



Son Times

February 2, 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)

SPRIT GEAR DAY TOMORROW! SPRIT GEAR DAY TOMORROW!

MANDATORY PARENT MEETING, MONDAY

It is time for our second mandatory parent meeting of the year, **Feb. 6**, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafetorium. At least one parent must attend this meeting per your signed Parent Agreement.

The evening's agenda includes a short time on school business and upcoming TCS events. The main part of the meeting consists of an important presentation by Detective Rich Wistocki on Technology and our Children. Additional details about Detective Wistocki may be found on the flier on p.4

Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and we'll start at 6:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!



WELCOME, BUNDLE OF JOY!

Congratulations to the Cardenas family on the recent birth of their daughter, Sophia! Mrs. Jazmine Cardenas, who works in the front office at Trinity, and her husband Jaime welcomed Sophia, Jan. 28, at 8:15 a.m. Sophia weighed 6 lbs., 1 oz., and was 18.95 inches long. Mr. and Mrs. Cardenas also have a 19-month-old son, Lucas.

Mrs. Cardenas will return to work in the front office after her maternity leave. We pray for God's blessing on the Cardenas family during this precious time.

TOMORROW: MIDDLE SCHOOL LATE NIGHT!

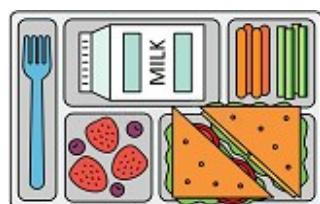
Trinity's Middle School Late Night is **Friday, Feb. 3**. It will be filled with fun, food, and fellowship! We are excited for an impactful and memorable night for the students.

Our night will be filled with the following activities:

- Open Gym-basketball, 9-square, etc. •Photo Booth •Fun Inflatables
- Talent Show •Capture the Flag and Scavenger Hunts
- Praise & Worship Time/Teaching/Small Groups
- Chicken, Mac-n-cheese, and more for dinner



We hope to see every middle school student there; it is one their favorite events of the year!



MARCH HOT LUNCH OPEN

Order hot lunch for March now through Feb. 20. All orders must be **placed and paid for by Feb. 20 at 11:59 p.m.** You can find information about the hot lunch program [here](#).

Kindergarten - 8th Grade Calendar: Feb. 2-10

Feb. 2

Girls' Basketball **HOME**
Games 5/6 at 4:15 p.m.
7/8 at 5:15 p.m.

Feb. 3

Spirit Gear Day
Middle School Late Night

Feb. 6

Mandatory Parent Meeting
6:30 p.m.

Feb. 7

Girls' Basketball **HOME**
Game, 5/6 ONLY
at 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 8

Chapel 8:35 a.m.

Feb. 9

Girls' Basketball **HOME**
Game, 7/8 ONLY
at 4:15 p.m.

Important Dates:

February 20

Presidents' Day
No School

February 21

Board Meeting

March 24

Benefit Event

John 13:34-35

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

~ Jesus



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: FEB. 6 – 17. 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 02/06: 4 volunteers needed	Monday 02/13: 4 volunteers needed
Tuesday 02/07: 3 volunteers needed	Tuesday 02/14: 4 volunteers needed
Wednesday 02/08: 2 volunteers needed	Wednesday 02/15: 2 volunteers needed
Thursday 02/09: 4 volunteers needed	Thursday 02/16: 4 volunteers needed
Friday 02/10: 4 volunteers needed	Friday 02/17: 4 volunteers 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 02/06: 4 volunteers needed	Monday 02/13: 4 volunteers needed
Tuesday 02/07: 4 volunteers needed	Tuesday 02/14: 4 volunteers needed
Wednesday 02/08: 4 volunteers needed	Wednesday 02/15: 4 volunteers needed
Thursday 02/09: 4 volunteers needed	Thursday 02/16: 4 volunteers needed
Friday 02/10: 4 volunteers needed	Friday 02/17: 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 02/06: 4 volunteers needed	Monday 02/13: 4 volunteers needed
Tuesday 02/07: 4 volunteers needed	Tuesday 02/14: 4 volunteers needed
Wednesday 02/08: 4 volunteers needed	Wednesday 02/15: 4 volunteers needed
Thursday 02/09: 4 volunteers needed	Thursday 02/16: 4 volunteers needed
Friday 02/10: 4 volunteers needed	Friday 02/17: 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!

REENROLLMENT IS OPEN FOR 2023-2024!

Trinity families may now reenroll for the coming school year. Just log into your FACTS Family Portal to get started. Once there, select "Apply/Enroll" from the left side. Then, for current students, select "Enrollment/Reenrollment." If you are adding a new student, click "Application."

You can use this link to access Family Portal: <https://logins2.renweb.com/logins/ParentsWebLogin.aspx>. The District Code for our school is TRINC-IL.

