



Son Times

July 27, 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)

BACK TO SCHOOL IS COMING!

It is that time of the year when school is right around the corner. It is very hard to think about school when we are enjoying our summers! I hope and pray that you have all been having a blast this summer 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 their summers 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.

As we continue to prepare for the first day of school of 2023-2024, here are a few updates for the upcoming school year.

We welcome the following new staff members:

- **Mrs. Stacy Ball** joins our Learning Center as a Reading Specialist. She brings with her several years of experience in English Language Arts and reading which will greatly benefit our teachers and students.
- Middle school teachers **Mrs. Lauren Holton** in ELA, and **Mr. Logan Chagdes** in Bible. Mrs. Holton has a degree in ELA and is excited to help middle school students learn to write and grow excited about reading. Mr. Chagdes has a degree in biblical studies and is working towards a master's in educational ministries. He is excited to dig deep in God's word with his students.
- New to elementary, we have **Mrs. April Tucker** joining our second grade and **Ms. Amy Verhulst** joining third grade. Mrs. Tucker brings a heart for the Lord and 15 years of teaching experience, while Ms. Verhulst brings her sweet spirit and a master's in elementary education to her classroom. Both are very excited to be a part of TCS.
- **Mrs. Amy Boutte** will continue to teach some preschool classes, but is taking on the role of Preschool Director. She will have some assistance from **Mrs. Carrie Pilon**. **Mrs. Emily Napoleon** is taking over our full-day preschool classroom. There are a number of positions still available in preschool. Please contact the office if interested in helping as an aide or supervisor.

Overall TCS enrollment is above where we were last year and we are continuing to receive more interest. Kindergarten through eighth grade will be close to 300 students! We are excited to welcome many new families. Here are a few other updates and details you may like to know:

- **Please note that Curriculum Night has been changed to Tuesday, Aug. 29.**
- All teachers and staff are receiving professional training in active intruder drills before the start of school. We are thankful to the Beacon Training Group, who are giving this important all-day training in-service.
- We are currently finalizing the process to increase the security of all entryway doors around campus with a film covering that prevents easy break-in to give the school added safety and protection. Our safety committee continues to look at other ways to invest in the safety of the school.
- We are still looking for a p.m. B.A.S.K. supervisor, as well as a midday RECESS supervisor. If interested, please contact the front office. These are paid positions and do come with a tuition discount.

Please enjoy the last weeks of summer! We are looking forward to seeing you all soon. Watch your mailbox for postcards from your homeroom teacher, which will be sent out Monday, Aug. 7.

In His Grip,
 Mr. V
 Administrator

Kindergarten - 8th Grade Calendar: July and August

Now-Aug. 20
 Summer Break

Aug. 7
 Regular Office Hours
 Resume
 Monday-Friday
 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Aug. 15
 Board Meeting

Aug. 16
 All Staff Training
 Office Closed

Aug. 17
 All Staff In-Service
 Office Opens at 1 p.m.

Aug. 18
 Jump-Start Night 3-6 p.m.

Aug. 21
 First Day of School
 11:45 a.m. Dismissal

Aug. 29
 Curriculum Night



**Have a FUN and SAFE
 summer. We look
 forward to seeing you
 in August!**

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

CURRICULUM NIGHT CHANGED TO TUESDAY AUG. 29

PLEASE COMPLETE ONLINE REENROLLMENT



We're looking forward to having your students back for the 2023-2024 school year! If you have not gone online to reenroll your students yet, now is the time to do it. Just log into your [FACTS Family Portal](#) to get started. Remember that our school's District Code is TRINC-IL. Some grades are filling up and may necessitate a waiting list.

If you have started the process but haven't had a chance to complete it, please do so. This helps us to get things ready for the coming school year. Once you submit the reenrollment packet online, you will receive a confirmation email. Call the office at 815-577-9310 if you have any questions. We are glad to help!

Finally, be sure to refer your friends and family members to our school if they have school-aged children. They can contact us at the above number or admissions@trinitychristian.info. Thanks!

