

CRUSADER NEWS

Williston Trinity Christian School Newsletter

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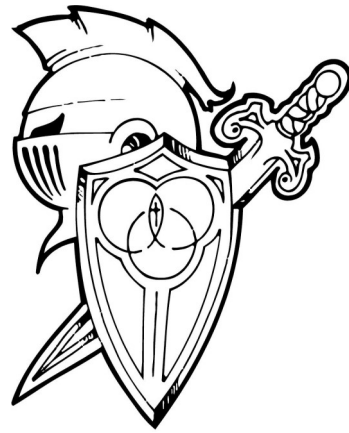
I graduated 11 years ago from Williston Trinity Christian School. Little did I know the plans that the Lord had for me to still be a part of such an amazing organization. If you would have told me while I was in school, that in ten years I would be married to the Vice Principal, Mrs. Blotsky, I would have laughed. I am now a part of this school in a different aspect, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

I was not the best student, athlete, or musician, but that didn't matter at WTCS. I always felt at home in the walls of Williston Trinity Christian. See, even when you walk out the doors after your senior year of high school; Trinity goes with you. Being a student at WTCS was instrumental in my life. It helped me in my faith and my approach at life. Williston Trinity Christian taught me how to treat others with kindness and respect.

So now, 11 years removed, and being involved with the school is an amazing gift. I love being able to go to athletic events, music concerts, and fundraisers. Seeing the students in the halls and getting to know them each as individuals is very important to my wife and I. When we see students going on mission trips, taking their talents to the next level, or getting into their college of choice, we feel immense pride for each of them. We love investing in these students, they are all one-of-a-kind, and our hope is someday when they leave WTCS they'll invest in others too.

My wife and I have a passion for Williston Trinity Christian School, it is deep rooted. Williston Trinity Christian is and will always be a sort of tradition in our home. We are excited for the day when our daughter will walk these halls as a student.

-Zachary Blotsky
Williston Trinity Christian School Alum, Class of 2005



What does
WTCS mean
to you?

I am very thankful to be part of the WTCS staff. It has been such a huge blessing that I can't imagine my life without it. There is nothing that compares with the joy of watching children grow in their faith. I love hearing the children pray, sing praises to God, and recite God's Word. I also value the friendships that I have been privileged to gain through WTCS. God has truly blessed our school and I look forward to what He will do in the future.

-Lois Johnson, WTCS founding teacher and alumni parent



I've been going to WTCS since the fourth grade. It has been really good for me to be able to learn about the Bible in every single class for 8 straight years. With some of the struggles I've had in my life, I don't know where I would be without the opportunity to hear the Word every day. For that, I am very grateful.

-Beau Skurdal, WTCS Class of 2017

Cory Fleck—Superintendent/Principal



Crusader Nation,

We are continually striving to pursue high expectations in every aspect of Christian Education. I feel confident about where we are going as a school. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers as the Holiday Season approaches. I hope this Christmas Season you take the time to be joyful and celebrate the birth of our Heavenly Father.

Since our last newsletter, we have had some changes to our staff. One of those is the addition of our Pastor and new Director of Development, Wade Nelson. He has brought the spirit of prayer and a renewed spirit of unity. Pastor Wade has brought many new ideas in the development area of our school. We are excited for the different ways we can be a blessing to our community, and how we can show others the significance of a Christian

Education. We live in challenging times, and our school is a light that shines bright in our region.

"By faith we understand that the world was framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible." (Hebrews 11:3, NKJV)

Academically, we have made great strides. Mrs. La Lynda Blotsky has been a major part of our academic mission. We hosted a Math Day Camp this past summer; and we have implemented a Math Enhancement Program for our students K – 12 this school year. We have also brought back AP (Advanced Placement) courses this year. We provide an exceptional education with low student to teacher ratio (13 to 1). This enables our teachers to give the students significant one on one time. Mrs. Blotsky is also currently offering an ACT prep course after school. All college bound students, from around the region, are welcome to take part in this preparatory course. Any parents/students interested, please call the office to sign up.

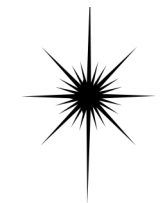
Personally, I am excited for the next phase of change at WTCS. Pastor Wade and I have had the opportunity to visit one of the best Christian schools in the nation, in Las Vegas, NV, on November 14, 2016. Faith Lutheran is the largest Lutheran school in the U.S.A. We gained valuable insight into a place of excellence and a place of humble beginnings; much like WTCS. The Administrator of Faith Lutheran shared with us his school and some great advice. In the following three months, we will bring some of these ideas to WTCS. We feel we have made great changes in the past 18 months, but are looking forward to our continued progression of improvement at WTCS. My goal is to visit more great schools and continue to learn from the best. We have a wonderful opportunity to raise the bar even more in this outstanding place.

