



# Son Times

December 8, 2022

"But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

## K-4 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TOMORROW!

Trinity Christian School K-4 grade students hold their Christmas programs tomorrow.

**Kindergarten** and **1st grade** will perform **Jesus Means Christmas to Me** at **6:00 p.m.** Students need to be in their classrooms by 5:30 p.m.

**Front doors** will **open** at **5:15 p.m.** Parents will be directed to follow signs around to the north hallway to line up for entrance into the cafetorium. Cafetorium doors will open at 5:30 p.m. once things are ready to go.

**2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders** will perform **Emmanuel** at **9:30 a.m.** and **7:00 p.m.** Students need to be in their classrooms by 6:30 p.m. for the evening performance.

When arriving for the second program, kindergarten and 1st grade will be on stage performing so please be respectful of this. Please follow signs leading to the north hallway where you will form a line as you wait for the first program to finish up. Doors will open around 6:45 p.m. and you will then be able to find your seats.

**Once** your child's **program concludes**, you will be directed to **pick them up** from their **classroom**.

**All students**, except for 4th graders, **should wear** their "**Christmas Best**" for the evening performance. We tell the kids that this means nice clothes that would be worn to church on Christmas or for family pictures (no jeans or sweats allowed).

Fourth grade families should check the email from Mrs. Tanka, sent out in November, to find out what your child needs to wear.

Be sure to look for future emails from Mrs. Tanka and contact her at [vtanka@trinitychristian.info](mailto:vtanka@trinitychristian.info) if you have any questions.



### Kindergarten - 8th Grade Calendar: Dec. 8-16

**Dec. 8**  
Boys' Basketball **AWAY** Games at Families of Faith Christian Academy  
5th/6th at 4:15 p.m.  
7th/8th at 5:15 p.m.

**Dec. 9**  
K-1 Christmas Program 6 p.m.  
2-4 Christmas Program 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**Dec. 12**  
Boys' Basketball **HOME** Games  
5th/6th at 4:15 p.m.  
7th/8th at 5:15 p.m.

**Dec. 13**  
Boys' Basketball **AWAY** Games at Christian Hills  
5th/6th at 4:15 p.m.  
7th/8th at 5:15 p.m.

**Dec. 14**  
PK Christmas Chapel 8:35 a.m.  
PTM Lou Malnati's Fundraiser 4-10 p.m.

**Dec. 15**  
Boys' Basketball **AWAY** Games at Parkview Christian  
5th/6th at 4:15 p.m.  
7th/8th at 5:15 p.m.

**Dec. 16**  
\$1 Dress-Down Day

### Important Dates:

**December 20**  
School Board Meeting

**December 23-  
January 9**  
Christmas Break



**Trinity Christian School's Robotics Teams had the opportunity to learn from three distinguished guests about the topic of energy, throughout the 2022 season.**

To start things off, the President of [The Society of Women Engineers](#) (SWE) and General Electric Engineer, **Ms. Dayna Johnson**, talked to the students about energy, Oct. 25 and 26. Ms. Johnson spoke about leading teams of engineers

and how SWE advances the field of engineering. TCS Robotics members learned about the latest advances in solar and wind power in both onshore and offshore production. The presentation emphasized the measures engineers take to bring electric power to people, and the challenges that engineers are working to overcome. Ms. Johnson followed her presentation with a question-and-answer session. The Society of Women Engineers has more than 40,000 individual members comprised of both college students and professionals.

The team's second guest was **Mr. Brian Madderm**, Senior Engineering Manager for [Constellation Energy](#). He spoke to the robotics teams about how nuclear energy works and is harnessed to generate electricity. Students learned about nuclear fuel, including that the fuel pellets are the size of mini marshmallows, and cost about \$100 million dollars per nuclear reactor. Mr. Madderm went on to explain that the fuel in each nuclear reactor powers a million homes for six years without needing new fuel.

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## ENERGY

Finally, Ms. **Diane Rink**, the Director of Regional Field Operations at Nicor Gas, addressed the teams via Zoom about natural gas, Nov. 29 and 30. She taught students where natural gas comes from and how it is used (powering homes); along with information about renewable natural gas (RNG). Ms. Rink explained that natural gas is used to make steel, glass, and raw materials. She also described the variety of ways to process natural gas (RNG, liquified natural gas [LNG] and compressed natural gas [CNG]), and how engineers at Nicor explore and perfect new ways of utilizing this resource.



To conclude the 2022 season, 62 students from the TCS Robotics Teams will compete in the [Illinois State FLL Robotics Qualifying Championship Competition](#) this month. Last year they were awarded the Rising Star Award, which is given to teams that have captured the attention of the judges as having excellent future potential.

