



Son Times

December 14, 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)

\$1 DRESS-DOWN DAY TOMORROW! \$1 DRESS-DOWN DAY TOMORROW!

A BIG THANK YOU FROM STUDENT COUNCIL!

Thank you to the many of you who sold in our Cookie Dough and ButterBraid fundraiser! You exceeded our expectations and because of you, we were able to raise \$14,671 for our school. We are extremely proud of all of our sellers! Additionally, congratulations to the top three winners! Our **1st place** winner, Trinitee D., sold 89 items; our **2nd place** winner, Brooklyn H., sold 59 items; and our **3rd place** winner, Abigail Z., sold 56 items. Prize choices included a glow basket with a glow-in-the-dark basketball, glow sticks, glow-in-the-dark speaker, LED lights, and much more; two fun and large squishmallows; and a light-up hoverboard. We are proud of them for their hard work selling! Lastly, congratulations to Ms. Zakoor's fourth grade class for winning the kindergarten-fourth grade competition and receiving a movie and snack party, and Mr. Chagdes's eighth grade class for winning the fifth-eighth grade competition and receiving a full dress-down week. For those of you who sold 15 or more items, we are looking forward to when it snows for your snowball fight with Mr. V.! Thank you for making this fundraiser such a success!



A SPECIAL HOLIDAY GIVING OPPORTUNITY

With Christmas just around the corner, PTM seeks your help in blessing non-instructional staff (maintenance, business services, office staff, etc.) at Christmastime. We suggest a small (\$1-\$5 cash) donation from each family. Please send your donation to the school office in an envelope marked "PTM" **by Friday, Dec. 15**. Thank you!



PAPA JOHN'S FUNDRAISER, MONDAY, DEC. 18

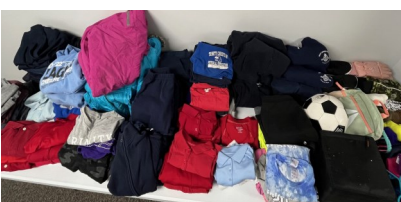
December is such a busy time of year! Take a day off from cooking while supporting our school. Visit Papa John's of Shorewood Monday, Dec. 18, 4-8 p.m., and they will donate 10% of your purchase to support the teachers and students at Trinity. Please mention the fundraiser when placing your order. See flyer on p. 4 for more information.

JANUARY HOT LUNCH ORDERS DUE DEC. 20, 9 A.M.

January hot lunch orders must be placed and paid for by **Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 9 a.m.** due to Christmas break starting Thursday, Dec. 21. **This is a firm deadline**, as orders must be submitted to the catering company before we leave for Christmas break. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

HOT LUNCH

COLLECT LOST AND FOUND ITEMS BY DEC. 21



Please collect your missing items from the lost-and-found table, in the front foyer, starting tomorrow. All items left unclaimed by the time of school dismissal, Thursday, Dec. 21, will be donated. A special thank you to Mrs. Amber Vercler for sorting through and folding all clothing items and organizing all other items.

Kindergarten - 8th Grade Calendar: December 14-22

Dec. 14

PK3 Christmas Program at 6:30 p.m.
HOME Boys' Basketball Games, 5/6 B team at 4 p.m. 7/8 team at 5 p.m.

Dec. 15

\$1 Dress-Down Day

Dec. 18

HOME Boys' Basketball Games, 5/6 A team at 4:15 p.m. 7/8 team at 5:15 p.m.

Dec. 19

HOME Boys' Basketball Games, 5/6 A team at 4:15 p.m. 7/8 team at 5:15 p.m. School Board Meeting 7 p.m.

Dec. 20

Christmas Chapel 8:40 a.m.

Dec. 21

Dress-Down Day 11:45 a.m. Dismissal
Christmas Break Begins
No PK Attendance

Dec. 22

Christmas Break
No School All Grades

Important Dates:

December 22-January 5
Christmas Break

December 25
Christmas Day



CALLING KINDERGARTEN THROUGH FOURTH GRADE GIRLS

Do you like to cheer or to dance? Would you like to meet and learn from older students? If yes, then sign up for TCS's cheer kiddie camp Thursday, Jan. 4, 9a.m.-noon. This is a one-day camp, coached by TCS's cheer coach, Miss Bekermeier, where you will get the opportunity to learn sideline cheers and a short halftime routine from our seventh and eighth grade cheerleaders. In addition, you will be able to **perform** at an **Eagles basketball game** Tuesday, Jan. 9. For more information, please see the flier on p. 5. To register, please follow this [link](#). Register by Tuesday, Dec. 19, to receive a t-shirt. We hope to see many junior cheerleaders there!



