

Academic Excellence. Inspired By Christ Since 1891.

1. **Bible Time:** Religion class gives us a chance to study God's Word and put the ideas of faith and forgiveness into practice. Our *Young Peacemakers* Curriculum helps students learn to resolve conflicts before they become problems. Supported by teachers, this approach gives students Bible-based tools for life!
2. **Camp Yamhill:** At the beginning of the year the 7th and 8th grade class take a field trip to one of the largest ropes courses in the Northwest, where they learn team building, leadership, and spiritual skills to carry with them throughout the year.
3. **Buddies:** The 7th and 8th graders spend time weekly with the 4-year-old preschool classroom where they read, do arts and crafts, attend chapel, and set an overall good example for the younger generation of Tigers. A highlight event is the Valentine's Day Buddy Breakfast.
4. **Sports:** Trinity offers middle schoolers volleyball, boys and girls basketball, and most recently added is track and field. Each spring the 5th thru 8th grades participate in some friendly intramural competition. 8th graders become captains, choose their teams, and compete each day in softball and kickball.
5. **Field Trips:** Field trips are woven into the curriculum of the classroom. We regularly attend performances by Portland Center Stage as well as other trips that reinforce the learning that is taking place in the classroom.
6. **8th Grade Banquet:** As the 8th graders prepare to leave our school, we honor their time here with a banquet. Families come and celebrate the accomplishments of each 8th grader and the 7th grade class serves as the waiters/waitresses for the evening, as well as present the 8th graders with their parting gifts.
7. **L.E.S.T.:** The Lutheran Elementary School Tournament is something that all of the middle school students look forward to. Hosted by Concordia University, students can compete in athletics, academics, and the arts.
8. **Critical Thinking:** 7th and 8th grade students are expected to start refining their critical thinking skills through the use of complex texts, writing topics, etc. At the end of each year, the group spends several weeks on a debate unit that culminates in one-on-one debates in front of the school.
9. **8th Grade Trip:** Every year the 8th graders take a trip as a culmination of their time at Trinity. In years past they have been to Seattle, Washington D.C., and this year they will attend the leadership training at Disneyland and California Adventure.
10. **And Much, Much, More!** Students in 7th and 8th grade also grow through weekly library time, dedicated time in the computer lab, and seasonal garden science classes!

"Empowered by Christ's love, Trinity Students engage in academic rigor to be lifelong learners and serve others"