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# Building Foundations for Life

Preschool Through Grade 8

**TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

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## Facts at-a-glance

- 2015 United States Department of Education Blue Ribbon School
- Low student-teacher ratio
- Advanced academics across grade levels with 5 honors-level classes available in Upper School
- Before- and after-school extended care
- Middle School athletics
- 1:1 technology program in grades 4th through 8th
- Fine Arts program
- Outdoor Education Program
- Community service opportunities
- Tuition assistance reflecting family need

## Welcome from Head of School

As you explore Trinity Lutheran School, you will find that Trinity is a leader in providing rigorous, values-driven, and individualized approaches to educating children in preschool through grade eight. We create a culture for learning that ensures that our young people are not only prepared for the world of tomorrow, but are also ready to lead others. Our goal is to build the foundations for lifelong learning, strong character, and international mindedness, allowing our students to confidently explore their interests, talents, and values. I look forward to your visit!

~Kevin Goetz, Head of School



## Mission

The mission of TLS is to provide a challenging internationally focused education within a Christian environment that nurtures the development of the whole child.

## Accreditations

- Trinity Lutheran School is accredited by AdvancED, the world's largest education community.
- The Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Social Services licenses Trinity Lutheran's Preschool and Extended Care programs.

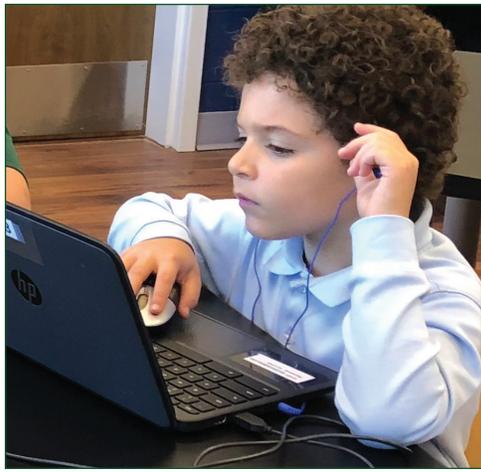
## History

Overlooking the James River in the Huntington Heights Historic District of Newport News, Trinity Lutheran School is a socially, economically, and racially diverse coeducational day school serving students ages three through grade 8.

Founded on February 1, 1960, by Pastor and Mrs. Elmer Bosserman of Trinity Lutheran Church, the school grew from the original kindergarten and first grade facility into its present-day facilities.

## Board of Directors

Affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Trinity operates under a Board of Directors and a Head of School. The Board of Directors, composed of eleven members from the school community, active members of Trinity Lutheran Church, and the community at large, is responsible for the direction of the school by establishing policies, creating a long-range plan, and maintaining Trinity's mission. The Head of School's responsibilities include supervising daily operations, implementing policies, and upholding Trinity's academic standards.



## PS Preschool and Pre-K

**The Three-year-old Program** utilizes a curriculum that focuses on exploration, discovery and exciting adventures; children are prepared to learn as they learn best—through the joy of experience itself. There is a low teacher-student ratio.

**The Four-year-old Program**, known as prekindergarten, is a five-day-a-week morning program, designed to prepare students for the academic and social requirements of Trinity Lutheran School's kindergarten program. Kindergarten math and modern manuscript writing are taught. A language-enriched environment emphasizes pre-reading skills. There is a low teacher-student ratio.

**Classroom Activities** include learning centers, resource classes (music, physical education, foreign language, art and library), weekly chapel, guest speakers, community service projects, and multicultural holiday celebrations. Parents are encouraged to take an active part in preschool activities.

## K-5 Lower School

The Lower School comprises Kindergarten through fifth grade. The development of essential skills for academic excellence lies at the foundation of the curriculum in the formative elementary grades. The core curriculum includes language arts, mathematics, science, reading, spelling, and social studies.

Teachers adapt instruction to the specific needs of each class and find many opportunities for interdisciplinary study. SuperKids is a research-based comprehensive core reading program built on systematic phonics; the program balances essential elements of reading and integrates writing, spelling, and grammar. Field trips, guest speakers, and special programs are frequent additions to the Lower School program. Curriculum-related trips utilize the academic, cultural, and natural resources available in our region.

Students broaden their academic experience through various scheduled resource classes. These include art, Spanish, music, technology, library, health, and physical education.

## 6-8 Upper School

The middle school years are an exciting transition period. Trinity Lutheran School's middle school offers a curriculum designed to prepare students for continued academic success in private and public secondary schools. Using critical thinking, analysis, and appropriate problem-solving techniques, students communicate effectively in both oral and written expression, using insight, reason, and technical proficiency; they read, understand, and interpret information from a variety of sources, regardless of medium.

