

## Kindergarten F.A.Q. 2011–12



### *How do I know if Trinity Christian School is the right place for our family?*

There is a shared commitment and understanding among our faculty, board, staff and parents—our children are our future. We are united in our mission to “equip students to become Disciples of Christ” and you will find that each person you meet is here for one reason: to grow His kingdom, one student at a time. We are continually enhancing our programs and practices to help ensure that our students are equipped for success in every facet in life. Our combined focus of academic and Biblical excellence is a unique approach to education and worth your investment.

### *What is the difference between half-day and full-day Kindergarten?*

Trinity Christian School’s Kindergarten Program provides a learning environment that is developmentally appropriate for Kindergarteners. Both full-day and half-day programs are full of literature and language-development skills and are based on the Illinois Learning Standards. The major difference between the two classrooms is the amount of time there is to cover the curriculum. Both programs cover the same subject matter and are held to the same academic standards. The full-day students have more time to cover the given subjects and complete extended literature studies and thematic units.

The half-day program includes Music, Spanish, and P.E. The full-day program includes music, P.E., Art, Computers and Spanish.

For our full-day Kindergarten students, there is a “quiet time” built into most days. Most children do very well with a short rest time in the middle of the day. No one is required to sleep. We simply slow our bodies down for a period of time.

### *What is the class size?*

Half-day and full-day Kindergarten has a maximum of 24 students in each class.

### *What is the schedule for the Kindergarten classes?*

Trinity Christian School has two options for kindergarten. Our full-day Kindergarten is five days a week and is from 8:30 am to 3:15 pm. Our half-day option (morning only) is five days per week from 8:30 am – 11:30 pm.

### *What is the difference in tuition between half-day and full-day Kindergarten?*

Half-day: \$3028 Full-day: \$5,085

Fees Per Student: (All fees are non-fundable)

Registration: \$175 K-5 Curriculum: \$200 Technology: \$100



*What sort of Christian teaching will my child be exposed to?*

The number one reason that Trinity Christian School exists is to glorify God. That is accomplished by teaching children about Him. All aspects of your child's education will be supported with Biblical truth. Your child will receive daily Bible lessons, participate in weekly chapel services, celebrate Christian holidays and be surrounded by mature Christian teachers and staff who will nurture your child's spiritual growth. As a school, we strive to make sure that all children develop knowledge and understanding of Jesus so they can make the decision to enter into a personal relationship with Him. We invest greatly in each student and in our staff. We are committed to integrating faith and learning that gives each student a definite advantage in life. We hold to a high standard of academic excellence while teaching Biblical values.

*What is involved in the screening process?*

Your child will be screened on the following: fine motor skills, communication, and general knowledge. Screeners will also be looking at social interactions, maturity level and behavior, separation from parent, etc.

The following is a list of some specific skills we will observe for Kindergarten readiness. Please understand; no preparation is necessary for Kindergarten Screening. This is for your information only.

- Separation from parents
- Listening Skills
- Following directions
- Know name, parents names, address, phone number
- Waits turn and shares with others
- Scissor skills
- Pencil Grip
- Recognizes and prints name
- Counting from 1 – 10
- Naming shapes; triangle, square, circle, oval, rectangle
- Basic colors
- Letter sounds
- Letter recognition (upper and lower case)



*Do you provide before and after school care?*

BASK (Before and After School Care) is offered only to Trinity families and students. All ~~grades~~ are eligible but half-day Kindergarten may attend the before school care only. BASK hours are from 7:00 am to 8:15 am and 3:31 pm to 6:00 pm. BASK follows the current school calendar. For early dismissal days, BASK is only available in the morning. Please see the school's website for more information on rates and times.

*Will my child be screened before entering Kindergarten?*

Each Kindergartener will attend a Kindergarten screening. Your child will be assessed by a current Kindergarten teacher during a scheduled screening time unless enrolled in Trinity's K4 program in which the K4 teacher will conduct the assessment.

As you prayerfully consider becoming part of the Trinity family, parents of future Kindergarteners are welcome to schedule a tour. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a tour, please call the school office at (815) 577 – 9310.