



# Son Times

July 25, 2024

**"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)**

## SLOW DOWN SUMMER!

It is that time of the year when school is right around the corner. It is very hard to think about school when we are enjoying our summers! I hope and pray that you have all been having a blast this summer with family and friends. In between vacations, pool time, sports, and VBS, I hope you have had a chance to just relax and decompress. I know that our teachers have been enjoying their summers and while trying not to think too much about school, they are excited to meet their students! As you begin to think about school please be sure to lift up some special prayers as we get things in order for a great school year.

As we continue to prepare for the first day of school of 2024-2025, here are a few updates for the upcoming school year.

We welcome the following changes and new additions to our staff:

- New to elementary, we have **Mrs. Emily Goral** joining kindergarten. Mrs. Goral has been in the public school system for the past five years. She and her husband are moving into this area, and she has felt called to teach in Christian education. She has a calm and welcoming personality that kindergarteners will love, and she loves the Lord and is excited to mentor and teach these little minds about Jesus and love on them!
- New middle school Bible teacher is **Mr. John Baker**, who comes to us with 25+ years of teaching experience in Oswego. He recently retired from public education and has felt called to continue working with kids in a Christian environment. Mr. Baker is married to his wife, Connie, and has two older daughters. Mr. Baker has a passion and energy for teaching and coaching. He is excited for the opportunity to share the love of the Lord with kids through Bible classes in our middle school.
- We are excited to have **Mrs. Adalys Colianne** as our new Special Events and Volunteer Coordinator. She has been a part of TCS for several years as a caring, compassionate, and involved parent. She and her husband have two kids at Trinity. Mrs. Colianne loves organizing events and has a sweet spirit about her that will resonate with our volunteers. She is excited to be a part of our staff!
- **Mrs. Sarah Novinski** is stepping into a new part-time role as our art teacher. While we will miss her as one of our kindergarten teachers, we are excited to still have her as part of our team. She is super excited for the opportunity to help students find their creative talents in art class!



Overall TCS enrollment is looking comparable to last year despite the loss of the state scholarship program. We are continuing to receive more interest and are excited to welcome many new families.

Here are a few other updates and details you may like to know:

- **Jumpstart Day is Monday, Aug. 19, 3-6 p.m.**
- **First day of school is Wednesday, Aug. 21, 8:30-11:45 a.m.**
- **Boo-hoo/Yahoo Breakfast is Wednesday, Aug. 21, 8:30 a.m.**
- **Curriculum Night is Tuesday, Sept. 3, 6:30 p.m.**

Please enjoy the last weeks of summer! We are looking forward to seeing you all soon. Watch your mailbox for postcards from your homeroom teacher, which will be sent out Wednesday, Aug. 7.

In His Grip,  
 Mr. V  
 Head of School

### Kindergarten - 8th Grade Calendar: July and August

**Now-Aug. 20**  
 Summer Break

**Aug. 5**  
 Regular Office Hours  
 Resume  
 Monday-Friday  
 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Aug. 16**  
 Teacher Institute Day

**Aug. 19**  
 All Staff In-Service  
 Office Opens at 1 p.m.  
 Jump-Start Night 3-6 p.m.

**Aug. 20**  
 Board Meeting 7 p.m.

**Aug. 21**  
 First Day of School  
 11:45 a.m. Dismissal

**Aug. 23**  
 Walk-a-Thon Assembly  
 2:30 p.m.

**Aug. 28**  
 No Chapel  
 8th Grade Retreat

**Aug. 29**  
 8th Grade Retreat

Have a FUN and SAFE  
 summer. We look forward  
 to seeing you in August!

**Summer Office Hours**  
 Monday-Thursday  
 8 a.m.-noon



## PLEASE COMPLETE ONLINE REENROLLMENT

We're looking forward to having your students back for the 2024-2025 school year! If you have not gone online to reenroll your students yet, now is the time to do it. Just log into your [FACTS Family Portal](#) to get started. Remember that our school's District Code is TRINC-IL. Some grades are filling up and may necessitate a waiting list.

If you have started the process but haven't had a chance to complete it, please do so. This helps us to get things ready for the coming school year. Once you submit the reenrollment packet online, you will receive a confirmation email. Call the office at 815-577-9310 if you have any questions. We are glad to help!



## REQUIRED MEDICAL FORMS

All students entering **kindergarten** or **sixth grade**, and **transfer students** must have a physical exam form completed and **ready to turn in by JUMP-START NIGHT, August 19**, if it has not already been submitted.

**Immunizations:** State law requires that all students entering school be immunized against polio, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (Tdap), measles, mumps, rubella, Hepatitis B (for 6th grade), and varicella (chicken pox). Also, students entering sixth grade are required to have a meningococcal conjugate vaccination (MCV4). **Sixth graders must show proof of one dose of MCV4.** Proof of immunity is verified by documented evidence from the student's health care provider of the student having received the vaccine or of having had the disease. **State law provides that students who do not meet these requirements be excluded from school.**



**Religious Exemptions:** According to Illinois Public Act 099-0249, families with religious objections must submit a completed Certificate of Religious Exemption for each student. The certificate must also be signed by the child's health care provider responsible for performing the child's examination for entry into kindergarten and sixth grade. This signature affirms that the provider educated the parent or legal guardian about the benefits of immunization and the health risks to the student and to the community from the communicable diseases for which immunization is required in Illinois.