Students are encouraged to work both independently and collaboratively in order to complete tasks. They use technology to find, sort, and select data; to create, revise and present written and graphic documents; and to analyze and process numerical data. During their middle school years students develop positive personal attitudes and experience a variety of physical activities for lifelong wellness. They demonstrate awareness and sensitivity to those of other cultures and ethnic backgrounds.

The middle school program provides students with opportunities to explore and expand interests and talents, with organized sports teams, outdoor programs, and other extracurricular opportunities.

Trinity Lutheran School is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, which admits academically qualified students without regard to gender, race, color, religion, and national or ethnic origin.

## Tuition

Trinity Lutheran School prides itself on offering a well-rounded, high-caliber education at an excellent value. Tuition paid in full by July 25th receives a 2% discount. Families receive a 5% sibling discount for second sibling/student and an 8% discount for each additional sibling/student.

Preschool	Registration Fee	Yearly Tuition	11 Month Payments	10 Month Payments
3-Day/Half Day Preschool	\$100	\$2,585	\$235	\$258.50
3- Day/Full Day Preschool	\$100	\$3,850	\$350	\$385
5-Day/Half Day/Preschool/Pre-K	\$100	\$3,740	\$340	\$374
5- Day/Full Day/Preschool/Pre-K	\$100	\$5,995	\$545	\$599.50
Lower and Upper School	Registration Fee	Yearly Tuition	11 Month Payments	10 Month Payments
Kindergarten	\$550	\$7,810	\$710	\$781
Grades 1-3	\$550	\$8,910	\$810	\$891
Grades 4-5	\$550	\$9,185	\$835	\$918.50
Grades 6-8	\$550	\$9,460	\$860	\$946

### Required Document

- Online Application Forms
- Birth Certificate
- Health Form
- Release of Student Records

### School Hours

8:00 AM –3:00 PM  
Monday through Friday

### Extended Day

Extended Day care is available from 6:30 – 8 AM, and 3-6:00 PM. Students may attend Extended Day on a regular or drop-in basis. The fee for Extended Day is \$6 per hour.

### Smart Tuition

Tuition may be paid on an annual, semi annual, or monthly basis. Trinity Lutheran School partners with Smart Tuition for the processing and collection of tuition and fees.

### Transportation

Trinity Lutheran School offers transportation to and from a variety of areas. Currently our buses have routes to the Peninsula, Suffolk, Carrollton, and Smithfield. Our transportation department attempts to provide bus service to your door, but that is a case by case basis. Transportation Fee is \$1,200 one way per year for or \$1,400 two way per year. For families with multiple children the charge is \$650 per additional child. Please contact the office for further details.

### Preschool and Pre-K Criteria

The admissions process begins with submitting an application and a \$150 non-refundable registration fee. An admissions test is not required. All three-year-old preschool students must be toilet trained and turn three by September 30. All four-year-old pre-kindergarten students must be toilet trained and be four years of age by September 30. Each family must provide a copy of their child's current immunization record and physical examination.

### Kindergarten Criteria

The admissions process begins with submitting an application and non-refundable \$100 application fee, \$550 registration fee will be due upon acceptance for admission. Successful completion and score on a nationally recognized assessment is required. Students must be five years of age by September 30. Each family must provide a copy of their child's current immunization record and physical examination.

### Grades 1–8 Criteria

The admissions process begins with submitting an application and a non-refundable \$100 application fee, \$550 registration fee will be due upon acceptance for admission. Successful completion and score on a nationally recognized assessment is required. A copy of the student's transcript(s) and standardized test scores are also required. In addition, a student interview and/or references may be required. Each family must provide a copy of their child's current immunization record and physical examination.

### Dress Code

TLS dress code promotes a sense of community among our students as well as a sense of pride in oneself and in our school.

### Scholarships

Upon completing the New Student Pre Enrollment Application, families may request to be considered for need-based scholarship funds. Additional application materials will be required.

### Church Discount

In addition to regular scholarships, TLS offers church discount or Trinity Lutheran Church (TLC) members.

### Education Loans

While Trinity does not offer education loans, there are several independent organizations that offer K-12 private education loans. More information can be found at <http://www.privateschools.com/loans.phtml>.

### NNS Good Neighbor Program

Trinity is located next door to Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS), the sole designer, builder, and refueler of U.S. Navy aircraft carriers and the largest industrial employer in Virginia. In the spirit of being gracious neighbors, Trinity offers a discount for new shipyard families. Please contact the office for further details.