







# 2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT TRINITY KLEIN LUTHERAN SCHOOL



## A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### Dear Families of Trinity Klein,

The 23-24 school year is well underway and it has been amazing to see all the wonderful things God is doing in our community at Trinity Klein. God has placed 675 amazing students and over 80 dedicated staff members on our Early Childhood and Day School campuses this year and they are collectively making Trinity Klein a fantastic place to be!

In this 150th year of Trinity Klein Lutheran Church and School, I feel particularly blessed to say that I have walked these hallways in a variety of roles throughout my life - first as a student back when there was one class per grade level, then as a parent of my two daughters, as a middle school teacher for 12 years, and now as your Day School Principal. In each of these roles, I have been a witness to how this place



changes lives by sharing the love of Jesus with our students and their families and opens doors by inspiring every student to grow into the unique individual God designed them to be.

The 22-23 school year was a pivotal time for our school leadership as we set out to conduct a complete review of our campus safety plan. The year began with a collaborative safety walk of our campus with members of Klein ISD Police Department, Precinct 4, Klein Fire Department, Harris County Fire Marshall's Office, and representatives from the Texas School Safety Center. This collaboration laid the groundwork for significant advancements in security throughout our campus: a complete upgrade of our campus security cameras with over 100 additional cameras strategically added; the purchase and implementation of the new SchoolPass carline module to increase safety for our students and staff while our campus is open for afternoon dismissal; new security gates at key locations on campus; a new entrance to the Elementary School office to provide a create a more secure way to check visitors into campus;

Additionally, plans have been submitted to revamp the exterior and interior door systems throughout campus and is scheduled to begin this month.

Your partnership in the 2023-24 Annual Fund provides us the ability to continue upgrading our security infrastructure. Every donation makes a difference on our campus. When we come together for our students, we can create a far-reaching impact in their lives.

Thank you for trusting us with the important task of educating your students. Your prayers and support truly make Trinity Klein a wonderful place to be!

God is Good ... All the Time!

Tracy L. King, M. Ed Trinity Klein Lutheran Day School Principal

# SERVICE FOCUSED

**Our** theme verse for the 22-23 school year was Mark 12:30. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

Our students studied this verse all year and rose to the occasion to live it out. Many classes took on a kindness initiative to make our campus and community a better place in the name of Jesus. We saw classes write encouraging letters, stick kind post-it notes around campus, make posters for our staff, and go above and beyond in generosity and service.

At Trinity Klein, everything we do centers on building a strong relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As a Christ-centered campus, we seek to have the Gospel message permeate learning in a meaningful way, striving for Christ to be the motivation for what we think, say, and do so that others may see us and glorify God.



## **NEW AND OLD TRADITIONS**







**Trinity Klein Lutheran School** is dedicated to academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment. With over 500 students enrolled, we enjoy our close community and fellowship in learning, worship, and fun!

Long-standing traditions such as middle school Outdoor Education, the Christmas Program, Field Day, or the Spring Musical happen annually. These events have been around for decades, and students look forward to reaching the milestones of participating.

Grandparents Day has evolved and is combined with Veterans Day. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to give our grandparents and special friends a glimpse of our school days while also honoring our veterans.

In recent years, new celebrations have been added and are becoming annual events. For example, the 50th day of school always lands near Halloween, so we have a 1950s-themed Friday where you'll find everyone dressed in poodle skirts or leather jackets, ice cream for lunch, and the day ends with a fun assembly. We also enjoy fun events that connect with our Early Childhood families, such as the Thanksgiving Day parade. The early childhood students will parade through campus with balloons emulating the Macy's Thanksgiving day parade while our day school stands on the sidelines and waves them on.



## HEAD OF SCHOOL & 8th GRADE SPOTLIGHT

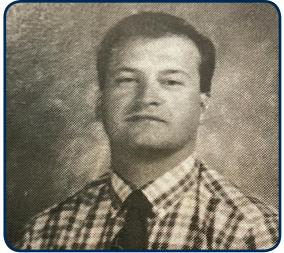
**Our** Head of School, Mr. Keith Goedecke, has retired from serving Trinity Klein after 30 years. Keith has worn many hats over the years, including teaching 3rd and 8th grade, being a baseball and basketball coach, and being an assistant principal and day school principal here at Trinity Klein Lutheran School.

Keith is an alumni of Trinity Klein himself and was in the first kindergarten class at Trinity. He was also in the 100th graduating 8th grade class. He has deep roots here, and being the history buff, he is there is no one who knows the school and church quite like Keith. He stepped into administration in a time when he was needed most, and we thank him for all he has done for our school.

Stephanie Goedecke also retired this year after 31 years of teaching here at Trinity Klein. Thank you, faithful servant! The Goedeckes have moved to a 1910 farmhouse in Clifton, Texas, to be near Stephanie's side of the family and are enjoying country living.

We thank Keith and Stephanie for their service to our school! They've reached thousands of students and families over the years and have been dedicated to Lutheran education and spreading the Gospel.





