

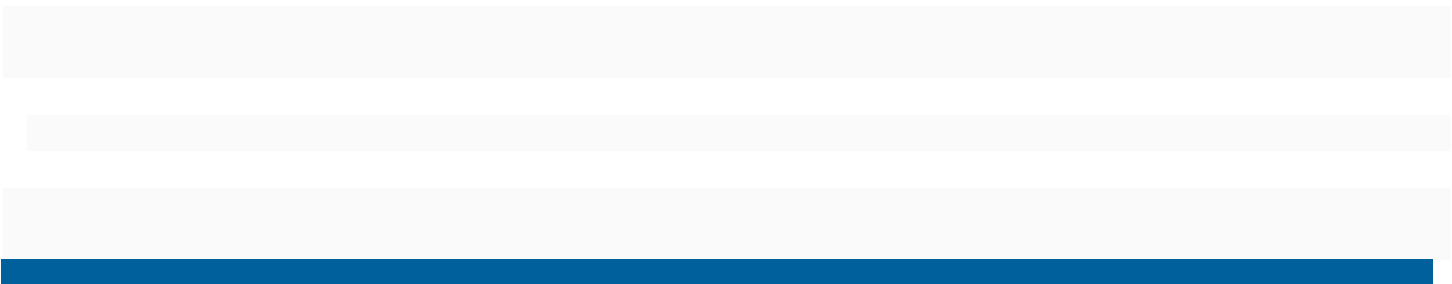


TRINITY SCHOOL *of* TEXAS

Education without Limits

Find Your Fit!

**PARENT GUIDE
TO
GIVING
&
GETTING INVOLVED**





THEY have the power to change their world; YOU have the power to help!

1. SERVE Volunteer Your Time

There are many opportunities to give of your time to make an impact on the school and the children here at Trinity and we want to help you “**Find your Fit**”. Each TST family is strongly encouraged to volunteer a minimum of 10 hours per semester. Our volunteer opportunities are listed below and we would love for you to get involved! For more details, please email the contact person listed.

- **Trinity Advantage Fund Cabinet (TAF)** (September-December)
 - Serve as a Grade Level Chair to help your grade reach 100% participation
 - Wine and Cheese Call-a-thon Night (call parents in your grade and ask them to give a gift)
 - Thank-a-thon (call parents and thank them for their gift)
 - *Contact Jana Krohn, Executive Director, at jkrohn@trinityschooloftexas.com to get involved.*
- **Spring Gala Committee** (March 25)
 - Serve on a Committee (auction, decorations, raffle, invitations, entertainment, etc.)
 - Serve as a Fundraiser
 - *Contact Jana Krohn, Executive Director, at jkrohn@trinityschooloftexas.com to get involved.*
- **Parent Teacher Council (PTC)**
 - Room Mom’s
 - Back to School Fair and Dinner
 - Daybreak with Dads (dads have breakfast with children)
 - Watchdog Dad’s Program
 - Family Day Carnival
 - Field Day
 - Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Trunk or Treat
 - TST Used Uniform Store
 - *Contact Jessica Wilkinson, Head of Early Childhood and Lower School, at jwilkinson@trinityschooloftexas.com to get involved.*
- **TST Athletic Booster Club** (Athletics and School Spirit)
 - Titan Spirit Wear
 - Concession Stand
 - Advertising Gym Banners
 - Pam Pope Memorial Fun Run “Titan your Tush”
 - Annual Athletic Banquet
 - *Contact Jeremy Miller, Athletic Director, at jmiller@trinityschooloftexas.com to get involved.*

- **Other-** If you have a special talent that you would like to share on campus, we are always open to fresh volunteers and ideas. Please let us know what your passions are and we will find a way to use them for the good of our school!



2. GIVE *The Trinity Advantage Fund*

100% Participation Fall Challenge



The **Trinity Advantage Fund** is our TOP school priority and every gift matters, no matter what the size! **We encourage 100% of Parents, Faculty & Staff, Board Members, and Alumni to give to this vital fund each year between September 1 and December 20.** Gifts to the Trinity Advantage Fund, along with income from our Spring Gala, close the gap between tuition and the actual cost of a Trinity education. **Tuition alone cannot fund the entire cost of a Trinity education as is the case with most independent schools. Tuition only covers 86% of our school's annual operating budget. TST relies on gifts to The Trinity Advantage Fund each year to raise the additional revenue needed to sustain the school's commitment to providing each student with the highest quality education possible.** Whether it's inside or outside of the classroom, the TAF helps the school live up to its dedication of providing the VERY best education for your children.

