



**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL MINISTRY**  
A Ministry of Holy Trinity Parish

Nurturing Stewards of  
Hospitality, Thoughtful Learning and Spirituality in Action

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Warm greetings to all prospective families!

The Holy Trinity School Ministry offers a unique and wonderful journey of a strong faith-based and rigorous academic education for all children in our care.

Our school is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA), receiving the highest accreditation term awarded.

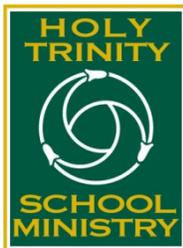
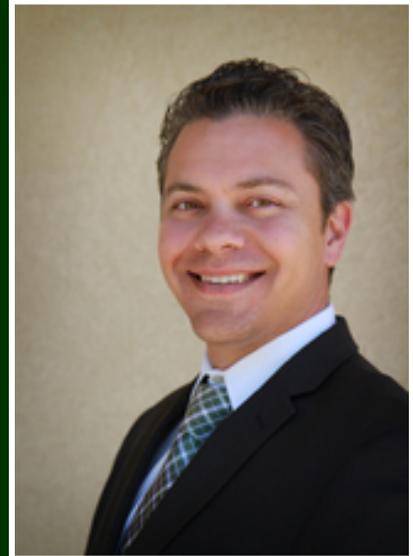
A Holy Trinity School education provides a faith-based community and gives our students the tools to succeed academically. We place special emphasis on character and "values because we know that this foundation is so important to a child's development.

Additionally, because we are a stewardship parish, sending a child to our school ministry is unbelievably affordable! Because of the generosity of our parish stewards and the investment made to Catholic education, we proudly offer the lowest tuition of any parish school in the Diocese.

We welcome you to this exciting and faith-filled community.

Blessings,

*Mr. Christopher Nelson*



### *Our Shared Mission*

Founded on Gospel values and the four pillars of stewardship, the philosophy of the Holy Trinity school ministry is based on a living faith that embraces hospitality, prayer, formation and service.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the school ministry provides a strong Catholic and challenging academic environment for elementary school age students and their families. Parents are recognized as the primary educators of their children.

As a Eucharistic people living a stewardship way of life, the faculty and staff work together to develop the whole person - spiritually, intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically.

Graduates of the Holy Trinity School Ministry will meet the challenging demands of a diverse world as Christian leaders, understanding what it means to be faithful disciples of Jesus, in true service of God and others.

## **ABOUT HOLY TRINITY PARISH AND ITS SCHOOL MINISTRY**

Holy Trinity Parish in El Dorado Hills was founded on March 17, 1992. The Holy Trinity School Ministry opened in 2003 and is one of over 60 ministries in our dynamic parish of over 3000 families. 260 students currently attend the strong, nurturing community that is our school ministry. In a parish where Stewardship is a way of living, our parishioners give great support to all of our educational ministries – as a result, our tuition is the lowest of any parish school in the Sacramento Diocese. We are fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Western Catholic Education Association.

## **CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION**

For the children of Holy Trinity School Ministry, religious education is an integral part of their daily lives. A Stewardship way of life – where all give back from their time, talent and treasure – is visible throughout the day in academics, on the playground and in all aspects of the children’s relationships with one another. Strong morals and values, prayerful reflection and service for others encourage a welcoming and Christ centered presence for all.

## **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

Holy Trinity School offers a rigorous academic program, based on the new California State Common Core curriculum in the areas of math and language arts. Holy Trinity also meets and exceeds Diocesan standards in science, social sciences and physical education. Numerous academic, athletic, and extra-curricular activities enhance the education for each child.

## **ENROLLMENT & TUITION**

Students of Holy Trinity School Ministry enjoy reasonable class sizes, with a maximum of 35. Kindergarten classes do not exceed eighteen children. Instructional aides offer lower student-to-teacher ratios for all classes in grades K through 5. National standardized tests show Holy Trinity students in the top 20-25 percentile in all grades and subject areas. Since 2009, all Holy Trinity students who applied to local Catholic high schools have been accepted.

