

Dear TCS families,

It has been a month since the staff and students of Trinity Christian School gifted me with a farewell tribute. On the Wednesday and Thursday before spring break I had the privilege of responding to the invitation to visit each TCS class. I was in tears many times as I was blessed and honored by your children through their stories, skits, words of affirmation, poems, gifts and heartfelt cards.

The school wide assembly with students and staff dressed in “Dutch” orange was a culmination of blessing. What a privilege it was to sit at the front of the gym with my dear wife Monica and be showered with thanks and gratitude. A beautiful video tribute was given <https://youtu.be/opfsGdXp3YA>. I was presented with a wooden cross, a tradition that students receive when they leave TCS. The entire student body surprised me with a meaningful song of blessing to the tune of *Edelweiss* (*Sound of Music* happens to be one of my favorite movies).

Significant and meaningful worship songs were directed by the Jr. High Praise band one being “Cornerstone.” The refrain from the song **cornerstone** declares:

Christ alone; cornerstone
Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all.

What a great reminder that God is our cornerstone. He is our hope and refuge. He is Lord... Lord of All. As I reflect on my 20 years at TCS, God’s hand of guidance, protection, unfailing faithfulness, goodness and love has been constant. God is Lord of Trinity! He delights that the Trinity Christian School mission is to honour Him in seeing each child as a creation made in His image as we prepare God’s children for a life of learning and service in His world. By the grace of God, in partnership with the Christian home and church, we will lead children to be the best they can be for God’s glory. Together as community, with Christ as our cornerstone we can go forth in confidence knowing that our Lord leads and directs us.

Thank you Trinity Community for blessing me, for blessing my family. When I think about our TCS community, Hebrews 10:24-25 comes to mind; “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Thank you for “spurring” me on, for praying for our family, for encouraging us in so many ways. My 20 year “chapter” at TCS could not have been better! In small ways I look forward to still being involved in the story of TCS as a parent and in my new role as associate superintendent for Palliser.

Michelle Duimel who was our junior high vice principal for 3 years, has been called by God, to continue the great work of being principal at TCS. The Lord has equipped her with a heart for people, education, servant leadership and above all a passion for the Lord. I am confident that you as the TCS community will “spur” her on and pray for her and her family as you have done all these years for me and my family.

With heartfelt thanks,
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