



"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 Summer Down!

I hope and pray that you are all having a wonderful time enjoying this summer. We often bemoan the fast pace that summer can often bring with chores, vacations that result in us needing another vacation, sports schedules and much more. It would be good for us to stop and think about "easy living." God's Word does give us some perspective on the importance of rest. Tanks that run on "weary" all the time soon lack the stamina to do well spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and relationally. Even God rested after six days of building his creation. Jesus would take time away from the crowds to rest and reboot. It may be important, at times, to see that work can wait, games can be missed, vacations can last longer, and quiet time with the Lord is immensely powerful to fit in as it builds our stamina to meet life each and every week.

So, as this summer continues, be sure to ask yourself; when was the last time you truly rested? What has the Lord revealed to you about your busyness and how can you find ways to relax and meditate on what he has blessed you with? Make some time for "easy living" and think of ways you can enjoy what God has set before you. I would encourage you to read Hebrews 4: 1-13 and see what God shares with us on rest. My prayer is for you to continue to find ways to rest and be restored this summer.

We continue to get things prepared for another school year, and we look forward to what the Lord will do in 2021-2022 at TCS. But until then, enjoy your time and be sure to get some rest!

In your time of rest can you remember to lift the school up in prayer?! We need to faithfully continue to lift this place of ministry to the Lord. There is so much to be thankful for and there are also many needs as well. Please join with me in asking for God to guide and direct this school into His will and plan. We can do amazing things as long as we continue to put our faith and trust in our Lord and Savior. Here are some specific requests and blessings to keep in prayer:

- Pray for our teachers/staff, that they take time to rest but also as they begin thinking about the next school year
- Prayers for all staffing to be fulfilled and that new staff would be the perfect fit for the TCS family
- Enrollment—that God will continue to bring in more families and students to fill these halls
- That God would bless families seeking to send their children here, who may be struggling financially
- Our maintenance crew as they work hard to get things in place for the school year
- The logistics of starting a new school year, from In-Service with staff, to the first day for students!

Please flood this upcoming school year in prayer. It is not too early, God will hear our prayers. Thank you for your love for our school. Enjoy every minute of what is left of summer!

In His Grip,

Mr. V
Administrator

Kindergarten - 8th Grade Calendar: July and August

July 20
Board Meeting 7 p.m.

Important Dates:

June 3-August 17
Summer Break

August 9
Regular Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
8 a.m.-3 p.m.

August 16
Jump-Start Night
Hot Lunch Orders Due

August 17
Board Meeting 7 p.m.

August 18
First day of School
11:30 a.m. Dismissal



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

**SUMMER OFFICE
HOURS:**
Monday-Thursday
8 a.m.-noon

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 16, 2021**, 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, a meningococcal conjugate vaccination (MCV4) requirement recently went into effect for students entering sixth grade. **Sixth graders must show proof of one dose of MCV4.** Proof of immunity is verified by documented evidence by a 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.

Hot Lunch Ordering Opens August 1

We hope you all are enjoying your summer vacations. Hot lunch ordering for August AND September opens Aug. 1. Ordering closes after Jump-Start Night, Aug. 16. Late orders are not allowed. If you are a new family or this is your first time using our online lunch ordering system, information can be found at www.trinitychristian.info/parents/hot-lunch-ordering 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 14th at 11:59 p.m. of each month
- Orders and payments need to be received by the 14th 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. Jessica Biskup at jbiskup@trinitychristian.info. Like Trinity's [Facebook page](#); reminders to order are posted there and in the weekly newsletter!

JOIN THE PARADE, AUGUST 8, IN SHOREWOOD!

Trinity Christian School is participating in the Shorewood Crossroads Parade

The **PARADE** takes place Sunday, Aug. 8, at noon. This year's theme is, "The Lost Year..." Thankfully TCS did not lose a year, and we are happy to once again be back in-person and full-day for the school year 2021-2022! This is a testament to how great TCS truly is and we want to get that word out into the community! This event will be an awesome way to wrap up the summer and reconnect with TCS friends, walk together and help spread the word about our school. All TCS students, families and alumni are invited. We ask that participants show off their traditional red, white and blue TCS pride, and any school Spirit Gear is welcomed too! If you would like to be a part, please R.S.V.P. by clicking on the following link to provide your name and summer e-mail address [Shorewood Crossroad Parade 2021](#).

