

VISION

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

SPRING 23



Season of Growth

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The Newness of Spring

Mr. Jon Vugteveen,

Administrator



Psalm 85:11-13 "Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. 12 The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. 13 Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps."

Snow, cold and wind on Monday with winter coats and gloves on. Two days later it is 70-80 degrees, and we are breaking out the shorts and sunscreen. Must be SPRINGTIME in Illinois for sure! Never a dull moment with our seasons, but one thing is for sure: we are always looking forward to that consistent SPRING weather to lock in. Warm sunny rays on our face, the birds singing with new life, the trees beginning to bloom and the smell of fresh cut grass sweeping through the air.

For believers, spring is a reminder that God is all about making things new. It is a reminder of a new season. God is in the business of making things new. He's in the business of transforming his people into the image of Christ. In fact, Jesus promised to make everything new one day (Rev. 21:5). In the meantime, he gives us glimpses of the coming attractions through spring.

It has been exciting to watch Trinity Christian School grow in so many ways this past year. God has been faithful and has continued to nurture families, students, and staff members to love more, grow more and serve more. As you glance through the VISION pages may you see God at work in the lives of many. There are many refreshing things continuing here at TCS. It is like the sweet feel and smell of a fresh spring day.

Nothing reminded me more of this illustration of growth and newness in life than what we experienced in mid-April with our first-ever baptism chapel right here at Trinity. God put it on the hearts of many after Spiritual Emphasis Week to accept Jesus into their lives and to begin a wonderful relationship with him, one that would grow in their hearts not only through their experiences here at TCS but continue with their families and their churches as well. We were so excited to have 19 students show their love and commitment to their Savior through believers' baptism. It was a joyous and momentous occasion where we were able to witness God GROWING in their hearts as they made this proclamation of their love for the Lord.

I hope that you are taking time to enjoy SPRING, to be renewed, to be made fresh, and to grow in your hearts with the Lord. Whether it's a long walk on a sunny day or splashing through puddles during an unexpected shower, soak up the blessings of spring. Let the sights, sounds and smells of a new season bring to life something new within you. We are praying that God continues to GROW and bless Trinity Christian School with new life, excitement, and blessings.

We appreciate your support, both financially and prayerfully. God Bless you and enjoy a wonderful spring!



SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK

Every year, we set aside one week for the kids to go to chapel each day of the week as we celebrate our annual Spiritual Emphasis Week. This week provides an opportunity for students to renew and revitalize their focus on the Lord and be impacted by his Word and teachings.

This year our theme for the week was **Salvation: One Way Thru Jesus!** Students heard from different pastors on what it means to be saved, why we need a savior, and what it looks like to live as a follower of Jesus. Several students accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior!

In the middle of the week is our **Service Project Day**, where each class finds a way to serve our community. This year our classes engaged in projects, including: gathering toy donations for The Toy Box Connection, putting together Easter baskets for our neighbors at Alden, collecting school supplies for orphans in Africa, picking up trash around the local pond, and packing meals at Feed My Starving Children. We are so proud of our students and their hearts to serve those around them and around the world!



SALVATION

One Way
Thru
Jesus!



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Spiritual Emphasis Week 2023

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Romans 10:9-10



Upcoming Events



State of the School Meeting

May 16

This mandatory parent meeting is an informative night of special announcements, updates and a time to come together as parents. The meeting takes place in the cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.



TCS Alumni Event

May 19

Calling all Trinity Christian School Alumni! This event is for you to connect with your former teachers and classmates. We will have 9-square, open gym, snacks, music, and a lot of catching up to do. Please R.S.V.P. through this form: <https://forms.gle/AtHdwrE1rricQcj2A>.

