



Son Times

January 20, 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)

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

CONGRATULATIONS TCS ROBOTICS TEAM!

A Trinity Christian School's robotics team was recently recognized for their efforts at the FIRST LEGO League Challenge Qualifying Tournament held Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021, at The University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, IL.

Of the six TCS teams that participated, Team M & M received the "Rising All-Star Award," which "celebrates a team that the judges notice and expect great things from in the future," according to competition materials. Team members included third grade students Nikolai D., Mya M., Joseph M., Christian P., Rafey S., and Tanner V. Fourth grade team members were Aidan C., Aria M., and Carly P. This group was coached by Mrs. Amy McKnight, a Trinity parent.



The robotics program is a new extracurricular activity at Trinity this year. It was started and coached by two Trinity teachers, Mrs. Christine McBride and Ms. Terese Osacky. Parent coaches were also a vital part of developing the teams.

Fifty-two students in third through eighth grade participated in Trinity's program, once a week, August through December. Everything they learned prepared them for the December competition against eight other teams at the tournament.

Students engaged in research, problem-solving, coding and engineering – to build and program a LEGO robot that could navigate the missions of a robot game table. As part of the challenge, teams also participated in a research project to identify and solve a relevant real-world problem and presented their findings and solution to a judging panel.

"We are so very proud of all of them," stated Coach McBride. "In the beginning of the year many of them had no idea what a robotics team was or what it meant to be on a robotics team. They have accomplished so much."



According to its website, "FIRST LEGO League introduces science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) to children ages 4-16 through fun, exciting hands-on learning. Participants gain real-world problem solving experience through a guided, global robotics program, helping today's students and teachers build a better future together."

Congratulations to the whole team!

**Kindergarten - 8th
Grade Calendar:
Jan. 20-28**

Jan. 21

\$1 Dress-Down Day
Step-Up Day
ACSI Boys' Basketball
Tournament at TCS

Jan. 22

ACSI Boys' Basketball
Tournament at TCS

Jan. 25

Sports Pictures at 1:30 p.m.

Jan. 26

Chapel at 8:35 a.m.

Important Dates:

February 8

Mandatory Parent Meeting

February 15

Board Meeting

February 18

Parent/Teacher
Conferences - No School

Chapel Notes, by Dayton B., Guest Contributor to the Son Times

Chapel Speaker: Pastor Nick Dedetsinas

The Straight Path

- A life where you follow Christ, is the greatest life to live
- The straight path is narrow, unpopular, and the good life
- The straight path requires faith and very few find the path
- Every single one of us is sinful and we all need a savior
- Most people in our world reject Christ and believe that we don't need him in our life
- For everyone, it might be difficult to follow God right away
- Following Christ will lead to the good life



Trinity hosts the ACSI Boys' Basketball Tournament this weekend and there are many opportunities for bulk hours. Please contact Mr. V at jvugteveen@trinitychristian.info if you can help. Volunteers are still needed for:

CONCESSIONS:

Friday, Jan. 21, 1:30-2:30 p.m. and 2:30-4:30 p.m. 1 person each slot
 Saturday, Jan. 22, 8-10 a.m., 10 a.m.-noon, noon-3 p.m. 2-3 people each slot

ADMISSIONS: Saturday, Jan. 22 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m. 1 person per time slot

HALL MONITORS: Friday, Jan. 21, 3-5 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 22, 9-11 a.m. and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. 1 person per time slot

Volunteer Needs – January 24-28

Morning Greeter	Monday, Jan. 24	3 needed at 8 a.m.
	Tuesday, Jan. 25	1 needed at 8 a.m.
	Wednesday, Jan. 26	3 needed at 8 a.m.
	Thursday, Jan. 27	2 needed at 8 a.m.
	Friday, Jan. 21	3 needed at 8 a.m.
Recess	Monday, Jan. 24	2 needed at 11:50 a.m.
	Tuesday, Jan. 25	2 needed at 11:50 a.m.
	Wednesday, Jan. 26	2 needed at 11:50 a.m.
	Thursday, Jan. 27	2 needed at 11:50 a.m.
	Friday, Jan. 28	2 needed at 11:50 a.m.
Hot Lunch	Monday, Jan. 24	1 at 11 a.m.
	Tuesday, Jan. 25	2 at 11 a.m., and 1 at 11:15 a.m.
	Wednesday, Jan. 26	1 at 11 a.m., and 1 at 11:15 a.m.
	Thursday, Jan. 27	2 at 11 a.m., and 1 at 11:15 a.m.
	Friday, Jan. 28	1 at 11:15 a.m.
Midday Cleaners	Monday, Jan. 24	at least 1 at 1 p.m., it goes faster if there are 2
	Tuesday, Jan. 25	at least 1 at 1 p.m., it goes faster if there are 2
	Wednesday, Jan. 26	at least 1 at 1 p.m., it goes faster if there are 2
	Thursday, Jan. 27	at least 1 at 1 p.m., it goes faster if there are 2
	Friday, Jan. 28	at least 1 at 1 p.m., it goes faster if there are 2

