



Son Times

December 22, 2022

"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)

HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS

Dear Trinity Family,

MAKE YOUR PRESENCE A PRESENT TO OTHERS THIS CHRISTMAS.

As our Jesus Christ became present as a baby boy on Christmas day, may we be able to be present in the lives around us to show God's love, encouragement and passion for others this holiday season. Your presence is your best present to others!

I pray that you will all enjoy a wonderful time celebrating the birth of Christ with family, friends and special people. It is truly an amazing time of the year to focus on what we truly believe as Christians, and focus on the miracle gift that we were blessed with by our Lord and Savior.

Prayers for a safe and healthy Christmas Break!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In His Grip,

Mr. V



MESSAGE 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!

TRINITY HOSTS ACSI BOYS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

TCS hosts the ACSI Boys' Junior High Basketball Tournament Friday, Jan. 27, and Saturday, Jan. 28. The tournament may include as many as 10 teams, with more than 15 games being played over two days, so the demand for volunteers is high. We need hall monitors, admissions table workers, concessions stand workers, and more. Are you able to help? Please contact Mr. V at jvugteveen@trinitychristian.info if you are interested in helping out during this two-day tournament. This is a great opportunity to knock out a large chunk of volunteer hours at once!

CHAPEL NOTES BY ALAINA D. IN SEVENTH GRADE

This Wednesday, fifth grade performed at chapel. They sang and even danced to the Carol of the Bells. Pastor Volpe came to preach for their chapel. He talked about how Jesus is similar to the best Christmas gift you could receive. You wouldn't leave it wrapped, you would open it and enjoy the gift inside. That is how we should feel about the gift of Jesus. To invite Jesus into your heart, you need to recognize, realize, and receive. First, you need to recognize that Jesus came to the world to save us. Second, you need to realize that he is our savior and the Son of God. Lastly, you need to receive God's gift of Jesus and invite him into your hearts. If we do, we will become children of God.

BLESS TRINITY WITH END-OF-YEAR GIVING

Looking for ways to financially bless TCS and receive a 2022 tax deduction? There are many ways to bless TCS and our students with your end-of-year contribution:

Gifts of cash by check may be mailed to 901 Shorewood Dr., Shorewood, IL 60404.

Online Gifts by credit card may be made through our website via the link [here](#).

***Donations must be postmarked or charged on or before Dec. 31, 2022 to be considered a charitable contribution for the 2022 tax year.**

Give the gift of Christian education by donating through Empower Illinois and as an individual, you can direct your dollars to benefit Trinity Christian School Shorewood students specifically. Donors receive a 75% Illinois state tax credit. You can donate by clicking the link [here](#).

Make Amazon purchases through Amazon Smile and designate Trinity Christian School Shorewood IL as your charity. If you are not set up through Amazon Smile it is very quick and easy to do so. Click [here](#) for instructions.

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!



**Kindergarten - 8th
Grade Calendar:
Dec. 22-Jan. 13**

Dec. 22

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

Dec. 23- Jan. 8

Christmas Break
No School All Grades

Jan. 9

Teacher Institute
No School K-8th Grade
PK Classes Resume

Jan. 10

Classes Resume
Boys' Basketball
HOME Games
5th/6th at 4:15 p.m.
7th/8th at 5:15 p.m.

Jan. 11

Chapel 8:35 a.m.

Jan. 12

Boys' Basketball
AWAY Games at HSRC
5th/6th at 4:15 p.m.
7th/8th at 5:15 p.m.

Jan. 13

Spirit Gear Day
Second Quarter Ends
Boys' Basketball
HOME Games
5th/6th at 4:15 p.m.
7th/8th at 5:15 p.m.

