



Son Times

April 16, 2026

"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)

CLASS COLOR DAY TOMORROW!

11:45 DISMISSAL TOMORROW. NO P.M. B.A.S.K. ANNUAL UPDATE PACKETS OPEN, TOMORROW

Trinity's annual information update packets for current students reenrolled in first through eighth grade are open tomorrow through May 1. These packets allow families to update important information regarding their household and student(s) each year. They are an important tool in communicating well and caring for our students.

While these packets are completed in the enrollment portion of your Family Portal, they are different from an enrollment packet in a few ways. First, they are considerably shorter than an actual enrollment packet. The fact that your family's information should already populate the forms should also make things move along more quickly. Also, there is no enrollment fee, you will simply submit the packet when you are done.

It is important to note that there is one packet per student who is reenrolled, open April 17 - May 1. Update the forms that apply to each of your students. If you elect not to complete this update, we assume no updates are needed for your students, and your agreements from previous years stand as they are. You will receive an automated email when you have successfully submitted each update packet.

How to get started?

1. Log into your [FACTS Family Portal](#), remember the District Code is **TRINC-IL**
2. Select Apply/Enroll from left side list
3. Select **Enroll/Reenroll**, click **Start Enrollment Packet** (*it is just an update, we promise!*)
4. Complete all steps in packet list at left
5. Final item to select is **Information Packet Review**
6. Submit packet

Please note, students new to Trinity who are entering kindergarten through eighth grade DO NOT have an update packet to complete. We receive their information via their Continuous Enrollment Packets. Please complete your Annual Update Packet no later than May 1. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Mrs. Ellen Rasmussen, Registrar, at erasmussen@trinitychristian.info or 815-577-9310, ext. 300. Thank you!

EIGHTH GRADE GOES TO KENTUCKY!

Eighth grade students had a great opportunity, April 8-10, to visit Kentucky and explore the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. Miss Bekermeier, Mrs. Zientek, Mrs. Deeter, and seven parents accompanied the 21 eighth grade students as they built upon what they have learned about creation and the flood, in Bible and science class.

The students had an impactful and fun-filled trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. We were so thankful for the beautiful weather on the trip, the learning that happened, and memories that were created. The students were impressed by the detail in the museums and all of the information both had to offer. The class loved exploring different exhibits and insightful experiences throughout, such as the seven Cs in God's eternal plan (Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, Consummation); a 4D movie on Noah's life;

(See *Kentucky* p. 2)

**Kindergarten - 8th
Grade Calendar:
April 16-24**

April 16
Sports Awards Ceremony
6 p.m.

April 17
Class Color day
11:45 a.m. Dismissal
School Improvement Day

April 21
School Board Meeting
7 p.m.

April 22
K-5th Chapel 8:40 a.m.
6th-8th Chapel 9:30 a.m.

April 24
\$1 Dress-Down Day

Important Dates

April 30
7th and 8th Grade Retreat

May 4-8
Teacher Appreciation
Week

May 12
State of the School Meeting



(*Kentucky*, from p. 1)

an exhibit focused on precious babies and abortion called “Fearfully and Wonderfully Made;” a new exhibit on our identity; a live message presented by Ken Ham – the founder of the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter – on how to spread the Gospel to others through Scripture and Creation; and an in-depth display at the ark of what it looked like and what was inside of it.

On top of all of the learning, everyone shared in laughter and created many memories from walking through the petting zoo and animal farm, the lunch and dinner stops, time at the hotel pool, conversations on the road trip, and goofy moments that happened throughout the trip. Additionally, we were so proud of the students for being lights for Jesus on this trip. We watched our students hold doors for others, communicate well with workers and those that were visiting, pray before meals on their own, and more. Throughout the trip, the group had a blast bonding as a class and were thankful for such a memorable and awesome trip. Here are quotes from some of eighth graders about the trip:

“Through the Ark Encounter, I learned about the trust that Noah had in Jesus. He built a massive ark. I was blown away by how big it was in person.” -Elias T.

“I liked seeing the Ark Encounter. It was cool to see how it was built and where all the animals were living. Also, the Creation Museum was fascinating with all the different cool exhibits.” -Graham N.

“I really enjoyed Ken Ham’s talk about creation vs. evolution. I feel like I know more things on how to back up my faith because of it. I also really liked the visuals the ark gave you and how it gave you a feel for what it was like to be in the ark.” -Carly P.

“My biggest take away was getting to see everything God has truly done. He is capable of literally anything. It took 75 years to build the ark that he commanded.” -Gabby U.

“The trip was very impacting and I wish I could go every year.” -Jaclyn B.

“This trip was a good learning experience for me. I learned how big the ark was. I became closer to God and was reminded that he can do anything. He is our Creator.” -Nathan V.

