



Trinity Christian School
Growing His kingdom... one student at a time

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"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 2022-2023!

WELCOME TO TCS!



Mrs. Erika Jeske, Learning Center Coordinator Mrs. Jeske comes to us with over 25 years of experience teaching. She has her degree in Special Education Deaf and Hard of Hearing, as well as an endorsement in Early Childhood Special Education. She is an organized professional with the ability to provide great instruction and grow student confidence. Most importantly, she loves the Lord and is excited to begin a new journey in a Christian school setting. Mrs. Jeske is married with three children.



Mrs. Kristi Lewis, Middle School Science Teacher Mrs. Lewis is no stranger to TCS. She was our No. 1 substitute last year, including a full quarter stint as our MS history teacher. Her love and degree are in the sciences, as she graduated with a degree in Biology and Conservation/Wildlife Management and earned her teaching degree in 2011. Mrs. Lewis is married and has a daughter in first grade at TCS. She loves to get involved, give her all, and make things work for the best of the students.



Mrs. Jazmine Cardenas, Front Desk Secretary Mrs. Cardenas joined us just last week and has been thrown into the craziness of the start of the school year, and has done a great job! Mrs. Cardenas will answer the phones and the door, as well as take care of a number of important functions in the front office. She comes to us with a business degree and background. She is married and has a one-year-old son at home. We are excited for her to meet all of our wonderful families as you come to visit us in the office!

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

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. 62, 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
- 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 schoolwork 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.



**Kindergarten - 8th
Grade Calendar:
August 18-20**

Aug. 23
Board Meeting 7 p.m.

Aug. 24-25
Eighth Grade Retreat

Aug. 25
No Chapel

Important Dates:

September 1
Curriculum Night

September 5
Labor Day - No School

September 18
Walk-a-Thon



**Welcome
Back!**

ORDER MILK FOR THE YEAR, HOT LUNCH FOR SEPTEMBER

If you would like to order hot lunch and/or milk for your student, please see the information below. Hot lunch ordering closes before milk ordering does. Please be mindful of these two different dates.

HOT LUNCH: Hot lunch for September is now available to order. There is a SMALL window of time as all **orders need to be submitted by Aug. 21.** For those who have ordered in the past, this is the same process as last year. For those new families or others ordering for the first time, please visit this link [Hot Lunch | Trinity Christian School](#) to find detailed instructions on how to set up your account. If you have issues please contact our Hot Lunch Coordinator, Mrs. Heather Frakes at hfrakes@trinitychristian.info.

MILK ORDERING: Trinity Christian School also offers regular or chocolate milk for students each year. Whichever variety you select for your student is what he or she will receive for the duration of the school year. Please order by Aug. 22 for milk starting on Aug 29. To order please follow this link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/MjExjuCv>. Payment may be made in full or by semester.



THE TCS WALK-A-THON IS IN SEPTEMBER

It's nearly Walk-a-Thon time! Trinity Christian School's 2022 Walk-a-Thon is Saturday, Sept. 17! This is one of our biggest fundraising events of the school year. The committee is planning an exciting time for families to reconnect after summer, meet new families, faculty and staff, and have fun while raising money for our school. This is going to be a fun morning of walking, fellowship and BASH! We are excited about celebrating 30 years of Excellence in Christian Education and plan to go big this year! Our fundraising goal is \$70,000!!!

Please begin to PRAY and start making a list of all the family and friends who you are going to contact to ASK for donations and start SPREADING the word.

Walk-a-Thon packets were distributed to K-8th grade families at Jump-Start Night. If you did not receive your packets please let your teacher know, or you can pick one up from the front office. Our First Giving donation option site has been set up at the link <https://secure.frontstream.com/trinity-christian-school-walkathon-2022>. This is a GREAT way to request pledges from long-distance relatives via email, Facebook or other social media. Register and create a fundraising page for your child and begin to share.

Please note that there will be more details heading your way in the upcoming weeks! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Toya Thomas, Special Events and Volunteer Coordinator, at 815-577-9310, ext. 54, or tthomas@trinitychristian.info.

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.



Trinity Christian School Employment Opportunities

There are several employment opportunities open for the 2022-2023 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please forward a completed application along with your resume to: Trinity Christian School, Attn: Jon Vugteveen, 901 Shorewood Dr., Shorewood, IL 60404. Applications may be found online or in the front office.

Preschool Director

Trinity Christian Preschool is looking for a qualified and vibrant director who loves working with and for children, and most importantly loves the Lord. The Preschool Director serves full-time as the educational leader, responsible for managing the policies, regulations, and procedures to ensure that all preschool students are supervised in a safe environment that meets the approved curricula and mission of the school. Inherent in the position are the responsibilities for scheduling, curriculum development, personnel management, budget planning, and facility operations. The director works collaboratively with the school administration. Minimal education would include a bachelor's degree, as well as preferred experience in the field of education.

Spanish Teacher

We are seeking a part-time, dynamic Spanish teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Qualified candidates should have at least a bachelor's degree and a teaching certification. The teacher must believe that the Bible is God's Word and must be in agreement with Trinity Christian School's mission and philosophy of education. This teacher must possess patience and be able to motivate students. The Spanish teacher will be responsible for developing lesson plans and enhancing provided curriculum for kindergarten through fifth grade.

Substitute Teachers

We are seeking substitute teachers. Substitutes must be able to step into a classroom environment to teach on short notice. A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university is required and a teaching certificate or substitute license is preferred. Qualified substitutes must believe that the Bible is God's Word and standard for faith and daily living, and must be in agreement with Trinity Christian School's mission and philosophy of education.

Evening Maintenance Position

We are currently accepting applications for an afternoon/evening maintenance position. The position would, under general supervision, consist of cleaning and general maintenance after school and during rentals. Schedule is Monday-Friday, 2:30-9 p.m., with some Saturdays included. Flexibility and adjusting hours may be discussed.



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 help ensure 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 me immediately, if you would like to serve and for any additional details. Please

note that all these opportunities are on a first come, first serve basis!

We seek volunteers to sign up any time from Aug. 18-Dec. 21, please check your calendar and respond directly to me, as soon as possible, to lock in your dates!

- **Morning Greeter:** Every morning, 8-8:30 a.m. Our friendly greeters welcome students and help the younger ones out of vehicles in the morning drop-off line.
- **Recess Helper:** Every day, 11:50 a.m.- 1 p.m. Parents and grandparents provide supervision, alongside Trinity staff, to keep our kids safe and cared for during their playtime.
- **Lunch Helper:** Two helpers daily, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., AND one helper daily, 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. Assist our Lunch Coordinator with distributing hot lunch orders in the kitchen by grade and classroom, then assist with cleanup.

Library volunteers start the week of Aug. 22, for the entire school year. Remaining days available include:

- Mondays 8:30-11:40 a.m. (2 volunteers)
- Thursdays 8:30-10:10 a.m. (2 volunteers)
- Fridays 8:30-10:10 a.m. (1 volunteer)

***Please know that library volunteers commit to the whole year; however we can be flexible, if people can do every other week, etc.**

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!