BEFORE THE PARADE We need volunteers to help **decorate the float** for the parade. Yes, you can start earning volunteer hours for the 2021-2022 school year! We will meet Friday, Aug. 6, 4-6 p.m., at the school, to decorate. If you are able to help, please hurry and contact Mrs. Toya Thomas, Special Events Coordinator, at 815-577-9310, ext. 54, or at tthomas@trinitychristian.info.

The Crossroads parade is a great way to have fun, promote and celebrate our school, and earn volunteer hours (just the float-decorating part)! We hope you will join us!

JUMP-START NIGHT



SAVE THE DATE!!

Please Join us at Trinity as we **JUMP** back into school.

August 16 at Trinity
4 p.m.-7 p.m.

It will be a time filled with information and activity, a time to connect with teachers and students, plus lots of **FUN!**

PRISCILLA SHIRER SIMULCAST, VIA PARENT-TEACHER MINISTRY

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE! Trinity Christian School's Parent-Teacher Ministry is excited to invite you to attend "Going Beyond" a simulcast with Priscilla Shirer, Saturday, Sept. 25, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.!

This event brings women together for a day of powerful teaching, prayer, and amazing worship with Anthony Evens. We are thrilled to host and bring our community together to impact and bless women, and hope you will be able to join us. Please share this opportunity with your friends and family. There is more information on the flyer at the end of this newsletter. Ticket information will be available soon!

HELP STUDENTS ACCESS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS



- As of today, 17 Trinity students are approved by the state of Illinois and on a waiting list to receive Invest in Kids scholarships to attend Trinity Christian School through the Illinois Invest in Kids Act.
- You can help make these funds available and receive a 75% state tax credit! This program is funded by individual donors contributing to Empower Illinois. Empower Illinois facilitates the process of scholarship funds reaching qualified families. The donation process is accomplished by making a contribution through Empower Illinois and designating the scholarship be awarded to qualified students attending **Trinity Christian School in Region 3**.
- By donating to this scholarship program, you will receive tax credit in the amount of 75% of your donation. This is not a tax deduction. It is a tax credit, so it directly reduces your Illinois State tax bill. For example, if your Illinois State Tax Bill is \$1,000 and you make a \$1,000 donation to Empower Illinois directing your contribution to **Trinity Christian School in Region 3**, you will receive a \$750 tax credit. This will reduce the tax bill you owe to the state of Illinois to \$250.00.

For more information go to <https://empowerillinois.org/>. Additional resources can be found at https://empowerillinois.org/wp-content/uploads/EI_one_pager_2021.pdf. For a step-by-step guide to donating, go to https://empowerillinois.org/wp-content/uploads/How_to_Donate_TaxCredit_Step_by_Step_2021_2.pdf.

Please don't miss this opportunity to bless a child with a TCS education and to reduce your Illinois state income taxes at the same time. Funding is needed for this upcoming school year, so we ask you to act swiftly.

Please contact Mrs. Deanne Bekermeier at dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info with any questions. Thank you!

Trinity Christian School Employment Opportunities

There are currently a number of employment opportunities open for the 2020-2021 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please forward a completed application along with your resume to: Trinity Christian School, Attn: Jon Vugteveen, 901 Shorewood Dr., Shorewood, IL 60404. Applications may be found online or in the front office.

Elementary Teacher Positions

Are you a certified teacher who loves teaching elementary school aged children? We are seeking enthusiastic elementary teachers, full-time, for the 2021-2022 school year. Qualified candidates must have a bachelor's degree and a current state teaching certificate. The teacher must believe that the Bible is God's Word and is the standard for faith and daily living. You also must be in agreement with Trinity Christian School's mission and philosophy of education. This opening is a self-contained classroom in which the teacher is responsible for teaching the core subjects. The teacher shall prayerfully help students learn attitudes, skills and subject matter that will contribute to their development as mature, able, and responsible Christians to the praise and glory of God.