Important Dates:

January 16

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Day No School

January 17

School Board Meeting

January 29

Open House

January 30

Open Enrollment





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: DEC. 19-JAN. 13. 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 01/09: No School	Monday 01/16: No School
Tuesday 01/10: 4 volunteers needed	Tuesday 01/17: 4 volunteers needed
Wednesday 01/11: 4 volunteer needed	Wednesday 01/18: 4 volunteers needed
Thursday 01/12: 4 volunteers needed	Thursday 01/19: 4 volunteers needed
Friday 01/13: 4 volunteers needed	Friday 01/20: 4 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 01/09: No School	Monday 01/16: No School
Tuesday 01/10: 4 volunteers needed	Tuesday 01/17: 4 volunteers needed
Wednesday 01/11: 4 volunteer needed	Wednesday 01/18: 4 volunteers needed
Thursday 01/12: 4 volunteers needed	Thursday 01/19: 4 volunteers needed
Friday 01/13: 4 volunteers needed	Friday 01/20: 4 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 01/09: No School	Monday 01/16: No School
Tuesday 01/10: 4 volunteers needed	Tuesday 01/17: 4 volunteers needed
Wednesday 01/11: 4 volunteer needed	Wednesday 01/18: 4 volunteers needed
Thursday 01/12: 4 volunteers needed	Thursday 01/19: 4 volunteers needed
Friday 01/13: 4 volunteers needed	Friday 01/20: 4 volunteers needed

Please contact Mrs. Thomas at thomas@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!

HELP SAVE PRIVATE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS IN ILLINOIS

Please follow the steps below to urge your state senator and representative to support the Illinois Invest in Kids Scholarship Program.



Give them a call: If you have already written a message, try calling their offices. Pre-written scripts are provided. Click [here](#) and click the phone icon at the top of the page to place your call.

Write a letter: You can send an email to your representatives by clicking [here](#). You may write your own message or you may use one of our pre-written messages. It's very easy to do and only takes a few seconds!



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING MAXIMIZED

While holiday shopping, please remember the easy ways that you can shop while also blessing TCS.



If you plan to shop with Amazon this season, please consider using Amazon Smile. Amazon Smile has all the same products and prices as Amazon, but a portion of each purchase gets donated to Trinity Christian School.

Download or update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app on your phone. You can find it in the App Store for iOS or Google Play for Android. Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (≡). Click on the on Gifting & Charity icon, scroll down until you see 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on **AmazonSmile** on your phone.

To shop through your browser, type, smile.amazon.com. You will sign in with your email address and Amazon password. Trinity Christian School is included in the Amazon Smile Charity List. To select our school, search **Trinity Christian School Shorewood IL**. TCS will then be linked to your Amazon Smile Account and every time you shop Amazon Smile, you will also bless our school! Order Amazon Scrip and benefit Trinity twice!

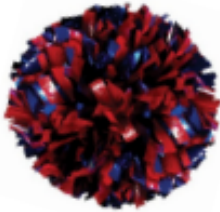
Online shopping is also a great opportunity to use **SCRIP** while you shop! Many retailers have **ScripNow** available. Just visit www.raiseright.com and order **ScripNow** before your online shopping. Use the code from **SCRIP** when you check out from your favorite retailers. Thank you so much for supporting Trinity Christian School!



Trinity Christian Spirit Week

JANUARY 23 - 27, 2023

**SHOW YOUR
SCHOOL SPIRIT!!!!**



MONDAY

Pajama Day

TUESDAY

Wacky Day



WEDNESDAY

Color Day



THURSDAY

Red, White and Blue Day

FRIDAY

Western Day



PEP ASSEMBLY @ 2:20 P.M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 26TH

January 19-21 ICC Basketball Tournament AND January 27-28 ACSI Basketball Tournament

7th/8th and 5th/6th Grade will all be playing and cheerleaders will be cheering at ICC!

(See reverse side for more details on the dress down spirit days).

SPIRIT WEEK January 23-27

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 23rd

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 24th

Wacky Day:

This is your day to dress as crazy as you want! Do you have a wacky hat? A wacky hairstyle? Some silly socks? A full on mismatched outfit? Have fun dressing in a wacky way!

Wednesday, January 25th

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. Feel free to also wear your shirt from the Walkathon!
(class colors listed below)

K - Blue	5 th - Purple
1 st - Yellow	6 th - Pink
2 nd - Red	7 th - Gray
3 rd - Green	8 th - Black
4 th - Orange	Part-Time Staff/Office - Brown

Thursday, January 26th

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!

Friday, January 27th

Western Day:

Let's see all the plaid on this day! Dress up like a cowgirl or cowboy and pull out those boots and hats! Dress like you are attending a rodeo!

Student Council will award students for participating throughout the week
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 codes. 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.