“I learned that Noah trusted God through everything. Seeing God’s plan through the ark proves just how great our God is.” -Olivia C.

“I liked learning about all the different animals. It was cool to see how they looked back then and how they have evolved and changed. I liked all the pictures presented and liked learning how perfect God made our earth.” -Taylor K.

“I liked learning about life before the flood while we were at the Ark Encounter. The creation museum was also really cool. I like seeing the different perspectives on things like creation vs. evolution.” -Austin S.

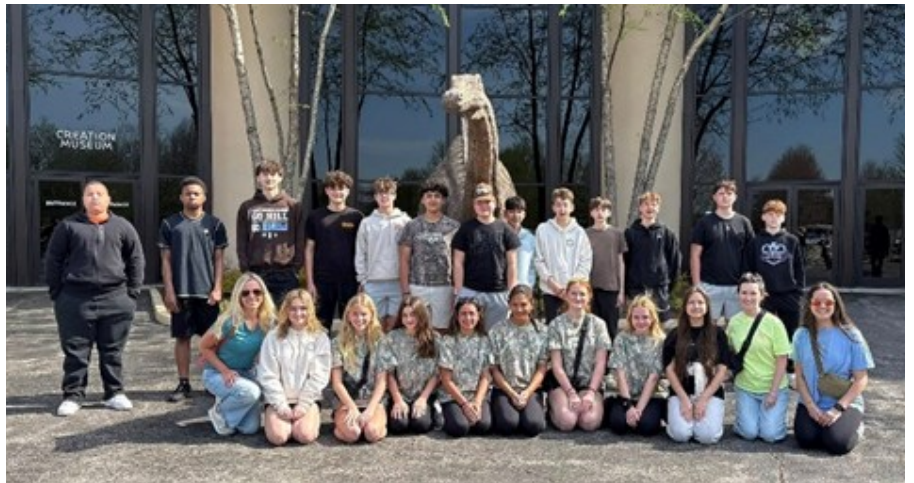
“My biggest take away was that God had a plan for Noah and the ark. He also made everything in his own image. He is perfect no matter what.” -Hazel C.

“I really liked being able to see God’s creation. The ark was my favorite. It is crazy to see all Noah had to do to prepare the ark. Seventy-five years is a long time.” -Natalie D.

“I loved connecting with my friends on this trip. It was a fun time and I wish it was longer.” -Koa T.

“My biggest takeaway was that God made many amazing things for us. He gave us many animals and different food. He gave us nature. We should be so thankful.” -Ian M.

“Some of the most important things I saw were about how Noah just built the ark by having faith in God. I learned how freshwater fish survived the flood as well. It was interesting to read about the people in the Bible in the museum. I also loved swimming and hanging at the hotel with my friends.” -Skylar D.



This was definitely a trip we will remember! Check out more pictures from this trip on Trinity’s Facebook [page](#).

PTM'S FLOWER SALE IS HERE

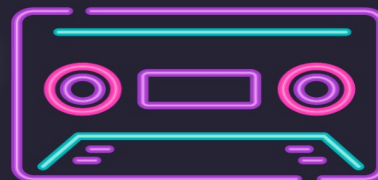
It is officially spring, which means it's time for PTM's annual Mother's Day Flower Sale. PTM is partnering with a greenhouse owned and operated by a Christian family who wants to bless TCS by giving a portion of the proceeds back to our school.

Order forms were sent home with your youngest child, with orders due April 24. Flowers will be delivered to TCS for pickup the week before Mother's Day. See flier on p.4 for more information.

Class Color Dress Down Day – April 17th!

Class colors: Kindergarten - **Blue**, 1st - **Yellow**, 2nd - **Red**, 3rd - **Green**, 4th - **Orange**, 5th - **Purple**,
6th - **Pink**, 7th - **Gray**, 8th - **Black**

TEACHER
APPRECIATION WEEK
MAY 4-8



THROWBACK TO THE 90'S

PLEASE SIGN UP USING THE LINK
BELOW TO HELP PTM WITH
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK.

SIGN-UP GENIUS WILL INCLUDE
AMAZON LINKS AS WELL AS FOOD
NEEDS. EMAIL THE PTM WITH ANY
QUESTIONS AT
PTM@TRINITYCHRISTIAN.INFO

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PTM:
2026 TEACHER APPRECIATION
WEEK - 905

ATTEND STATE OF THE SCHOOL MEETING, MAY 12

Please remember that the final mandatory parent meeting of the year is **Tuesday, May 12, at 6:30 p.m.** in the cafetorium. At least one parent must attend this meeting. This will be an informative night of special announcements, updates and a time to come together as parents. Please note, this meeting is for parents only and there is **NO CHILD CARE** available. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

ORDER MAY HOT LUNCH

Order hot lunch for May now through Monday. All orders must be **placed and paid for by April 20 at 11:59 p.m.** This is a firm deadline. You can find information about the hot lunch program [here](#). **This will be the last hot lunch order of the 2025-2026 school year.**



LOCAL CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Check out cool local church events posted on our community page. For details about upcoming events, please visit our school's [website](#).

