

Family Packet

Work-A-Thon 2025



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Dear Trinity Students and Parents,

Trinity Christian School has held the Work-A-Thon (WAT) in the spring for the last 29 years. It provides hands-on learning that not only **shapes** and **challenges** students but also impacts people outside and around Trinity by ministering directly to them as well as raising funds for our school.

It is an opportunity for every student from kindergarten to twelfth grade to get involved by raising funds for Trinity. They can share their love for their school as well as Pittsburgh neighbors by serving them on the first Thursday in May.

This year our goal is to raise \$50,000 for improvements to our building as well as our general fund. However, we believe the largest benefit to Trinity might be that our students are learning how to give of themselves, and this leads to a loving and Christ-like environment. Everyone who is part of the Trinity community benefits from this love!

This year our theme is:

More Blessed to Give

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we must help the weak and remember the words of the
Lord Jesus, how he himself said,
'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'
Acts 20:30*

Thank you so much for your continued support to Trinity! We really appreciate all of your hard work and efforts to help make this event a success.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Working unto the Lord for the Work-A-thon,

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Questions and Answers:

What is the Work-A-Thon?

It is a two-part event:

- **Helping the Community** – On May 1, 2025, Trinity students, faculty, and parents will volunteer their time and effort to assist others. They will go to a variety of locations such as community pools and parks, churches, and local food banks. Some tasks will include sorting food, cleaning, and doing lawn work. In other words, Trinity students give back!
- **Fundraiser** - Students and families are encouraged to contact friends, family, and neighbors and ask them to sponsor them in the Work-A-Thon. The goal is to raise \$50,000 in financial support for our school. We need EVERY student and EVERY family to participate in fundraising. Fundraising is done now through April and money needs to be received by April 30st to be counted towards incentives.

How much should I ask for someone to sponsor me?

- Any amount is wonderful, but a sponsorship of \$25 or more would be greatly appreciated. Please let sponsors know that students can earn a casual day, and prizes based on the amount of money they raise.

How are donations made?

- Donors can donate online at www.trinitychristian.net (top right>Donate>Work-A-Thon) or by a check made out to Trinity Christian School. They can mail a check to 299 Ridge Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15221. Each check should have the student(s) name in the memo for them to receive credit.

We have multiple kids in our family; how are donations handled?

- All donations will be equally split between the students in a family unless the donor specifically directs differently.

Is my donation tax deductible, and can I get a tax receipt?

- All donations are tax deductible. Donors can print a receipt with an online donation. For donations brought or mailed in, a year end receipt will be mailed for \$100 or more as long as a mailing address is provided. However, the donor may request a donation receipt for any amount given.

What will we be doing for the Work-A-Thon?

- Students, faculty, and parent volunteers will go into the city to serve and show God's love. They will be helping at food pantries, community centers, churches, parks, pools, and other community locations to work hard and bless these places. Many of these establishments depend on our student workday to make the necessary improvements to their facilities. Specifically, our volunteers will be raking, sorting food and clothes, cleaning toys, doing yard work, interacting with the elderly, cleaning, and serving in various other ways.

Rewards and Incentives:

When kids work hard, we want to encourage them in their efforts. Below are the prizes that will be awarded to students and families. Sponsorships need to be received by **Tuesday April 29, 2025**, to count towards incentive.

Individual Prizes:

When you reach the following amounts, you will be eligible for:

\$20 – Candy

\$75 - Comfort Day May 2, 2025

\$150 – Entry into drawing for a \$50 gift card – get another entry for each \$150 raised.

2 Drawings

1) Elementary Students

2) Middle and High School Students

\$500 – Choose a single admission to Kennywood or Sandcastle or Idlewild or \$25 gift card

Family Prize

Each family that raises \$1,400 or more will earn 2 additional single admission tickets to your choice of Kennywood or Sandcastle or Idlewild or (2) \$25 gift cards.

Fundraising methods - Ways to reach your goal

The keys to fundraising are relationships, personal interaction, honesty, and the willingness to ask. Family, friends, co-workers, church members, neighbors and businesses will usually support a worthy cause when asked. Remember, you are not asking for money for yourself; you are asking your sponsors to join you in supporting an important cause.

Video

On Trinity's Work-A-Thon website and Facebook page, there is a short video that you can share with potential donors. You can share the video and/or include it in your emails.

Emails or Internet/Facebook Fundraising Sample

My school, Trinity Christian School, is serving our community this spring in various ways. We are working on giving back to the community and others. Our hope is to make a difference and honor/love our neighbors.

Would you please consider sponsoring me? Your sponsorship will not only help my school, but it will encourage community service.

To make an online donation: Go to www.TrinityChristian.net and choose Donate at the top right corner, then choose Work-A-Thon Donation from the drop down. There is a place for you to indicate I'm the student you are sponsoring.

Or, if you prefer, you can mail donation to: Trinity Christian School, 299 Ridge Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15221. Please be sure to put **my name** in the memo. I can earn some great prizes based on the amount of money I raise for my school!

All donations are tax deductible.
Thank you for your support!

Consider asking your employer to match what you raise!

Personal Letters/Phone Calls/In Person

Letters and emails are a great way to ask. We have included a letter in this packet, on the next page, that you can copy and mail out. When sending a letter, include a return envelope. We recommend a follow-up phone call for all emails and letters you have sent out. Personal calls are a highly effective means of soliciting and a great way to follow up after reaching out through social media. Also included is a sponsorship page to track donations if you are collecting them in person.

Dear _____

My school, Trinity Christian School, is serving our community this spring in various ways. I will be going out into the Pittsburgh community and volunteering my time and hard work to help others. Your sponsorship will not only help my school, but it will encourage community involvement. Would you make a donation in my name today? I am personally trying to raise \$500. I can earn a casual day and prizes based on the amount of money I raise for my school.

Thank you,

TO SPONSOR A STUDENT AND MAKE A DONATION FOR 2025 WORK-A-THON

Choose your payment option:

1. To make an online donation: Go to www.TrinityChristian.net and choose Donate at the top right corner, then choose Work-A-Thon Donation from the drop down. You can also scan the QR code to go directly to the donation page. There is a place for you to indicate I'm the student you are sponsoring.



OR

2. Complete this form and return it with your donation to Trinity Christian School 299 Ridge Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15221. Please make checks payable to **Trinity Christian School** or **TCS**.

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Donation Amount: \$_____

Student(s) Name: _____

Donations are tax deductible. Trinity will provide a year-end receipt for donations over \$100. For donations under this amount, please indicate if you would like a receipt sent to you.

___ Please email or mail a receipt for this donation.

Thank you so much for your time and generosity!!



