



Tri-Cities Prep: Newsletter

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Board of Directors Update

On behalf of the Board of Directors, welcome to the 2016/2017 school year! The Board of Directors is made up of 17 men and women committed to ensuring that the mission of Tri-Cities Prep is being served. Using the Strategic Plan developed in 2015 as our guide, we meet each month to help make Prep a great place for our students.

The Board of Directors welcomed two new members this summer: Katy Moore and Lance Amato. We also welcomed John Noble as the new Vice-President of Buildings and Grounds. As a reminder, our meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month and promptly begin at 5:30 pm. All board meetings are held in room 161 and you are invited to attend. For a listing of our current board members, please visit our website at tcrep.org to access that information as well as the dates of all our meetings this year. You will notice that our website has recently been upgraded, and it is fantastic! Our hope is that this it will now be easier to navigate and will serve as an ongoing source of information for our Prep families.

Tri-Cities Prep is special, and one of the benefits we all receive is the spirit of community that is formed through involvement in school activities. This year we will be posting opportunities for volunteering on our website. Simply visit the “Volunteering” page to access upcoming and current opportunities. We are so grateful for the generous gifts of time and talent given to Prep by each and every one of you!

Thank you for sending your son or daughter to our school. I look forward to this year and to the privilege of working with the board, administration, faculty and parents. Together we will make this an outstanding year for our entire Prep community.

Sincerely,

Lisa Jacobs
President

Principal's Message: Theme Of the Year

Each year the faculty at Tri-Cities Prep selects a theme for the year based upon the pillars of Ignatian Pedagogy. This year's theme is Open to Growth: In ourselves and others.

Within our theme is the recognition that all of us need to be open to the movements of the Holy Spirit in our lives, open to Christ's message, open to God's calling, and open to our own personal growth. We strive within the school house to encourage our students to be open to growth, challenging them to learn more, challenging them to become the best person they can become. For this growth to take place, we also recognize that we need to nurture a culture which allows for this growth.

Understanding that the Prep student is in the process of being "formed", we look for ways to direct and encourage their growth. As important, we seek to curb the common impulse to pigeon-hole a student and define them as who they were in the past, or worse define them by what their siblings were like.

This formation **to** growth is not something that is limited to how we engage with our students, but also how we as adults engage with one another. In every business, the element of professional evaluations include areas of growth. As adults we recognize that we too are a "work in progress", capable of growth, development and change.

Mass of the Holy Spirit

A long-standing tradition of Catholic High Schools is to have a Mass (service) at the beginning of the year to ask for the Lord's blessing on the students and faculty, while calling on the Holy Spirit to be present and guide the school year.

This year's Mass of the Holy Spirit will take place on Wednesday, September 21st at 6:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room/Chapel at the school.

We ask that all students and parents attend this service, and in order to make it possible, faculty agree not to assign homework for the evening.

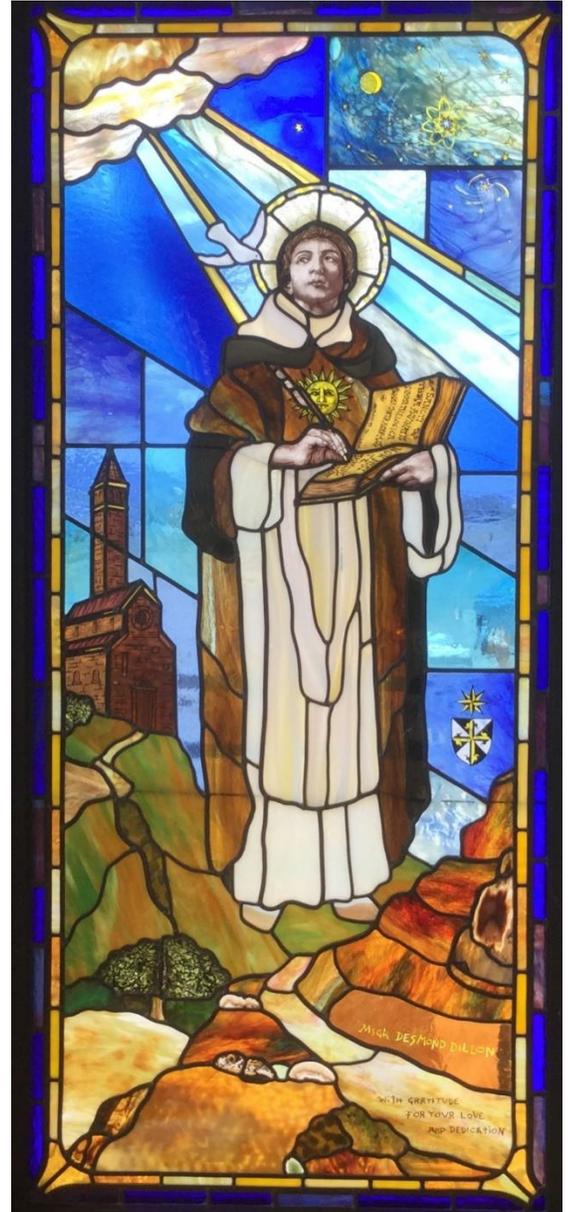
Please be a part of this important event as we set the tone for the rest of the year. Join the school and your student at Mass of the Holy Spirit.