[TCS's Robotics Team](#) is sponsored by [Caterpillar](#), and led by head coaches Mrs. Christine McBride and Ms. Terese Osacky, along with a team of parent volunteer coaches. The TCS Robotics Teams participate in First Lego League Robotics Program. Each year First Lego League challenges students with a specific theme, which was energy this year. During the season, robotics students researched energy, chose a problem to identify, and innovated solutions for that problem focused within the theme of energy. Bringing in industry leaders helped students gain valuable real-world insight to use in their innovation project for competition.



TCS Elementary Robotics Team with the President of The Society of Women Engineers, Mrs. Dayna Johnson



TCS Middle School Robotics Team with the President of The Society of Women Engineers, Mrs. Dayna Johnson



At Trinity Christian School, volunteers are needed every day! Please check out our **EVERYDAY VOLUNTEER NEEDS** below! It is vital that we fill these everyday opportunities, as soon as possible, to be sure that our school mornings are off to a warm and friendly start; hot lunches are served efficiently; and to create a relaxing, fun, and safe environment for students and teachers during recess. PLEASE check them out and contact Mrs. Toya Thomas directly, if you'd like to serve or for any additional details. Please note that these opportunities are on a first-come, first-served basis!

WE SEEK VOLUNTEERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEKS: DEC. 12-23. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CALANDERS AND RESPOND DIRECTLY TO MRS. THOMAS, TO GET YOUR DATES LOCKED IN!

**MORNING GREETER:** Every day, 8:10-8:30 a.m. Open car doors, greet students, and help make sure they enter the building safely.

<b>Monday 12/12:</b> 4 volunteers needed	<b>Monday 12/19:</b> 4 volunteers needed
<b>Tuesday 12/13:</b> 3 volunteers needed	<b>Tuesday 12/20:</b> 3 volunteers needed
<b>Wednesday 12/14:</b> 3 volunteers needed	<b>Wednesday 12/21:</b> 3 volunteers needed
<b>Thursday 12/15:</b> 3 volunteers needed	<b>Thursday 12/22:</b> 3 volunteers needed
<b>Friday 12/16:</b> 2 volunteers needed	<b>Friday 12/23:</b> No School

**LUNCH HELPER:** 4 helpers daily, 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. Distribute hot lunch orders by grade and classroom, then assist with cleanup.

<b>Monday 12/12:</b> 3 volunteers needed	<b>Monday 12/19:</b> 4 volunteers needed
<b>Tuesday 12/13:</b> 3 volunteers needed	<b>Tuesday 12/20:</b> 4 volunteers needed
<b>Wednesday 12/14:</b> 2 volunteers needed	<b>Wednesday 12/21:</b> 3 volunteers needed
<b>Thursday 12/15:</b> 4 volunteers needed	<b>Thursday 12/22:</b> Early Dismissal
<b>Friday 12/16:</b> 3 volunteers needed	<b>Friday 12/23:</b> No School

**RECESS HELPER:** Every day, 11:50 a.m.-1:10 p.m. Provide supervision, with Trinity staff, to keep children safe during their playtime.

<b>Monday 12/12:</b> 4 volunteers needed	<b>Monday 12/19:</b> 4 volunteers needed
<b>Tuesday 12/13:</b> 4 volunteers needed	<b>Tuesday 12/20:</b> 4 volunteers needed
<b>Wednesday 12/14:</b> 4 volunteers needed	<b>Wednesday 12/21:</b> 3 volunteers needed
<b>Thursday 12/15:</b> 4 volunteers needed	<b>Thursday 12/22:</b> Early Dismissal
<b>Friday 12/16:</b> 4 volunteers needed	<b>Friday 12/23:</b> No School

Please contact Mrs. Thomas at [thomas@trinitychristian.info](mailto:thomas@trinitychristian.info) or 815-577-9310, ext. 315, as soon as possible if interested and available.

*As always thank you for your willingness to serve!*

## CHAPEL NOTES BY ADDISON B. IN SEVENTH GRADE

On Nov. 16, the seventh graders performed a beautiful chapel to represent Thanksgiving. They had a little performance with a lyrical dance, a simple dance with hand motions, a dance in the dark with glow sticks, and the seventh grade boys even performed a rap featuring Lacrae! They shared some Bible verses, including Psalms 53:1-5, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, and more! They even had video on being thankful! The kids and parents loved it and it was a great way to show how thankful we are for all that God's done for us!

