



Son Times

March 30, 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)

SPEECH MEET RESULTS

Friday, March 17, Mrs. Woodford and the speech team, consisting of Mrs. Spelde, Miss Bekermeier, and Mrs. Behnke, took twenty-four students, between first and sixth grade, to compete in the ACSI speech meet, at Christian Hills School in Orland Hills, IL. Each student memorized and presented either Bible verses, poems, fables, or Bible prose.

We are proud to announce that all 24 students were recognized with a superior or excellent rating. A superior rating is 45-50 points out of 50 points and excellent rating is 44-37 points out of 50 points. Students are judged on expression, poise, voice inflection, and memorization.



All participants worked hard and did an amazing job with their presentations. We are so proud of them!



Congratulations to the following students:

First Grade: Aniyah D., Morgan S., Grace R., Victoria B., Evalynn S.

Second Grade: RJ K., Eliana W., Ada F., Ben P., Jaxson W., Makenna A.

Third Grade: Lilah A., Danny H., Natalie K., Riven D.

Fourth Grade: Mya M., Jacqueline B., Ava B.

Fifth Grade: Carly P., Mason D., Skylar D.

Sixth Grade: Ava C., Ashley P., Sofia C.

ACSI SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Thursday, March 23, Darrius W. from seventh grade won the spell-off at our in-house ACSI Spelling Bee here. The top four spellers in grades five through eight competed against their grade-level peers. After each grade-level competition was held, the students who placed first in their grade level, faced off against each other in the fifth through eighth grade spell-off! The students showed courage and determination as they stood on stage in front of their peers to compete after much word study. Here are the results:



Fifth Grade:

1st: Henry H.
2nd: Aidan C.
3rd: Royce D.
4th: Taylor K.

Sixth Grade:

1st: Ava C.
2nd: Ashley P.
3rd: Kevin E.
4th: Kellyn M.

Seventh Grade:

1st: Darrius W.
2nd: Addison B.
3rd: Alaina D.
4th: Brianna M.

Eighth Grade:

1st: Bradley O.
2nd: John L.
3rd: Augustus P.
4th: Ethan M.

Spell-off Winners:

1st: Darrius W.
2nd: Bradley O.
3rd: Ava C.
4th: Henry H.



We are so proud of each contestant and the work they did. Our alternates are honorably mentioned below because they were ready to step in, in the event that one of the spellers in their grade level wasn't able to compete. Fifth grade alternates were Skylar D. and Jaclyn B. Sixth grade alternate was Reagan P. Seventh grade alternates were Anna A. and Sarah J. Eighth grade alternates were Tyler J. and Haley G.

**Kindergarten - 8th
Grade Calendar:
March 30-April 14**

April 3-10

Spring and Easter Break
No School

April 7

Good Friday

April 9

Easter Sunday

April 11

Classes Resume

April 12

Chapel 8:35 a.m.

April 14

Spirit Gear Day

Important Dates:

April 17-20

Standardized Testing

April 18

School Board Meeting

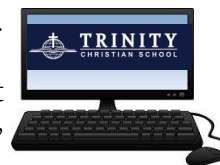


**"He has risen!"
Luke 24:6**

ENROLL NOW! FEE INCREASES AFTER APRIL 1

Remember to enroll for the coming school year by April 1 to take advantage of the lower family fee. After April 1, it increases by \$100.

To get started, just log into your FACTS Family Portal. 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."



Use this link to access Family Portal: <https://logins2.renweb.com/logins/ParentsWeb-Login.aspx>. Our school's District Code is TRINC-IL. If you need any help, please contact Mrs. Ellen Rasmussen at 815-577-9310, ext. 300, or erasmus-sen@trinitychristian.info.

BIG THANKS FOR BENEFIT EVENT



A very special thank you to all TCS families for your support and helping us celebrate our 30th Anniversary Benefit Event and Silent Auction! This fundraising event was wonderful, and we had an outstanding outcome, raising over \$10,000 in just Silent and Chance auctions, alone. We appreciate and are excited about the positive feedback from those in attendance, with hopes to increase and continue enthusiasm and participation with this particular event in the years to come.

Thank you to our extraordinary Benefit Event team: Mrs. Toya Thomas, Mrs. Monica Deets, Mrs. Leticia Bounds, and Mrs. Carrie Pilon, for all your planning and determination to make this event, not only beautiful, but successful! We will miss Mrs. Jorie Kulczak, next year, as her daughter graduates this spring, we want to give special recognition to her for always doing an amazing job helping with the Silent Auction and coordinating the Giving Tree, to help grant classroom wishes for our teachers. Shout out to Mr. Marty Shanahan for hosting the fun and engaging trivia segments! Lastly, but not least, thank you Benefit Event Sponsors, Burroak Masonry Inc., Mrs. Bonnie Schmitz, Southwest Mechanical, Village Green Dental Center, our many TCS alumni and their contributions to the program, all of our families for your donations, and to our volunteers for their time and service, as we are truly grateful.