If you need any help, please contact Mrs. Ellen Rasmussen at 815-577-9310, ext. 300, or erasmussen@trinitychristian.info.

INTRODUCING THE TCS FAMILY REFERRAL PROGRAM

Current Trinity Christian School families are our best advertisers. Sharing your family's TCS experience is the best way to attract new families to our school. This program is a way to say "Thank You" for sharing our wonderful school with other families.

Families currently enrolled at Trinity Christian School may earn a one-time \$250 tuition credit for each new family they refer that enrolls in kindergarten through eighth grade. Please check your email for details. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Deanne Bekermeier at dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info.



HOME GAMES

Feb. 2, Feb. 7, Feb. 9, Feb. 13, Feb. 28

COME OUT AND CHEER OUR TEAM!

LET'S GO EAGLES!

BENEFIT DINNER R.S.V.P.s DUE MARCH 4

The annual Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction invitations were sent home with your youngest child earlier this week. Please remember to check your student's backpack and return your R.S.V.P. card to school by Friday, March 4. You do not need to mail your response card. Just return the response card to school with your child, who may give it to his or her teacher, as teachers are expecting them. If you did not receive your invitation and have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Toya Thomas at tthomas@trinitychristian.info or 815-577-9310, ext.315. Thank you!

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Benefit Event & Silent Auction



*Celebrating
30 Years
of
God's Faithfulness*

STUDENT COUNCIL CANDY GRAM SALE



February 6-9

\$0.50 cents each



Time to send a sweet treat! Candy Grams will be sold to students before school, Feb. 6-9. They are also available for parents to purchase in the front office during the week. Each Candy Gram costs \$0.50. All Candy Grams need to be turned in to Student Council by Friday, Feb. 10. Student Council will attach candy to each Candy Gram and then deliver them to the classrooms Tuesday, Feb. 14. We hope you participate in this fun way to spread love and encouragement around TCS!

DONATE MARVELOUS AUCTION ITEMS!

Trinity Christian School hosts its 30th Anniversary Benefit Event, March 24. We would like to give you the opportunity to give back to our school by donating to the spring auction! As part of our fundraising efforts, the silent auction is one of the biggest highlights of this event.

Thank you for all the donations that have begun to come in so far! We are extremely excited about these donations and we welcome MORE, in order to help make this fundraiser a success. We are looking for items with a minimum value of \$25.00 that represent your organization, such as gift baskets or certificates, a time share, sporting event or concert tickets, small new household appliances, or fun experiences, electronic gizmos and gadgets. Please contact Mrs. Toya Thomas at tthomas@trinitychristian.info, or by phone at 815-577-9310, ext. 315, no later than extended date Monday, Feb. 27, to get more information and to let us know if you plan to donate. Thank you!



CHECK OUT NEW COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please check out the "Community" tab at Trinity Christian School's website for newly posted events coming up at local churches. Trinity partners with area churches by sharing their upcoming events online. This informs TCS families about the many wonderful family events available in our area.

Just click the "Community" tab [here](#). Please contact Mrs. Deanne Bekermeier via email at dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info, if your church would like to announce any upcoming events. Thank you!

NO PARENT SHOULD MISS THIS!

MONDAY, February 6, 2023 @ 6:30pm-8:30pm

MANDATORY PARENT MEETING

MAIN EVENT:

After a few school announcements and updates, our main focus will be a presentation from Detective Richard Wistocki on Technology and our Children. Although information on this topic isn't always pleasant to hear it is necessary!!



For further information:
www.Besureconsulting.com

DETECTIVE RICHARD WISTOCKI is an expert in the area of Cyber – Crime. He has been a member of the United States Secret Service Chicago Electronic Crimes Task Force and a member of the Illinois Attorney Generals Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. He is now fully engaged with his BeSure Consulting business.

He has dedicated his career to helping children by tirelessly pursuing, apprehending and prosecuting child predators. But as technology moves forward each day we see the digital world reach further into every aspect of our lives and the lives of our children. We can no longer protect them without understanding how they are utilizing these new social tools, and without educating ourselves and our children on safety, restraint, and caution as it relates to each aspect of their digital activity.

While technology can be a great tool, it can also be a great danger to our children if we do not have the proper precautions in place. We are now living in a world where a few clicks could impact the rest of their lives. We owe it to them to provide support and guidance to help make the correct choices!

Presenting Information and Strategies on:

- Understand cyber-crime and that "No one online is anonymous"
- How to have that "Technology Talk" with your child.
- Understand appropriate protocols when a someone discloses issues of cyber-bullying, sexting, or sextortion.
- How to report criminal Cyber-Bullying.
- Understand the dangers of many popular apps
- How Internet investigations are conducted using subpoenas and search warrants.
- Understand social media laws such as: Harassment, Cyber-Stalking and False Personation.
- How to empower yourself to report cyber crime and harassment.
- How to protect your "digital foot print" and understand what it means to your future.
- Open Forum Q&A.