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TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

FALL 2024

Ready to Go!



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Ready to Go!

I get the question all the time before school starts “Are you ready to go?” or “Is TCS ready to go for another year?” Recently those words “ready to go” took on a new sentiment for me. I have been reflecting on the life of my father-in-law lately, who recently went on to be with the Lord. He was a man of God, fully committed to the Word and ready to share it with anyone in those last days. He was “ready to go” in those closing moments not because he was in pain or was suffering, but because of his faith he knew it was time and he was trusting in God’s plan that he was ready to meet his Savior! He was “ready to go” as he truly lived out his faith, and we as a family are so blessed to have him as a legacy for generations to come. He fully embodied our chapel theme for this year: ALL IN: Live Like Jesus, Look Like Jesus, Love Like Jesus. Whenever an opportunity presented itself to share the love of Christ with others, he was “ready to go,” as he lived a life instilled with God’s love.

At Trinity, we are “ready to go” for another year! We have a wonderful staff, we have a beautiful facility, our enrollment is growing. But the most important task before us is to instill within our students that same faith my father-in-law carried, so that when they are presented opportunities to be a witness in the world around them, they are “ready to go” to Live Like Jesus, Look Like Jesus, and Love Like Jesus.

Please pray that our mission at TCS will continue to grow strong as we look to build a legacy of faith in our children and in our families that will last generations. Our staff and our teachers daily are pursuing ways to be sure that our students are “ready to go” into this world and be lights to all of those around them.

Thank you for supporting this place and continuing to pray for God to be evident in all we do.

We are Ready to Go - ALL IN!



Mr. Jon Vugteveen, Head of



LIVE LIKE JESUS. LOOK LIKE JESUS. LOVE LIKE JESUS

WHATEVER YOU DO, WORK AT IT WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
AS WORKING FOR THE LORD, NOT FOR HUMAN MASTERS.
COLOSSIANS 3:23

2024-2025 CHAPEL THEME: ALL IN

Each school year, faculty and staff select a passage of scripture to serve as the school scripture for the year, providing the overarching theme for our weekly chapels and often emphasizing a specific character trait we wish to build up in our students.

This year our chapel theme is ALL IN. Throughout the year, we will focus on what it means to Live Like Jesus, Look Like Jesus, and Love Like Jesus.

WATCH CHAPEL

Chapels are recorded and uploaded to our [YouTube channel](#) weekly. Check out the chapel playlist to see every chapel we have recorded!



STUDENT-LED CHAPEL SCHEDULE:

OCTOBER 23	STUDENT COUNCIL CHAPEL	
OCTOBER 30	1ST GRADE	PASTOR APPRECIATION
NOVEMBER 20	4TH GRADE	THANKSGIVING
DECEMBER 18	5TH GRADE	CHRISTMAS
JANUARY 29	3RD GRADE	BLACK HISTORY MONTH
FEBRUARY 12	2ND GRADE	VALENTINES' DAY
FEBRUARY 19	7TH GRADE	PRESIDENTS' DAY
APRIL 16	8TH GRADE	EASTER
APRIL 23	6TH GRADE	EARTH DAY
MAY 7	KINDERGARTEN	TEACHER APPRECIATION

VISIT CHAPEL

Parents, grandparents, and alumni are welcome to attend chapels, Wednesdays at 8:40 a.m.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We love to invite local pastors to speak in our weekly chapels. We have over 85 different churches represented in our student body!

Summer Camps & Enrichment 2024

This summer was packed with fun at Trinity Christian School! We had a ton of camps and enrichments throughout the summer, ranging from athletics including soccer, basketball, volleyball, cheer, and dance; to STEAM enrichments and robotics! These students had a great time learning and practicing their skills, along with developing team-building and good sportsmanship. Many new students made friends and got connected before the start of the school year. We are looking forward to seeing all of these students excel in the new school year!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 24-25

Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 8

Grandparents' Day

November 25-29

Thanksgiving Break

December 7

Christmas Craft and Vendor Fair

December 13

K-4 Christmas Program

December 23-January 6

Christmas Break



8th Grade Retreat

A highlight of eighth grade year at TCS is the kick-off retreat to Cup of Cold Water. The main goals for this retreat are for the students to grow in their relationship with Christ, create a stronger bond as a class, and reflect on how to leave a legacy at Trinity Christian School.

