



# TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

WHERE A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SHAPES A LIFETIME

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## WE ARE A VIBRANT COMMUNITY

On behalf of Trinity Christian Academy (TCA), I would like to express how very grateful we are to all who pray for and support our school community. As I write this letter, the school year is well underway. This first quarter was bustling with activities: *High School Retreat, Parent Teacher Fellowship Meetings, Back-to-School BBQ, Chapel Services, Middle School and High School Soccer, High School Girls' Volleyball, Parent Teacher Conferences, After School Band, Teachers' Convention and our Hoop-A-Thon Fundraiser.*

After a successful Fall Sports schedule, our TCA Athletic Department is gearing up for basketball season. The Drama Club is practicing for a fall performance of *Anne of Green Gables* and the Music Department is rehearsing songs for Trinity's Annual Christmas Program. These activities are wonderful indicators of a **vibrant Christian School community** which would not be possible without the generous



support of TCA's friends.

TCA was able to provide financial aid to 36 percent of TCA's students, thanks to your support. Student financial aid, as well as projects and wish list items to enhance our academic, extra-curricular, and athletic programs, have all been possible through the generosity of 477 families, friends, organizations and alumni who have contributed to the Hoop-A-Thon, Annual Appeal, Spring Banquet and/or various fundraising efforts. **THANK YOU!**

In these times when it is becoming more evident that our country needs

ethical and moral leadership, your support helps make it possible for many Cape Cod parents to provide leadership education based on Christian principles for their children.

As you review this Annual Newsletter, may it serve as a reminder of the impact that you are having in the lives of TCA students. May it be a testimony to the faithfulness of God and to all those who labor, volunteer, pray and support Trinity Christian Academy of Cape Cod. Thank you for your continued partnership in providing a Christian education that shapes a lifetime!



Yours for Christian Education,  
*Ben Haskell*  
Headmaster

## TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY RANKED IN TOP 100!



The 2015 NICHE Rankings for Best K-12 Private Schools listed Trinity Christian Academy 54th in the top 100 Best Private Schools in Massachusetts

"Best Private High Schools ranks 3,880 high schools based on key student statistics and more than 120,000 opinions from 16,000 students and parents. High ranking indicates that the school is an exceptional academic institution with a diverse set of high-achieving students who rate their experience very highly. The Best Private High Schools ranking provides a comprehensive assessment of the overall experience at private high schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. It uses data sourced from various government and public data sets, Niche's own proprietary data, and 123,218 opinion-based survey responses across a variety of topics from 16,688 current students, recent alumni, and parents." [www.niche.com](http://www.niche.com)



"A high ranking in Overall Experience generally indicates that:

- ⇒ Students are very happy with all aspects including academics, teachers, health, safety, resources, facilities, music, art, extra - curricular, sports, and fitness.
- ⇒ The school is an exceptional academic institution: teachers, students, resources for learning, and student outcomes.
- ⇒ The school is made up of a diverse population and fosters an accepting, positive school culture;
- ⇒ Students are actively involved in a variety of extra - curricular and sports the school offers."



## 45 Years of Faithful Service



### Joy Wordell

Thank you for planting seeds of JOY for the Lord. You have helped many children learn to spread their wings and fly!

In honor and recognition for 45 years of service as a teacher.

Trinity Christian Academy  
of Cape Cod

After 45 years of teaching (44 at TCA), Mrs. Joy Wordell announced her retirement in the Spring 2015. Mrs. Wordell has touched many lives during her long tenure as Trinity's 3rd Grade Teacher. She has served and dedicated her life to Christian education and she has remained at TCA through the good and the difficult times.



During Lower Level Convocation in June, Mrs. Wordell was presented a 45 Year Pin and a Gift Certificate for a Garden Bench with an engraved plaque with the following inscription:

Students, faculty, alumni and parents created a memory book that was presented to her at a lovely garden party at her home in September.

