



Important Trinity Upper School 2024-2025 Information

June 2024

Dress Code Please see the [attached handbook selection](#) for the updated 2024-2025 dress code. You will note that dress code updates are highlighted.

Summer Reading In addition to the *Trinity Reads* book, Upper School students have summer reading as specified below. Students should complete these books by the first day of regular classes.

Please purchase these books on your own using the specified ISBN number.

- Grade 9
- All Humanities 9 students read [Lord of the Flies](#) (ISBN: 9780399501487). [Click here](#) for its summer assignment.
 - Honors Humanities 9 students also read excerpts of a second summer book, [The History of the World in 100 Objects](#) (ISBN: 0143124153). [Click here](#) for its summer assignment.
- Grade 10
- All Humanities 10 students read [The Hiding Place](#) (ISBN: 9780800794057). [Click here](#) for its summer assignment.
 - Honors Humanities 10 students also read excerpts of [The History of the World in 100 Objects](#) (ISBN: 0143124153). [Click here](#) for its summer assignment.
 - Note: All grade 10 students will need to complete a Computer Skills Assessment before becoming exempt from having to attend proctored study halls. That Assessment may be completed over the summer. Within the next ten days, the details about completing that assessment will be shared along with links to be utilized in completing it.
- Grade 11
- All Humanities 11 students read [My Name is Asher Lev](#) (ISBN: 9781400031047). [Click here](#) for its summer assignment.
 - Honors Humanities 11 students also read excerpts of a second summer book, Charles Mann's [1491: New Revelations of the Americas before Columbus](#) (ISBN: 1400032059). [Click here](#) for its summer assignment.
- Grade 12
- Summer reading for our fall English classes will be emailed soon..

<i>Summer Planning</i>	The College Counseling Department has put together an Upper School Summer Planning Workbook . It includes some summer tasks to keep all students on track and tools like a goal-setting worksheet, a calendar to assign dates to those goals, and a reflection sheet. Staying organized over the summer will help when applying to college down the road!
<i>Bell Schedule</i>	There is a new schedule (24-25 US Schedule) this school year in the Upper School. Key changes for families to be aware of (1) On Monday-Thursday, classes begin at 8:15 a.m.; (2) on Friday they begin at 9:05; (2) classes are now 50 minutes and meet four times each week.
<i>Student Schedule</i>	We are excited that schedules are almost completely set for the coming year. In late July you will receive details about what class sections you are in and who your teachers are. From Monday, August 19 - Tuesday, September 10 we will have a drop/add period.
<i>Opening Days</i>	Wednesday, August 21: First Day of School • Grades 9, 10, 11, & 12 will be participating in grade level orientation activities. Students will also receive their laptops on this day. • Hot Lunch Program begins • US Parent Night from 7:00-9:00 p.m. (details shared later this summer) Thursday, August 22 • Upper School students will attend regular Thursday classes as a part of a slightly amended schedule. Friday, August 23 • Upper School students will attend regular Friday classes as a part of a slightly amended schedule. • Opening Chapel at 9:00 a.m. - Chapel Dress required Monday, September 2: Labor Day Holiday • No school this day Upper School Retreats • Between September 4th and 6th all grades will enjoy fellowship and bonding retreats together. Specific details will be shared later this summer. Note: All orientation and retreat activities are included in tuition.
<i>School Supplies</i>	Our Upper School Supply List is course-specific, so be sure of your student's classes before shopping. Graphing calculator requirements are listed on this document as well.
<i>Book Purchases</i>	Trinity Upper School provides textbooks for students, but families purchase the books and course packs that students will annotate for Humanities and certain other classes. As a convenience, we purchase these for families, bill your student's account, and distribute them

at the start of the school year. Here is the [Book List](#) for the year-long and semester classes that require families to purchase books.

Unless we hear from you by July 6th, we will purchase all new books for you based on your child's schedule and bill your account. Use this [US Book Purchase Form](#) to opt out of some or all of the books we purchase for you.

Note: Look for an email mid-July confirming senior English and History electives and sections before purchasing any books.

Grammar over the summer Congratulations for all you learned about writing this past year. The Humanities department hopes you will continue to grow as writers next year. One of the keys to effective writing is grammar competency, something of a struggle for many of us. We suspect that you might feel better about next year if you take some time this summer to keep working on the basics. Even a little time could yield valuable growth.

Here are a couple resources that could be helpful. One is a free collection of self-guided exercises found on [Khan Academy](#). Another fee-based option is [No Red Ink](#).

Trinity Reads It is a longstanding tradition for the Trinity community to read something together over the summer months. We call this communal reading experience *Trinity Reads*. This summer we are all reading [The Watsons Go to Birmingham](#).

School forms required for start of school year **Health Assessments / Immunization Records.** If your student is new to Trinity this school year, you will need to submit a Health Assessment (or similar) form, which contains health history, allergies, medications, etc. AND an updated Immunization record. Returning families, please upload proof of immunizations to your student's Magnus account. New families will receive information about the Magnus Account set up in the coming weeks. All forms may be found in a student's Magnus Health account or on the Trinity website.

*** There is an Immunization requirement of a Meningococcal booster for all students entering grade 12 or by age 17, whichever comes first.

[Medication Administration Form](#). If your student will need to take any medication (prescription, over-the-counter, or rescue) while at school or on a class trip, you will need to upload a completed Medication Administration Form to your student's Magnus account prior to the first day of school. This requires both parent and healthcare provider signatures. This is also necessary if you would like for your student to have the option of receiving over-the-counter medications from the school nurse's office. Upper School students are permitted to carry and self-administer over-the-counter medications if this completed form is uploaded to their Magnus account.

Other forms • [Sports Forms](#). Before participating in a Trinity practice or tryout, each student-athlete and

parent must complete these forms: Athletic Physical Form, Concussion Form, and Athletic Policy Form.

- [Transportation Permission Form](#). By the start of the school year, we ask all students to have on file this form signed by parents. It gives or denies permission for students to ride with student drivers.
- [Student Driver Info Form](#). This form is required for students who wish to drive themselves to school.

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Students with learning differences. Students with existing accommodation plans will continue to have access to the necessary accommodations in the Upper School. A team, which includes the student, parent, teacher, and learning specialist, will review the plan to ensure that the accommodations are appropriate at the start of each year. If an accommodation plan does not currently exist, and a team member believes there is a disability present, the Learning Services department will work with the family to secure the necessary components. Additional steps are required to receive accommodations from the College Board (PSAT, SAT, AP, Subject Tests) or the ACT. Parents should communicate with the Learning Services department far in advance of the desired test date.

Christian Life

Any students interested in planning Upper School worship times, leading worship, providing music for US Worship or being involved in other aspects of the 2024-2025 Christian Life program are invited to contact Mrs. VanTongeren at ellen.vantongeren@tsdch.org