



# Son Times

December 18, 2025

"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!

### FIRST BAND PERFORMANCE WAS A HIT!

Our band students gave a great performance at their concert last week. They played a wide variety of music, from beginner tunes to more advanced Christmas songs. Keep an eye out for more information on their next concert, happening here at TCS in March!



## BASKETBALL TEAM TAKES CHAMPIONSHIP



Congratulations to Trinity's 5/6A basketball team for taking home the championship at the Christian Liberty Tournament. They put together three stellar games and all contributed! Thank you to our 5/6B team who came to the tournament last-minute to fill in for a team who couldn't make it. They played their best games of the year and keep getting better! Congratulations to Elijah S. on his 2nd place finish in the 3-point shootout!

## HOT LUNCH ORDERS DUE TOMORROW

January hot lunch orders must be placed and paid for by tomorrow at **9 a.m. December 19 is a firm deadline**. Just log into your FACTS Family Portal to place your order. This is an **earlier** day and time than usual. Thank you for your attention to this change.



Kindergarten - 8th  
 Grade Calendar:  
 Dec. 18 - Jan. 9

**Dec. 18**  
**AWAY** Boys' Basketball  
 Games at Calvary  
 5/6A 4:15 p.m.  
 7/8 5:15 p.m.

**Dec. 19**  
 \$1 Dress-Down Day

**Dec. 22-Jan. 5**  
 Christmas Break  
 No School

*Jesus is the Reason  
 for the Season.*

**Jan. 5**  
 Teacher Institute Day  
 No School

**Jan. 6**  
 Classes Resume

**Jan. 7**  
 Chapel 8:40 a.m.

**Jan. 8**  
**HOME** Boys' Basketball  
 Games 5/6B 4:15 p.m.  
 5/6A 5:15 p.m.  
 7/8 6:15 p.m.

**Jan. 9**  
 Spirit Gear Day  
**HOME** Boys' Basketball  
 Games 5/6A 4:15 p.m.  
 7/8 5:15 p.m.

### Important Dates

**Jan. 12-16**  
 Spirit Week

## ROBOTICS TEAM BRINGS HOME TROPHY



One of TCS's robotics teams won their category in the FIRST Lego League competition in Oswego Saturday, Dec. 13.

This team, called Terra Builders, consists of five students; Ronen A., Holden C., Beckett P., Andrew S., and Alyse T. They brought home a trophy for the most points awarded during the Alliance round, which is a round when they paired up with another team to combine each of their robot's missions.

Congratulations to the Terra Builders and all of the teams from TCS who worked hard all semester to build and code their robots to compete in this tournament!

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a robotics community that prepares young people for the future. TCS Robotics offers second and third grade students a robotics program this spring. The deadline for registration is Dec. 19 by 1 p.m. using this [link](#).

## TCS STUDENT INTERVIEWED ON WGN-TV



A Trinity student, A'mia B., was invited to speak on WGN-TV for her roles in the Goodman Theatre Production of *A Christmas Carol*. You can see A'mia as Emily Cratchit in shows running through Dec. 31. Tickets for the show can still be purchased at <https://www.goodmantheatre.org/tickets/>.

Check out her [interview](#), where she gives a shout-out to Trinity Christian School and Mr. Vugteveen, Head of School.

## Chapel Notes, by Luke M., Guest Contributor to the *Son Times*

Chapel Speaker: Pastor Frank Volpe

1. God always existed
2. He always does what is right
3. In God was light, the life of man
4. Jesus is the light of the world
5. Jesus died for us
6. He came to bring life to our eyes
7. He ascended into heaven on a throne at the right hand of God
8. Go to the light of the world and you will be saved
9. He will save a spot in heaven; no one can take it away
10. Everyone who calls on the Lord will be saved
11. He gives all of us a purpose
12. Praise God in heaven

## THANK YOU FROM PARENT TEACHER MINISTRY

PTM wishes to thank the many volunteers who helped as subs for teachers on their gifted days off. We appreciate your time! Also, thank you to all the families who donated to bless our non-instructional staff. Your generosity was such a blessing to those who work each day to make TCS the school that it is!



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. Adalys Colianne 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 WEEK: JAN. 6 – 13. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CALENDARS AND RESPOND DIRECTLY TO MRS. COLIANNE TO GET YOUR DATES LOCKED IN!**

**MORNING GREETER:** Every day, 8-8:30 a.m. Open car doors, greet students, and help make sure they enter the building safely.