Spanish Teacher

We are seeking a part-time Spanish teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Qualified candidates should have at least a bachelor's degree and experience in speaking and teaching Spanish. The teacher must believe that the Bible is God's Word and must be in agreement with Trinity Christian School's mission and philosophy of education. This teacher must possess patience and be able to motivate students. Enthusiasm and creativity are assets, as are strong organizational skills. Experience isn't required but it is a bonus. The Spanish teacher will be responsible for developing lesson plans and enhancing provided curriculum in Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Middle School History Teacher

We are seeking a full-time, enterprising, middle school history teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Qualified candidates will have at least a bachelor's degree and current teacher certification. A Social Science Endorsement is preferred but not required. The teacher must believe that the Bible is God's Word and must be in agreement with Trinity Christian School's mission and philosophy of education. A successful candidate will teach 6th-8th grade level Social Studies. Applicants should have a passion for engaging middle school students in the process of learning government, geography, history, economics, civic ideals, and current events. Duties include: instructing students through lectures, discussions and activities; assessing students' abilities, strengths and weaknesses; preparing, administering and grading tests to evaluate students' progress. If interested, please forward the completed application along with your resume to the above address.

Substitute Teachers

We are seeking substitute teachers for the 2021-2022 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 certificate 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.

Marketing and Admissions Director *a candidate has been identified for this position but still time to inquire and apply*

General Description: The Marketing and Admissions Director manages internal requests to meet the admissions, marketing and communication needs of the school. Additionally, he/she will manage internal and external community relations and media content. The Director will collaborate with Development as well as Administration to plan and implement strategies to market the school and engage the community to know more of what is going on at Trinity Christian School. Also, they will play a vital role in the admissions program and further develop enrollment.

Qualifications:

- Must love the Lord and be willing to serve others in a loving and caring way
- Bachelor's degree in marketing or communications preferred
- Work experience in a communications role
- Strong organizational and project management skills
- Excellent writing and communication skills
- Experience with photography and videography
- Proficiency with computers and publishing programs

Evening Maintenance Position

We are currently accepting applications for an afternoon/evening maintenance position for the 2021-2022 school year. The position would, under general supervision, consist of cleaning and general maintenance after school and during rentals. Schedule would be Monday-Friday, 2:30-9 p.m., with some Saturdays included. Flexibility and adjusting hours may be discussed.

2021-2022 STAFFING UPDATES

We are currently still working to fill a few vacancies in our staff for the upcoming year. Please check our employment opportunities on p. 4 and [website](#) for descriptions. There are still a couple of teacher roles to be filled. Any help, leads or thoughts are much appreciated!

Below are some changes and updates thus far this summer:

ELEMENTARY: Ms. Anneke Zakoor is taking on one of our elementary classrooms. She is a kind, warm and loving Christian teacher. She is excited to be a part of the Trinity family and looks forward to loving on the kids and helping them grow academically and spiritually. She graduated from Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and an ESL minor. She loves to sing and worship, volunteering, doing art with children, and loves board games! We look forward to getting to know Ms. Zakoor and seeing her do amazing things in the classroom!

COMPUTER & ART: Mrs. Christine McBride, our Middle School history teacher last year, will move into a new role teaching Computers and Art next year. She has played a huge role in MS, helping kids and staff adjust to remote learning and the many aspects of technology and computers. She has a great background and knowledge to develop our students in this technology age. She will work to develop higher computer, typing, and digital citizenship skills in all our students. Mrs. McBride will also assume the role of our Art teacher. She has a gift of drawing and has a background in the arts as well. We look forward to her continuing on at TCS in these new roles. As an added bonus, we are super excited about Mrs. McBride also introducing TCS to a robotics program. Watch for more details soon!

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Mrs. Lisa Nash, will continue her part-time role in business services, but will also now take on the role of Volunteer Coordinator. We are pleased with her acceptance of this role, as she is no stranger to TCS and will be able to continue to meet the needs of our volunteers in picking up where Mrs. McDavitt left off. Mrs. Nash plans to continue helping during lunch, as well with supervision and helping with hot lunch delivery. Everyone will at some point want to meet and know who Mrs. Nash is, as we want all hands on deck to make this the best school year ever!

Trinity is continuing to interview for open positions as the offerings in the market have been slim this year. Please be in prayer over this and let us know if you know of anyone looking to be part of a great school and ministry!

EXTRA INCOME? ACCUMULATE VOLUNTEER HOURS? SUBSTITUTE AT TCS!

