



Son Times

April 13, 2023

"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)

SPIRIT GEAR DAY TOMORROW! SPIRIT GEAR DAY TOMORROW!

CONGRATS MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

Congratulations to Trinity's March Students of the Month! These students were chosen by their grade-level teachers, specials teachers and administration for their notable excellence in academic performance, character, behavior, effort, social relationships and attendance.

Kindergarten - Edie F.
1st Grade - Luke M.
2nd Grade - Olivia J.
3rd Grade - Benjamin S.
4th Grade - Jacqueline B.
5th Grade - Graham N.
6th Grade - Addison Z.
7th Grade - Leah S.
8th Grade - Amanda M.



STANDARDIZED TESTING IS NEXT WEEK

Students in grades K-8 will take the Iowa Complete standardized test, April 17-20. A standardized test is a type of test given to all students across the nation, with the same directions and generally the same content. Standardized tests can be given in both public and private schools. Please know these tests are one piece in evaluating where Trinity Christian School and each student are academically.

Please make every attempt to have your student here on time each day. Testing is held each morning and the school will be a quiet zone every day until approximately 11:30 a.m.



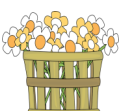
Here are a few other reminders when it comes to standardized testing week:

- All testing takes place in K-8th grade, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- K-5th grade will test Monday-Thursday
- 6th-8th grade will test Tuesday-Thursday
- CHAPEL will be rescheduled on April 19 from 8:35 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Children are encouraged to get plenty of sleep and eat healthy, nutritional breakfasts
- Teachers will take testing week into consideration so there will be no homework other than continuing to read, so students aren't overloaded throughout the week



Please encourage your children not to put any added pressure on themselves but to just do their best! Let's also join together in praying for peace within our students. Thank you for partnering with us to help our students succeed!

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS



The PTM Flower Sale has begun. Orders can be turned in to the school office now through April 28. Flowers will be delivered in time for Mothers' Day and spring planting! See the attached flyer on pg. 6 for more information.

Kindergarten - 8th
Grade Calendar:
April 13-21

April 14
Spirit Gear Day

April 17-20
Standardized Testing

April 18
School Board Meeting
7 p.m.

April 19
Baptismal Chapel
2 p.m.

April 20
Sports Award Ceremony
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Important Dates:
May 1-5
Teacher Appreciation
Week





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: APRIL 17-APRIL 28. 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.

Monday 04/17: 2 volunteers needed	Monday 04/24: 2 volunteers needed
Tuesday 04/18: 2 volunteers needed	Tuesday 04/25: 2 volunteers needed
Wednesday 04/19: 1 volunteer needed	Wednesday 04/26: 1 volunteer needed
Thursday 04/20: 2 volunteers needed	Thursday 04/27: 2 volunteers needed
Friday 04/21: 2 volunteers needed	Friday 04/28: 2 volunteers needed

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

Monday 04/17: 2 volunteers needed	Monday 04/24: 2 volunteers needed
Tuesday 04/18: 2 volunteers needed	Tuesday 04/25: 2 volunteers needed
Wednesday 04/19: 2 volunteers needed	Wednesday 04/26: 2 volunteers needed
Thursday 04/20: 2 volunteers needed	Thursday 04/27: 2 volunteers needed
Friday 04/21: 2 volunteers needed	Friday 04/28: 2 volunteers needed

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

Monday 04/17: 2 volunteers needed	Monday 04/24: 2 volunteers needed
Tuesday 04/18: 2 volunteers needed	Tuesday 04/25: 2 volunteers needed
Wednesday 04/19: 2 volunteers needed	Wednesday 04/26: 2 volunteers needed
Thursday 04/20: 2 volunteers needed	Thursday 04/27: 2 volunteers needed
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Please contact Mrs. Thomas at tthomas@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 CADEN B., GUEST CONTRIBUTOR TO THE SON TIMES

Chapel, Wednesday, March 28, was brought to us by eighth grade and their focus was Easter. Joey B. and Baileigh L. shared a message about why we celebrate Easter and what it is. We celebrate Easter to celebrate Christ being risen from the dead. Those who have accepted Christ will have eternal salvation. Salvation is God's grace for sinners. God's invitation to be saved is for anyone at any time. When we are saved, we turn our life over to God and accept his love. God is with us in every step we take and every path we take God is at the end of every journey. God died for us when we were still sinners. Even when he begged not to, he went through pain and suffering. Jesus Christ's death is not the end because he is ALIVE in us!

JOIN US FOR FUNDRAISER NIGHT!

Don't feel like cooking? Come support Trinity Christian School by visiting Wendy's in Shorewood any time, Wednesday, April 26. They will donate 30% of their daily sales to our school, just mention you are with TCS!



JOIN US FOR MOMS' NIGHT OUT!

Join TCS moms Saturday, April 29, for a Moms' Night Out at Santé Medical Aesthetics. This will be a great time of fellowship, food, prizes, and learning about skin care! R.S.V.P. by emailing your name and number attending to info@santemb.com or by using the QR code on the attached flyer. See flyer on p. 5 for more information.

SPRING BOOK FAIR COMING NEXT WEEK

Students will be able to preview and purchase books and other fun items during the week of April 17-21.

This year, we are very excited to be using a new company called I:55 Book Fairs. Their motto is "Where Faith Matters."

Purchases can be made by cash, check, debit/credit card, or gift card.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Why work at Trinity Christian School?