“Mr. V’s message, along with the other teachers’ thoughts, inspired me and my class to lead and be an example to the younger kids before we graduate. The deep talks and discussions were very impactful, and I felt very connected with my class in a new way. Also, capture the flag in the middle of the night was super fun!” - Nate S.

In order to accomplish those goals, the students engage in a variety of activities, including quiet time, praise and worship, and time in small groups; hearing messages provided throughout the retreat by Mr. V, challenging them to be leaders and leave a legacy at TCS; participating in games and activities that create fun memories and build trust in each other; and fun activities like late night dance parties, s’mores around a campfire, and their favorite: capture the flag at night!

“One thing that impacted me was the main message of leaving a legacy. Mr. V said that a legacy is something handed down by someone that is impactful, and I wish I can be that for someone else! I am grateful for how the retreat set up my final year at Trinity.” - Genevieve C.

To close out the retreat, the students write a goal letter to themselves focused on specific goals they have for the year. Students may focus their goal letters on academics, athletics, their faith journey, personal lives, and more. Students talk about what makes a good goal, how to have accountability, focused disciplines, positivity and drive.

“We talked about the Bible and what legacy we will leave. While it was super fun to run around and hang out with friends, learning about Jesus and how to treat each other helped make me a better person today.” - Jacob V.

The students love this retreat and we love how it sets them up for a successful and impactful year!



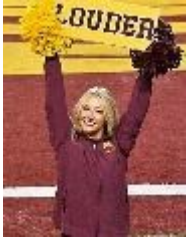
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Symone Holman, '22

"I now attend Joliet Catholic Academy and am starting my junior year. Freshman and Sophomore year, I started on the girls varsity basketball and track teams. I have accomplished many things throughout these sports including qualifying for three events in the IHSA state championship track meet for two years, receiving seventh place in long jump my freshman year, and second place my sophomore year.

I have also received many academic accomplishments including high honor roll both freshman and sophomore year and being accepted into the French national honor society. The challenging classes and supportive teachers at TCS have helped me excel and prepared me academically to face many challenges throughout high school. Not only has TCS helped me academically but also spiritually, to have a strong faith in God who helps me always through the good and bad."



Maddy Vercelli, '19

"I graduated from Trinity Christian in 2019. I went to Joliet Catholic Academy where I graduated in 2023. I am currently a sophomore on the University of Minnesota Dance Team where we currently have won 22 national championships. My freshman year we won our 22nd national title.

I am an elementary education major and I plan to teach either 3rd or 4th grade in the future, as well as hopefully coach a collegiate dance team!"



Maddie Baier, '21

"After graduating at Trinity, I have been attending Plainfield South High school. Throughout the years, I have made many memories with the volleyball team, new friends, and exciting opportunities. I have also been more involved with my church by volunteering with the café which allowed me to meet more of my community.

One of my accomplishments throughout high school was being selected for the National Honor Society by obtaining a 4.5 GPA or higher. Overall, Trinity allowed me to stay strong in my faith and give me the right study skills for me to be where I am today. I am looking forward to graduating high school and setting my goal to be a pediatric psychiatrist."



Lucas Grant, '21

"Currently, I am a senior at Joliet Catholic Academy. Academically, I have achieved high grades in my classes making the High Honor Roll each year and being inducted into the National Honor Society.

I have been a member of the JCA baseball team since freshman year as a left-handed pitcher. I advanced to the varsity team my sophomore year which ended in a win at state! I also played for the past 3 years on the Chicago Elite travel baseball team. This past summer, I was chosen to be on the World Series High School Team. We played the top teams in the country in Omaha, Nebraska and aired on ESPN. I had the pleasure of being coached by my JCA baseball coaches and by Jim Thome, an ex-White Sox player.

Last December, I had the opportunity to visit my uncle, who is a pilot and instructor for United Airlines. He surprised me with the chance to fly in a United Airlines simulator and spend time behind the wheel of a Cessna (which is a small airplane with 1 propeller). That was both scary and exhilarating but something I always wanted to do.

Because of my dedication and hard work, I am thrilled to share that I have received a scholarship to play baseball for Purdue University! As I look forward to my college years, I am considering majoring in engineering, aviation, or business. I am excited to explore my interests further and decide on the path that best aligns with my passions and goals."

Have an alumni update to share? We'd love to hear from you!

Please contact Mr. Jack Hayward at jhayward@trinitychristian.info

Alumni are also invited to join our Alumni Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/tcsalumni1/>



FALL SPORTS

COME ON OUT TO OUR TOURNAMENT OCTOBER 17-19! HERE AT TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL | GAMES START AT 4:15 P.M.