REQUIRED MEDICAL FORMS

All students entering **kindergarten** or **sixth grade**, and **transfer students** must have a physical exam form completed and **ready to turn in by JUMP-START NIGHT, August 18**, 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.

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 coming.

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.



PLEASE DONATE TO ILLINOIS TO INVEST IN KIDS

Thank you to our many donors! With donations and pledges, we are on pace to surpass last year's funding! However, the need continues to grow as well. Currently, we still have current and incoming TCS students who qualify to receive an Illinois Invest in Kids Scholarship on a waitlist. We need your help to fund these students. By donating to Empower Illinois, **you will receive a state tax credit in the amount of 75% of your donation.** That is a tax credit not just a deduction, so you will directly reduce what you owe in Illinois taxes! A blessing for you at tax time!

It is not too late to fund students for this upcoming school year. Please consider making a donation of any size to help make a TCS education possible for the students and families on our waiting list. You will impact these children with academic excellence and the love of Christ!

Please contact Mrs. Deanne Bekermeier at dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info for details on how to bless these students and reduce your state taxes at the same time!

Trinity Christian School Employment Opportunities

Know someone who would love to join our family and support the mission of Trinity Christian School? We are expanding, and anticipate the career opportunities listed below for the 2023-2024 school year. 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.

Afternoon B.A.S.K (Before and After School Kare)

Trinity Christian School has openings in our B.A.S.K. program for the 2023-2024 school year. Applicants must love working with kids, be very reliable, and ideally have experience caring for children. Current openings include afternoons/evenings, 3:15-6 p.m., Monday-Friday. This position pays minimum wage and offers a tuition discount.

Fifth Grade Elementary Teacher

Are you a certified teacher who loves teaching elementary school-aged children? We seek an enthusiastic elementary teacher, full-time, for the 2023-2024 school year. Qualified candidates must have a bachelor's degree and a current state teaching certificate. The teacher must believe that the Bible is God's Word and is the standard for faith and daily living. You also must be in agreement with Trinity Christian School's mission and philosophy of education. This opening is a self-contained classroom in which the teacher is responsible for teaching the core subjects. The teacher shall prayerfully help students learn attitudes, skills and subject matter that will contribute to their development as mature, able, and responsible Christians to the praise and glory of God.

Recess Supervisor

The Recess Supervisor is generally responsible for the supervision of students during their lunch recess period. This is a part-time position, Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. This position pays minimum wage and offers a tuition discount.

Substitute Teachers

We seek substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 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.

OPEN PRESCHOOL POSITIONS

Preschool has part-time teacher positions available for the 2023-2024 school year. Positions include a **tuition discount**. If you or someone you know is interested in a position, please forward a completed application to: **Trinity Christian Preschool, Attn: Amy Boutte, 901 Shorewood Drive, Shorewood, IL 60404**. Applications may be found on the TCS website or in the front office. For more information, please contact Mrs. Amy Boutte at aboutte@trinitychristian.info or 815-577-9310, ext. 303.



FALL SPORTS TO BEGIN



Information about soccer and volleyball is being sent via email by the beginning of August. If you do not receive any information by Aug. 7, please contact Mr. V at school by phone or by email at jvugteveen@trinitychristian.info. The first games of the season begin after Labor Day. Volleyball tryouts for seventh and eighth grade girls are the week of Aug. 14. Fifth and sixth grade girls' volleyball and coed soccer both begin the week school starts. Stay tuned for updates!



SCHOOL SUPPLY BOXES STILL AVAILABLE

Did you forget to order a school supply box? There is still an opportunity to purchase supplies and you don't even have to leave your house. School Tool Box offers a ship-to-home option. Supplies will be delivered directly to your home instead of the school. When you visit www.schooltoolbox.com, the website will inform you that the ship-to-school option has ended, but you can still order through their ship-to-home option. The prices are slightly higher with this option, but you are able to customize your box. Shipping is free if the order exceeds \$50.