Please consider helping out as a mid-day cleaner, as we are in cold and flu season. We can't do too much cleaning to prevent sickness. If you are available for any of the above openings or if you have any questions, contact me at lnash@trinitychristian.info. I may also be reached at 815-577-9310, ext. 63, or if via the Remind App.

DATE NIGHT WITH DAD IN FEBRUARY, SAVE THE DATE!

Date Night with Dad , Let's "Glow" out together! We hope you'll join us Feb. 26, 6-8 p.m. More information to come. If you would like to be part of the planning team, please come to the PTM meeting Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. at TCS. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

REMINDER: MANDATORY PARENT MEETING IN FEBRUARY

Save the date for our mid-year parent meeting, Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m. More details will be available soon!



Portillo's
HOT DOGS • BEEF • BURGERS • SALADS

THANKS FOR A GREAT PORTILLO'S NIGHT!

A BIG THANK YOU from PTM to those who participated in our Portillo's Fundraiser Night. Our profit from the night was \$210! We appreciate your support and look forward to using these funds to bless our teachers with classroom needs.

TRINITY OPEN HOUSE IS JAN. 30

Trinity Christian School's annual Open House is Jan. 30, 2-4 p.m.

Post card invitations were sent home with your students last week. Please use those invitations to share this wonderful event with friends and neighbors who may be interested in learning more about TCS. If you need additional Open House post cards, they are available in the front office.

Also, please be sure to "share" our social media posts, and personalize them by adding a few words about why you love Trinity.

If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Deanne Bekermeier, Director of Development, at dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info



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CONTRIBUTE A SILENT AUCTION DONATION

We are excited about our upcoming Benefit event Friday, March 18! As part of our fundraising efforts for this event, we hold a silent auction — one of the highlights of the evening! The auction is always so much fun and a huge success. Throughout the years, TCS families, family-owned businesses, and local businesses have been extremely generous in contributing to this auction. We have already begun to receive donations for this year's silent auction. Thank you so much!

The opportunity to donate is still ongoing, and we welcome you to participate. We are looking for fun, creative items and experiences, with a minimum value of \$25 that represents your organization. Ideas might include gift baskets or certificates, a time share, sporting event or concert tickets, brand new educational or entertaining electronic devices, and fun kid experiences and gadgets.

Please contact Mrs. Toya Thomas at tthomas@trinitychristian.info, or at 815-577-9310, ext. 54, no later than Jan. 31 for more information and to let us know if you plan on donating. Thank you!

PARTICIPATE IN "ONE WINTER NIGHT"



goes through during this challenging time of the year.

This year, Trinity Christian School is partnering with C-U At Home as a host site for this year's "One Winter Night" event, Feb. 4, 6 p.m.-6 a.m. The event is held to bring awareness to the homeless community. We invite you to join in this unique and adventurous cause. Participants will stay outside in a refrigerator box as "box-dwellers" to help simulate what our homeless community

According to their [website](http://www.cuathome.org), C-U At Home is "a grace-centered ministry dedicated to serving the most vulnerable homeless and showing the love of Christ to everyone we encounter." As we work to help this organization, our goal is to raise \$1,000 per participant. There will be a warming station providing access to bathrooms and warm beverages. If this is something you are interested in exploring further, please reach out to Mr. Jonas Byrer, 312-735-0683 or Mr. Steve Baly, sbaly@trinitychristianschool.org. Please share the word!

OPEN HOUSE

Preschool - 8th Grade

Sunday, January 30th
2:00pm-4:00pm

Take a tour

Meet the teachers

Talk to our families

Academic Excellence

Christ Centered

Family Focused



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