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talk back, alumni

We've had another amazing start at Trinity Episcopal School and we hope that you have had an exciting and smooth beginning this year. You are invited to participate in our annual **"Alumni Talk Back"** session with our eighth-graders, class of 2010, on **Monday, September 28, 11:30am-1pm**. TES alumni will be able to share your high school or college experiences, tips and advice with our students as they prepare for their upcoming transition from middle school to high school. If you're interested in participating in our alumni panel, please email [Derrick Gates](#) or [Jessica Masanotti](#).

we need your help!

We are working hard to create the best alumni affairs office in order to help our students, new and old, transition from school life into the real world. Your ideas and feedback will be beneficial in the development of this program. We've heard from a few alumni that there needs to be better communication among the various classes. Some have indicated an interest in creating an **Alumni Advisory Council** that will consist of two representatives from each class year. These class representatives would help facilitate email and phone communication regarding TES alumni events and news within their classes.

If you would like to serve on Trinity's Alumni Advisory Council as a class representative, please email [Jessica Masanotti](#) or [Derrick Gates](#) by Thursday, October 1. Thank you for your support and we hope you would consider sharing your gifts with the TES community. Thanks in advance and we look forward to working with you.

BOARDING SCHOOL BLITZ TOUR COMING TO a SCHOOL near YOU

Mr. Gates, joined by current seventh- and eighth-grade students, will tour boarding schools around the Southeast in November 2009.

If you are interested in leading a tour of your school, please email [Derrick Gates](#) or call 704. 358. 8101, ext 249. More information to come soon.

HEY, BE OUR FRIEND...on facebook!

We have a Facebook group solely dedicated to our alums. Check our page often for upcoming alumni events and school news. Most importantly, this group will give you the chance to stay in touch with your former classmates.

The group is listed on Facebook as *"Trinity Episcopal School Official Alumni Page."* If you have questions or issues in finding the group, contact [Jessica Masanotti](#). Feel free to pass the link on to other TES alums. We look forward to connecting with you soon. Happy Facebooking!

dates to remember

Alumni Talk-Back Panel

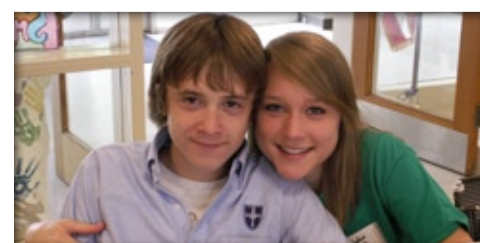
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Boarding School Tours

November 2009

Holiday Reunion Party

Saturday, December 19, 4-6pm



alumni news & notes

Wallace Branche ('08) spent three weeks in Nicaragua for a full Spanish immersion program. He lived with Nicaraguan families, learned Spanish and participated in 45 hours of community service. In addition, Wallace made the Varsity football team at Woodberry Forest as a Sophomore.

Charlie Williams ('05) opted to take a deferment to High Point University until fall of 2010 and will spend a year doing charity work with the elderly and at an orphanage in Russia through **Cross Cultural Solutions**. He received an award for Graphic Design from Myers Park High School and will pursue this area of study at High Point University.

Gabriele Maier ('04) made the Dean's List at Ohio State University in the Spring.

Kate Copeland ('09) volunteered this summer at the South County Library. She helped lead a young readers program every week. Kate, with her in-depth knowledge of the library's children programs, was offered a paid position for this fall. Kate, however, declined the offer so she can focus on her freshman year at Myers Park High School.

JD Wimbish ('08) worked a week this summer as a Senate page for the North Carolina General Assembly.

Gracie Beard ('04), sophomore at UNC Chapel Hill, spent the summer in Croatia teaching English to children in the town of Gvozd. In addition to her work in Croatia, Gracie was able to go mountain biking, hiking, river canyoning, rock climbing, paragliding and more throughout Croatia and Slovenia.

Brandon Johnson ('06) served as a peer leader at the General Hugh Shelton's leadership camp at North Carolina State University during July.

* See if a recent TES alum is at your school this year. Check out the *list of '08-'09 alums & their schools* on our Web site.

Keep us updated through our Facebook Page or email any announcements, updates or photos to Jessica.Masanotti.



tes in the news: TRINITY BREAKS GROUND ON ATHLETIC FIELDS

Trinity Episcopal School, in partnership with the Charlotte Housing Authority, Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation and the City of Charlotte, hosted a chapel service and groundbreaking ceremony for Alexander Street Park on Friday, September 4.

to open in phases, beginning with six tennis courts this winter, followed by two half-court basketball courts, high school regulation soccer field, picnic pavilion, playground and walking trails in 2010.

"This is a great example of a public/private partnership and a great moment for Trinity and the Uptown Charlotte community," Father Smokey Oats said. "Alexander Street Park will be the crown jewel for both Trinity and for the 31 neighborhoods it will serve. It will be the largest active play space closest to Trade and Tryon."

The Park, which sits on four-acres alongside Uptown Charlotte's First Ward, is scheduled



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