Her dedication and commitment to Christian education at TCA has

truly made an impact and her legacy has influenced generations of students. If you would like to send a card or note to Mrs. Wordell, please send it to the school and we will be sure to deliver it to her!

Mrs. Wordell couldn't stay completely out of the classroom, and is now volunteering one day a week to assist one of her former colleagues! Mr. Nat Wordell came out of retirement and is teaching Pre-K — 4th grade music one day per week!



## Trinity Welcomes New Faculty for the 2015-2016 School Year

**Mrs. Katherine Becrelis** joined the Upper Level faculty this fall (2015-2016). She earned a Master's in Education and Bachelor of Science from the University of Maine. She majored in Elementary and Secondary Education and minored in English. She holds a Rhode Island teaching certificate for Grades 7-12 in English. Mrs. Becrelis has over ten years of teaching experience; most recently she taught English and electives at East Greenwich High School in Rhode Island. She has coaching experience in Mock Trial and in Cheerleading. Mrs. Becrelis is an accomplished piano teacher and teaches private piano lessons after school at TCA.

It is our joy to welcome **Mrs. Pam Hitchins** back to TCA! Pam is teaching 3rd grade. After teaching at TCA from 2001-2008, she moved to Mississippi where she was a staff writer for The Vicksburg Post. She returned to Cape Cod in early 2015 and substitute taught at TCA. Pam has several credits toward a Master's degree from Bridgewater State College, a B.A. in English from the University of California, and a teaching certificate from MS in Elementary Education. Pam also was a reading and writing teacher at Henry T. Wing Elementary School and a Staff Writer for The Sandwich Broadside.

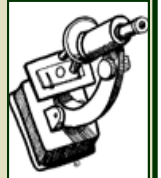
**Mrs. Donna Morin**, TCA's new 6th grade teacher, comes to TCA with over 25 years of teaching experience, many of which included teaching 5th and 6th grades. Earning both degrees from Eastern Nazarene College, she holds a M.Ed. in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Administration and a B.S. in Elementary Education with a minor in Special Education. Donna and her husband, Tom, have two children: Emily, who is attending Eastern Nazarene College and David, a junior at Trinity. She and her family are active members of Marstons Mills Community Church. Donna enjoys family time, reading, walking, Suduko and music.

**Mr. Nathaniel B. Wordell** joined the faculty as the Pre-K-4th grade music teacher. He is a graduate of the American Boychoir in Princeton, New Jersey, the High Mowing School in Wilton, New Hampshire, and received a B.A. degree from Barrington College in Barrington, Rhode Island. While in college, he met and later married his wife, Joy. Mr. Wordell taught vocal music and theater arts for grades K – 12 in the Chatham school system for 35 years. His choirs have performed at Lincoln Center, the Washington National Cathedral, and the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. His current interests are gardening, pottery, cooking, and music.

**Mrs. Mary Browne** (Coach Mary) earned a BS in Health Education at the University of Utah. Her experiences include being a Health and Fitness Coach, Skiing Instructor, and Program Director for a Racquetball Center. Mary loves children and also enjoys teaching Sunday School at her church, tutoring and teaching reading to students. Currently, she is a Wellness Coach at the Cape Cod YMCA in Hyannis. Mary and her husband, Doug have three children. Their daughter, Juliana, is a junior at TCA.

### TCA Science Department News

Trinity's Upper Level is growing and so is our science department! We are pleased to introduce **Mrs. Barbara Furner** who joined TCA's High School Faculty this September. She earned a Bachelor's of Science in Chemistry from SUNY Geneseo and a Master's in Chemistry from Purdue University, focusing on inorganic chemistry and laboratory learning practices. Mrs. Furner taught high school chemistry and physics in Kentucky and Massachusetts, college chemistry in Georgia, middle school science in Georgia, and elementary school science in Virginia. She is the owner of Derbyfield Kennel in Harwich (since 2008), an active member of Hope Church in West Yarmouth and an active volunteer with Boy Scout Troop 77 in Brewster. Mrs. Furner and her husband, Stu, are proud parents of three children Olivia, Carl & Mariana.





