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Trinity Catholic marks 115 years of history

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In September 1894, the high school now known as Trinity Catholic crowded its inaugural freshmen class into the top floor of a small, two-story building that served as the boiler room for a three-story elementary school next door.

Our Lady's High School, founded by 10 nuns from New Jersey, has since outgrown the cramped facilities, became the state's first Catholic Parish High School in 1903, changed names three times and merged with a Catholic school in Newton and another in Watertown.

But after 115 change-filled years, the school says its mission remains true to its founding roots, and Trinity will look back on its history at a celebratory gathering of present and former students this fall.

"We've gotten tremendous response," said Trinity's dean of students and athletic director, Craig Genualdo. The 115th anniversary celebration "started as a seed of an idea last fall with the principal and it has grown and taken on a life of its own. There's really a sense of being connected. That's something you don't always get."

In 1974, Our Lady's High School merged with Sacred Heart in Newton Centre to form Newton Catholic. In 1984, the school was renamed Our Lady's Newton Catholic only to change names again four years later when the school merged with St. Patrick's High School in Watertown to form Trinity Catholic.

The school hopes to bring together alumni from Our Lady's High School, Newton Catholic, St. Patrick's and Trinity at the anniversary event. To help commemorate the event the school has set up a [website](#), which includes a [time line](#) and a detailed look at the school's history as well as a [slideshow](#) of recent and not-so-recent photos.

"We have such a rich tradition of education, faith, and community that we want to treasure and celebrate," said principal Kelly Surapaneni in statement. "Reconnecting these amazing people with their shared experiences will truly allow us live out the school's motto - Where our tradition meets tomorrow."

The dinner will be held Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Trinity High School, which was built in 1924.

The evening will include then-and-now presentations, a special awards presentation, tours of the facility, silent auctions, and music performed by the Newton Community and Trinity Catholic choruses.

Proceeds from the dinner will fund scholarships available to the school's 235 students.

For more information, visit the school's 115th Celebration [website](#).

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