New Staff Introductions

Help us welcome all of our new staff members!

As our school continues to grow, we are blessed to have these people on our team!



Mrs. Adalys Colianne *Special Events and Volunteer Coordinator*

We are excited to have Mrs. Colianne joining us this year! 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. Let's all support her and encourage her in this new role!

"I am excited to establish meaningful connections with the parents and staff as we work together to make this school year a great success."



Mrs. Emily Goral *Kindergarten Teacher*

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! We were impressed by her and know she will be a great fit to our TCS family!

"I am looking forward to seeing God work, feel his presence, share his word, and build relationships with students, families, and staff every day at Trinity."



Mr. John Baker *Middle School Bible Teacher*

Mr. Baker 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.

"After 26 years in the trenches with junior high kids in a public school setting and having restrictions and limitations on the expression of my Christian faith, I am so humbled, honored and excited to have the everyday opportunity to help grow and develop the middle school students in a close personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as their Bible teacher!"

Empowered to Make a Difference

Ready, set, go! We are off and running at Trinity Christian School for the 2024-2025 school year. This year is off to a phenomenal start for many reasons but mostly because 41 of the 47 Illinois Invest in Kids Scholarship recipients have returned for this school year! Of those not returning, two graduated and four moved out of the area.

How is that possible with the state of Illinois ending the scholarship program?

Exodus 15:11 “Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”

The Lord made a way! He made a way through the gifts of our generous donors. These precious people answered the call to participate in God’s plan for the lives of these children.

Trinity is overwhelmed by the faithfulness of those who chose to give and blessed by their commitment to children experiencing the love of Jesus Christ and academic excellence daily.

We may not know this side of Heaven, the magnitude of a gift in God’s hands. However, I can tell you that I am blessed to witness the impact on the lives of children, who without someone standing in the gap, could not afford to be here. Donors are not only changing their lives, but also changing their eternity.

Philippians 1:4-6 “being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Standing in awe is a good place to be! We stand in awe of what God has done for these families and for the ministry of Trinity Christian School. We are in awe of the determination of others that the state would not have the last word in the lives and education of these children.

Our hearts are bursting with gratitude!

There are many ways that you can bless Trinity Christian School with a gift of any size. Your gift will allow us to carry out our mission. You can make a secure gift online at: <https://www.trinitychristian.info/about/ways-to-give.cfm>.



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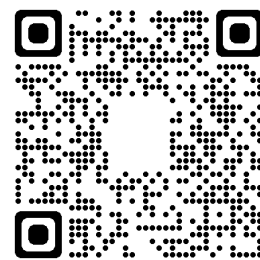
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Thank you for your support of Trinity Christian School!



“I know our community can rally our giving to help support our scholarship fund and grow that beyond what it has ever seen before! Please consider being a part of Trinity and blessing others by providing scholarships these families can use to make a way for their children being a part of a truly wonderful place!”

Head of School, Mr. Jon Vugteveen

Record-Setting Walk-a-Thon

Walk-a-Thon 2024 was a huge success! With a fundraising goal of \$85,000, we raised a total of \$93,201.86 through pledges! These funds will go toward helping families in need send their students to Trinity and enable us to give more tuition assistance. We also raised an additional \$20,000 through sponsorships, which help cover event costs. All together, that's \$113,201.86, a new record for Walk-a-Thon!

Thank you to all of our amazing TCS families and students for getting those pledges. An additional thank you to our sponsors for their generosity and support.

Kudos to Mrs. Adalys Colianne, who led the way for a great Walk-a-Thon! A very special thank you to our phenomenal 2024 Walk-a-Thon Committee: Mrs. Ka-

ren Kapsch, Mrs. Allison Murillo, Mrs. Kaly Dedetsinas, Mrs. Erin Zilvitis, Mrs. Erin Mongelli, Mrs. Samantha Weaver, Mrs. Melissa Justice, and Mrs. Sarah Kelbus! They did an amazing job taking the lead and executing such a successful and fun event for our TCS families and school! Thanks for a job well done and to God be the glory! Many thanks to all of our volunteers who served in so many capacities before, during, and after the event. We are blessed to have the best volunteers at our school. Great job to our awesome eighth grade Pledge Team (Ashley P., Kellyn M., Jacob V., and Cayden V.) for their enthusiasm and always encouraging students to go get those pledges!



Trinity Christian School Presents Our 10th Annual

Christmas

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» Saturday, December 7th «

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