



Son Times

August 24, 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)

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

We're so glad you're here for 2023-2024!



COME TO CURRICULUM NIGHT, TUESDAY

We look forward to seeing everyone for Curriculum Night, Aug. 29, at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m., and we ask everyone to please arrive by 6:15 p.m. in the cafetorium. There is

much to share, so we will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. This is the first mandatory parent meeting of the year. The evening is designed for parents to meet the teachers and discover what their students will learn throughout the school year. Curriculum Night gives teachers an opportunity to connect with parents and establish ways for continued communication throughout the school year. Curriculum Night does not allow enough time to address everyone's specific concerns. If necessary, please make an appointment to conference with your teacher at a later date. Please note: this event is for **PARENTS ONLY**, and there is no childcare available. The expectation is that no children be in attendance. We are sorry for the inconvenience. It is going to be a great evening! You may see the evening's schedule on p. 5.

Reminder: Sign in on the sign-in sheet at Curriculum Night so your student can have a dress-down day Wednesday, Aug. 30. Students whose parents do not attend should wear their school uniforms as usual.

WALK-A-THON DATES AND DETAILS

Trinity Christian School's 2023 Walk-a-Thon is Saturday, Sept. 16, here at Trinity, 8-10 a.m. The celebration BASH will be outside, 10 a.m.-noon, immediately following the Walk-a-Thon award ceremony. This is going to be such a fun time to fellowship with TCS families!

THE FIRST WALK-A-THON **ORANGE** SLIP IS DUE WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30. Please remind your child to return this **ORANGE** pledge update slip to the classroom teacher to be entered in a special prize drawing. Extra **ORANGE** slips are in each classroom and the front office, just in case your child doesn't have one.

We are excited about our cool new Walk-a-Thon 2023 t-shirts! Each K-8th grade student will receive a free shirt, in their class color. If you haven't ordered yet, please do so asap! The ordering deadline is Friday, Sept. 1, just use this link: <https://forms.gle/2VEBPMnr7fuKPXWeA>

Parents can pay for and order t-shirts too! Please order via this **FACTS** [link](#). The deadline is Friday, Sept. 1, no exceptions.

Last, but not least, we are thrilled that families have already started to take advantage of the online donation option called First Giving. Please visit: <https://secure.frontstream.com/trinity-christian-school-walk-a-thon-2023> to set up your account. This is a GREAT way to request support from long-distance relatives via email, Facebook or other social media. Keep up the good work and let's reach our goal of **\$70,000!!!** If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Toya Thomas, Special Events Coordinator, at 815-577-9310, ext. 315, or tthomas@trinitychristian.info.

**Kindergarten - 8th
Grade Calendar:
Aug. 24-Sept. 1**

Aug. 29
Curriculum Night
6:30 p.m.

Aug. 30
No Chapel
Eighth Grade Retreat

Aug. 31
Eighth Grade Retreat
PK Meet the Teacher

Sept. 1
Spirit Gear Day
PK Meet the Teacher
Walk-a-Thon Assembly
2:30 p.m.

Important Dates:

Sept. 4
Labor Day - No School

Sept. 6
First Chapel

Sept. 16
Walk-a-Thon

Sept. 19
School Board Meeting





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. 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! See p. 4 to learn how to receive texts about volunteer opportunities.

WE SEEK VOLUNTEERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEKS: AUG. 28-SEPT. 1 AND SEPT. 4-8. 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 08/28: 1 volunteer needed	Monday 09/04: No school
Tuesday 08/29: 1 volunteer needed	Tuesday 09/05: 1 volunteer needed
Wednesday 08/30: 0 volunteers needed	Wednesday 09/06: 0 volunteers needed
Thursday 08/31: 1 volunteer needed	Thursday 09/07: 1 volunteer needed
Friday 09/01: 1 volunteer needed	Friday 09/08: 1 volunteer 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 08/28: 1 volunteer needed	Monday 09/04: No school
Tuesday 08/29: 2 volunteers needed	Tuesday 09/05: 3 volunteers needed
Wednesday 08/30: 2 volunteers needed	Wednesday 09/06: 3 volunteers needed
Thursday 08/31: 1 volunteer needed	Thursday 09/07: 3 volunteers needed
Friday 09/01: 0 volunteers needed	Friday 09/08: 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 08/28: 1 volunteer needed	Monday 09/04: No school
Tuesday 08/29: 2 volunteers needed	Tuesday 09/05: 3 volunteers needed
Wednesday 08/30: 3 volunteers needed	Wednesday 09/06: 4 volunteers needed
Thursday 08/31: 2 volunteers needed	Thursday 09/07: 2 volunteers needed
Friday 09/01: 1 volunteer needed	Friday 09/08: 3 volunteers needed

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!

REPORT STUDENT ABSENCES TO THE FRONT OFFICE

If your child is going to be absent for the day for any reason, please let the front office know by 9 a.m. You may call 815-577-9310, ext. 327, or email attendance@trinitychristian.info. Also, prearranged vacations or absences during the school year are discouraged. Prior to making travel arrangements, parents must notify the administrator, the front office and the teacher(s). Prearranged absences exceeding five (5) days per semester may be unexcused.

- A signed note from the parent explaining the absence is required at least two weeks prior to the day(s) missed (email is considered written notification)
- If you verbally arrange your child's absence with the teacher or office, a written note or email is required for the absence to be excused.
- Parents/guardians should request any schoolwork for prearranged absences **IN WRITING AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE ABSENCE**. The teacher may determine if it is best to provide school-work ahead of the absence. Prior to the prearranged absence, middle school students are responsible for making arrangements for any homework or taking any tests they may miss.



