

ANNUAL REPORT

2024



Trinity Academy delivers a tuition-free independent school education to elementary school children from Hartford's most underserved communities.



# A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Trinity Academy Community,

It is with great pride and gratitude that I present to you the annual report for Trinity Academy. This year has been a remarkable journey, marked by significant achievements, growth, and resilience within our school community. As the Board Chair, I have witnessed firsthand the dedication of our faculty, the enthusiasm of our students, and the unwavering support of our parents and supporters.

Our academic programs continue to challenge and inspire our students, while our extracurricular activities, from the arts to athletics, provide enriching experiences that foster personal growth and community spirit.

We are proud of our continued commitment to providing a nurturing and inclusive environment where every student can thrive. Our partnerships and collaborations, have been instrumental in supporting our mission as an independent, tuition-free school dedicated to serving our community.

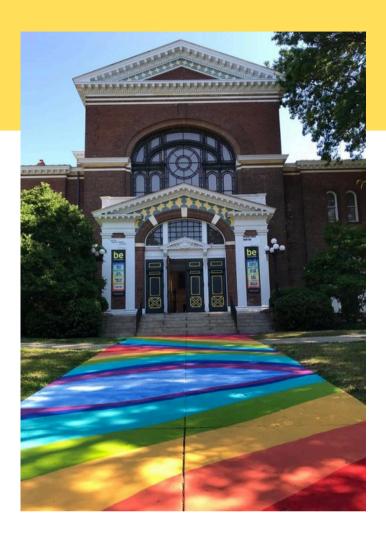
As we look back on this year, we are reminded of the strength and resilience of our community. Together, we have navigated challenges and celebrated successes, always with a focus on our shared mission and values. On behalf of the Board, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our staff, families, and supporters for their unwavering commitment and support.

We look forward to another year of growth and success at Trinity Academy, confident in the bright future that lies ahead for our students and our school community.

Warm regards,

Mark Panico

Chair, Board of Trustees Trinity Academy



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# A NEW SPACE

Our new home is Immanuel Congregational Church in Hartford. Immanuel Congregational Church's welcoming and spacious facilities will offer Trinity Academy a new, vibrant space to foster academic excellence and holistic development. The move aligns with our dedication to creating an optimal setting for students to thrive both academically and personally. We are thrilled about this new partenership and the opportunities it will create for our students.



### **MISSION**

Our Mission is to provide Hartford area children with an exceptional elementary school education, emphasizing equity and diversity, and an individualized learning plan for each student. Our program is tuition-free, tailored for students from historically underserved communities. At Trinity Academy, we foster a nurturing and inclusive environment that values family, community, and personal growth. We empower our students through intensive academics that includes the arts, literacy, critical thinking, and socio-emotional learning, instilling a love of learning for a successful future.

### **VISION**

Our Vision is to provide a safe and inclusive space fostering social, emotional and academic growth for every child.

By removing as many obstacles as possible from a student's life, we inspire children to become life-long learners, empowering them to reach their highest potential.

Paramount to our vision is emphasizing the power in diversity, with every student recognizing their part in strengthening Trinity Academy and the community at large.

We believe that neither the zip code you live in, nor your family's income should limit your educational opportunities.



### **VALUES**

#### **Innovation**

We provide a robust education enriched by experiential programs and employing the latest in teaching practices and educational technology.

### **Diversity**

We seek a school comprised of individuals of different races, backgrounds and beliefs grounded in the idea that a society is enriched and will only flourish when horizons of understanding are expanded with inclusivity.

### Respect

We inspire in students a respect for others, their environment and most importantly themselves.

### **Community Involvement**

Trinity Academy engages with the greater Hartford community as an enthusiastic partner of local organizations and a valued resource for neighborhood families.

#### **Stability**

Embrace a holistic approach that goes beyond academics to foster physical, social and emotional wellness for each child and their families.