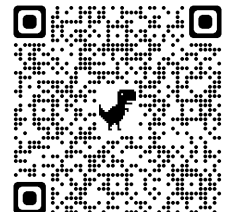


Summer Camps

June-August

This summer we have camps and programs for sports, robotics, art, sign language, dance, and more! We also have tutoring opportunities. Summer camps are open to students from the community as well as current and incoming TCS students. For the full list of camps and registration details, visit

www.trinitychristian.info/athletics/summer-camps.cfm



ATHLETICS UPDATES

WINTER SPORTS



Congratulations to both the 5th/6th Grade and 7th/8th Grade Boys' Basketball teams for winning their ICC tournaments! Thank you to 5th/6th head coach Jon Vugteveen and assistant coach Bryan Proskey, and 7th/8th head coach Sean Mackin and assistant coaches Joe Fabbre, Kurt Bounds, and Vince Benig for your leadership and mentorship to these students.

Our Girls' Basketball teams had an excellent season, with our 5th/6th team taking second place in the ICC tournament and our 7th/8th team taking home the championship trophy! Thank you to 5th/6th coaches Jon Kravarik and Maddie Deeter, and 7th/8th coaches Lisa Vugteveen and Jonas Byrer for your guidance and mentorship of these girls!



This year we had 46 cheerleaders from 5th-8th Grade. These girls worked hard to improve their skills and learn new techniques, sideline cheers, halftime dances, and intense stunts in a short amount of time. Thank you to head coach Kayla Bekermeier and assistant coaches Megan Bresnahan, Maddie Deeter and Courtney Ubert for working with these students to grow in their tumbling skills, confidence, and leadership abilities.



Celebrating 30 Years of God's Faithfulness

This year we reflected on 30 years of God's faithfulness at our annual Benefit Event Dinner and Silent Auction. Mr. Vugteveen gave a video tour of the basement of Grace Bible Church, where TCS, known then as Joliet Christian School, met from 1994 to 2003. He reflected on the challenges they faced, including limited space, working around the church's schedule, and the flood in the summer of 1996 that threatened to close the school.

"But God led us through that, and here we are now, thirty years later," Vugteveen said, as photos of the school in the early years were shown with photos of the school today. God has truly been faithful in bringing families to Trinity; from a starting enrollment of 57 students when the school first opened to almost 400 students today, Trinity Christian School has continued to fulfill our mission to provide students with a personalized education and the skills to pursue excellence in all they do as they work for the Lord.

We heard from alumni Sarah Sharp Cudney, '95, and Leah Stonitsch, '22, on how Trinity Christian School helped prepare them for high school and beyond. Alumni Nick Dedetsinas, '06, Courtney Ubert, '15, and Maddie Coffel Deeter, '16, also shared their testimonies on video.

"It's something only God could have orchestrated," said Dedetsinas of his life's story. Starting at Joliet Christian School in first grade, Dedetsinas now serves as the senior pastor of Grace Bible Church and sends his two children to Trinity. "Coming to this school, hearing the gospel, having teachers model God's goodness in the way that they lived and treated each other and treated us and prayed for us in our classrooms... that's where my faith journey really began."

Ubert and Deeter are both serving at Trinity this year. Ubert is student teaching in third grade with Mrs. Woodford, who taught her in third grade, and Deeter is our Spanish Facilitator. They both also coached various sports throughout the year.

We were blessed to have so many families from the history of TCS present at the Benefit Event, from founding families such as the Sharps and the Alexanders, to recent alumni from the previous year.

We are thankful for all of our Trinity families and teachers, past and present, for making Trinity Christian School special! We are thankful to God for his continual blessings and favor upon our school and our mission to impact students for him.

Feel free to watch the videos shown at the Benefit Event on our YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/@TrinityChristianShorewood>.



SPRING EVENTS

SPIRIT WEEK 2023

Pajama Day

Wacky Day

Class Color Day

RED, WHITE AND BLUE DAY

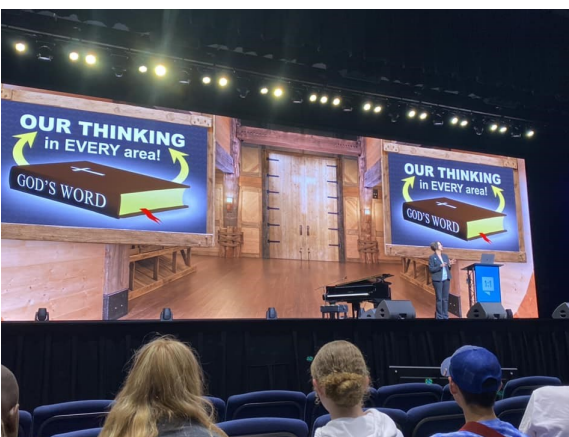
Western Day

WATCH THE
RECAP VIDEO
ON YOUTUBE!



