



Son Times

July 23, 2026

"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)

BACK-TO-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY!

It may be hard to believe, but the start of the new school year is less than a month away. I hope and pray that you have all been having a blast with family and friends. In between vacations, pool time, sports, and VBS, I hope you have had a chance to just relax and decompress. I know that our teachers have been enjoying summer and, while trying not to think too much about school, they are excited to meet their students! As you begin to think about school please be sure to lift up some special prayers as we get things in order for a great school year.

The new playground construction is wrapping up and estimated for completion, Aug. 1. We are awaiting a safety inspection and installation of native plants. The new playground features turf, climbing structures, age-appropriate play areas, additional swings, and an educational area with seating.



Our maintenance crew has been hard at work deep-cleaning and prepping the building for incoming students. New carpet is currently being installed upstairs, in the main building, by the fourth grade classrooms. The main gym floor has been polished and looks super shiny. As you drive in the lot, you may notice the parking lot was resealed and lights have been replaced.

Mrs. Spelde is no longer serving as a kindergarten aid. She will be working with Mrs. Overall and taking on more P.E. classes. She will continue with lunch and recess supervision. There are also some staff additions this year. We have compiled some small bios for you to view to aid in getting to know the new faces at Trinity. Those can be found on p. 2.

We hope you are all enjoying a wonderful summer. It has been fun to see many kids coming through and enjoying some summer camps!

In His Grip,
 Mr. Jon Vugteveen

GET A JUMP-START ON THE SCHOOL YEAR!

Jump-Start Night is Aug. 17, 3-6 p.m. Please Join us at Trinity as we **JUMP** back into school. It will be a time filled with information and activity, a time to connect with teachers and students, plus lots of **FUN!** Our Parent-Teacher Ministry is providing free hot dogs, chips, and water. We can't wait to see you!

**Kindergarten - 8th
 Grade Calendar:
 July - Aug. 17**

Now-Aug. 18
 Summer Break

Aug. 3
 Regular Office Hours
 Resume

Aug. 17
 Kindergarten Meetup
 5-7 p.m.

Aug. 17
 All Staff In-Service
 Office Opens at 1 p.m.
 Jump-Start Night 3-6 p.m.
 6th Grade Orientation
 6-7 p.m.

Important Dates

Aug. 18
 Board Meeting

Aug. 19



First Day of School
 Have a FUN and SAFE
 summer. We look
 forward to seeing you
 in August!

Summer Office Hours
 Monday-Thursday
 8 a.m.-noon



Ms. Amy Beaumont Evening Maintenance/Rental Program

Ms. Amy Beaumont is one of two staff members taking over our evening maintenance/cleaning and rental supervision positions. Amy previously worked afternoon B.A.S.K. and filled in during maintenance staffing gaps. Her daughter, Jaclyn, graduated in the 2025-2026 class.



Mr. Logan Chagdes Spritual Formation Director

We are excited to announce and welcome back Mr. Logan Chagdes in a new administrative role at TCS. His passion for teaching the Word and transforming lives will be impactful in this role. Logan will oversee many areas of Biblical integration, mentoring staff, students and families, and leading several areas of spiritual transformation and growth through chapels and all our programs and curriculum at TCS. Logan plans to start full-time in this position in October.



Mrs. Shelle English 4th Grade Teacher

Mrs. Shelle English has 20+ yrs. experience teaching mainly in Christian schools. She comes to us from New Mexico! In recent years Shelle has also spent time teaching in Liberia. Shelle is married and has children and grandchildren living in the greater Chicagoland area. She loves kids and loves the Lord, passionately living it out through her teaching.



Mr. John Kapala Evening Maintenance/Rental Program

Mr. John Kapala joined us at the end of the 2025-2026 year doing part-time maintenance work. He is one of two staff members taking over our evening maintenance/cleaning and rental supervision positions. John has been a member of the Lions Club for eight years and is very involved in his local community. John is a devoted grandfather and an active member of the Village Christian Church for 20 years.



