



Son Times

April 18, 2024

"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)

EIGHTH GRADE GOES TO KENTUCKY!

April 10-12, 27 eighth graders, Miss Bekermeier, Mr. Chagdes, Mrs. Deeter, and 17 parents headed to Kentucky to visit and explore the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. This trip built upon what these students have learned about creation and the flood in Bible and science class.

The students had some impactful conversations while walking through the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter, as they made connections to what they learned in class. They 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, Consumption); a 4D movie on the seven days of creation; an exhibit focused on precious babies and abortion called "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made;" an in-depth display at the ark including what it looked like and what was inside of it.

On top of all the learning, everyone shared in laughter and created many memories from walking through the petting zoo, the lunch and dinner stops, time at the pool, conversations on the road trip, and funny moments that happened. The group had a blast bonding as a class



and were thankful for such a memorable and great trip. Here are some quotes from our eighth graders about the trip:

"My biggest take away from the Creation Museum and Ark was that humans really do fail a lot. Yet, God always gives us more chances. He still sent his son to die for us even after all we have done." -Alaina D.

"My favorite memory from the trip was EVERYTHING. Everything was so good. I loved it all and wish I could do it again." -Sarah J.

"I learned that we are all made for a purpose. Without God, we can do nothing. One of my favorite parts was swimming and going to Buffalo Wings and Rings for dinner." -Nathan D.

"My biggest takeaway was learning about all of the little details of the ark. They answered everything that was so questionable. It was so cool to see all of the exhibits." -Enza C.

"It was so cool the way they built everything at the ark and broke it down to make it easier to understand. The imagery was so cool and detailed. It really opened my eyes up to the experience of the flood. My favorite part of the trip was sitting outside our hotel rooms and talking. I felt like we had some great and real conversations." -Anna A.

"One of my biggest takeaways was that in the ark, all of the attention to detail is crazy being perfectly represented from the Bible. In the museum, all of the artwork and statues represented the Bible. The teaching brought my knowledge closer to God. All of the new information I learned brought me closer to God. The hotel was fun and exciting. I loved becoming closer to my friends and learning more about them. Making the memories that will last forever was my favorite part." -Quinn S.

"My biggest takeaway was all God did for us. He made earth perfect for our life. He loved us enough to create earth for us. I learned that we should be grateful." -Addison B.

"My biggest takeaway was that God is SO good! He was so great that he not only created the whole world and everything around it, but he also sacrificed his son to save us!" -Brianna M.

(See *Ark* p.2)

Kindergarten - 8th Grade Calendar: April 18-26

April 18

Sports Awards Ceremony
6:30 p.m. Doors Open

April 19

8th Grade Graduation Photo Retakes 9 a.m.
Spelling Bee 5th-8th Grade 1:15 p.m.

April 20

Hot Lunch Orders Due by 11:59 p.m.

April 22

Earth Day

April 24

Chapel 8:40 a.m.

April 26

\$1 Dress-Down Day

Important Dates:

May 6-10

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 14

State of the School Meeting

May 21

School Board Meeting

May 23

Eighth Grade Graduation



(Ark, from p.1)

"I did not realize how big the ark really was. I also did not know there were eight people on the ark. All the different areas of the creation museum taught me a lot. My favorite room was the one about babies, abortion, birth, etc. My favorite part of the trip was getting closer with my classmates. I also enjoyed hanging out with all my friends. It was so fun to just talk and make memories." -Danica S.

"My biggest takeaway was seeing how God created me. It was also cool to see all the animals on the ark. I learned how powerful God is." -Faye N.

A FIRST! ACSI MATH OLYMPICS VIRTUAL COMPETITION 2024

On March 6, six TCS students in each grade, 3rd through 8th, competed in either the Reasoning or Computation category in the ACSI Virtual Math Olympics here at school. We are so proud of their hard work and dedication preparing for it. There were between 20-30 students who competed virtually in each category by grade. To place in the ACSI Virtual Math Olympics, students had to place top five in their category against students from Illinois, Ohio, Texas, and Oklahoma.



The following students placed overall (Top 5 of 20-30 students) in the competition:

Reasoning Competition:

Student	Grade	Placed
Grace M.	4th Grade	2nd Place
Leonardo E.	6th Grade	2nd Place
Jesse V.	7th Grade	4th Place
Nathaniel S.	7th Grade	5th Place
Alaina D.	8th Grade	3rd Place
Nathan D.	8th Grade	4th Place
Leah S.	8th Grade	5th Place

Computation Competition:

Student	Grade	Placed
Natalie D.	6th Grade	3rd Place
Mason H.	6th Grade	5th Place

*The 8th Grade Computation was so difficult due to time limits that only one student total placed in the whole competition (students needed to score over 50% correct and complete). If this rule were not the case, Brooklyn H. would have placed 4th!

We are so proud of these students for placing overall! They did phenomenally!