JINGLE BELL, JINLGE BELL, JINGLE FIT CAMP

Attention second through fourth graders! Looking for ways to stay active over Christmas break? If yes, you should sign up for a session of Jingle Fit Camp. The sessions are **Dec. 27-29**, 9-10:30 a.m. and **Jan. 3-5**, 1:30-3 p.m. Please register through this [link](#), by Thursday, Dec. 21 to secure your spot. For more information see p. 6. This class is coached by Ms. Osacky, one of Trinity's fourth grade teachers.

TRINITY HOSTS BOYS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

TCS hosts their boys' junior high basketball tournament Friday, Jan. 26, and Saturday, Jan. 27. The tournament may include as many as eight teams, with up to 10 games being played over two days, so the demand for volunteers is high. We need hall monitors, admissions table workers, concession stand workers, and more. Are you able to help? If you are interested in helping out during this two-day tournament, please contact Mr. V at jvugteveen@trinitychristian.info. This is a great opportunity to knock out a large chunk of volunteer hours at once!



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: DEC. 18-22 AND JAN. 8-12 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 12/18 3 volunteers needed	Monday 01/08: No school
Tuesday 12/19: 2 volunteers needed	Tuesday 01/09: 3 volunteers needed
Wednesday 12/20: 2 volunteers needed	Wednesday 01/10: 2 volunteers needed
Thursday 12/21: 2 volunteers needed	Thursday 01/11: 3 volunteers needed
Friday 12/22: No school	Friday 01/12: 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 12/18 3 volunteers needed	Monday 01/08: No school
Tuesday 12/19: 2 volunteers needed	Tuesday 01/09: 3 volunteers needed
Wednesday 12/20: 2 volunteers needed	Wednesday 01/10: 2 volunteers needed
Thursday 12/21: Early dismissal	Thursday 01/11: 3 volunteers needed
Friday 12/22: No school	Friday 01/12: 2 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 12/18 3 volunteers needed	Monday 01/08: No school
Tuesday 12/19: 4 volunteers needed	Tuesday 01/09: 4 volunteers needed
Wednesday 12/20: 4 volunteers needed	Wednesday 01/10: 4 volunteers needed
Thursday 12/21: Early dismissal	Thursday 01/11: 4 volunteers needed
Friday 12/22: No school	Friday 01/12: 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.

CHAPEL NOTES BY SOFIA F., GUEST CONTRIBUTOR TO THE SON TIMES

Date: Dec. 13 **Verses:** Matthew 1:21 and Luke 2:11

God sent his son to be our Savior on that blessed Christmas morning. God told us to go tell the world about our Savior being born. Jesus is Christ our Lord and he is LOVE. The preschool presented the chapel, and they sang many songs and did a wonderful job shining their light for the Lord.

SEND STUDENTS TO SCHOOL WITH WARM APPAREL



Cold temperatures are here. Please make sure your child has the appropriate gear for recess. They go outside as long as it is **not raining** and the “feels like” temperature is **20°F or more**. Your student should have gloves, a scarf, hat, warm coat, and any other gear needed to stay warm while outside. Please LABEL EVERYTHING. Lost items can be easily returned if we know who they belong to. If you are volunteering to help with recess, please dress warmly.

In the event of school closing due to inclement weather, please check the school's website or Facebook page for information. We will also send out information via text message.

HELP RAISE MONEY FOR TCS BY RECYCLING PAPER



Trinity has paper recycling bins at the southwest corner of the parking lot, where you are able to recycle paper. This helps raise funds for TCS. Drop your paper recycling items in the bins located in the southwest corner of our parking lot, any time.

WHAT TO RECYCLE: Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, wrapping paper, spiral notebooks, books, (remove hard covers), and more! **NO PHONEBOOKS OR CARDBOARD.**

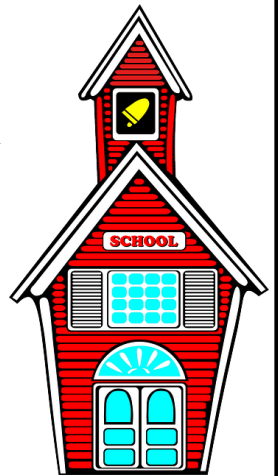
BUILDING SAFETY

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.