The TAF helps:

- Keep tuition costs 15% lower than it would be without the Trinity Advantage Fund.
- Provide Academic Opportunities through hands on learning tools, field trips, personalized learning, and advanced training for teachers
- Students create through Fine Arts with art supplies, drama productions, and musical instruments
- Students learn through movement, work as a team and grow as an individual through PE and Athletics
- Advance Technology with our new Makerspace Lab, 3D printer, in classroom technology, mobile iPad station and research center
- Place importance on a Christian education with bi-weekly chapel, chapel buddies, and Super Hero Bible Character traits
- Pay competitive salaries so we can keep and attract the best faculty to teach our children
- Provide scholarships to academically qualifying students to help provide diversity on campus and new opportunities to scholarship students
- Maintain a beautiful and safe campus

The TAF serves to build and sustain the Trinity Advantage: faith based mission, character development, excellent academics, faculty and staff professional development, smaller class size, safe and nurturing environment, strong athletics, vibrant visual and performing arts, among other aspirations. The TAF goes above and beyond the opportunities offered by the operational budget to offer our children a continually enhanced educational experience.

TAF GIVING LEVELS:

<i>*Chancellor's Forum</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>
<i>*Trinity Cornerstone</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>
<i>*Chairman's Court</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>*Headmasters Chamber</i>	<i>\$7,500</i>
<i>*Sustainer's Circle</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>*Blue & White Society</i>	<i>\$3,500</i>

<i>*Leadership Circle</i>	<i>\$2,500</i>
<i>*Grand Titans</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Titan Crest</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>Honor Council</i>	<i>\$250</i>
<i>Special Friends</i>	<i>\$100</i>
<i>TST Contributor</i>	<i>up to & \$99</i>

***Denotes Lead Donor levels that are invited to the Lead Donor Reception annually.**

FAQ's



The Trinity Advantage Fund

Why does the TAF campaign last only one semester?

Shortening our fundraising campaign to just the fall semester provides our families the opportunity to make a gift early. This will eliminate repeated appeals and the need for ongoing solicitations.

How will it work?

Make your pledge as early as possible this year and we will add your name to our Annual Report's Participation List and recognize your grade level when 100% of the families have given. Each individual grade is trying to achieve 100% to show how much they care. You have until June 30 to make full payment on your pledge.

How much should I pledge?

Give as generously as possible, making TST one of your top three philanthropies. Remember, pledges can be paid monthly with full payment by the end of the school's fiscal year, June 30.

EX: If each family pledged \$25 a month, we could reach \$90,000 together before including any Leadership Gifts.

How do I become a Leadership Donor?

All gifts to TST are greatly appreciated. To fully fund our school, we also need our Lead Donors. All gifts of \$1,000+ are considered Leadership Donations. Lead Donors are invited to the annual Lead Donor Reception with the Headmaster each September and are included in the Lead Donor Section of the Annual Report.

Where do my dollars go?

Our "TST Family of Funds," allow families to designate where their gift will go: Academics, Fine Arts, Athletics, Spirituality, Technology, or Area of Greatest Need. Choose your passion and see the difference you are making! The TAF is the school's most important fundraising effort. We encourage everyone to participate in the TAF this fall.

Why not raise tuition to cover all costs?

Through tax-deductible donations to The Trinity Advantage Fund, the school can keep tuition low. Large tuition increases may prohibit the opportunity of a Trinity education to many families in our East Texas area, therefore changing the diverse culture and unique learning environment each student currently enjoys.

Is my gift tax deductible?

Yes! Your gift is 100% tax deductible. Gifts can be made by cash, check, online by credit card, and via phone.

Why is 100% participation so important?

The school's financial strength is dependent upon the participation of all members of the school family. Furthermore, when we ask foundations and corporations for support, the participation rate from within our own community is an indicator to them that the school is strong and worthy of their support. Your involvement generates enthusiasm and encourages others to join you in supporting Trinity School of Texas.

Help us achieve our goal of 100% Participation by December 16 by doing your part today! Think about what TST means to you and your family. Every gift matters, no matter the size.

If you have questions, please contact the Office of Development at 903.753.0612 or email jkrohn@trinityschooloftexas.com. You can give your gift online today at www.trinityschooloftexas.com under "Give", give by check made out to TST, or fill out the "pledge" form that will be mailed to each family in September.

**Your gifts, time, and talents will continue the tradition of generosity of many of our families over the years.
You will enable our legacy of excellence to continue for current and future students of TST.**



SERVE ... GIVE ... LOVE!

I am pleased to share our "Giving and Getting Involved" opportunities with you. My hope is that you will find this information as a resource on how you can get involved with your school family. Our Parent Teacher Council, Athletic Booster Club, Spring Gala Committee and Trinity Advantage Fund Cabinet offer many ways to contribute your time, talent, and treasure! We invite you to participate in the life of our school and want to help you "Find Your Fit" at TST. Please contact us if you need any help, because we are here to partner with you to make Trinity School of Texas the best it can be for your children and to make you feel like part of the family.

Welcome to the Trinity Family!

Always looking forward,

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