Additionally, we are proud of all of our TCS students for their focus and growth in their math skills as they prepared for the Math Olympics.

We decided to have a competition amongst the top three students in each grade and category following the online competition and the results are below.

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
3rd Grade Reasoning	Brynn S.	Ada F.	Audrey G.
3rd Grade Computation	Jiacheng D.	Benjamin P.	Holden C.
4th Grade Reasoning	Grace M.	Chase G.	Helena N.
4th Grade Computation	Gabriel R.	Cameron L.	Noah D.
5th Grade Reasoning	Tanner V.	Joseph M.	Christian P.
5th Grade Computation	Jacqueline B.	Matthew M.	Emmett E.
6th Grade Reasoning	Leonardo E.	Graham N.	Edison E.
6th Grade Computation	Natalie D.	Mason H.	Kiari S.
7th Grade Reasoning	Jesse V.	Nathaniel S.	Ashley P.
7th Grade Computation	Charley L.	Kellyn M.	Catherine B.
8th Grade Reasoning	Alaina D.	Nathan D.	Leah S.
8th Grade Computation	Brooklyn H.	Avery O.	Addison B.



BIG CONGRATULATIONS

to ALL of our students! We love seeing our students use their gifts and talents to shine for Jesus and we are proud of our students for doing just that in this math competition. You all are amazing!

GET YOUR MOTHER-SON DATE NIGHT TICKETS

It's that special time of year, our annual mother-son date night! The event is set for May 17, 6-9 p.m., at Chasers Laser Tag in Naperville! Join other moms and sons for laser tag, arcade games, and much more. Purchase your tickets [here](#). Please see p. 8 for more information.



MEET LOCAL AUTHORS AT LIBRARY

Visit the Joliet public library on Black Rd. Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m.-noon. Meet and greet first-grade teacher, Mrs. Angie Jolly, along with other local authors to purchase books and get them signed. Please see p. 6 for additional information.

FLOWER ORDERS DUE NEXT WEEK

PTM flower orders can be turned in to the school office now through Friday, April 26. Flowers will be delivered in time for Mothers' Day and spring planting! See p. 5 for more details.

COME SUPPORT OUR YOUNG ACTORS

Our spring Musical, Annie Jr., takes place the first week of May.

See one of our performances:

•**Thursday**, May 2, at 1:15 p.m. •**Friday**, May 3, at 7 p.m. •**Saturday**, May 4, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Tickets sales open to the public tomorrow at noon. Tickets are \$10 (plus fees).

We will have reserved seating for the musical, so please use this [link](#) to choose your seats and purchase tickets. Tickets will also be available to purchase at the door on Friday and Saturday.



FINAL HOT LUNCH ORDER DUE SATURDAY

All May hot lunch orders must be placed and paid for by Saturday, **April 20, at 11:59 p.m.**

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK COMING SOON

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10. Please use the [sign-up genius](#) to donate and help make our teachers' week amazing!



At Trinity Christian School, volunteers are needed daily! Check out our **EVERYDAY VOLUNTEER NEEDS** below! It is vital that we fill these everyday positions 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. Toya Thomas directly if you'd like to serve or for any additional details. Please note: these opportunities are on a first-come, first-served basis.

WE SEEK VOLUNTEERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEKS: APRIL 22 - MAY 3. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CALANDERS AND RESPOND DIRECTLY TO MRS. TOYA THOMAS TO GET YOUR DATES LOCKED IN!

MORNING GREETER: Each morning, 8:10-8:30 a.m. Open car doors, greet students, and help them enter the building safely.

Monday 04/22: 2 volunteers needed	Monday 04/29: 2 volunteers needed
Tuesday 04/23: 1 volunteers needed	Tuesday 04/30: 2 volunteers needed
Wednesday 04/24: 1 volunteers needed	Wednesday 05/01: 2 volunteers needed
Thursday 04/25: 2 volunteers needed	Thursday 05/02: 2 volunteers needed
Friday 04/26: 2 volunteers needed	Friday 05/03: 2 volunteers needed

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

Monday 04/22: 2 volunteers needed	Monday 04/29: 2 volunteers needed
Tuesday 04/23: 2 volunteers needed	Tuesday 04/30: 2 volunteers needed
Wednesday 04/24: 4 volunteers needed	Wednesday 05/01: 4 volunteers needed
Thursday 04/25: 2 volunteers needed	Thursday 05/02: 2 volunteers needed
Friday 04/26: 4 volunteers needed	Friday 05/03: 4 volunteers needed

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

Monday 04/22: 4 volunteers needed	Monday 04/29: 4 volunteers needed
Tuesday 04/23: 4 volunteers needed	Tuesday 04/30: 4 volunteers needed
Wednesday 04/24: 4 volunteers needed	Wednesday 05/01: 4 volunteers needed
Thursday 04/25: 4 volunteers needed	Thursday 05/02: 4 volunteers needed
Friday 04/26: 4 volunteers needed	Friday 05/03: 4 volunteers needed

Please contact Mrs. Thomas at tthomas@trinitychristian.info or 815-577-9310, ext. 315, if interested and available.

