Monitor at the Adventure Park at Heritage. Sue enjoys watching baseball and her favorite team is whichever one her son, Noah is playing on. She also enjoys kayaking on Scorton Creek in Sandwich and climbing at challenge courses.

**Mr. Bruce Mushet: B.S., *Math***

Mr. Mushet graduated from Mass Maritime Academy with a B.S. in Marine Engineering. His previous teaching experience includes both private and public schools. Mr. Mushet has been teaching upper level math (Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry, Advanced Math 1 and Advanced Math 2) at Trinity since 2006. He loves to focus his energy on helping his students succeed in the classroom.

**Mr. Andrew Taylor: B.A. , *Music, Computers, Yearbook***

Prior to joining the TCA staff in 2008, Mr. Taylor completed his undergraduate degree at Biola University in La Mirada, CA. There Mr. Taylor earned a BA in Music Composition, and a minor in Biblical Studies. Among his regular activities of enjoyment are participating in leading musical worship in church, popular music songwriting, recording and production, discovering valuable new music for his own and his students' enjoyment, increasing his knowledge about computer hardware & software, and discovering any occasion where technology can be used to enhance the musical process and our perception of the wonder of God's created universe. He is married to his wife, Inna, who is from Ukraine. Overall, his favorite aspect of teaching at Trinity is spending time with the students.

**Mrs. Michele Willey: B.A., *English and History***

Mrs. Willey received her B.A. in English and Psychology with a minor in History from Franklin Pierce College. She joined Trinity's faculty in 2006. Mrs. Willey enjoys teaching from a Christian worldview and being able to integrate scriptural principles and relate how God is revealed in both literature and in history. She and her husband have five children and they enjoy attending the Evangelical Baptist Church in South Yarmouth.

**Mrs. Lisa Williamson: MEd, EdS. *UL Academic Dean, Science, College & Career Planning***

Mrs. Williamson received a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy with a minor in Classical Studies from Tufts University, where she was involved with Intervarsity as a small group Bible study leader. She received a Master's degree in Education with an emphasis in cognitive neuroscience from Nova Southeastern University. She recently completed a doctoral degree in Curriculum, Instruction, Management and Administration (CIMA). She has worked as a pediatric Occupational Therapist for 31 years. Her experience includes working in specialized Children's Hospitals in San Francisco and St. Paul and serving as Director of Therapy Services at St. David's School for Child Development in Minneapolis. Lisa is a certified Early Intervention Specialist through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and has been a consultant to Cape Cod Child Development Program for more than 20 years. Mrs. Williamson has served on the faculty of Trinity Christian Academy since 1998 and is certified through the Association of Christian Schools International. She teaches Life Science, Physical Science, Biology,

Anatomy/Physiology, Marine Biology, Chemistry, Introduction to Psychology and Advanced Placement Biology. As Upper Level Academic Dean, she is responsible for overseeing scheduling of Upper Level activities and classes, as well as college planning and guidance, and administration of PSAT and SAT exams. She also enjoys directing TCA Drama productions and serving as Advisor of Student Council.

Mrs. Williamson lives with her husband Scott on the Lower Cape, where they have both been involved in Youth Ministry and short-term mission trips for over 20 years. Their sons Evan and Ryan are both Trinity Alumni, with fond memories of their exceptional teachers and experiences in Trinity athletics, bell choir, and regional ACSI events such as Speech Meet and Science Fair!