The religious objection provided need not be directed by the tenets of an established religious organization. However, general philosophical or moral reluctance to allow physical examinations, eye examinations, immunizations, vision and hearing screening or dental examinations will not provide a sufficient basis for an exception to statutory requirements.

Please be aware that students who have not been immunized will be excluded from school for a period of time, determined by the state, if they have been exposed to some of these diseases.

### **Key Points:**

All **kindergarten, sixth grade** and **transfer students** shall have their physical exam completed and turned in by Jump-Start Night. Please fill out the "History" section on the top of the second page prior to coming.

**To be in compliance with state law, students who do not have proper immunizations or health exam forms completed prior to the first day of school, will not be allowed to begin school until the form is completed.**

## LAST CALL FOR 2023-2024 YEAR BOOKS!

Forgot to order your 2023-2024 yearbook? No problem! We've extended our deadline to Friday, **July 26**. Total cost for a softcover book is \$26.98, including tax. Yearbooks will be delivered to TCS and you will be notified when they are ready for pickup. To order, click [here](#) and enter our school passcode: 1014424170564639.

## SCHOOL SUPPLY BOXES STILL AVAILABLE

Still haven't purchased school supplies? There is still a chance to purchase supplies with School Tool Box and you don't even have to leave your house! When you visit their [website](#), it will inform you that the ship-to-school option has ended, but you can still order through their ship-to-home option. Shipping is free for orders exceeding \$85.

## Hot Lunch Ordering Opens Soon!

Hot lunch ordering for August and September opens soon. If you are a new family or this is your first time using our online lunch ordering system, information can be found at <https://www.trinitychristian.info/community/hot-lunch.cfm> with detailed instructions on how to set up your account in the parent letter. Volunteers will be on hand at Jump-Start Night to help you as well. Important facts to remember for hot lunch ordering:

- Menus are active for ordering from the 1st of each month through the 20th of each month at 11:59 p.m.
- Orders and payments need to be received by the 20th at 11:59 p.m. for the following month's lunches
- All orders must be paid during the ordering process. Unpaid orders are automatically deleted.
- The system will not allow you to make a late payment
- Live checks are not accepted, especially after the cutoff
- Payment can be made online by check (ACH), debit and credit. Refunds are not given if you order and your child misses school for that day (the lunch has already been prepared for them).
- Teachers should notify you well in advance of field trips so you know when not to purchase lunch. If you order lunch on a day your child has a field trip, we cannot refund the lunch.

If you have any problems setting up your account or with hot lunch ordering in general, please feel free to email Mrs. Heather Frakes at [hfrakes@trinitychristian.info](mailto:hfrakes@trinitychristian.info). Like Trinity's [Facebook](#) page for reminders.



## FALL SOCCER AND VOLLEYBALL TO BEGIN

Information about soccer and volleyball is being sent via email by the first week of August. If you do not receive any information by Aug. 5, please contact Mr. V at school by phone or by email at [jvugteveen@trinitychristian.info](mailto:jvugteveen@trinitychristian.info). The first games of the season begin after Labor Day. Volleyball tryouts for seventh and eighth grade girls are the week of Aug. 12. Fifth and sixth grade girls' volleyball and coed soccer both begin the week school starts. Stay tuned for more updates!

## Trinity Christian School Employment Opportunities

Know someone who would love to join our family and support the mission of Trinity Christian School? We are expanding, and anticipate the career opportunities listed below for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information and a full job description, please follow the link [here](#) to our employment page. If you are interested, please complete the appropriate application and e-mail to Mr. Jon Vugteveen at [jvugteveen@trinitychristian.info](mailto:jvugteveen@trinitychristian.info), or via mail to:

**Trinity Christian School Attn: Mr. Jon Vugteveen, 901 Shorewood Dr., Shorewood, IL 60404.**

### Substitute Teachers

We seek substitute teachers for the 2024-2025 school year. Substitutes must be able to step into a classroom environment to teach on short notice. A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university is required and a teaching certification or substitute license is preferred. Qualified substitutes must believe that the Bible is God's Word and standard for faith and daily living and must be in agreement with Trinity Christian School's mission and philosophy of education.

## Trinity Christian School 2024-2025 Sponsorship Opportunities

Become a TCS sponsor because local sponsorship is good for business

TCS business partners have the opportunity to invest in education in our community through Trinity's Sponsorship Program.

Sponsors at every level will receive both General Benefits and Event Benefits. It is our honor to share and highlight your business and your dedication to education with our expansive audience of current families, alumni and community members.