ARRIVING AFTER THE SCHOOL DAY BEGINS?

If your student arrives to school after the day has begun (any time after 8:30 a.m.), please park your car and walk the child in to the building. Bring your child to the front office where he or she will be issued a pass and you can sign the student into the sign-in log. For your child's safety, please refrain from dropping off at the front door and driving away. Also, once preschool students are in attendance, after Labor Day, please do not drop your child off via the preschool line. Preschool begins arriving after K-8 students are done arriving, at 8:30 a.m. Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

BUILDING SAFETY

Any time you come to the school, please check in at the front office. We ask that you sign in and wear a visitor or volunteer badge. The badge (whether a volunteer sticker or a clip-on badge) lets anyone who sees you know you have stopped in the front office and are authorized to be in the building. Be sure to let office staff open the exterior doors for visitors. Students are trained not to let anyone in the locked doors. Please do the same.

When present, please only attend the places you are scheduled to visit. Do not randomly stop in at classrooms or other destinations.

If you are dropping off an item for your student, you may leave it in the front office and the staff will make sure your child receives it.

The office is open Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m, unless otherwise noted.



Getting Your Students to and From School

Keep Our Kids Safe!!

To be able to keep all of our students and families safe please follow these safe driving practices.

In General:

1. Cell phone usage is not permitted in any school zone, by law, including the school parking lot during arrival and dismissal times. By law, all cell phone use should be hands free whenever you are driving a car.
2. Please **DO NOT EVER** cut the “snake” route. This is dangerous and could cause a blind-sided accident to those who are following the route correctly. Please report any violators of this rule to the office so we can be sure everyone understands and are following the proper route directions.
3. All children should be seated/buckled appropriately at all times unless your vehicle is in park. No hanging out of windows or sunroofs while the car is moving.
4. Please honor the school zone speed limit of 20 mph, and even slower when in the parking lot. Shorewood Police are often present and monitoring these conditions.

Please understand we do not want anyone walking across the arrival and dismissal lines to enter the building, 8:15-8:30 a.m. and 3:15-3:30 p.m. We would like the focus to be on the cars and children being dropped off or dismissed. We ask that you enter the building before or after these times.

In the Morning:

1. If your vehicle has any students in grades K-3, please use the lane closest to the school when dropping them off.
2. **INSIDE LANE: ALWAYS** wait for a volunteer to assist your child or children out of the car. Please do not let children out of the car before the designated drop-off area with volunteers present. This is important for the safety of our children and to keep the line running smoothly. **OUTSIDE LANE:** students may get out of the vehicle on their own, and then pay attention to the instructions from the crossing guard.
3. If your student is tardy (after 8:30 a.m.), please walk him or her into the building to sign them in.

In the Afternoon:

1. Pick up students through the pick-up line. If there are any students coming to your vehicle in grades K-2, please pick up from the main building. Vehicles picking up students in grades 4-8, pick up from the north building.
2. If dismissal plans for your family change for the day, please notify the front office and the teacher. Also please be sure to communicate the changed plans with your student(s).
3. Everyone should use the pickup line in the afternoon. If you need special arrangements to pick up your student by coming into the building, please notify the front office.
4. Please have the student's **LAST NAME** clearly displayed on an 8x10 or larger placard.

Thank you for adhering to these guidelines as we try to keep everyone as safe as possible and gets students to and from class the best way possible.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

Students who require medication during the school day may not keep it with them (not even over-the-counter medication). **All** medicines must be stored in the front office, with the appropriate paperwork from the physician and/or parent, as required. Thank you for your attention to this matter!



Sign up for important updates from TCS Volunteer Coordinator.



Get information for Trinity Christian School right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for TCSVolunteersB:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/bc2c3k

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.










B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @bc2c3k to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @bc2c3k to (815) 668-8664.

* Standard text message rates apply.



6:30 – 7:00 p.m.	All Parent Meeting in Cafetorium
	 ELEMENTARY  You will want to attend only 1 session per teacher. The sessions will be identical.
7:10 – 7:40 p.m.	Session 1
7:40 – 7:45 p.m.	Exit the building or travel to next session.
7:45 – 8:15 p.m.	Session 2
	 MIDDLE SCHOOL 
	 6th Grade
7:00– 7:05 p.m.	All Middle School Meeting in Cafetorium
7:15– 7:25 p.m.	Lewis-Science, Room 28
7:27– 7:37 p.m.	Zientek-History, Room 25
7:39– 7:49 p.m.	Bekermeier-Math, Room 24
7:51-8:01 p.m.	Chagdes-Bible, Room 26
8:03 8:13 p.m.	Holton-ELA, Room 29
8:15- 8:25 p.m.	Overall-PE/Health/Study Hall, Room 27
	7th Grade 
7:00– 7:05 p.m.	All Middle School Meeting in Cafetorium
7:15– 7:25 p.m.	Overall-PE/Health/Study Hall, Room 27
7:27– 7:37 p.m.	Lewis-Science, Room 28
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8:15- 8:25 p.m.	Holton-ELA, Room 29
	 8th Grade
7:00– 7:05 p.m.	All Middle School Meeting in Cafetorium
7:15– 7:25 p.m.	Holton-ELA, Room 29
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