



# Son Times

July 28, 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)**

## ALMOST TIME TO COME BACK TO SCHOOL!

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, I know they are excited to meet their students and have a great school year!

We are getting things ready for 2022-2023 school year and look forward to what the Lord has in store for us at TCS! Here are a few updates as we get ready for the upcoming school year. More details will be available soon.

- We welcome Mrs. Erika Jeske as our new Learning Center Coordinator. She joins us more than 20 years of experience in Special Education.
- Second grade will be one classroom, with Mrs. Behnke, as enrollment is approx. 20 students
- Ms. Zakoor is moving upstairs to teach a fourth grade class, along with Ms. Osacky
- Overall TCS enrollment is above where we were at last year and we are still getting more interest. We are excited to welcome many new families.
- There are some changes coming to the Hot Lunch program. Hot lunch ordering may not be available until a later date. We will keep everyone updated about the exciting changes once we have details in place. Mrs. Heather Frakes is our new Lunch Coordinator/Supervisor.
- Fifth through eighth grade students will have new laptops as their school device. Kindergarten through fourth grade will continue using iPads.

As summer vacation winds down, would you please be in prayer as the school year draws near? If we are all in prayer, I know that the Lord will bless this place and look over it. What can you be praying about?

- Pray for teachers/staff as they continue to rest but at the same time are thinking and preparing for the school year
- Pray for all staffing to be fulfilled, as we have a number of positions we are still need filled. Specifically, a Spanish teacher, front office secretary, preschool director, afternoon B.A.S.K., and some custodial positions.
- Pray for our maintenance department as they wrap up summer cleaning and preparation for school to begin
- Pray for all the logistics that go into starting a school year, from in-service days, to Jump-Start Night, to the first day of school for the kids!

Looking forward to seeing you all soon. Watch for postcards about Jump-Start Night and from your homeroom teacher after Aug. 5!

In His Grip,  
Mr. V  
Administrator

## Kindergarten - 8th Grade Calendar: July and August

**Now-August 16**  
Summer Break

**August 8**  
Regular Office Hours  
Monday-Thursday  
8 a.m.-3 p.m.

**August 15**  
All Staff In-Service  
Office Opens at 1 p.m.  
Jump-Start Night 4-7 p.m.

**August 17**  
First Day of School  
11:45 a.m. Dismissal

**August 23**  
Board Meeting 7 p.m.



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

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

## 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 15, 2022**, 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.**

## **JOIN THE SHOREWOOD CROSSROADS PARADE!**

**Shorewood Crossroads Parade is a little over a week away and you can still R.S.V.P.!**

Trinity Christian School is participating in the Shorewood Crossroads Parade, Sunday, Aug. 7.

The **PARADE** takes place Sunday, Aug. 7, at noon. This year's theme is "A Day At The Movies." We are truly excited about participating in this year's parade, as TCS celebrates 30 years of excellence in Christian Education! This is a testament to how great our school is and we want to get that word out into the community! This event will be a fun way to wrap up the summer and reconnect with TCS friends, walking together and helping to spread the word about our school. All TCS students, families and alumni are invited. The Crossroads Parade is going to be a huge opportunity to have fun, promote and celebrate our school and you will not want to miss it!

**If you would like to be a part of the parade, please R.S.V.P as soon as possible. Just click on the following link to provide your name, and summer e-mail address Shorewood Crossroad Parade.** Although, you have missed the deadline to receive a free complimentary t-shirt (size of your choice), we do have a some available in limited sizes, which may be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please respond as soon as possible if interested, or you can contact Mrs. Toya Thomas, Special Events and Volunteer Coordinator, at [tthomas@trinitychristian.info](mailto:tthomas@trinitychristian.info) or 815-577-9310 ext. 54.

## Hot Lunch Ordering On Hold

Hot lunch ordering for September will open as soon as we can get all of the final details in place. Some changes and are still being finalized. We hope that you will all like the new menu items, as we have made some recent changes to our program. Most likely, hot lunch will start after Labor Day. We welcome Mrs. Heather Frakes as our new Hot Lunch Coordinator/Supervisor. She will do a great job working with the kids during lunch time. We will get details to you soon, including how to order great lunches for your kids. Stay tuned!

## 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 2022-2023 school year. For more information and a full job description, please follow the link to our website employment page: <https://www.trinitychristian.info/about/employment.cfm> If interested, complete the appropriate application and return to the front office or email Mr. V.