If your church has an event to share, please reach out to Mrs. Deane Bekermeier, Trinity Christian School's Director of Development, at dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info.



At Trinity Christian School, volunteers are needed every day! Check out our **EVERYDAY VOLUNTEER NEEDS** below! It is vital that we fill these everyday positions, as soon as possible, to be sure each school morning is 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 see what is available and contact Mrs. Adalys Colianne 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 WEEK: APRIL 20-24. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CALENDARS AND RESPOND DIRECTLY TO MRS. COLIANNE TO GET YOUR DATES LOCKED IN!

MORNING GREETER: Every day, 8-8:30 a.m. Open car doors, greet students, and help make sure they enter the building safely.

Monday, April 20: 3 volunteers needed

Tuesday, April 21: 3 volunteers needed

Wednesday, April 22: 2 volunteers needed

Thursday, April 23: 3 volunteers needed

Friday, April 24: 2 volunteers needed

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

Monday, April 20: 2 volunteers needed

Tuesday, April 21: 3 volunteers needed

Wednesday, April 22: 2 volunteers needed

Thursday, April 23: 3 volunteers needed

Friday, April 24: 3 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, April 20: 4 volunteers needed

Tuesday, April 21: 4 volunteers needed

Wednesday, April 22: 4 volunteers needed

Thursday, April 23: 4 volunteers needed

Friday, April 24: 4 volunteers needed

BENEFIT CLASS BASKET WINNER, VERHULST PIZZA PARTY: FRIDAY, MAY 1: 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - 4 volunteers needed

8TH GRADE GRADUATION, THURSDAY, MAY 21: 5:45-9 p.m. - 4 volunteers needed

FIELD DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 29: 8:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. - many volunteers needed

Please contact Mrs. Colianne at acolianne@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!



**DINE &
DONATE**

10% GIVE BACK



TRINITY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH

11:00 - CLOSE | DINE-IN & CARRY-OUT



3000 W JEFFERSON ST.
JOLIET, IL 60435

(815) 254-2500



Trinity Christian School PTM Flower Sale

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

Orders are due April 24 & flowers will be delivered May 5!

11" Hanging Baskets & Pots: \$25



Superbell*
Full/Part Sun



Supertonia*
Full/Part Sun



Fuchsia*
Partial Shade



Geranium
Full/Part Sun

Available in red, pink, or salmon



14" Citronella
Full/Part Sun

Natural mosquito repellent



Sun Combos &
Shade Combos



Boston Fern
Full Shade



Wandering Jew
Full Shade

1 Gallon Pots*: \$15



Canna
Full Sun



Alocasia - Emerald Isle
Full Sun

Patio Tomato Pots***: \$25



Husky Red
Full/Part Sun



Husky Cherry
Full/Part Sun

48 Count Flats: \$28



Petunia
Full/Part Sun



Marigold
Full/Part Sun



Wax Begonia
Full/Part Sun



Zinnia
Full Sun



Impatiens
Part Sun

Mid-height
10"-12" tall



Check out our new items this year: Canna, Alocasia, Fuschia, and more!

Thank you to JW Greenhouses of Holland, MI for this great fundraiser! Pay by check made out to Trinity Christian School

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

*Assorted colors and varieties, 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
MOTHER SON
DATE NIGHT

FRIDAY, MAY 15 AT 6:00 PM

AT TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**Mothers and sons join us for an evening of fun hosted by
Core Recreation. Including lazer tag, glow gaga ball,
pizza, refreshments & more!**



Sign Up at: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/qPoYaJho>

**Tickets Are \$30 per mother/son couple,
\$12 each additional son**

**RSVP BY FRIDAY MAY 8,
NO LATE SIGN UPS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

QUESTIONS: PTM@TRINITYCHRISTIAN.INFO

The logo features a stylized sun with rays above the word 'SUMMER' in a gradient of yellow to orange. Below 'SUMMER' is the word 'CAMPS' in a gradient of blue to teal, with the numbers '20' and '26' stacked to its right in orange. At the bottom, 'TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL' is written in a teal, sans-serif font.

SUMMER CAMPS 20 26 TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Trinity Christian School Summer Camps and Programs are a fun way to continue to learn and grow in a variety of academic, athletic and artistic venues. Participants in our camps build lasting friendships and strong Christian fellowship in a fun and loving environment.

Register online at
www.trinitychristian.info or by scanning
the QR code