What a wonderfully liberating idea. Embracing each and every day from a point of view "what will I learn today" "What am in in the process of becoming?" In the terms of mathematics, our growth is a line, not a segment, and our growth knows no limitations.

I hope that as we approach this year, we can all embrace the theme of being Open to Growth: In Ourselves and Others; and that in doing so we can help open up the future to our collective human possibilities.

I guess it's true what they say "God's not finished with me yet."

In His service,

Cura Personalis Mentoring Program

This marks our second year of the Cura Personalis program and we are excited about how it has positively impacted the school.

At the start of this year, it seems appropriate that we review the components of the program so we are all working from common expectations.

Every faculty member (mentor) has a group of mentees they meet with weekly for 15-20 minutes. During these meetings, the mentors share information pertinent to the students as well as check in on how the students are progressing in classes.

Faculty mentors also check on how specific students are performing in their classes, and when necessary suggest meetings or conferences.

Each faculty mentor is asked to make contact with the parents of all their mentees at least once a month.

Additionally, if a mentor sees that a student is struggling in a class, they will contact the parents.

It's important to note that sometimes the parent contact will take the place in the form of e-mail or text, while other times it will be in the form of a phone call.

If you have a concern about how your student is doing, or if you have information which might help us to serve your student, please don't hesitate to contact the school via the mentor or a teacher. We are committed to working with you as partners in education.

If your student is absent, please call or email the office that day and send your student with a note for the office upon their return. Students should also speak individually with their teachers to find out what class work they have missed.



“Who is texting you in the middle of the school day?”

“My mom”

Just a reminder:

All phones should be kept in lockers from the beginning of school until the end of the day with the power off; and electronic devices should be used for academic purposes only. Please help us by supporting this rule.

What is going on around here?

Here at Prep we want parents and families to be a part of the school community and we welcome you to all our events, whether they be during the school day or in the evening.

There are a number of opportunities to volunteer and get involved as well. If there is an event or group you'd like to help with, please contact the school and we will help you to get involved.

Our primary forms of communication with you are:

The Newsletter

Daily Bulletins

Contact from mentors

The website: www.tcprep.org



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We will be partnering this fall with Pasco Vision Clinic in order to provide free eye screening for Tri-Cities Prep students.

The screenings will take place on Thursday, October 6th from 8 am to noon at the school.

Retreat Ministry

As an important element of Prep's formation, we provide a series of retreats for students.

Each grade has the opportunity to participate in a grade-level retreat during the school year. Additionally, we have two separate retreats for the young men and women. These retreats allow each gender to focus on items which are specific to their development, and build bonds of friendship and support.

Upcoming Retreat dates:

Wednesday, October 12: Senior Retreat

Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 15-16: Boys and Girls Retreat

If you are interested in helping out with our Retreat Ministry, please call Teresa Kruschke at the school. 509-546-2465

Service Inside the School

Each year Tri-Cities Prep welcomes the citizens of our local ARC organization. The students in the sophomore class are asked to be hosts for these visits, leading the visitors in a variety of activities.

These visits have become a tradition at Prep and we have seen how the sophomores, through this opportunity, have become more self-aware and sensitive to the needs of others.

This year, for the second year, our student body will welcome the ARC for a Halloween dance and celebration. We are looking forward to another memory-filled year with our friends from ARC.



Prescription and non-prescription medication must be stored and administered in the main office. Medication should never be found in a student's locker. The medication must be in its original

container with the Doctor's written instructions for its use. Written parental permission to dispense medications must be on file. Non-prescription medication must also be accompanied by a physician's and/or parental permission note. Students are forbidden to distribute any medications, prescription or over the counter, to anyone else for any reason.

College Information

Seniors are working with their mentors narrowing down the details they will need for college applications.

We have a College information night on Thursday, September 22 at 6:30 pm for Juniors, Seniors, and their parents. Additionally, our annual college application day will take place on Friday, October 7th from 8:30 am – noon. Faculty will be on hand to assist seniors in the application process.

We are scheduling college visits on campus, and encourage students of all grade levels to meeting with the college recruiters.