## TCA ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

The Trinity Christian Academy of Cape Cod (TCA) Development Office recently caught up with Trinity alumna, Jody Hassett-Sanchez. Jody was an elementary student during the early years of TCA and attended from 1970-1974. She is the president of Pointy Shoe Productions (PSP), a documentary and long-form production company that explores issues of faith and culture.

Before becoming a filmmaker, Jody spent 17 years in network television, most recently at ABC. She covered religion, culture, and education for ABC's *World News Tonight with Peter Jennings*, and stories for *Nightline*. Prior to ABC News, Jody traveled the globe with CNN for almost twelve years. As the State Department producer covering Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, Jody was a senior producer of CNN's series on the legacy of the Cold War and was an arts reporter for CNN International. Her honors include an Edward R. Murrow Award, a National Emmy Award, USC Getty Annenberg Fellowship for Journalism in the Arts, and Journalistes en Europe Fellowship. ([www.widmeyer.com](http://www.widmeyer.com))

"Although I spent many years as a news producer at CNN and then at ABC World News Tonight, I've never been enchanted by Washington DC's 'chattering class' who want to parse the past 24 hours. Perhaps that's because years ago, I was introduced to what Mortimer Adler calls the "Great Conversation" while I was a student at Trinity.

"Trinity Christian Academy teachers and classes gave me a taste of that ongoing conversation of great minds through the ages, framing it in the important context of scripture. This approach has informed my reporting and documentary filmmaking throughout my career. I'm able to view current events through the lens of the past and I try to frame my interview questions in a way that advances the discussion rather than just adding to the noise.

"Having the assurance that we are loved by a God who is not the author of confusion but of peace, has guided me through conflict zones and heartbreaking interviews with the victims of slavery and other brutalities. I am indebted to my foundational years at Trinity and particularly thankful for the faithfulness and the intellectual vigor of Helen MacGregor, who selected each book and every concept we studied during my years at Trinity."

As a graduate of Smith College and a native Cape Codder, Jody lives in the Washington, DC area with her husband George Sanchez. Her web site is [jodyhassettsanchez.com](http://jodyhassettsanchez.com).



Dunk to Deliver!



Mrs. Byrnes & Pastor Erik Shoot to Score!



Hoop Mascots : Sparky & Sparky Junior!

Students Celebrate School Spirit Day!

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- MOCEAN ~ Bike Zone ~ Balls to the Wall
- Many Parents, Supporters and Friends!

Congratulations to the Pre-K to 12th grade students for their excellent participation in this year's Hoop-A-Thon. The students shot a record number of baskets and raised close to \$30,000! The goal this year was to raise \$60,000 in pledges to purchase a school van to transport students to sporting events, field trips and school events. We appreciate everyone's support!



**Trinity Christian Academy's  
Annual Spring Banquet  
Beacons for Christ  
Shining the Light of Hope**

**May 6, 2016**

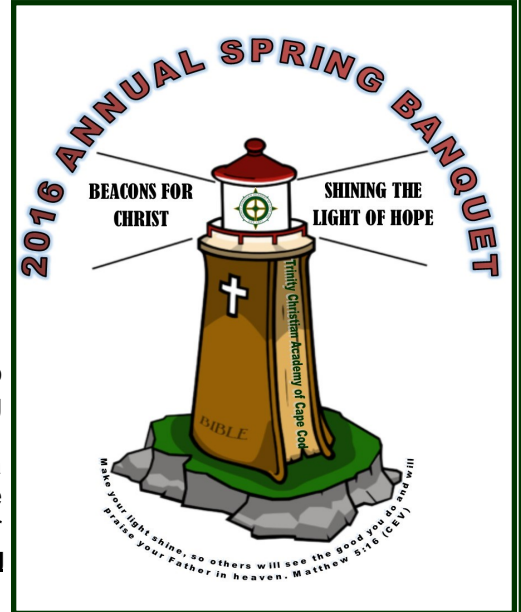
**Featuring Contemporary Christian  
Music Artist Brandon Heath**

