



# Son Times

April 20, 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)**

## TRINITY HOLDS FIRST STUDENT BAPTISM

Yesterday, for the first time in its 30-year history, Trinity Christian School held a baptismal service for students. Nineteen current students decided to make their public proclamation of faith in Jesus and were baptized.

The students, pictured at the right were: Tyler J., Joey B., Ethan M., Westin L., Sydney E., Brianna M., Olivia G., Tessa W., Sarah J., Sean S., Jozie W., Cameron E., Reagan L., Cameron L., Rowan M., Matthew R., Emily C., Matthew W., and Mackenzie W.



Congratulations! Deciding to follow Jesus is the best decision you could ever make. May God bless you all!



**Kindergarten - 8th  
Grade Calendar:  
April 20-28**

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

**April 21**  
Det. Wistocki Middle  
School Presentation

**April 26**  
Chapel 8:35 a.m.

**April 28**  
\$1 Dress-Down Day

## EIGHTH GRADE GOES TO KENTUCKY!



April 10-11, 33 eighth graders, Mrs. Balek, Miss Bekermeier, 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, Consummation); 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 of what it looked like and what was inside of it; a live message from Dr. Jennifer Hall Rivera, and more.

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:

"Through this trip, I learned that God loves us so much and he gave us dominion over the earth and all animals and plants. God made his creation perfect. Our sin ruined it, but Jesus washed all sin away by dying on the cross so that we could have the gift of salvation." -Haven F.

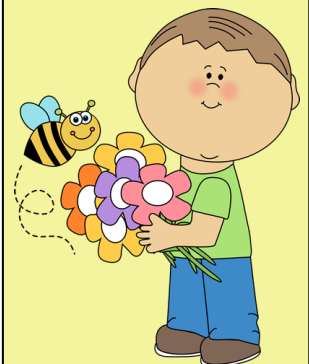
"A big takeaway I got from the ark encounter was how faithful Noah was. I learned how bad the world was when the flood happened. All the sins they were doing were terrible." -Isaac M.

(see **Ark** p.2)

### Important Dates:

**May 1-5**  
Teacher Appreciation  
Week

**May 16**  
State of the School  
Meeting  
Board Meeting



(Ark, from p.1)

"My biggest takeaway from this trip was truly learning and understanding that God loves me and why Jesus did what he did. I learned so much more that I did not know. I truly learned about creation and a lot about sin and right and wrong." -Emily V.

"My biggest takeaway is seeing how perfect and detailed the ark was made. Everything had a place such as animals, food, water, clothing, and anything else they needed had a room. Each and every animal had a place for two of them, no matter how big or small they were. It was awesome to see how perfectly designed the ark was." -Logan M.

"My favorite part of this trip was everything. I liked all of it. I am truly grateful for all the memories and what I got to experience. I enjoyed all the laughs we shared and all the new things I learned about others. I loved the friendships and bonds that were formed." -Baileigh L.

"I learned how babies were formed in the womb through the 'Fearfully and Wonderfully Made' exhibit, which I thought was really cool. I learned a lot about the different types of animals on the ark. There were many animals I didn't know existed in that time. My biggest takeaway would probably be knowing that God has a plan and he always will have a plan." -Taylor V.

## TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK DONATIONS

PTM needs your help in blessing our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 1-5. Click the link below to see ways in which you can help. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a9a92aa6f8ce9-teacher#/>



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 24-MAY 5. 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.

<b>Monday 04/24:</b> 2 volunteers needed	<b>Monday 05/01:</b> 2 volunteers needed
<b>Tuesday 04/25:</b> 2 volunteers needed	<b>Tuesday 05/02:</b> 2 volunteers needed
<b>Wednesday 04/26:</b> 1 volunteer needed	<b>Wednesday 05/03:</b> 1 volunteer needed
<b>Thursday 04/27:</b> 2 volunteers needed	<b>Thursday 05/04:</b> 2 volunteers needed
<b>Friday 04/28:</b> 2 volunteers needed	<b>Friday 05/05:</b> 2 volunteers needed

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

<b>Monday 04/24:</b> 2 volunteers needed	<b>Monday 05/01:</b> 2 volunteers needed
<b>Tuesday 04/25:</b> 2 volunteers needed	<b>Tuesday 05/02:</b> 2 volunteers needed
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<b>Friday 04/28:</b> 2 volunteers needed	<b>Friday 05/05:</b> 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.

