

# THE ART OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In my fifth year at Trinity I've truly grown to love the kind of school we have, and those principles for which we stand. Why do I think Trinity is unique in Kentucky, and one of the best schools in the Southeast? Let's look at three areas:

**Great Academics:** You've probably all heard about our scores, scholarships, and college admissions and our thoughtful, classical curriculum. We were recently looking at how every grade in every area runs far ahead of national norms. At a typical public school the curriculum would necessarily have to be focused to a median 20 points or so below where your children are. Now you could say, I can get great academics at a "prep" school. But in addition to strong academics, I love the...

**Spiritual Focus:** Your child studies the Bible, is challenged to personal piety, memorizes Scripture, and has great devotional and Chapel times. Responsibility is taught within a moral framework: responsibility to God, to family, to society, and to be stewards of Creation. We truly try to lead students in these areas, and not legalistically or judgmentally. But I was told recently, "Christian Schooling is just public school with chapel. After all, we go to Sunday School and have a great youth group." So for me, the most critical element is...

**Transformational Integration:** Question: how is driving different because we are Christians? How about mowing or doing the dishes? All areas of life come under His Lordship—nothing is neutral. We passionately desire children to see their faith as a natural part of who they are and everything they do—not a "value added" component. The mind of Christ must be part of every activity, every subject, every discipline. The Lord doesn't want a good attorney who is a Christian on the side, but a thoroughgoingly Christian attorney. God wants Christian doctors, homemakers, businessmen—he wants them invading all parts of the world and every sphere of influence. At Trinity, the transformative nature of the Gospel must penetrate every lesson, every class, and every encounter. Children are being prepared for a high calling and an immense challenge: to be builders of the Kingdom, wherever he sends them for their entire lives.

"Teach them to be disciples"—that sums up our purpose. Education is for discipleship.

James Armistead, Headmaster



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