

# FROM THE HEADMASTER

## Gala Results, Financial Aid

What a Gala!

We were so thrilled at the number of you that were able to attend the "Seeds of Faith" Auction and Gala put on by the PTF. Thanks from us all go to Debbie Gibbons, Tara Carlson, and so many others that worked tirelessly to put it on. What a great crowd and eager bidders we had. The format allowed members of the community not previously associated with Trinity to be invited, and I don't believe I have ever seen more new faces at a Trinity event.

I just received word that the Gala was also an outstanding financial success. After deducting all expenses, over \$18,000 was raised to further the Lord's work among us. Praise be. And thanks to all of you for your support, whether by bidding, attending, doing legwork, or by prayer.

### Financial Aid

I was very pleased that the Board chose to increase the financial aid pool, and also to "tweak" the formula to try to cover more of tuition costs. An excellent financial aid program is a crucial part of excellence in Christian education, and I believe every part of Trinity's program is well thought-out. You can be assured that only a small committee of three Board members, our Bookkeeper (Sharon Caudill), and I ever see any of that information. We also use the same criteria for all applicants.

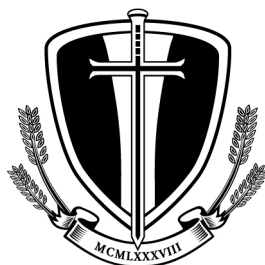
There are two components to our Financial Aid program: 1. FFNA. The Family Financial Needs Assessment is a Christian organization that works with Christian schools. A parent would fill out the application, send them a copy of your tax return, and then they would return a "need analysis" to us which would be the basis of your award.

2. If the award based on the FFNA isn't enough, there is the Extended Aid process. At this level you would tell our committee the details about your financials, and the amount of aid you need above the FFNA. We will do our best to meet as much of that need as we can.

If you are considering other educational options due to finances, I would love for you to fill out an FFNA to see if your family would qualify for aid. The FFNA forms are available in the school offices--the processing fee is \$20. If you reply to this email and ask me, I'll mail the form right out to you. The FFNA application can also be filled out online <http://www.ffna1.com/application.htm>. The online fee is \$30, and you will need to fax or mail your income tax return as well.

May God bless your family, and may He richly bless our school according to his will.

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