Our family atmosphere and strong discipleship culture set up our staff and teachers for success every day. Weekly staff devotions and our Parent Teacher Ministry provide opportunities to be replenished spiritually. Our staff and teachers have a unique role in the building of God's Kingdom and the next generation.

Take it from our staff and teachers:

"Teaching at TCS brings me great joy and one of my favorite parts is not only being able to pour into a student and invest in them academically, but also showing them that they are truly loved by their Savior. I love teaching math and watching students grow in their understanding and confidence, but ultimately love walking alongside them in their faith journey and encouraging them as they learn about Christ," - **Kayla Bekermeier, MS Math & 8th Grade Bible**

"My favorite thing about TCS is the families. Whether student families or staff families, we all come together as one to support each other, pray for each other, and grow students to love Christ," - **Terese Osacky, 4th Grade Teacher**

Trinity Christian School is an equal opportunity employer.

OPEN JOB POSITIONS

- **DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT**
- **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER**
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE TEACHER**
- **ELEMENTARY TEACHER**
- **LEARNING RESOURCE TEACHER**
- **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

Job Applications

Thank you for your interest in working at Trinity Christian School! Applications can be found below. Applications can also be picked up in the main office. Please send the appropriate application and your resume via e-mail to Mr. Jon Vugteveen at jvugteveen@trinitychristian.info, or via mail to:

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

BLESS A TCS FAMILY AND RECEIVE A BLESSING AT TAX TIME

As of today, 37 students have been approved to receive scholarships to attend Trinity Christian School through the Illinois Invest in Kids Act. Five students have been funded thus far and 32 remain on the waiting list for the 2023-2024 school year.



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 donors contributing 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 a 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.

For more information go to <https://empowerillinois.org/>. If you have any questions please contact, Mrs. Deanne Bekermeier, Director of Development, at dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info.



Stop into **Wendy's®** **Shorewood** on **4/26/2023**
and 30% of qualifying sales as a result of your
participation will be donated to
Trinity Christian School

DATE: **Wednesday, April 26, 2023**
TIME: **Open - Close**
LOCATION: **940 Brook Forest**
Shorewood

*Present this flyer when ordering. Paper flyer **or** electronic image of flyer (on a phone/tablet) is required when order is placed. Only valid on date at location specified above. Wendy's gift cards and other retail purchases are excluded from the event. Dine-in, carry-out (taken inside dining room at the counter) and drive-thru orders qualify.*

Owned and operated by **All-Star Management**, a Wendy's franchisee
www.allstarwendys.com



Santé Medical Aesthetics invites you to
**TRINITY CHRISTIAN
MOM'S NIGHT OUT**

*Santé will be donating \$50 for each
woman that joins us at the event!*

**JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT OUT &
RAISE MONEY FOR TCS!**

We will be offering:
Drinks & Appetizers
Skin Care Consults
Service Information
Giveaways/Raffles
Special Event Pricing
Vendor Shopping



April 29th, 2023 4-7pm
648 N River rd., Suite 100,
Naperville, IL 60563

RSVP Here



Mother's Day Flower Sale

Get a gift for mom & decorate your house for summer while supporting our school!

Orders are due April 28 & flowers will be delivered May 10

10" Hanging Baskets & Pots: \$24



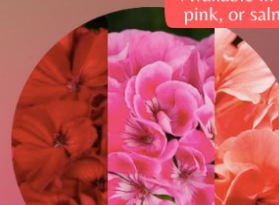
Superbell*
Full/Part Sun



Petunia*
Full/Part Sun



Mixed Baskets*
Full/Part Sun



Geranium
Full/Part Sun

Available in red,
pink, or salmon



Citronella
Full/Part Sun

Natural mosquito
repellent



Bridal Veil
Full Shade



Boston Fern
Full Shade



Wandering Jew
Full Shade

Patio Tomato Pots**: \$22



Lantana*
Full Sun



Martha Washington*
Part Sun



Husky Red
Full/Part Sun



Husky Cherry
Full/Part Sun

36 Count Flats: \$22



Petunia
Full/Part Sun



Marigold
Full/Part Sun



Wax Begonia
Full/Part Sun

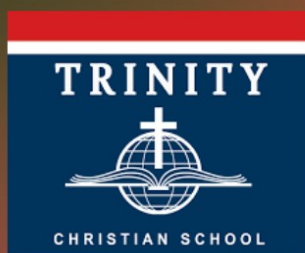


Zinnia
Full Sun



Impatiens
Part Sun

Mid-height
10"-12" tall



Pay by check made out to
Trinity Christian School

Questions? Contact Lisa Vugteveen
(815) 530-0315 | micntrygirl@yahoo.com

*Assorted colors, may be different from picture

**Grow your own tomatoes!

Plants can stay in their pot and are supported by
a wire cage.

Just water, fertilize, & enjoy fresh tomatoes all
summer!

Trinity Christian School PTM presents

MOTHER-SON *Date Night*



**MOMS AND SONS JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
BASEBALL, FOOD, FUN AND FIREWORKS AT THE**

JOLIET SLAMMERS

Duly Health and Care Field
1 Mayor Art Schultz Dr.
Joliet, IL 60432

GAME BEGINS AT 6:35 PM ON FRIDAY, MAY 19TH

FORMAL INVITATION TO FOLLOW.

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AFTER SPRING BREAK.

Questions Email: mistylsekulski@gmail.com