<b>Monday 04/24:</b> 2 volunteers needed	<b>Monday 05/01:</b> 2 volunteers needed
<b>Tuesday 04/25:</b> 2 volunteers needed	<b>Tuesday 05/02:</b> 2 volunteers needed
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Please contact Mrs. Thomas at [tthomas@trinitychristian.info](mailto: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!*

## COOKBOOK CANCELLATION

Due to lack of participation, PTM will not be publishing a cookbook at this time. Thank you to those who took the time to submit recipes. Unfortunately, there were not enough submissions for publication.

## NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER

Does your student have a favorite TCS teacher? On May 4, 2023, Shaw Local News Network will publish a "Thank You, Teachers" edition of their newspaper. As part of this special occasion, they are calling for nominations for your favorite teachers! One student entry will win \$100 and one nominated teacher will win \$500. Hurry and nominate your favorite teacher by Sunday, April 23 at the link [here](#).



## GET YOUR TICKETS FOR OUR SPRING MUSICAL

Come see our "Practically Perfect" spring musical, Mary Poppins Jr! "In every job that must be done, there is an element of fun!"

There will be three performances:

- Friday, May 5, at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 6, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 each plus fees, and go on sale to the public, Friday April 21, at noon. All ticket sales are for reserved seating.



Use this link to reserve your seats! <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/73975>

Online ticket sales will close Friday, May 5, at noon. Tickets can be purchased at the door.



## 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@santembb.com](mailto:info@santembb.com), or by using the QR code on flyer on p. 8. PLUS, Santé will donate \$50 to our school for every woman who attends our event!

## DON'T MISS OUT ON THE DISCOUNT

If you are interested in receiving the Early Bird Discount on your tuition for the 2023-2024 school year, the payment is due Monday, May, 1.



Please review your FACTS account. If you have any questions or wish to switch to the Early Bird plan, please contact Business Services at [bussvcs@trinitychristian.info](mailto:bussvcs@trinitychristian.info). Thank you!

## HELP SAVE PRIVATE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS IN ILLINOIS

We are very thankful to our donors and supporters who have made a Trinity Christian School education possible for so many students here during the 2022-2023 school year, through an Empower Illinois Scholarship. The Empower Illinois Scholarships not only have blessed these students, but has blessed our entire TCS family.

**This program was originally designed as a five-year pilot program that is set to reach its "sunset" (expire) in December 2023.**

This program is coming up for a vote in the current legislative session. We need your help to contact your legislator and urge them to "Remove the Sunset" and save this scholarship program.

**It is so easy to do, just use the link, QR code, or text messaging option below to locate your state senator and state representative. The email populates for you. You can edit or send as is. It literally takes just one minute.**

Action Needed - Remove the Sunset Campaign

You can also access the campaign by texting "RTS" to 52886 and following the prompts. Please note that text messaging rates do apply.

Click on this link <https://p2a.co/gmqrehi> and enter your zip code or use the attached QR Code.

**Thank you for your help and commitment to private education in Illinois and for being wonderful advocates and partners with Empower Illinois!**





## 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 and 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 [online](#). 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](mailto: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](mailto:dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info).

# *DONATIONS NEEDED!*

The PTM needs your help to make Teachers Appreciation Week the  
**CREAM OF THE CROP!**

**Please sign up TODAY for Teacher Appreciation Week Donations!**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944A9A92AA6F8CE9-teacher>**





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](http://www.allstarwendys.com)



# 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



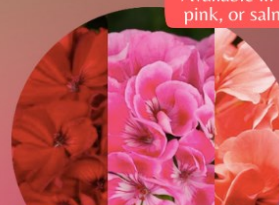
Superbell\*  
Full/Part Sun



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

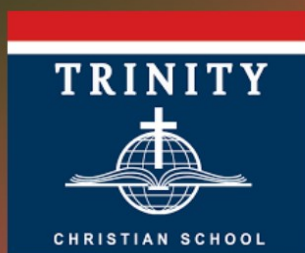


Zinnia  
Full Sun



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!



*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*





Trinity Christian School PTM presents

# **MOTHER-SON** *Date Night*



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**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.**

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