We are also on the brink of celebrating 25 years at Williston Trinity Christian. We invite the first families who took the leap of "faith" to give their children a Christian Education into our building to celebrate 25 years of WTCS. We have been in this building for almost fifteen years. We invite you back to take a walk through the building, peak into our gym, or spend some time in our chapel. We also invite all alumni and former students into our building. In addition, if you are interested in being a part of the planning of the celebration of 25 years, please contact Pastor Wade (701) 580 – 8367.

"For we walk by faith and not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7) This is our verse of the year and it has great significance not only for our school, but for each of us in our walk with the Lord. I pray that life is treating you well. Sometimes, life throws us a curve ball. If you are in need of an encouraging voice for a moment or need prayer, we as a staff are always available to pray with you or for you. We can also have our Pastor on staff contact you if needed. You are always welcome to send prayer requests to our email info@tcsnd.org and we will pray on behalf of your request.

In closing, thank you for your support and prayers for our school, staff, and students. I pray that you have a great 2017 and that your best years are ahead of you.

God bless and have a Merry Christmas,
Cory Fleck



La Lynda Blotsky—Vice Principal/Activities Director

Merry Christmas! I am honored to be able to hold the position as Vice Principal and Activities Director at Williston Trinity Christian School. I am blessed to serve some of the best students in Williams County and to work alongside some of the best teachers in education. This year has gone by quickly, as we have been eagerly implementing programs to help our students and teachers strive for greatness.

This summer we offered a community wide, free, math day camp. We had students from surrounding schools, public and private. WTCS hosted students in Kindergarten through Senior in High School. This day camp gave our students and surrounding families the opportunity to expand their student's mathematical knowledge through fun, and exciting activities. Our math camp was the first piece implemented in our school-wide Math Action Plan.

Our Math Action Plan is a two year plan in which we will see growth in our student's math scores. WTCS students in grades K-4 receive thirty minutes extra of hands-on math activities every day. Our students in grades 5-8 receive an extra 50 minutes of math every day. Our goal at Williston Trinity Christian School is to make math fun, and exciting, while strengthening our students' mathematical skills. WTCS is striving to see our students earn top scores in Mathematics. During "Math Enhancement" time, the students are grouped based on their individual ability level where they play games, create hands-on projects, and learn using styles you would not see in a typical classroom setting. This time allows students to get up and move, work cooperatively, and excel at their own individual levels.

We are blessed to announce WTCS now has a functioning library. Janelle Charles has taken on the task to be the WTCS Librarian. Janelle has put much time and effort into restoring our Library, complete with new books, check-out system, a beautiful mural, and an inviting environment. Along with our new library, we have also implemented the Accelerated Reader program. This program was so graciously donated to WTCS. This will allow teachers to better track their student's reading comprehension and reading level.

The Crusader Activity Department is in full swing! We recently wrapped up our fall sports. This fall was the inaugural season to our 6-Man Junior High Football Team. We were able to see our students play football on our very own field. It truly brought school spirit to WTCS. The winter season has kicked off with basketball, drama, and speech. Our high school girls basketball team will be playing in our building this year. We are excited to see our Lady Crusaders back in purple and teal!

Blessings,
La Lynda Blotsky
Vice Principal/Activities Director



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday, December 22—Monday, January 2: **Christmas Break**
Monday, January 2: **JH Girls & JH/JV/V Boys Basketball at HOME vs. Trenton**, 3:30pm,4:30/5:45/7:15pm.
Tuesday, January 3: **School resumes**
Tuesday, January 3: **JH/JV/V Boys Basketball at HOME vs. New Town**, 4:15/5:45/7:15pm.
Saturday, January 7: **JV/V Boys Basketball at HOME vs. Beach**, 2:00/3:00pm
Monday, January 16: **No School. Teacher In-Service.**
Thursday, January 19: **JV Girls Basketball at HOME vs. White Shield**, 5:30pm.
Saturday, January 21: **JV/V Boys Basketball at HOME vs. Watford City**, 4:15/5:45pm.
Tuesday, January 24: **JV Girls & JV/V Boys Basketball at HOME vs. Parshall**, 4:15/5:45/7:15pm.
Wednesday, January 25: **End of Quarter 2.**
Tuesday, January 31: **JH/JV/V Boys Basketball at HOME vs. Powers Lake**, 4:30/5:45/7:15pm.



**Wade Nelson
Director of Development
Dean of Students**

**DIRECTOR OF
DEVELOPMENT**

Banquet –

The response to the banquet has been nothing but POSITIVE!! Great comments from those who attended praising our team unity, amazing atmosphere here on campus, wonderful speaker, enjoyable food, and exciting auction. The generous giving and sponsorships, enhanced our tremendous success. There remains a positive buzz around town regarding the banquet. We have begun strategizing for next year's event, and reaching out to potential speakers.



Prayer Walk

Over a dozen families brought in more than \$500 each in support to help achieve a HUGELY successful fundraiser. Yet that was eclipsed by the 225 participants who wore a path in the grass around the football field as we prayed for our nation for nine straight hours!

Playground

There has been a \$10,000 anonymous donation given in honor of Tom Oxendahl, a late WTCS alumni, toward new playground equipment. In addition, there is a few thousand dollars being pledged for a matching fund drive, for those who would like to participate.