BLESS TRINITY WITH END-OF-YEAR GIVING

Looking for ways to financially bless TCS and receive a 2023 tax deduction? A gift of any size will make an impact for TCS and our families in the areas of scholarship, technology, faculty development, and capital needs.

We are working to fund for students who are losing their scholarships due to the Illinois legislature ending the Invest in Kids program. Additionally, at this time of year, we direct all Annual Fund giving to the areas of technology, faculty development, and capital needs.

Please consider helping us meet our needs in these areas. Feel free to forward this information to anyone you think might be interested in giving.

To give online: <https://www.trinitychristian.info/about/ways-to-give.cfm>. To pay by check please make payment to Trinity Christian School and mail it to 901 Shorewood Drive, Shorewood, IL 60404.

Thank you for the wonderful gift of your service, stewardship, and support of Trinity Christian School. May God bless you and your family throughout the coming year. Merry Christmas!

Donations must be postmarked or charged on or before Dec. 31, 2023 to be considered a charitable contribution for the 2023 tax year.

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of all net sales on**

Dec 18th 4PM  8PM

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Holidays*

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CARRYOUT OR DELIVERY

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VALID ONLINE OR IN-STORE. CALL (815) 744-7777 TO ORDER!**

TCS CHEER

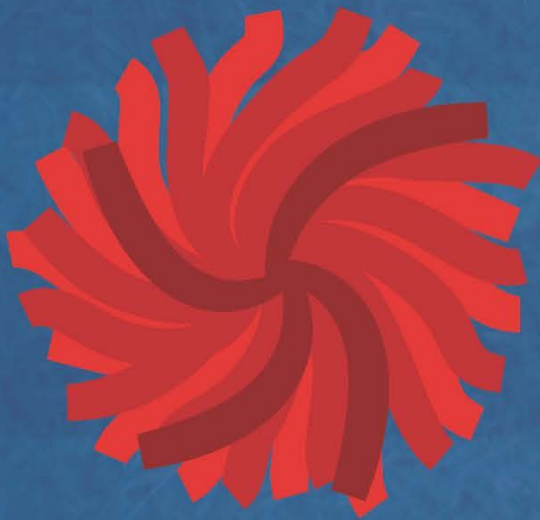
Kiddie Camp

\$40PER CAMPER
(TSHIRT INCLUDED)CAMPER AGE
**KINDERGARTEN-
4TH GRADE****JANUARY 4
9 A.M.-NOON**

KIDDIE CAMP DETAILS

ALL TCS KINDERGARTEN THROUGH FOURTH GRADE GIRLS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A DAY CHEER CAMP HELD IN THE MAIN GYM. CAMPERS WILL LEARN SIDELINE CHEERS AND A SHORT HALF TIME DANCE FROM OUR 7TH AND 8TH GRADE CHEERLEADERS. CAMPERS WILL PERFORM AT THE EAGLE HOME GAME ON JANUARY 9TH.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO AN ENERGETIC AND ENTHUSIASTIC CAMP. TO REGISTER AND PAY FOR THIS CAMP, PLEASE FOLLOW THIS LINK: [HTTPS://PAYIT.NELNET.NET/FORM/LVAYVA6X](https://payit.nelnet.net/form/LVAYVA6X) REGISTER BEFORE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH TO RECEIVE A T-SHIRT FOR YOUR CAMPER. PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS TO TCS CHEER COACH, KAYLA BEKERMEIER, AT KBEBERMEIER@TRINITYCHRISTIAN.INFO





**2ND-4TH
GRADE**

JINGLE FIT CAMP



SESSION 1:
WED 12/27 - FRI 12/29
9:00AM-10:30AM



SESSION 2:
WED 1/3 - FRI 1/5
1:00PM-2:30PM



TCS 2nd through 4th grade students
are invited to attend ONE or BOTH
Jingle Fit sessions with each day
featuring its own devotion, fitness
lesson, and circuit style fitness fun!



PLEASE FOLLOW THIS LINK TO REGISTER AND
PAY FOR JINGLE FIT CAMP:
[HTTPS://PAYIT.NELNET.NET/FORM/WD11ESLT](https://payit.nelnet.net/form/wd11eslt)

Please register by December 21st to secure your spot. Questions can
directed to Ms. Osacky at tosacky@trinitychristian.info