Mrs. Jessica Needham Spring Musical Director/Middle School Electives

Mrs. Jessica Needham is a current TCS parent with a degree in musical theater. Jessica assisted with costuming in last year's production of *Beauty and the Beast, Jr.* She leverages years of experience in the areas of acting and directing productions. Jessica will use her talents and experience to enhance our fine arts programs and spark interest in Middle School. Jessica and her husband, Ryan, are foster parents who believe in spreading God's love with all the children brought into their lives. Mrs. Holton will assist Jessica during her first year at Trinity.



Mrs. Eunice Rivera Kindergarten Aide/P.M. B.A.S.K.

Mrs. Eunice Rivera is a current TCS parent with two girls at Trinity, Hannah and Abigail. Eunice has been volunteering in the library the past couple of years. Eunice and her family attend Chicago Tabernacle Church. She has a heart for Christ and will be a wonderful addition to our staff.

PRESCHOOL MEET-THE-TEACHER DAYS

Preschool meet-the-teacher information was emailed out July 8. If you didn't receive that email, please email Mrs. Amy Boutte, Preschool Director, at aboutte@trinitychristian.info.



MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES OPENING SOON

An email from Mrs. Woodford will be sent out soon regarding middle school electives. Please watch your email for all of the details.

STUDENT POSTCARDS FLY THROUGH MAIL



Keep an eye out for at least two postcards that should arrive soon! One postcard is for Jump-Start Night, Aug. 17. The other, often-anticipated postcard, is one to each student from his or her teacher. Eighth grade students receive letters rather than postcards. All of these postcards will be mailed out Aug. 3. We are excited for you to get them in the mail!



FALL SPORTS TO BEGIN



Information about coed soccer, and girls' volleyball will be emailed by late July. If you do not receive anything by Aug. 3, please contact Mrs. Deeter at mdeeter@trinitychristian.info. Both sports begin the week of Aug. 10, with the first home games scheduled for Aug. 25. Elementary girls' volleyball (5th/6th grade) and coed soccer (5th–8th grade) are open to all students — no tryouts required — while junior high girls' volleyball will hold tryouts that week. We encourage all students to participate in soccer or volleyball, regardless of experience!

PICK UP FREE UNIFORMS AT THE TCS CLOTHES CLOSET

Has your student grown a bit over summer? It always seems to happen that way, doesn't it? Stop in during regular business hours to visit Trinity's clothes closet. There are many uniform items available for your growing child at no cost to you. That's right! FREE, gently used school uniforms available to you and your family. Special thanks to our volunteers for keeping everything neat and orderly!



Trinity Christian School Employment Opportunities

Know someone who would love to join our family and support the mission of Trinity Christian School? For more information and a full job description, please follow the link [here](#) to our employment page. If you are interested, please complete the appropriate application and e-mail to Mr. Jon Vugteveen at jvugteveen@trinitychristian.info, or via mail to:

Trinity Christian School Attn: Mr. Jon Vugteveen, 901 Shorewood Dr., Shorewood, IL 60404.

Substitute Teachers

We seek substitute teachers for the 2026-2027 school year. Substitutes must be able to step into a classroom environment to teach on short notice. A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university is required and a teaching certification or substitute license is preferred. Qualified substitutes must believe that the Bible is God's Word and standard for faith and daily living and must be in agreement with Trinity Christian School's mission and philosophy of education.

REQUIRED MEDICAL FORMS

All students entering **kindergarten** or **sixth grade**, and **transfer students** must have a health and immunization form completed and **ready to turn in by JUMP-START NIGHT, August 17**, if it has not already been submitted.