### Part-time Spanish Teacher

We are seeking a part-time dynamic Spanish teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Qualified candidates should have at least a bachelor's degree and a teaching certification. The teacher must believe that the Bible is God's Word and must be in agreement with Trinity Christian School's mission and philosophy of education. This teacher must possess patience and be able to motivate students. The Spanish teacher will be responsible for developing lesson plans and enhancing provided curriculum for kindergarten through fifth grade.

### Preschool Director

Trinity Christian Preschool is looking for a qualified and vibrant director who loves working with and for children and most importantly loves the Lord. The Preschool Director serves full-time as the educational leader, responsible for managing the policies, regulations, and procedures to ensure that all preschool students are supervised in a safe environment that meets the approved curricula and mission of the school. Inherent in the position are the responsibilities for scheduling, curriculum development, personnel management, budget planning, and facility operations. The director works collaboratively with the school administration. Minimal education would include a bachelor's degree, as well as preferred experience in the field of education.

### Part-time Front Desk Secretary

Trinity Christian School is seeking a part-time Front Desk Secretary for the 2022-2023 school year. Hours are 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The applicant must demonstrate a love for Jesus, exhibit a ministry approach to the job, and possess matured relational skills and an outgoing personality. Applicants must be willing and able to assist children with a loving and caring attitude. A qualified candidate must be confidential, detail oriented, organized, able to work independently, and manage/prioritize multiple projects simultaneously. Strong computer skills are a must. This is a part-time position requiring some summer hours, along with a tuition discount.

### Before and After School Kare

Trinity Christian School has openings in our B.A.S.K. (Before and After School Kare) program for the 2022-2023 school year. Applicants must love working with kids, be very reliable, and ideally have experience caring for children. Current openings include both mornings (7-8:15 a.m.) and afternoons/evenings (3:15-6 p.m.), Monday-Friday. This position pays minimum wage and offers a tuition discount.

## OPEN PRESCHOOL POSITIONS

Preschool has part-time teacher positions available for the 2022-2023 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: Sheri Busker, 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. Sheri Busker at 815-577-9310, ext. 31, or [sbusker@trinitychristian.info](mailto:sbusker@trinitychristian.info).



## DONATE FOR ILLINOIS INVEST IN KIDS

Thank you to our many donors! We are on pace to surpass last year's funding! However, the need continues to grow as well. Currently, we have a waiting list of 26 current and incoming TCS students who qualify to receive an Illinois Invest in Kids Scholarship. 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](mailto:dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info) for details on how to bless these students and reduce your state taxes at the same time!



## Trinity Christian School

### JUMP-START NIGHT



*Please Join us at Trinity as we  
**JUMP**  
back into school.*

**August 15 at Trinity**  
**4 p.m.-7 p.m.**

*It will be a day filled with information and  
activity, a time to connect with teachers  
and students, plus lots of  
**FUN!***



## Jump-Start Activities

**Start at 4 p.m.**

- *Pick up instructional information*
- *Sign up for volunteer opportunities*
- *Meet your teacher(s)*
- *Move into desks and lockers*
- *Buy spirit gear and more!*
- *School Uniform exchange*

**This event ends at 7:00 p.m.**

*If you are unable to attend, please know that all  
information will be sent home with your child, on the  
first day of school.*

## PTM Jump-Start Fun

*All families are invited to join us from  
**4 p.m. to 7 p.m.***

*for **FREE** hot dogs, chips, water, popsicles  
and fun on the soccer field, gaga pit and  
park! Weather permitting.*

*Come meet up with old friends and make some  
new ones. Bring a blanket and other picnic food  
to enjoy the day even more.*



## 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. 5, please contact Mr. V at school by phone or by email at [juvgteveen@trinitychristian.info](mailto:juvgteveen@trinitychristian.info). The first games of the season begin the last week of August. Volleyball tryouts for seventh and eighth grade girls are the week of Aug. 8. Fifth and sixth grade girls' volleyball and coed soccer both begin the week school starts. Stay tuned for updates!



## PLEASE COMPLETE ONLINE REENROLLMENT

We're looking forward to having your students back for the 2022-2023 school year! If you haven't gone online to reenroll your students yet, now is the time to do it. You should have received an email with instructions earlier in the spring. 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 classes to begin in just a few weeks. 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](mailto:admissions@trinitychristian.info). Thanks!