8TH GRADE TRIP

Our 8th graders took a trip to Kentucky in April to visit and learn from the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. We loved the amount of spiritual growth that happened through the eye-opening experiences in the museums and loved seeing these students create life-long memories together. Our trip was full of learning in the museums, laughter while traveling, yummy lunch and dinner stops, road trip travel games, laughter at the hotel pool, and a time of bonding for our Class of 2023! We are thankful for a safe and memorable trip to Kentucky.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Andrew Kay, '18, was accepted into the Pipefitters Union 597 after participating in GAVC at MCHS for two years, receiving the Welder of the Year award his senior year. He has finished his training and is out in the work force. Nice work Andrew!



Sarah Lauss, '21, and her engineering class at Plainfield Central High School designed an ergonomic wheelchair control knob to help the relative of a school social worker.

Way to let your light shine Sarah!



Natalie Kay, '16, went to Universal Spa Training Academy in Downers Grove and is now a licensed esthetician working at Hand & Stone in Shorewood.

Congrats Natalie!



Ava Kay, '21, is getting amazing grades and is in the top 8% of her sophomore class at MCHS. This summer she will be traveling on a two-week international trip, and earning college credits for it!

Keep it up Ava!



Maddie McBride, '22, received an Award of Distinction at the Lockport Area Special Education Cooperative (LASEC) Advocate of the Year event for creating a video on how she advocates for herself using sign language. Awesome work Maddie!

Lily Benig, '11, completed her undergraduate degree in Bioengineering from the University of Illinois. She is currently working for a healthcare not-for-profit and graduates with her Master of Public Health degree from Tulane University this May.

Theo Benig, '14, received his undergraduate degree in Computer Engineering from the University of Illinois. He was married last fall and works in robotics in San Jose, California.

Mabel Benig, '19, graduates from Minooka Community High School this May and will study Architecture at the University of Illinois.

All three credit the TCS community for helping establish their foundation in Christ and desire to serve God in their life choices. Great job all!

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

Please contact Jack Hayward at jhayward@trinitychristian.info

Alumni are also invited to join our Alumni Facebook Group:

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



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!



Mr. Daniel Buegel *Evening Custodian*

We welcome Mr. Buegel to our maintenance staff as our evening custodian. Daniel is responsible for afternoon and evening maintenance and cleaning of the building, as well as covering rentals and locking up. Daniel attends Gracepoint Church with his wife and three children. He loves to work with his hands and serve others. Please be sure to welcome him to TCS.



Mrs. Maddie Deeter *Spanish Facilitator*

Mrs. Deeter is a TCS graduate and has been recently involved in coaching volleyball and cheer at TCS. She is heavily involved in her church and has worked in a variety of childrens' ministry settings. She married her husband, Riley, in September. Maddie facilitates and organizes the online lessons the students use to learn Spanish, as well as managing the classroom and building students' love for learning a foreign language.

Employment Opportunities

As Trinity Christian School continues to grow, we are seeking people who are passionate about our mission and Christian education to join our team!

For the 2023-2024 school year, we are seeking...

