

Blessed Trinity Catholic School History

Blessed Trinity Catholic School was established in fall 1999 in a newly constructed building. The facility provided space for administration offices, clinic, a temporary Library and five classrooms. The initial enrollment consisted of 65 students in Pre-Kindergarten through Second Grade. The curriculum consisted of all the core subject area as well as Music, Art, Physical Education, and Library.

A consecutive class was added at each school year until fall of 2005 when the addition of Eighth grade completed our growth with an enrollment of 276 students. In fall 2000, Spanish was added as an enrichment class and continues to be taught to students in Kindergarten through Eighth grade.

As we grew, the need for additional classroom space was satisfied when an addition to the original building was completed in fall 2002. The completion of the additional building provided students with a Library, Technology Lab, Art Room, Science Lab, Music Room, Lunchroom and five classrooms. Technology was added as an enrichment class in fall 2003.

Playground space was constructed in fall 1999, providing play equipment for Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth grade students. Additional space was added in fall 2001. Picnic tables were constructed by the Men's Group and placed on the playground in spring 2001. To accommodate the need for an outdoor physical education area and team sports for the middle school students, construction was begun on a soccer field and softball field the summer of 2004. With the completion of the sports fields in fall 2005, the Blessed Trinity Eagles co-ed soccer and girl's softball teams participated in the Diocese of St. Augustine Catholic conference of team sports. Boy's softball was organized in spring 2007. Restrooms, storage and a concession stand will be completed near the sports fields in spring 2011. A full size outdoor basketball court, also completed in spring 2011, will allow Blessed Trinity students to participate in the diocesan basketball league in fall 2011.

Blessed Trinity Catholic school's first eighth grade graduation class held their commencement mass and ceremony on May 18, 2006. The graduating class consisted of 25 students, six of whom enrolled in the first second grade class at Blessed Trinity in fall 1999.

Over the years, after school activities and clubs have been added to the student's day. Depending on the student's grade, they may choose to participate in choir, band, Young Rembrandts, Newspaper, Yearbook, Karate, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girls on the Run or Student Government.

Blessed Trinity has made an effort to equip the student and staff with educational technology. Through Federal Title Funds and Home and School Association fundraisers, seven Smart Boards have been placed in the classrooms through the building. A technology fundraising campaign enable the computer lab and Media Center to be

completely re-equipped with 34 desktop computers in fall 2008. Accelerated Math, Accelerated Reading, United Streaming and Criterion Writing are a few of the technological programs used to enhance student learning.

The academic standards are maintained through the teaching of the objectives set forth in the Diocese of St. Augustine curriculum syllabus. Up to date materials are provided to assist the teaching staff in proficiently educating each student. Classroom teachers are required to maintain recency-of-credit and a valid Florida Teacher's Certification. Additionally teachers and staff members must meet and maintain the requirements stated in the Standards of Accreditation from the Florida Catholic Conference.

Blessed Trinity School received accreditation through the Florida Catholic Conference in November, 2007. Blessed Trinity also holds a National Accreditation Certificate from the National Council for Private School Accreditation.

Blessed Trinity School works hand in hand with the parish Director of Religious Education in preparing students to receive the sacraments of First Eucharist, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation. Blessed Trinity school students participate with PREP students in scheduled retreats and meet the same preparatory requirements. The students also participate together in the sacramental ceremony within the parish community.