Because ours is a stewardship parish, the parish as a whole helps to support all of our education ministries. As a result, at a maximum of \$2400 per student for active Holy Trinity families (and just \$1900 for Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten), we are able to offer the lowest tuition of a parish school in the Sacramento Diocese.

## **ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY**

Holy Trinity is a member of the broader Catholic School Department of the Sacramento Diocese and networks with nearly 40 other diocesan schools. Teachers and administrators are well-qualified for their specific responsibilities, including current California teaching credentials and/or M.A. degrees and Catechist certifications. They pursue professional growth on a continuous basis. All are committed to offering a loving and inviting environment for students of all ages.

## **SERVICE**

Among the many ways they learn about serving others, our students partner with other parish ministries to help those in need. They plant, tend and harvest our Parish Garden. Visits to nursing homes, collection drives, and projects to help our environment represent some of the class-level and school-wide service projects offered throughout the year. Outreach to the children in the “Hands Together” mission schools in Haiti is a special highlight during our parish’s “Year for Haiti.”



## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The Holy Trinity Parent Association (HTPA) acts as an active, involved parent organization to build a faith-filled and vibrant learning community at Holy Trinity School. Many community-building activities support active family involvement in school life. School-wide volunteerism is expected of all families.

## ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

**The Arts** – Holy Trinity offers both music and visual arts classes, taught by professional art teachers. Additional classes in Choir, Band, Violin, Percussion and Guitar are provided weekly before and after school. Each spring, the school produces a musical.

**Educational Technology** – Holy Trinity offers technology-based instruction to students and technology standards are implemented in all grades. Chromebooks facilitate learning for our students.

**Academic Enrichment Activities** – Extra-curricular activities allow students to develop leadership skills, pursue individual interests, and just have fun! Nearly all students participate in some form of student activities. Student government, academic teams, athletics and clubs provide numerous opportunities for students to enhance their learning beyond the classroom. Students are encouraged to offer their leadership to Masses, both during the week and on Sundays.

**Athletics** – Holy Trinity School Ministry participates in the Parochial Athletic League (PAL) for students in grades 5-8 and offers Little Dribblers Basketball for grades 1-4. Sports teams are a popular extra-curricular activity for most students. Holy Trinity currently offers six sports: Fall - Boys' and Girls' Cross Country teams, Boys' Flag Football and Girls' Volleyball; Winter – Basketball for boys and girls grades 1-8; and Spring - Track and Field and Golf for both Boys and Girls. Currently, nearly 200 children enthusiastically play on 16 basketball teams.



## KINDERGARTEN

A maximum of 18 students are allowed in each of two classes (morning and afternoon). An excellent academic program engages all students in a highly developed standards-based curriculum. A Kindergarten Enrichment program offers a full-day option for morning and afternoon kindergarten students. (A Transitional Kindergarten class is offered in the morning, with no more than 12 students enrolled.)

## CODE OF CONDUCT

Traditional values are emphasized throughout the school. Students are expected to assume personal responsibility for their own conduct. They have an obligation to be considerate and respectful of fellow students, school personnel and community members. In addition, students are required to abide by a uniform dress code.

## SCHOOL HOURS & EXTENDED DAY

School hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for grades 1-8. Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten are on a modified schedule. An extension program is available at 7 a.m. and after school for all until 6 p.m. and an enrichment program is offered for Kindergarten students both before and after their normal school day.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact our Director of Admission, Mrs. Karole Dominique, or the school ministry principal, Mr. Nelson.



HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL MINISTRY - A MINISTRY OF HOLY TRINITY PARISH

(530) 677-3591 HTS@HOLYTRINITYPARISH.ORG WWW.HOLYTRINITYPARISH.ORG/SCHOOL