

Trinitas Classical School

From the 7th-8th Grade Teachers...

Welcome to the Seventh and Eighth Grade classroom! In the future, you will receive the weekly class newsletter by logging in to the Trinitas website.

COMMUNICATION

Every day your child will bring home an assignment log containing a list of unfinished homework (including review work) and any notes from your child's teachers. Whether or not you will be required to initial it will depend on your child's work habits. When good habits are in place, less supervision of work is necessary at this age; even where good habits do exist, parental involvement encourages the student by showing interest in his or her work and life.

Students in Grades 7-8 will have a folder for almost every subject. In these folders you will find notes, handouts, and homework. If the subject is entered in the assignment log, the subject folder goes home.

CULTURE

The entire school has three simple rules, which we will discuss in class:

1. Respect yourself, others, and things.
2. Contribute to the learning environment.
3. Follow school and classroom procedures.

In addition to these three, our classroom has these basic rules:

1. Eyes front when the teacher is talking.
2. Raise your hand and wait for permission to speak.
3. Follow directions the first time they are given.
4. Stay in your seat unless you have permission to do otherwise.
5. Treat others the way you would like them to treat you.

If the need should arise for a child's behavior to be corrected in the class, you can expect the following:

1st violation: Cue from teacher

2nd violation: Face-to-face reminder of the rule and consequences; redirection

3rd violation: A phone call or conversation between parents and teacher to discuss the pattern, assess the situation, and develop a solution.

4th violation: Removal from room (Step One of the School Discipline Cycle is initiated.) The gravity of an action or its habitual appearance may result in an immediate move to this step.

COURSE TESTS

The normal testing schedule is printed below. Regular review should anticipate this and prevent any unpleasant surprises for you and your child.

Regular Schedule:

- ✓ Monday: Arrive in regular uniform and bring PE clothes. Art assignments due.
- ✓ Tuesday and Thursday: Literature due (Lit papers due in electronic form by 8pm the night before).
- ✓ Wednesday: Music assignments due
- ✓ Thursday: Bible memory due
- ✓ Friday: Arrive in regular uniform and bring PE clothes. History, Latin, and Greek tests, Bible UQs due.

Math and Science tests will be given at the completion of each unit; no day is predetermined.

We look forward to working with you to develop in your child a habit of excellence in all things. Please keep us informed of anything that will assist us all in this growth.

Regards,

Mr. Fynewever-Muyskens, Mr. Marth, Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. Richards

If you need to contact us, try the following:

Peter Marth: History, Bible, Greek

- 1) If yours is not an urgent question, you may email me at pmarth@trinitasclassical.org, and I will reply within one day.
- 2) If you need a reply early the same evening (e.g., a homework question), call me. If it's before 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, call the school: 855-6518. If it's before 9 p.m., call me at home: 667-3277.

Sue Miller: Latin

- 1) I check my email every day, so you can contact me at smiller@trinitasclassical.org and I will respond within a day.
- 2) You can also contact me on my home phone before 9 PM at 243-5173.

Maureen Richards: Literature/Composition and Grammar

- 1) Although I only go into Trinitas on Tuesday and Thursday, I check my email multiple times a day and throughout the weekend, so you can contact me at mrichards@trinitasclassical.org, and I will respond quickly.
- 2) If the question is urgent, you can also contact me on my home phone before 10pm at 616-531-6715.
- 3) If the question is more than urgent and interferes with the completion of homework, you can contact me on my cell phone at 616-916-3751.

Robb Fynewever-Muyskens: Math, Science, Logic

- 1) Email at rfynewever@trinitasclassical.org
- 2) Call my cell, 477-7741.