We truly value all of our sponsors and their partnership. Please continue to support their businesses: Faber Dental Arts; Providence Bank & Trust; D'Arcy Buick GMC; RasTech IT Services, Inc.; All American Recycling; Benzie Design; Creative Powder Coatings; Foot & Ankle Health Center, Dr. Steven B. Overpeck; Low Voltage Solutions; Moravec Orthodontics; Ozinga, Inc; Proactive Chiropractic Group; Rathbun, Cservenyak & Kozol, LLC; Wingspan Development Group; Alden Estates of Shorewood; Big Frog Custom T-Shirts; Budget Blinds of Shorewood; Core Homes; Dempsey Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram; Ellis Chiropractic; Emediate Cure Quick Care; Joliet Catholic Academy; Kelbus Construction & Design; Meadows Construction, Inc.; Midland States Bank; Pullara, Inc.; Shorewood Bank & Trust; The Byrer Team with Guaranteed Rate; and Yorkville Christian High School.

Just in case you missed the event, please check out some of the highlights and video presentations:

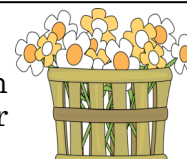
Video: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdzPrH0c5LwaCXnrRg11cUQ>

Photos: <https://link.shutterfly.com/zOXMDaUqzyb>



APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

It's time to get ready for May flowers. The PTM Flower Sale has begun. Orders can be turned in to the school office anytime between now and April 28. Flowers will be delivered in time for Mothers' Day and spring planting! See the attached flyer on pg. 6 for more information.



JOIN US FOR MOMS' NIGHT OUT

Join TCS moms Saturday, April 29, for a moms' night out at Santé Medical Aesthetics. This will be a great time of fellowship, food, prizes, and learning about skin care! Check out the flyer on pg. 5 for more information.

TRINITY PARTNERS WITH LOCAL CHURCHES

Please check out the Community tab at Trinity Christian School's website for newly posted events, coming up at local churches, including some fun Easter events.

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 or the link [here](#).

Please contact Mrs. Deanne Bekermeier, dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info, if your church would like to announce an upcoming event. Thank you!



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: APRIL 10-APRIL 21. 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 04/10: School not in session	Monday 04/17: 3 volunteers needed
Tuesday 04/11: 3 volunteers needed	Tuesday 04/18: 3 volunteers needed
Wednesday 04/12: 3 volunteers needed	Wednesday 04/19: 3 volunteers needed
Thursday 04/13: 3 volunteers needed	Thursday 04/20: 3 volunteers needed
Friday 04/14: 3 volunteers needed	Friday 04/21: 3 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 04/10: School not in session	Monday 04/17: 4 volunteers needed
Tuesday 04/11: 3 volunteers needed	Tuesday 04/18: 4 volunteers needed
Wednesday 04/12: 3 volunteers needed	Wednesday 04/19: 3 volunteers needed
Thursday 04/13: 3 volunteers needed	Thursday 04/20: 4 volunteers needed
Friday 04/14: 1 volunteer needed	Friday 04/21: 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 04/10: School not in session	Monday 04/17: 4 volunteers needed
Tuesday 04/11: 4 volunteers needed	Tuesday 04/18: 4 volunteers needed
Wednesday 04/12: 4 volunteers needed	Wednesday 04/19: 3 volunteers needed
Thursday 04/13: 4 volunteers needed	Thursday 04/20: 4 volunteers needed
Friday 04/14: 4 volunteers needed	Friday 04/21: 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!

SPRING BOOK FAIR COMING SOON

Our spring book fair is coming up soon! Students will be able to preview and purchase books and other fun items during the week of April 17-21.

This year, we are very excited to be using a new company called I:55 Book Fairs. Their motto is "Where Faith Matters."

From their website: "We strive to glorify God in all we say and do... and read. Everything we send to a book fair has been pre-screened to make sure it addresses biblical principles and values."



Purchases can be made by cash, check, debit/credit card, or gift card. There will be more information sent home after Spring Break.

REMINDER ABOUT 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 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. It is a win-win!

For more information, please contact Mrs. Deanne Bekermeier, Director of Development, at dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info.

BLESS A TCS FAMILY AND RECEIVE A BLESSING AT TAX TIME

As of today, 37 students have been approved to receive scholarships to attend Trinity Christian School through the Illinois Invest in Kids Act. Five students have been funded thus far and 32 remain on the waiting list for the 2023-2024 school year.