The TCA Development Office and the Spring Banquet Committee are excited to announce that Brandon Heath will be performing at TCA's 8th Annual Spring Banquet at the Cape Codder Resort in Hyannis on Friday, May 6, 2016 at 6:00 PM. This annual event provides an opportunity for the local community to make a difference in the lives of the youth of Cape Cod. Each year funds are raised at the Banquet to help provide financial aid for many of our students. Please reserve your seat or table as soon as possible by contacting Peg Haskell at [phaskell@tcaofcc.org](mailto:phaskell@tcaofcc.org) or by calling the school. We are expecting to sell out—so don't delay!

Since Brandon Heath's debut on Reunion Records with "Don't Get Comfortable" (2006), he has become one of Christian music's most beloved and respected artists and songwriters. Heath has garnered an Emmy Award, five GRAMMY® nominations and an American Music Award nomination.

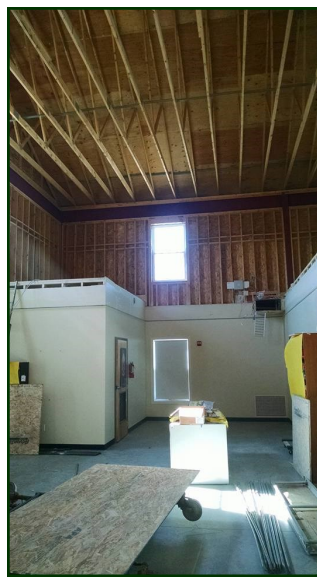
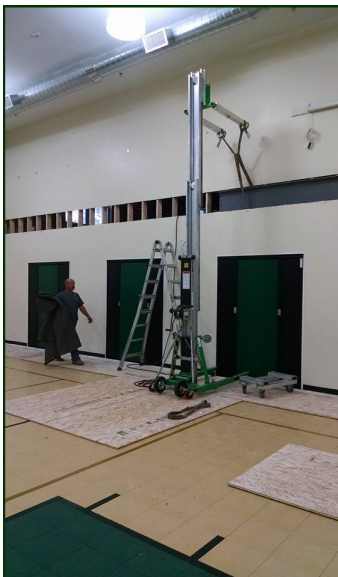
He has been honored as a seven time GMA Dove Award recipient, including "Male Vocalist of the Year" (2009 and 2010), BMI's 2014 Songwriter of the Year, and earned multiple additional songwriting honors. His award winning songs and signature vocals reflect a soaring radio career that includes top hits "I'm Not Who I Was," "Wait and See," the 2009 GMA Dove Award winning Song of the Year "Give Me Your Eyes," the eight week chart topper, "Your Love," "The Light In Me," and many others.

Heath, a Nashville native, first began writing at age 13. His artistry and ability to connect with audiences have compelled countless media outlets across the nation to platform his story and music. Highlights include coverage in The New York Times, Billboard, The Wall Street Journal, Relevant, CBS Evening News and The Discovery Channel, and as a presenter on the 54th Annual GRAMMY Awards. For more information on Brandon Heath, please visit [www.BrandonHeath.net](http://www.BrandonHeath.net), [www.Facebook.com/BrandonHeathOfficial](http://www.Facebook.com/BrandonHeathOfficial) or [www.Twitter.com/BrandonHeath](http://www.Twitter.com/BrandonHeath).



## WATCH US GROW !

Thanks to the generosity of the Lyndon Paul Lorusso Foundation, construction of "Phase Two" in the Creative Arts and Activity Center is underway. A second story is being added that will add two additional classrooms to accommodate future enrollment, an elevator to accommodate handicap needs, and two new bathrooms. We are looking forward to using the new space within this school year.



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