Please share our Sponsorship program with the businesses that you patronize.

Additional information can be found on p. 4-5 and our [website](#).

If you would like to learn more about our sponsorship program, please contact Mrs. Deanne Bekermeier, Director of Development, at [dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info](mailto:dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info)







## TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 2024-2025 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Trinity Christian School is proud to serve families in the western suburbs. Trinity is celebrating over 31 years of excellence in education. Our business partners have the opportunity to invest in education in our community through Trinity's Sponsorship Program. Sponsors at every level will receive **both** General Benefits **and** Event Benefits. It is our honor to share and highlight your business and your dedication to education with our expansive audience of current families, alumni, and community members.

### General Sponsor Benefits

#### Platinum Level: \$5,000 or more

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- Full page ad in yearbook
- Full page ad in spring musical program
- Highest Priority Sponsor Spotlight Post on Facebook and Instagram
- Opportunity to send a flyer or promotional offer to families four times per year
- Opportunity for advertising space on the scrolling banner on our website four weeks of the year.
- Platinum Level listing on sponsor sign in TCS gym year round

#### Silver Level: \$1,000 or more

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- Quarter page ad in yearbook
- Quarter page ad in spring musical program
- Prominent Sponsor Spotlight Post on Facebook and Instagram
- Opportunity to send a flyer or promotional offer to families two times per year
- Opportunity for advertising space on the scrolling banner on our website two weeks of the year.
- Silver Level listing on sponsor sign in TCS gym year round

#### Gold Level: \$2,500 or more

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- Half page ad in yearbook
- Half page ad in spring musical program
- Priority Sponsor Spotlight Post on Facebook and Instagram
- Opportunity to send a flyer or promotional offer to families three times per year
- Opportunity for advertising space on the scrolling banner on our website three weeks of the year.
- Gold Level listing on sponsor sign in TCS gym year round

#### Bronze Level: \$500 or more

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- Business name listed in yearbook
- Business name listed in spring musical program
- Sponsor Spotlight Post on Facebook and Instagram
- Opportunity to send a flyer or promotional offer to families one time per year
- Opportunity for advertising space on the scrolling banner on our website one week of the year.
- Bronze Level listing on sponsor sign in TCS gym year round

Contact Deanne Bekermeier: [dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info](mailto:dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info) or (815) 577-9310 x 326



## Event Sponsorship Benefits

### **Gold Level: \$5,000 or more**

#### Walk-a-thon

- Name most prominently displayed at Walk
- Name most prominently listed in Thank You post on Facebook and TCS website
- Name most prominently listed on event T-shirt
- Opportunity for booth at the Walk

#### Benefit Dinner

- Full-page ad in program
- 4 tickets to event with priority seating
- Name most prominently displayed at Benefit Dinner
- Name most prominently listed in program
- Most Prominently Recognized on the Silent Auction Site
- Name listed in Thank You articles on Facebook & TCS website

#### Christmas Craft & Vendor Fair

- Name prominently displayed at Fair
- Name & Logo in Shopper's Guide
- Name prominently listed in Thank You articles on Facebook & TCS website

### **Silver Level: \$1,000 or more**

#### Walk-a-thon

- Name prominently displayed at Walk
- Name prominently listed in Thank You post on Facebook and TCS website
- Name prominently listed on event T-shirt

#### Benefit Dinner

- Name prominently displayed at Benefit Dinner
- Name prominently listed in program
- Prominently Recognized on the Silent Auction Site
- Name listed in Thank You articles on Facebook & TCS website

#### Christmas Craft & Vendor Fair

- Name prominently displayed at Fair
- Name & Logo in Shopper's Guide
- Name prominently listed in Thank You articles on Facebook & TCS website

### **Gold Level: \$2,500 or more**

#### Walk-a-thon

- Name more prominently displayed at Walk
- Name more prominently listed in Thank You post on Facebook and TCS website
- Name more prominently listed on event T-shirt
- Opportunity for booth at the Walk

#### Benefit Dinner

- Half-page ad in program
- 2 tickets to event with priority seating
- Name prominently displayed at Benefit Dinner
- Name prominently listed in program
- Prominently Recognized on the Silent Auction Site
- Name listed in Thank You articles on Facebook & TCS website

#### Christmas Craft & Vendor Fair

- Name prominently displayed at Fair
- Name & Logo in Shopper's Guide
- Name prominently listed in Thank You articles on Facebook & TCS website

### **Bronze Level: \$500 or more**

#### Walk-a-thon

- Name displayed at Walk
- Name listed in Thank You post on Facebook and TCS website
- Name on the back of the event T-shirt

#### Benefit Dinner

- Name displayed at Benefit Dinner
- Name in Benefit Dinner program
- Recognized on the Silent Auction Site
- Name listed in Thank You articles on Facebook & TCS website

#### Christmas Craft & Vendor Fair

- Name displayed at Fair
- Name displayed in Shopper's Guide
- Name listed in Thank You articles on Facebook & TCS website