## CHAPEL NOTES BY RYNE D. IN SEVENTH GRADE

This week's chapel was all about Christmas, spoken by Pastor Stier. The true meaning of Christmas is about the Lord who sent Jesus down to earth to forgive us. God did not send his son into the world to condemn us, but to forgive us. We've been redeemed by the Lord, and we do not need to be afraid because our debt is already paid. When we get caught up in other things than Jesus, we tend to go off track and disobey, so we need to pray to God. John 1:14 says, "the word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." God wants us to read the Bible then we will be in his kingdom. That is why we need to fill our hearts with gratitude for all that Jesus has done for us.

## PTM PIZZA FUNDRAISER

December is such a busy time of the year! Take a day off from cooking while supporting our school. Visit Lou Malnati's of Shorewood Wednesday, Dec. 14, 4-10 p.m., and they will donate 20% of your purchase to support the teachers and students at Trinity. Make sure to mention the fundraiser when placing your order. Check out pg. 5 for more information!



## HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM PARENT-TEACHER MINISTRY

With Christmas just around the corner, PTM is seeking your help in blessing the non-instructional staff (maintenance, business services, office staff, etc.) at Christmas time this year. We are suggesting a small (\$1-\$5 cash) donation from each family. Please send your donation in to the school office in an envelope marked "PTM" by Friday, Dec. 16. Thank you!




## HOLIDAY SHOPPING MAXIMIZED

**While holiday shopping, please remember the easy ways that you can shop while blessing Trinity Christian School at the same time.**

If you plan to shop with Amazon this season, please consider using Amazon Smile. Amazon Smile has all the same products and prices as Amazon, but a portion of each purchase gets donated to TCS.

Download or update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app on your phone. You can find it in the App Store for iOS or Google Play for Android. Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Click on the on Gifting & Charity icon, scroll down until you see 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on **AmazonSmile** on your phone.

 To shop through your browser, type, [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). You will sign in with your email address and Amazon password. Trinity Christian School is included in the Amazon Smile Charity List. To select our school, search **Trinity Christian School Shorewood IL**. TCS will then be linked to your Amazon Smile Account and every time you shop Amazon Smile, you will also bless our school!

Christmas shopping is also a great opportunity to use [SCRIP](#)! Remember to use [SCRIP](#) when you are shopping and buying gift cards! Thank you so much for supporting TCS!



## HELP SAVE PRIVATE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS IN ILLINOIS

Please follow the steps below to urge your state senator and representative to support the Illinois Invest in Kids Scholarship Program.

Give them a call: If you have already written a message, try calling their offices. Pre-written scripts are provided. Click [here](#) and select the phone icon at the top of the page to place your call.

Write a letter: You can send an email to your representatives by clicking [here](#). You may use one of our pre-written messages or write your own. It only takes a few seconds!



## END - OF - YEAR GIVING

Looking for ways to financially bless TCS and receive a 2022 tax deduction? There are multiple ways to bless TCS and our students with your end-of-year contribution:

**Gifts of cash by check** may be mailed to 901 Shorewood Dr., Shorewood, IL 60404.

**Online Gifts by credit card** may be made through our website via this link [here](#).

**\*Donations** must be **postmarked** or **charged** on or **before Dec. 31, 2022** to be considered a charitable contribution for the 2022 tax year.

Give the gift of Christian education by donating through Empower Illinois and as an individual, you can direct your dollars to benefit Trinity Christian School Shorewood students specifically. Donors receive a 75% Illinois state tax credit. Donate by clicking [here](#).

Make Amazon purchases through Amazon Smile and designate Trinity Christian School Shorewood IL as your charity. If you are not set up through Amazon Smile it is very quick and easy to do so. Click [here](#) for instructions.

Thank you for the wonderful gift of your service, stewardship, and support of TCS. May God bless you and your family throughout the coming year. Merry Christmas!





**Lou Malnati's**  
PIZZERIA

*Raise a slice*  
FOR A  
**GOOD  
CAUSE**

## TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### DATE

Wednesday, December 14,  
2022

### LOCATIONS

**Lou Malnati's Joliet/  
Shorewood**

4:00pm - 10:00pm  
1528 Route 59  
(815) 254-6200

## Trinity Christian School

### FOR QUESTIONS

Please contact Parent Teacher Ministry  
(815) 671-9258  
aap1887@yahoo.com

Lou Malnati's will donate 20% of total sales to your organization (20% based on pre-tax purchase, excluding alcohol) from every order received from Carryout or Delivery (within zone).

**Make sure to mention the flyer or fundraiser during your phone order.**

\* INCLUDES ONLINE AND APP ORDERING. USE CODE: FUNDTRCH22 \*

### PLEASE NOTE

- Must mention fundraiser at time of order to ensure credit towards fundraiser
- Please check receipt for "fundraiser" item, if you do not see "fundraiser" on your receipt, please see or call a manager
- For questions or concerns please email [fundraising@loumalnatis.com](mailto:fundraising@loumalnatis.com)