This program is funded by individual donors contributing to Empower Illinois. Empower Illinois facilitates the process of scholarship funds reaching qualified families. The donation process is accomplished by donors contributing through Empower Illinois and designating the scholarship be awarded to qualified students attending Trinity Christian School in Region 3.

By donating to this scholarship program, you will receive a tax credit in the amount of 75% of your donation. This is not a tax deduction, it is a tax credit, so it directly reduces your Illinois State tax bill. For example, if your Illinois State Tax Bill is \$1,000 and you make a \$1,000 donation to Empower Illinois directing your contribution to Trinity Christian School in Region 3, you will receive a \$750 tax credit. This will reduce the tax bill you owe to the state of Illinois to \$250.

For more information go to <https://empowerillinois.org/>. If you have any questions please contact, Mrs. Deanne Bekermeyer, Director of Development, at dbekermey@trinitychristian.info.

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We currently have substitute teacher positions open. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please forward a completed application along with your resume to: Trinity Christian School, Attn: Jon Vugteveen, 901 Shorewood Dr., Shorewood, IL 60404. Applications may be found online or in the front office.

Substitute Teachers

We are seeking substitute teachers for the current and coming 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.



In the Kitchen With Trinity

The 2022/2023 PTM is publishing a school cookbook. We would love for your favorite recipes to be a part of it!

Submit your recipes between now and **April 1, 2023**.

Recipes can be submitted at:

Typensave.com

User Name: PTM2023

Contributor Password: granola425

Books will be available for purchase approx. 4-6 weeks after the submission deadline.



Santé Medical Aesthetics invites you to
**TRINITY CHRISTIAN
MOM'S NIGHT OUT**

*Santé will be donating \$50 for each
woman that joins us at the event!*

**JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT OUT &
RAISE MONEY FOR TCS!**

We will be offering:
Drinks & Appetizers
Skin Care Consults
Service Information
Giveaways/Raffles
Special Event Pricing
Vendor Shopping



April 29th, 2023 4-7pm
648 N River rd., Suite 100,
Naperville, IL 60563

RSVP Here



Mother's Day Flower Sale

Get a gift for mom & decorate your house for summer while supporting our school!

Orders are due April 28 & flowers will be delivered May 10

10" Hanging Baskets & Pots: \$24



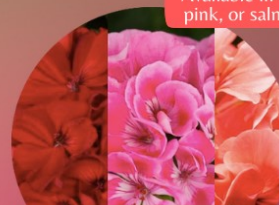
Superbell*
Full/Part Sun



Petunia*
Full/Part Sun



Mixed Baskets*
Full/Part Sun



Geranium
Full/Part Sun

Available in red,
pink, or salmon



Citronella
Full/Part Sun

Natural mosquito
repellent



Bridal Veil
Full Shade



Boston Fern
Full Shade



Wandering Jew
Full Shade

Patio Tomato Pots**: \$22



Lantana*
Full Sun



Martha Washington*
Part Sun



Husky Red
Full/Part Sun



Husky Cherry
Full/Part Sun

36 Count Flats: \$22



Petunia
Full/Part Sun



Marigold
Full/Part Sun



Wax Begonia
Full/Part Sun

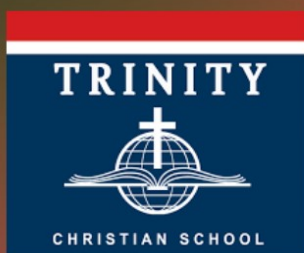


Zinnia
Full Sun



Impatiens
Part Sun

Mid-height
10"-12" tall



Pay by check made out to
Trinity Christian School

Questions? Contact Lisa Vugteveen
(815) 530-0315 | micntrygirl@yahoo.com

*Assorted colors, may be different from picture

**Grow your own tomatoes!

Plants can stay in their pot and are supported by
a wire cage.

Just water, fertilize, & enjoy fresh tomatoes all
summer!

Trinity Christian School PTM presents

MOTHER-SON *Date Night*



**MOMS AND SONS JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
BASEBALL, FOOD, FUN AND FIREWORKS AT THE
JOLIET SLAMMERS**

Duly Health and Care Field
1 Mayor Art Schultz Dr.
Joliet, IL 60432

GAME BEGINS AT 6:35 PM ON FRIDAY, MAY 19TH

FORMAL INVITATION TO FOLLOW.

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AFTER SPRING BREAK.

Questions Email: mistylsekulski@gmail.com

Calling All Artisans and Crafters!

The PTM needs your help to make Teacher Appreciation Week the
CREAM OF THE CROP!

Parents, Grandparents, and Small Businesses:
Do you love to pressure or water bath can? Are you Crafty?
Do you make Soaps or Lotions?
Contact Mrs. Kari Sommerville at KLSommer16@gmail.com
to ask how you can donate to help the PTM!