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PARENT-TEACHER MINISTRY SEEKS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

THE PTM WANTS **YOU!** WE NEED **YOU!** MULTIPLE POSITIONS OPEN ON THE BOARD!

Trinity's Parent-Teacher Ministry is a great way to get involved! Come to the school Tuesday, July 27, 11:40 a.m. - 1:20 p.m.; or to Panera at 2360 S. Rt. 59 in Plainfield, 6-8 p.m. Please stop in for a few minutes or stay the whole time. Whatever time and place you chose, I look forward to meeting you!

If those times don't work with your schedule but you're interested in learning more about PTM, please email me at frakes.tcs@gmail.com. There are also many volunteer opportunities available for PTM events throughout the year if you aren't ready to join the committee. Talk to you soon!

PLEASE COMPLETE ONLINE REENROLLMENT

We're looking forward to having your students back for the 2021-2022 school year! If you haven't gone online to reenroll your students yet, now is the time to do it. You should have received an email with instructions earlier in the spring. 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. Call the office at 815-577-9310 if you have any questions. We are glad to help!

Finally, be sure to refer your friends and family members to our school if they have school-aged children. They can contact us at the above number or admissions@trinitychristian.info. Thanks!

Volunteer Opportunities

Happy Summer Greetings to you all! My name is Mrs. Lisa Nash and I will be serving you as the Volunteer Coordinator. I look forward the opportunity of getting to know you all this upcoming year. I am not new to Trinity, as both of my kids graduated from here and are now going to be juniors in their respective schools. My son, John, attends Trine University in Angola, IN; and my daughter, Erin, attends Joliet Catholic Academy.

There will be many opportunities to volunteer and I will work on keeping you all informed when they arise. We are once again decorating a float and participating in the Shorewood Parade, Aug. 8. Jump-Start Night is Aug. 16 and there will be tasks to volunteer for then as well. Details for those opportunities are still being ironed out. I ask for a bit of grace as I become familiar with Volunteer Coordinator procedures and duties. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with questions at volunteercoordinator@trinitychristian.info. Thank you!

FALL SPORTS

Information about soccer and volleyball is being sent via email by the beginning 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. The first games of the season begin the last week of August, so practices may begin as early as Aug. 10. Stay tuned for updates!



MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES

Elective choices for 6th-8th grade students for the 2021-2022 school year will be emailed home to your family email in late July. Please discuss the choices with your child, then email the top three choices to Mrs. Virginia Hayward at vhayward@trinitychristian.info. The first semester elective will be included in the schedule each student receives at Jump-Start Night, Aug. 16. Sixth graders are assigned a study skills and computer elective for quarters 1 & 2. Sixth graders should email their top 3 choices for the 3 & 4th quarters.

USE SCRIP THROUGHOUT SUMMER

Summer is here and you can continue to order Scrip gift cards through our Trinity Summer Scrip program! Orders are due at 9 a.m. Monday mornings. Gift cards will be ready for pickup in the office on Thursdays, 8 a.m. - noon. The Trinity office is CLOSED on Fridays throughout the summer. There are many great retailers on www.shopwithScrip.com to help you keep Scrip hot this summer.

If you are traveling, plan to take along Scrip cards on your vacation. Scrip has retailers for all of your travel needs such as: Budget Car Rental, Mobil, Shell, BP and Disney! Plus, it's a perfect opportunity to earn big rebates! When you order Scrip, you can relax on your vacation knowing you are earning rebates for the 2021-2022 school year while supporting Trinity with your purchases.

With school out, you can fill all those hot summer days with cool activities. There are so many great places to find summer fun, and you can get it all using Scrip gift cards! Scrip carries the brands you need to keep the whole family entertained this summer. You can order Scrip gift cards from Chuck E Cheese, Cinemark, Six Flags, AMC Theatres, etc.

Check out more Scrip information by using the quick link at the bottom of our web page, www.trinitychristian.info.



JOIN US FOR THE
Going Beyond
SIMULCAST
PRISCILLA
SHIRER

Worship with Anthony Evans
SEPTEMBER 25, 2021



Trinity Christian School
901 Shorewood Drive
Shorewood, IL 60404

9:00am - 4:00pm

Tickets are \$20 each

Box lunches will be available for purchase.

Please join us for this impactful event that brings women together for a day of powerful teaching and amazing worship.