As always thank you for your willingness to serve.



Food for a Cause

12337 South Illinois Route 59
Suite #155 Plainfield, Illinois

Khaos Brewcade & Kitchen Food for a Cause Program

- (1) *Dine-In or Carry Out on Thursday April 25th*
- (2) *Mention Trinity Christian School so that they receive 15% of net sales on your order.*



Trinity Christian School

Thursday April 25th

Khaos Brewcade ~ 12 PM-10 PM (Food: 12 PM-9 PM)

Khaos Brewcade & Kitchen

12337 S. Illinois Route 59 Suite #155 Plainfield, Illinois 60585
Major Threat Restaurant Group

Mother's Day Flower Sale

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

Orders are due April 26 & flowers will be delivered May 8

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

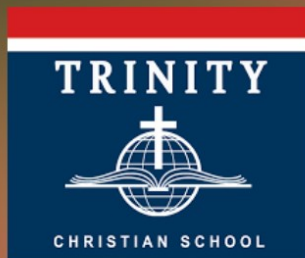


Zinnia
Full Sun



Impatiens
Part Sun

Mid-height
10"-12" tall



Pay by check made out to
Trinity Christian School

Questions? Contact Lisa Vugteveen
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*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!

Local Author BOOK FAIR

Black Road Branch

Saturday, April 27

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

All ages, no registration

Meet real authors from our area to talk about books, publishing and the power of words! Authors will be signing and selling their books for kids, teens and adults. If you are an author that would be interested in attending, please fill out the interest form by scanning the QR code.

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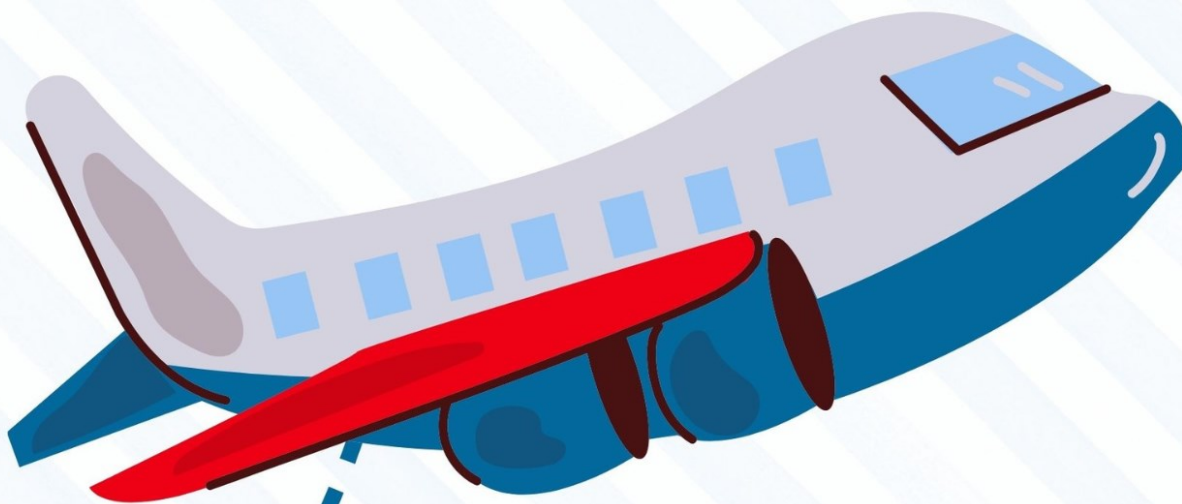


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OUR **TEACHERS**
ARE **FIRST**
CLASS!



TEACHER APPRECIATION
WEEK IS MAY 6-10
PLEASE GO TO OUR SIGN-UP
GENIUS IN THE NEWSLETTER
OR ON OUR PTM FACEBOOK
PAGE FOR DETAILS!

Trinity Christian School
PTM Presents

MOTHER - SON DATE NIGHT

May 17, 2024

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
(Doors open at 6:00 pm)

CHASERS LASER TAG

Join us for Pizza, Laser Tag, Arcade Games,
Climbing Gym, Battle Bots, Knocker Ball, Dodgeball,
Photo Op, Video Game Truck and More!

Wear Your Neon Colors!

Tickets are \$30 per mother-son couple
+ \$15 each additional son

Register Here for This Event:

https://chasers.ourers.com/items/tcsmother_and_son/



The **LAST** day to register for this event is
Friday May 10, 2024, no exceptions will be made.
Ticket sales will close that day.

Please complete a waiver for each child attending.
Waiver can be found via the Registration link.

Please note:
Parental supervision suggested for video game areas,
as some games are rated mature.

Questions email Mistylsekulski@gmail.com

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