# 71%

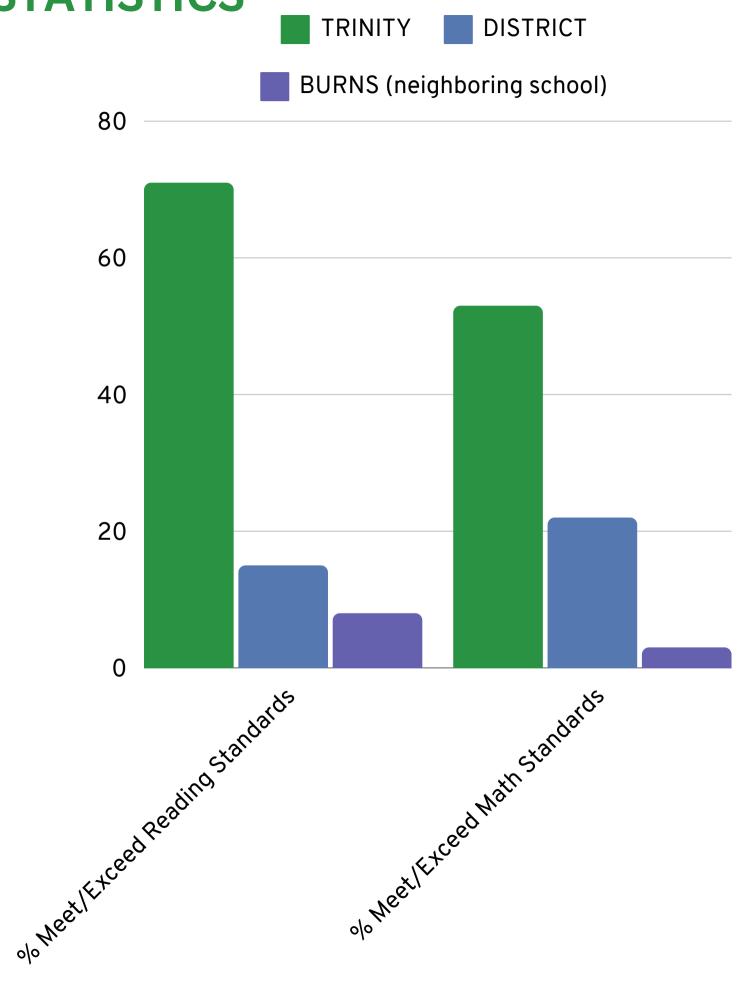
Percentage of Trinity Academy students at or above grade level in reading.

53%

Percentage of Trinithy Academy students at or above grade level in math.



# **STATISTICS**







Trinity Academy's production of The Wizard of Oz was a standout event of the year, showcasing the incredible talents and dedication of our students. staff, and community. This classic musical was brought to life with vibrant costumes, creative set designs, and captivating performances by our young actors... This collaborative effort not only highlighted the artistic and technical skills of our students but also underscored the strength of our school's commitment to providing enriching cultural experiences. The Wizard of Oz was a resounding success, celebrated for its professionalism, creativity, and the joy it brought to our school community.

Students participated in hands-on creation of art in various mediums. allowing students to express themselves and develop their techniques. To further enhance learning, students participated in field trips to museums, where they gained exposure to diverse artistic styles and cultural perspectives. This year our students were recognized at the Art League of New Britain Artists of Color exhibit, where they proudly earned third place. This accomplishment not only showcased the talent and dedication of our students but also highlighted the quality and impact of the art program at Trinity Academy.







In the past year, Trinity Academy's dance program has made remarkable strides, highlighted by an exciting partnership with the Hartford Yard Goats. This collaboration has provided our students with unique opportunities to showcase their talents beyond the traditional stage. Working closely with the renowned Studio 860, our students participated in training and rehearsals that culminated in a series of spectacular performances. The pinnacle of these events was a thrilling pre-game performance on the field at a Yard Goats game.

The Trinity Academy music program has had an exciting and dynamic year, marked by the growth and achievements of our students. A highlight was the Keyboard Club, where students honed their skills on the piano and keyboard. The program also welcomed several guest musical artists who provided workshops and performances, enriching our students' musical education. Additionally, students contributed to the school's theatre production, providing music that added depth and emotion to the performances. These experiences have not only developed our students' musical abilities but also fostered a deeper appreciation for the arts within the Trinity Academy community.



