

PHILOSOPHY

Holy Trinity has a Catholic Classical curriculum, which combines classical education principles with a Catholic religious foundation. In a classical Catholic school, the Catholic faith is instruction, participate in sacraments, attend Mass, and engage in prayer and spiritual practices. The teachings of the Catholic Church are incorporated into all subjects.

Classical education draws its inspiration from the educational practices of ancient Greece and Rome. It focuses on cultivating wonder, wisdom, critical thinking, and knowledge of the humanities. This includes literature, philosophy, history, and ancient languages (Latin or Greek).

An essential element of classical Catholic Education is formation, a consistently developed moral foundation of the soul, heart, and mind. Study of the Theological and Cardinal virtues (defined below) is vitally important in this undertaking.

The Three Theological Virtues:

- Faith: Belief in God and all that He has revealed. Integrated into the curriculum and the daily life of the school. Students receive
- Hope: Confident trust in all of the good that God has promised.
- Charity (Love): Placing God above all things and caring for our neighbor as ourselves.

The Four Cardinal Virtues:

- Prudence: The ability to identify the right choice and then make it.
- Justice: The will to provide what is due to God and our neighbor.
- Fortitude: The strength to do the right thing even in times of difficulty.
- Temperance: The ability to control our desire for pleasure and material things.

Classical education prioritizes a comprehensive approach where all academic disciplines are connected by a unifying **whole truth**. In contrast, modern education often teaches “subjects” in isolation from one another. Classical education was the dominant form of education in the West for millennia. Modern education, on the other hand, is a 20th-century invention.

Holy Trinity Catholic School fulfills our mission in a small-scale educational setting that can provide a more personalized and tailored learning experience. We offer a more flexible and individualized curriculum, which allows students to focus on their specific interests and needs. This personalized approach enables students to progress at their own pace and delve deeper into subjects of interest. We foster a strong sense of community and collaboration among students and teachers. With a smaller student-to-teacher ratio, we can provide more individual attention and support which in turn fosters meaningful relationships and a sense of belonging. Our methods include:

Individualized Instruction: Multiage classrooms allow for individualized instruction tailored to each student's needs. Teachers provide differentiated instruction based on each student's abilities, strengths, and learning styles. Students can progress at their own pace, whether they need additional support or advanced challenges.

Peer Learning: In multiage classrooms, students of different ages and abilities interact with one another on a regular basis. This fosters a collaborative learning environment where older students can serve as mentors or role models for younger students. Peer learning promotes social and emotional development, as well as the sharing of knowledge and skills.

Relationships: In a multiage classroom, students have the opportunity to build long-term relationships with their teachers. Teachers will develop a deeper understanding of each student's learning style, strengths, and weaknesses over an extended period.

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abilities and accomplishments of older students, which can ignite their own desire to achieve. Older students, in turn, can reinforce their knowledge by helping and teaching younger students, which will solidify their understanding of concepts.

Flexible Grouping: Multiage classrooms offer flexibility in grouping students for collaborative activities or projects. Teachers can form groups based on individual abilities, interests, or learning goals, rather than solely relying on age-based grouping. This flexibility enables students to work with a variety of peers, promoting diversity, cooperation, and the development of interpersonal skills.

CURRICULUM

The traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church and the values of Christian living permeate the school day. This high priority is expressed through worship, prayer, religious education classes, and the general climate of the school.

Holy Trinity Catholic School offers a classical academic curriculum that includes the following core subjects:

- Science, English, Math, Reading, History, Religion.
- Special subjects include: Physical Education, Spanish (K-4), Latin (5-8), Media, Music, Leadership, and Art.
- Students also have opportunities to extend the challenge of the curriculum by participating in competitions such as a Spelling Bee, Science Fair, Quiz Bowl, Arts Festival, Poetry Contest, Talent Show, and the Track Meet.
- Middle School students are divided into three ability groups for their core classes in order to provide challenges or remediation, as needed.