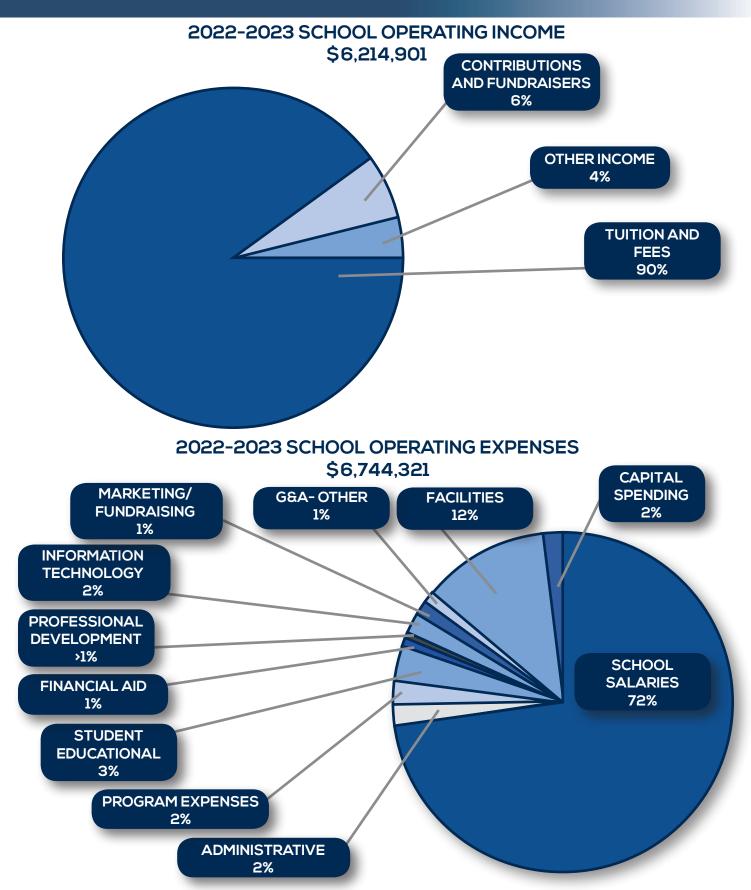
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**Each year** at the closing chapel, our 8th graders write impact statements from their time at Trinity Klein. Meet Evan and read his impact statement.

"After my first day at school at Trinity Klein I already knew this was the right place for me. When I walked in the school that first morning everyone was welcoming. All the students and the teachers as I kept getting older and moving onto the next grade each year, something always stayed the same, the love and effort teachers gave each and every day to help you. All the teachers here are willing to come in early in the morning and stay a little bit after school to help you with work. Even though I wasn't the best student in terms of behavior, every teacher still showed God's love. Now that I'm an eighth grader and I've been here six years, I know what Trinity Klein means. Trinity Klein means family. It's a place people can come to be closer to God and find friendships that will last a lifetime. I love the school because God is the foundation of everything that we do in school and the memories I'll keep with me forever. This school has helped me find who I want to become and given me the right tools to get there."

## **FINANCIALS**



Facility costs listed here reflect approximately 50% of campus-wide costs, including insurance, utilities, custodial services, repairs, etc. Trinity Klein Lutheran Chruch covers these costs. We are thankful to Trinity Klein Lutheran Chruch members for their continued support of our ministry of sharing the love of Jesus with students daily.

## THE ANNUAL FUND

#### What is The Annual Fund?

The Annual Fund is an annual campaign held each fall to raise funds to provide enhancements to our campus, grow our academic and extracurricular programs, provide need-based financial aid, and offer cutting edge classroom and student technology. Accreditation agencies and potential donors consider participation and results of an annual fund campaign to be key indicators in determining their support of an organization. Trinity Klein needs every family to participate to provide the best possible educational opportunities for our students.

#### Why should I give to The Annual Fund?

Every dollar goes directly to your child's education and improves the quality of education that every child at Trinity Klein receives!

Participation in The Annual Fund builds a stronger, more unified community.

Your gift can spur additional gifts from foundations, corporate donations, or corporate matching. Your gift is tax deductible.

#### Why doesn't tuition cover all educational costs?

If Trinity Klein's tuition price were increased to include ALL costs, many families would be unable to afford it. The Annual Fund allows Trinity Klein to bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost to operate, while making it accessible to as many families as possible. Thus, Trinity Klein relies on private support to keep tuition affordable and enrollment high. Most independent schools receive about 80-90% of their income from tuition. The rest of their income comes from donations through fundraisers like an annual fund.

#### Where are Annual Fund contributions used?

Your contribution to The Annual Fund Directly impacts each student at Trinity Klein.

- The 2022-2023 Annual Fund supports:
- Operations and Campus Improvements

Athletics

Fine Arts

Early Childhood

You may designate which category you would like your donation to go towards or ask Trinity Klein to use your donation as it needs.

#### How much should I give?

There is no set amount to give. We ask that you prayerfully consider this donation as a family and make Trinity Klein Lutheran School a priority in your annual giving. No gift is too small and any commitment to The Annual Fund is valued. There is no overhead for the Annual Fund which allows every dollar you contribute to go straight to our students!

#### What are corporate matching gifts?

A matching gift is a charitable donation by a corporation that matches an employee's donation to an eligible nonprofit organization. If your company is eligible, check with them on the procedure to receive a match for your gift. The impact of your gift to Trinity Klein may be doubled or possibly tripled.



# TRINITY KLEIN LUTHERAN SCHOOL



### Businesses and Corporations, we need YOUR partnership at Trinity Klein Lutheran School!

## Did you know?

Trinity Klein hosts numerous games, tournaments and even the Boys and Girls Lutheran Middle School State Basketball Tournament. Plus 1,000+ families, church members and guests visit our campus weekly.

## Consider supporting Trinity Klein and gaining the support of an active Trinity community in return!

Packages available at **give.trinityklein.school** or contact Erika Alman, **almane@trinityklein.org** for more information.



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