# FIELD EXCURSIONS

Field trips are an integral part of the educational experience at Trinity Academy, providing students with invaluable opportunities to learn beyond the classroom. These excursions are carefully designed to complement our curriculum, offering real-world applications of the concepts and ideas studied in class. At Trinity Academy, we prioritize these outings because they inspire curiosity, foster a love for learning, and create lasting memories that enhance students' overall academic and personal growth.

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# Family Engagement







Family engagement is a cornerstone of the community at Trinity Academy, where we strive to involve families in the educational journey of our students. Events like the Science Fair, Cultural Night, and Holiday Dinners provide meaningful opportunities for families to connect with the school and celebrate their children's achievements. These events not only highlight our students' talents and accomplishments but also create a supportive and inclusive environment where families feel valued and connected and strengthen the bonds within our school community.

# Wrap Around Services



Technology for All



- On site counselor to support student mental health needs
- Healthy breakfast, lunch and snack daily
- Wrap-around services for the entire family
- Referrals for services
- Community well-being events
- Grocery distribution



- Chromebook technology for every student
- Smartboard in every classroom







We follow and support students and their families after graduation. Most students attend our sister and brother schools Grace Academy and Covenant Prep. and go on to excel at some of the region's most prestigious college preparatory schools. 100% of Trinity's first graduating class are on track to graduate high school.



Numnber of Students **Enrolled** 



Student Teacher Ration



**Attendance Rate** 

#### WHERE ARE OUR GRADUATES NOW?

#### MIDDLE SCHOOLS

### **HIGH SCHOOLS**

#### COLLEGE

**COVENANT PREP** GRACE ACADEMY

OUR SISTER AND BROTHER SCHOOL: CHOATE ROSEMARY HALL CONCORD ACADEMY THE ETHEL WALKER SCHOOL HOTCHKISS SCHOOL KINGSWOOD OXFORD SCHOOL LAWRENCEVILLE SCHOOL THE LOOMIS CHAFFEE SCHOOL MASTER'S SCHOOL MILLBROOK SCHOOL MISS PORTER'S SCHOOL NORWICH FREE ACADEMY PATHWAYS ACADEMY PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY SUFFIELD ACADEMY THE TAFT SCHOOL WATKINSON SCHOOL WESTMINISTER SCHOOL WESTOVER SCHOOL

Our first graduating class is headed to college

## **PRINCETON YALE**

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## AMADU BARRIE 2021



Hello, my name is Amadu Barrie. I am a freshman at Loomis Chaffee, and I'm excited to share my story. Trinity Academy has been incredibly important to me, my family, and my friends. When I was around the age of 9, my parents told me I would be going to Trinity. I was nervous, but I soon realized it was the beginning of an important journey. Trinity offered a small, supportive learning environment that opened many doors for me. I built strong relationships with my peers and teachers and developed a solid academic and social foundation. Although I only spent my fourth-grade year at Trinity, the experience was transformative. Being inspired by my oldest brother, who attended Loomis Chaffee, I set my goals on joining him there. With hard work mentorship and guidance from Trinity, I attended Covenant Prep for middle school. While working towards my goal of becoming a future Pelican, I faced many challenges, but Trinity continually motivated and supported me, helping me stay on track.

As high school decisions approached, I was uncertain about my future, but I kept a positive mindset, remembering the lessons from Trinity. To my immense joy, I received the news that I would be a Pelican at Loomis Chaffee. I am deeply grateful to the people who supported me, including Covenant Prep and, most importantly, my parents, who chose Trinity for my education. Trinity stood by me through good times and bad, never wavering in their support. Even as I move forward as a Pelican, I am committed to finding ways to help students at Trinity follow a similar path with fewer struggles, ensuring they achieve their goals.

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We extend our deepest gratitude to all of our generous donors for their unwavering support and commitment to Trinity Academy. Your contributions have made a profound impact on our students' lives, helping to provide them with the education and opportunities they deserve.







A special thank you goes out to everyone who supported this year's Grand Slam Gala—your enthusiasm and generosity have been truly inspiring and instrumental in making the event a resounding success. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated community of supporters, and we look forward to continuing this journey together. Thank you for believing in our mission and for being a vital part of our Trinity Academy family.





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