



**Golf Benefit October 5, 2024**

**Head of School Welcome Speech**

Welcome. On behalf of Holy Trinity Episcopal School, I am delighted to welcome you all to our annual Golf Benefit. It is wonderful to see so many passionate **advocates of education** here today, united in shared support of Holy Trinity Episcopal School.

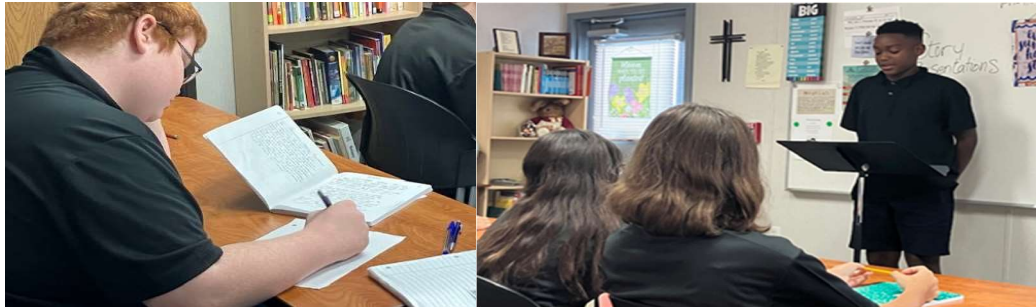
My name is Angela Heffernan, and I am the Head of School at Holy Trinity. Soon after I was selected for this awesome responsibility, I found myself working among some of the most sincere and dedicated individuals I have ever known. Our board members, church office staff, and parishioners, care so deeply about the success and effectiveness of the school and the advancement of its mission. They have selflessly given countless hours of their time in support of the school. On behalf of our students, our teachers, our staff, and our families, I sincerely thank them for their devotion to this very special and exceptional school.

At the heart of the school **is our faculty**. Every day this group of educators bring patience and understanding to their classrooms. Their consistency and high expectations turn obstacles into steppingstones, and their patience and kindness help our students grow and succeed in ways that will impact their entire lives. Their kind and caring nature is making a world of difference in the lives of our students- so on behalf of our students and families, I thank **our teachers** for being there every day for students.

And to you, **today's heroes**, our sponsors and Golfers, thank you for your unwavering support of our school, and for taking the time to participate in this very special benefit. Your involvement and generous contributions mean the world to us.

Today is not just about a great round of golf- it's about coming together as a community to make a difference, and to advance the education of **49 delightful young people**.

Today, we gather for a cause that fills us with purpose, and I am honored to be part of this shared vision that can change lives and shape the future of our students.



Imagine a place where every student receives high quality instruction in the academic essentials they will need to succeed in their post high school journey; a place where special interests are nurtured, and instruction is designed and redesigned to match individual learning preferences.

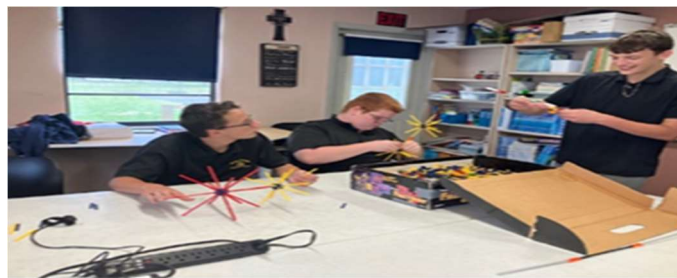


Imagine a place where different and unique ways of understanding and interacting in our social world are honored and celebrated, and where a young person's emotional and sensory needs are understood and nurtured, so that they can be available to learn and achieve- to have friends and to build relationships; imagine a place where a young person's potential knows no bounds.



This is the place we strive to build at Holy Trinity Episcopal School, one classroom, one scholarship, and one opportunity at a time.

This place is for our extraordinary students. Many of whom have experienced a transformation in their educational experience by choosing Holy Trinity.



At Holy Trinity, our Middle and High School students experience judgment free learning spaces. They learn in small, flexible, instructional groups, where students are accepting of each other's differences, often sharing encouraging words and offering each other praise while learning new materials together.

At Holy Trinity Episcopal school, we honor the fact that young people with learning differences and diverse learning styles can be among the most creative, productive and valuable members of our community. My hope, and quite honestly the pulse of my entire career, is to inspire others to get to know, understand and value these remarkable students, and to help them realize their full potential.

I want to see them develop into confident young people, committed to lifelong learning and equipped with the knowledge, skills and social competencies to achieve their personal life goals.

Anyone who spends time at Holy Trinity Episcopal School will agree that every single day, meaningful and loving learning experiences are happening throughout our beautiful campus. But some challenges remain. Like many schools, we grapple with the problem of insufficient funding. Our classrooms stretch resources, our teachers need tools to inspire, and students crave the extended learning opportunities they deserve. Our staff wants to continue their professional journey and expand their knowledge and skills so that they can continue to implement the very best educational practices.

Today, I thank you for helping us **to bridge these financial gaps**, and for helping us to continue our important work.



We thank you for choosing to be here today, and for your extraordinary generosity. Your participation in today's Golf Benefit is a demonstration that we all share the **belief in our students' success**, the belief in our educators' dedication, and the belief in the power of a community coming together in an **unwavering commitment to education**.

Your contributions, regardless of size, truly will open the doors of opportunity, break barriers, and pave the way for a young person's success.

Thank you and enjoy the rest of this very special evening.