Full-Time

Director of Development

Middle School English Language Arts Teachers

Middle School Bible Teacher

Elementary Teacher

Part-Time

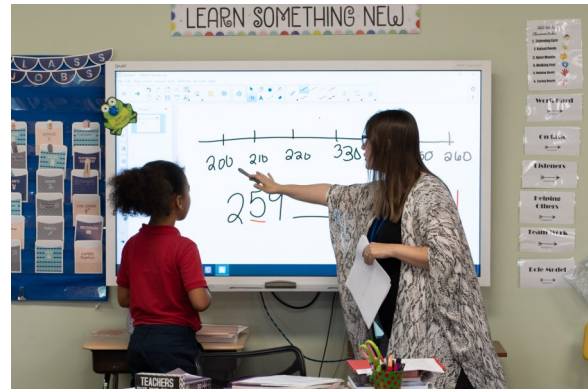
Athletic Director

PK3 Teacher Aide

PK4 Teacher Aide

Substitute Teachers

For an updated list of open job positions, job descriptions, and application instructions, please visit bit.ly/tcsjobapps.



30 Years of Support

For three decades, with God's blessing and the financial support of parents, grandparents, alumni families and community partners, Trinity Christian School has impacted children with a foundation of God's truth and academic excellence.

Trinity Christian School could not exist without support from donors with whom the mission and vision of Trinity resonates, and who desire to make an impact in the lives of this generation of students.

If you would like to partner with Trinity Christian School and help us build up students who are prepared with an outstanding academic foundation, ready to positively impact their peers, and are experienced in leadership and service, we have several ways to give.

1. You may give directly to Trinity Christian School, either by mail or online at bit.ly/tcsgive.
2. You may give scholarships to Trinity Christian School through Empower Illinois and receive an Illinois state tax credit in the amount of 75% of your donation. For more information on this program go to empowerillinois.org or contact Deanne Bekermeier at dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info.



Want to Give via Check?

If you would like to give via check, please mail your gift to:
Trinity Christian School
Attn: Business Services
901 Shorewood Dr.
Shorewood, IL 60404

Want to Give Online?

Follow the instructions below to give a one-time gift or set up recurring giving.

Gift amount

One-time donation

Recurring donation

\$50

\$100

\$250

\$500

Other amount

I want to support

Annual Fund

Support another fund

Empower Illinois is a state-designated nonprofit scholarship granting organization. It is designed to create funding for Illinois families desiring a state-recognized private school education and who are in need of financial assistance to make that a reality. Illinois donors who fund this program receive an Illinois state tax credit totaling 75% of their contribution.

As an individual, you can direct your dollars to benefit Trinity Christian School Shorewood students specifically. To learn more go to empowerillinois.org.

We already have 8 students funded through Empower for the 2023-2024 school year and 38 on the waiting list. Thank you for supporting these students!



Students of the Month



December

- Kindergarten - Toni F.
- 1st Grade - Veronica L.
- 2nd Grade - Ada F.
- 3rd Grade - Michael B.
- 4th Grade - Matthew M.
- 5th Grade - Mason D.
- 6th Grade - Aubrey C.
- 7th Grade - Faye N.
- 8th Grade - Tyler J.

January

- Kindergarten - Asher P.
- 1st Grade - Abigail Z.
- 2nd Grade - Jaxson W.
- 3rd Grade - Harper A.
- 4th Grade - Carter D.
- 5th Grade - Edison E.
- 6th Grade - Steve H.
- 7th Grade - Shelby F.
- 8th Grade - Haven F.



February

- Kindergarten - Roger G.
- 1st Grade - Max N.
- 2nd Grade - Olivia P.
- 3rd Grade - Adelaide B.
- 4th Grade - Ava B.
- 5th Grade - Olivia C.
- 6th Grade - Sofia F.
- 7th Grade - Addison B.
- 8th Grade - Westin L.



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SUMMER 2023 CAMPS & PROGRAMS

SUMMER 2023 AT A GLANCE

Art Enrichment	June 12-16
Robotics 4th Grade	June 19-23
Volleyball Setting/Serving	June 19-23
Robotics 3rd, 5th-8th Grade	June 26-30
Sign Language	June 19-23 & June 26-30
Basketball	July 10-13
Cheer	July 17-20
Dance	July 24-28
Volleyball	July 31-August 3
Soccer	August 7-10
Bowling	August 7-11
Tutoring	June 5-July 10 (by appointment)

For detailed camp information and registration, visit

<https://www.trinitychristian.info/athletics/summer-camps.cfm>

