

Trinity Academy

For everyone who walks or drives by the corner of Sigourney and Asylum the sight of Trinity Episcopal Church is certainly familiar. The beautiful red brick structure has been a part of Asylum Hill for much more than a century.

What many may not realize though, is that inside for the last six years there has also been a school. Originally begun as Trinity Episcopal Day School and serving older elementary students, it has now become Trinity Academy. It currently has grades one through four, and it has a very interesting mission. Its purpose is to offer a small class size education for up to 10 students per year in the first two grades and about 15 in each of the older two grades, for a total of 50 students in the Academy.

I spoke with Jennifer Scanzano, the Principal and Assistant Head of School recently about what makes it different from other Hartford area schools. "Our focus is individualized attention, small class size, giving the students of Hartford an alternative." Jennifer Said. "And the key to the children's success is to have parent involvement."

Also the school day is longer than other schools, going from 7:30am to 5:00pm. The extra time allows them to insert various activities into the schedule to focus on objectives that are not purely academic. A good example is the group of core values that are focused on school-wide and rotate, generally monthly. They are Responsibility, Integrity, Leadership, Respect Excellence and Community.

While it's by no means mandatory, many of the students who complete 4th grade apply to either Covenant Preparatory or Grace Academy, middle schools that promote a similar educational model.

The school is a non-profit organization and is non-sectarian, accepting children and families of any faith background. They are funded solely through donations, receiving no government funding and charging no tuition.

They are a small but important part of the diverse educational fabric in Asylum Hill that includes the Hartford Public Schools, West Middle Community School and the Academies at Hartford Public High School; Classical Magnet School, Jumokey Academy Honors at the Hartford Conservatory, and Covenant Preparatory School. Together they are educating the future of Asylum Hill, Hartford and beyond and they both need and deserve our support.

For more information on Trinity Academy go to <https://www.trinityday.org> or call Ms. Scanzano at 860) 251-8337