Monday, Jan. 5: no volunteers needed

Tuesday, Jan. 6: 3 volunteers needed

Wednesday, Jan. 7: 3 volunteers needed

Thursday, Jan. 8: 3 volunteers needed

Friday, Jan. 9: 3 volunteers needed

**LUNCH HELPER:** 4 helpers daily, 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. Distribute hot lunch orders by grade and classroom, then assist with cleanup.

Monday, Jan. 5: no volunteers needed

Tuesday, Jan. 6: 3 volunteers needed

Wednesday, Jan. 7: 3 volunteers needed

Thursday, Jan. 8: 3 volunteers needed

Friday, Jan. 9: 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, Jan. 5: no volunteers needed

Tuesday, Jan. 6: 3 volunteers needed

Wednesday, Jan. 7: 4 volunteers needed

Thursday, Jan. 8: 3 volunteers needed

Friday, Jan. 9: 3 volunteers needed

**BASKETBALL HOME GAMES:**

Admissions, Jan. 8, 5-6:30 p.m.: 1 volunteer needed

Concessions, Jan. 9, 3:45-5:15 p.m.: 1 volunteer needed

Concessions, Jan. 9, 5-6:15 p.m.: 2 volunteers needed

Concessions, Jan. 13, 3:45-5:15 p.m.: 2 volunteers needed

Concessions, Jan. 13, 5-6:15 p.m.: 1 volunteer needed

**WEEKEND WARRIORS:** Saturday, Jan. 10, 7 - 9 a.m.: many volunteers needed

Please contact Mrs. Colianne at [acolianne@trinitychristian.info](mailto:acolianne@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!*

## REMEMBER! USE RAISERIGHT FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Remember to use RaiseRight when shopping or giving gift cards this Christmas to bless TCS and fulfill your RaiseRight obligation. The deadline for receiving physical gift cards before Christmas has passed, but you can still order digital ones at the same time!

### ***Never set up your RaiseRight account? It's easy!***

1. Email Trinity's RaiseRight Coordinator, Mrs. Kara Hauert, at [khauert@trinitychristian.info](mailto:khauert@trinitychristian.info) to get our school enrollment code.

2. Then use this link: <https://www.raiseright.com/enroll> to enroll in the RaiseRight Program.

There are hundreds of participating retailers to purchase gift cards from, including grocery, department stores, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more. Once you are enrolled, you can shop!

You may use this program in one of three ways:

1. Order gift cards, delivered to school each week

2. Use the RaiseRight app at checkout in stores

3. Print a paper gift card at home via the RaiseRight website

**ORDER JAN. HOT LUNCH BY 9 A.M., DEC. 19... TOMORROW!**

## **BLESS TRINITY WITH END-OF-YEAR GIVING**

Looking for ways to financially bless TCS and receive a 2025 tax deduction? There are multiple ways to bless TCS and our students with your end-of-year contribution:

1. Gifts by check may be mailed to TCS at 901 Shorewood Dr., Shorewood, IL 60404
2. Donations must be postmarked or charged on or before Dec. 31, 2025 to be considered a charitable contribution for tax year 2025
3. Online Gifts may be made through our website via this link <https://www.trinitychristian.info/about/ways-to-give.cfm>



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

## **RAISE MONEY FOR TCS BY RECYCLING WRAPPING PAPER AND MORE**

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 PLEASE.**



# COMING SOON!

## **2026-2027 ENROLLMENT UPDATE**

*Look for emailed information, Jan. 13*



## **PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT OPENING SOON**

Open Registration for the 2026-2027 school year begins Jan. 25, at Trinity's Open House. More information to follow in the new year.

## **FIND LOCAL WINTER CHURCH EVENTS ONLINE**

Did you know that Trinity partners with local churches? We post their wonderful local events on our community page, including family Christmas Services, a Winter Wonderland event, and more. Check out event details [here!](#)

If your church has an event to share, please reach out to our Director of Development, Mrs. Deanne Bekermeier, at [dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info](mailto:dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info).





# TCS ART CLUB

*Second Semester*

**For 2nd - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

**Wednesdays • 3:15 - 4:30 PM in the Art Room**

**Meeting Dates:**

**Jan. 21, Jan. 28,  
Feb. 4, Feb. 11,  
Feb. 18, Feb. 25,  
Mar. 4, Mar. 11**



**Space is limited, so sign up now!**

**This will be the last session for the year!**

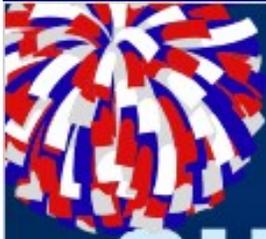
**Sign Up Now!**

**<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/tYo735XE>**



**Scan me!**





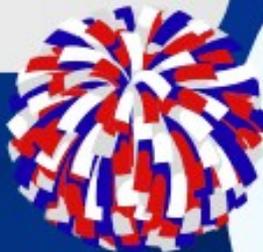
# Trinity Christian School Eagles CHEER KIDDIE CAMP

All TCS kindergarten through fourth grade girls are invited to attend a one-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 Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.



**FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2026**

9:00 A.M. UNTIL NOON



We are looking forward to an energetic and fun-filled camp. The camp is \$40 per camper and includes a t-shirt. To register and pay for this camp, please follow this link:

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/nfb5Syk8>

Register before Wednesday, December 17th to receive a cheer t-shirt for your camper.



Any questions? Please contact Kayla Bekermeier, TCS Cheer Coach at [kbekermeier@trinitychristian.info](mailto:kbekermeier@trinitychristian.info)



TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

# SPIRIT WEEK

JANUARY 12-16

Let's see that Eagle Pride!

**Monday:**  
Pajama Day

**Tuesday:**  
Character Day

**Wednesday:**  
Class Color Day

**Thursday:**  
Red White & Blue Day

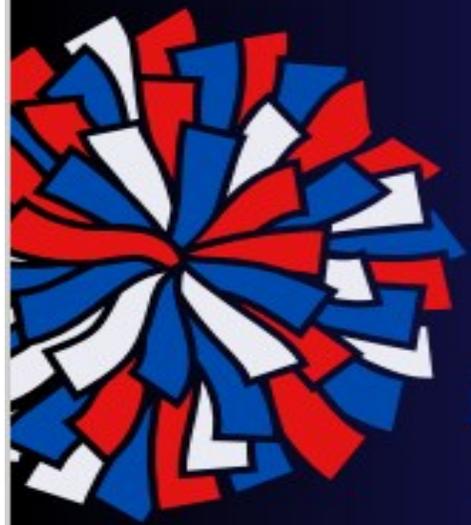
**Friday:**  
K-4 Holiday Day  
5-8 Anything but a Backpack Day

**Pep Assembly**  
on Thursday,  
January 15th at  
2:20 p.m.



**TCS Basketball  
Tournament**  
January 17 and 24!

**2026**



# SPIRIT WEEK JANUARY 12-16

The TCS Student Council has planned a very fun and exciting Spirit Week this year. One of our goals is to promote school spirit, and Spirit Week will help us meet that goal. Spirit Week consists of five "dress-down" days. Here is a brief description of the fun days we have planned.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH

### Pajama Day:

Wear your PJ's and slippers today. Don't forget your teddy bear or blankie! Please be sure to wear outfits in modesty. (no sleeveless, watch length/tightness etc.) Have fun rolling out of bed and coming to school in your comfy pajamas!

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH

### Character Day:

Dress up like any character of your choice. The possibilities are endless! A Disney character? A Bible character? A cartoon character? A super hero? (Characters must be school appropriate)

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH

### Color Day:

Each class has been assigned a color. Cover yourself in your class color any way you can, including clothes, hair, face, and shoes! Class colors= Kindergarten - **Blue**, 1st - **Yellow**, 2nd - **Red**, 3rd - **Green**, 4th - **Orange**, 5th - **Purple**, 6th - **Pink**, 7th - **Gray**, 8th - **Black**, Part-Time Staff/Office - **Brown**

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 15TH

### Red, White, & Blue Day:

School Spirit Day - wear school colors and TCS apparel. Show your school colors in any way you can imagine, we want to see lots of school spirit all over you! Remember to bring your loud voices to today's Pep Assembly!

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH

### Kindergarten - 4th Grade: Holiday Day

Show off your holiday spirit by dressing as your favorite holiday! Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, 4th of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and so much more.

### 5th-8th Grade: Anything but a Backpack Day

Show some school spirit by packing your books and belongings in anything but a backpack! Items must be school appropriate and must be able to bring your books from class to class. Ideas may consist of a laundry basket, a stroller, a cereal box, and more! No pets or siblings. 😊  
Feel free to also wear your favorite holiday outfit on this day, as well.

Student Council will award students for participating throughout the week

Also, the Spirit Jug will be awarded to the classes who cheer the loudest at the Pep Assembly.

So look your best and have some fun!

**IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER!!** If you choose not to participate in Spirit Week, you must follow normal school uniform dress code. Any students with outfits deemed inappropriate by administration or staff will be asked to change into school uniform. Students will be required to call home if rules are not followed.



# ALOHA DREAMS

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**Date Night With Dad**

**SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY, 21 2026**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**More Details to Follow Soon**