Immunizations: State law requires that all students entering school be immunized against polio, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (Tdap), measles, mumps, rubella, Hepatitis B (for 6th grade), and varicella (chicken pox). Also, students entering sixth grade are required to have a meningococcal conjugate vaccination (MCV4). **Sixth graders must show proof of one dose of MCV4.** Proof of immunity is verified by documented evidence from the student's health care provider of the student having received the vaccine or of having had the disease. **State law provides that students who do not meet these requirements be excluded from school.**

Religious Exemptions: According to Illinois Public Act 099-0249, families with religious objections must submit a completed Certificate of Religious Exemption for each student. The certificate must also be signed by the child's health care provider responsible for performing the child's examination for entry into kindergarten and sixth grade. This signature affirms that the provider educated the parent or legal guardian about the benefits of immunization and the health risks to the student and to the community from the communicable diseases for which immunization is required in Illinois.

The religious objection provided need not be directed by the tenets of an established religious organization. However, general philosophical or moral reluctance to allow physical examinations, eye examinations, immunizations, vision and hearing screening or dental examinations will not provide a sufficient basis for an exception to statutory requirements.

Please be aware that students who have not been immunized will be excluded from school for a period of time, determined by the state, if they have been exposed to some of these diseases.

Eye Exams: All students entering kindergarten, or entering school for the first time, must have an eye exam conducted by an eye doctor, and submit a completed eye exam form by Jump-Start Night.

Dental Exams: Pursuant to Illinois law, a dental examination is required for all incoming kindergarten, 2nd, and 6th grade students. Dental exams must be completed by a licensed dentist and documented on the official dental form. Each student's dental exam must be completed by **May 15, 2027**, for the 2026-2027 school year.



Key Points:

All **kindergarten, sixth grade** and **transfer students** shall have their physical exam completed and turned in by Jump-Start Night. Please fill out the "History" section on the top of the second page prior to turning in the form.

To be in compliance with state law, students who do not have proper immunizations or health exam forms completed prior to the first day of school, will not be allowed to begin school until the form is completed and turned in to the school.



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 NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE WITH UPCOMING EVENTS.

JUMP-START NIGHT: Monday, August 17. 3-6 p.m.

Cleanup: 4 volunteers needed after event

PTM Food Table (outside): 3-4 volunteers needed

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS: Full school-year commitment

Wednesdays, 9:15-11 a.m.: 1 volunteer needed

Fridays, 9:15-11:45 a.m.: 1 volunteer needed

CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR: 1 volunteer needed to chair the December Craft and Vendor Fair

Please contact Mrs. Colianne at 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!



**Trinity Christian School
PTM invites you to a**

Kindergarten Meetup

Thursday, August 13, 2026

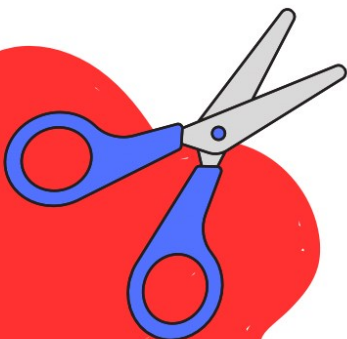
5:00 - 7:00 PM

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

**901 Shorewood Dr.
Shorewood, IL**

Join us for a fun play date for incoming TCS Kindergarten students! Families are invited to fellowship and meet future classmates and their families. A small snack will be provided, please bring water. Rain or Shine.

Questions Email:
ptm@trinitychristian.info

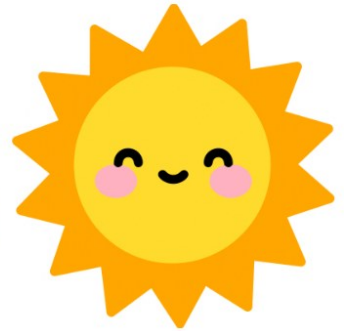


TRINITY CHRISTIAN PTM INVITES YOU TO A

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YAHOO



Breakfast

JOIN US ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 19

8:00 - 9:30 AM

TCS CAFETORIUM



Join the PTM and other TCS families for a light breakfast after school drop off to either Boohoo or Yahoo your children's return to school.



QUESTIONS: PTM@TRINITYCHRISTIAN.INFO