DEAN OF STUDENTS

Spiritual Emphasis Week, November 7th—11th

Pastor Greg Washington was an unbelievable blessing to our student body. He reminded our students that Jesus is not afraid of their mess, Jesus is in the boat, and don't give away your inheritance.

Chapel

Students are being challenged to be doers of the word, as they learn to apply the word to their daily walk!

7th grade challenge – Dreams vs Goals!!

A dream becomes a goal when action is taken to achieve it!

HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following students for having outstanding academic work ethic. We are proud of our Crusaders!

Over half of our student body in grades 5-12 is on the honor roll this quarter!

76% of our students in grades 9-12 have a 3.0 or higher (88% and higher = 3.0)

Quarter 1 Honor Roll

Grades 5-8 A Honor Roll

Ethan Babcock	Derek Lee
Jeremiah Crosby	Hayley Melby
Dylan McGlothlin	Vanessa Neumann
Mason Haugenoe	Molly Setchfield

Grades 5-8 B Honor Roll

Rebeca Cruz	Dallas Pitman
Jeslyn Hendrickson	Samantha Romo
Maguire Neumann	Carter Smith
Aleki Ayon	Andre Vazquez
Hannah Cornell	Ben Weeks
Dawson Fleck	Titus Lee
Rane Pederson	Jon Moonen

Grades 9-12 3.0 Honor Roll

Nakia Nelson	Ilyssa Sanford
Alice Pederson	Taylor Heape
Andra Smith	Hannah Nix
Alyssa Ellvanger	Gabriel Vazquez
Gwen Holmen	Olivia Hamrick
Peyton Monzon	Josh Tervo

Grades 9-12 3.5 Honor Roll

Ethan Decker	Kaia Pole
Madison Lackey	Kaleb Cornell
Jonathan Babcock	Miranda Penner
Ashley Melby	Jacqueline Williams
Ashton Pierce	Jeremy Larson

Grades 9-12 4.0 Honor Roll

Greta Eder

CRUSADERS OF THE MONTH

Criteria for Crusaders of the Month include:

- Positive and respectful
- Diligence and effort
- Preparedness
- Adherence to school policy

September 2016
Ricardo Macias
4th Grade

Hayley Melby
7th Grade

Kaleb Cornell
11th Grade

October 2016
Kinsley
Hendrickson
4th Grade

Taija Rasmussen
8th Grade

Gwen Holmen
10th Grade



Williston Trinity Christian School strives to assist parents in providing an education that encourages academic excellence and social responsibility taught in a Biblically-based Christian context.



I am excited to announce that WTCS has been awarded a grant from Wells Fargo (Herman Family Foundation) in the amount of \$7,000! These funds will be used towards purchasing a new math curriculum for grades 9-11.

My excitement to work for WTCS and the amazing families who have dedicated their hearts to this school has only continued to grow each day since the first day I was hired. My goal as a teacher is to not only teach and prepare my students, but I also strive towards making mathematics family friendly, fun, and easy to understand.

After teaching from many different mathematic books, I have come to find my favorite publisher is the Holt-McDougal-Larson Editions of Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. These editions have made students and their families' lives easier due to organization, ease of use, and the connections made from chapter to chapter. These editions are also in line with the current standards and provide the instruction students need to become college bound.

Coming from a large public school, I thought I would be prepared for the transition, but as we know, funding is always an obstacle for private schools. Our budget did not allow for us to purchase these books this school year, but I was determined to make this happen for our WTCS students. I spent several weeks in July writing a grant. In the meantime, our students have been using an online version of this text-book along with many photocopied homework pages.



We have prayed for this curriculum, and God delivered with more than we had originally asked for. The original grant amount was \$6,700, and Wells Fargo awarded us \$7,000. I could not be more proud and grateful as a teacher of this school to say that we are growing in amazing ways.

Thank you and God Bless,
Courtney Ransom, WTCS High School Math Teacher

WELLS FARGO GRANT

ALUMNI

We invite all of the Williston Trinity Christian School alumni to stay connected! Alumni are encouraged to submit their contact information to WTCS so they can be added to the Alumni Directory. This will help us keep you informed about events, and it will also help alumni stay connected with classmates. We would love to hear an update about your journey after graduation. Email us your story!

WTCS Alumni are also encouraged to attend campus events such as athletic games, plays, concerts, homecoming, or any other events at WTCS. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school at 701-774-9056 or email information@tcsnd.org. Thank you! Go CRU!

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

Weather Policy

Students are required to go outside during recess unless the air temperature and/or wind chill is -10° or colder. It is important that students be properly dressed during cold weather. During inclement weather, students need a separate pair of shoes to be worn inside the building. Snow boots will be worn during recess and shoes during class time.

If school is cancelled or delayed, you will receive a notice via text/email. If you have a new phone number or email, please inform the front office.

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
good will toward men.”

Luke 2:14

From all of us at Williston Trinity Christian School
Merry CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY New Year

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