



Son Times

May 14, 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)

\$1 DRESS-DOWN DAY TOMORROW

STATE OF THE SCHOOL MEETING FOLLOW-UP

Trinity Christian School's annual State of the School Meeting was held Tuesday, May 12. For those unable to attend, this meeting was recorded. Follow this [link](#) to view the exciting information presented Tuesday night.

As a reminder, there are three mandatory meetings per school year, scheduled before school starts. Attendance is required by at least one parent/guardian at each meeting. If a parent/guardian cannot attend a meeting, please notify the school ahead of time.

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS DUE TOMORROW

- **May 15:** ALL books are due
- **Exception:** chapter books being read by 3rd-7th grade students for 4th quarter AR points
- **May 18-22:** Parents will be notified of missing books students should return
- **May 22:** ALL 4th quarter AR chapter books are due

Families will be charged Monday, May 25, for missing books.

ORDER 2025-2026 YEARBOOKS NOW



Don't wait! Order your 2025-2026 yearbook TODAY! Submit your order by **July 18**. Total cost for a softcover book is **\$29.43, plus tax**. Yearbooks will be delivered to TCS and available for pickup at Jump-Start Night in August. Please check out the flier on p. 6 for more details.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING TRINITY STUDENTS

TCS holds annual year-end awards ceremonies Wednesday, May 27. Parents are highly encouraged to attend. Awards schedule: K-3 grade ceremony, 8:45 a.m.; and 4-7 grade ceremony, 1:15 p.m.



TIME TO SIGN UP FOR TCS SUMMER CAMPS

Summer is almost here, and with it comes TCS Summer Camps! From sports to robotics, dance to rocketry, we have lots of fun summer camps planned. We also have teachers offering tutoring over the summer. Please see the complete program online for all of the details for each camp. Registration is open and all payments are online through this [link](#). See p. 7 for more information.

**Kindergarten - 8th
 Grade Calendar:
 May 14 - 22**

May 15

**\$1 Dress-Down Day
 Mother-Son Date Night
 6 p.m.**

May 19

**School Board Meeting
 7 p.m.**

May 20

**Eighth Grade Chapel
 8:40 a.m.
 PK4 Graduation 6:30 p.m.**

May 21

**Last Day of Preschool
 8th Grade Graduation
 7 p.m.**

Important Dates

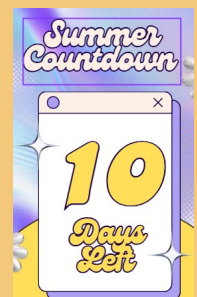
May 25

**Memorial Day
 No School**



May 29

**Field Day
 Last Day of School**



SUMMERCAMP

A FRESH TAKE ON 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Trinity Christian School honored Mr. Jon Vugteveen, May 12, for 30 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Lord in his work at the school, currently as Head of School.

In addition to receiving a plaque marking his time here, the Trinity Christian School Board determined that a fitting tribute for Mr. Vugteveen, known around school as Mr. V, will be to name the school's soccer field "Vugteveen Field." This was announced during the annual State of the School Meeting, which is when staff are recognized for notable years of service here.

During the school meeting, Mr. John Herod, TCS Board President, spoke about Mr. V's service to students, staff, and families, as well as his love for the soccer field. Mr. Herod met Mr. V over 30 years ago in the community, and the two of them became more connected after the Herod family enrolled their daughter at Trinity.

"Over time I joined the board and Jon was promoted to principal," Mr. Herod remarked. "Jon always loved the soccer field, as it was new with very nice grass. He would come to board meetings seeking ways to keep non-TCS activities off the field. When we built the middle school building and were making plans to install the geothermal system, we were piping water from 'Lake TCS' to the building. Jon was campaigning for some of the water for a sprinkler system for his soccer field!"

Mr. Herod and the school board concluded that naming the soccer field in Mr. V's honor was an ideal choice, considering his significant contributions to the Trinity Community.

The Trinity School Board would also like Trinity families to stay tuned for an upcoming opportunity to celebrate Mr. V's remarkable accomplishment in serving at Trinity Christian School since 1996. The school will host an Open House to fully appreciate Mr. V for the gifts and talents he has shared here for the last three decades. The Open House date will be announced soon.

It is incredible that Mr. V has faithfully served Trinity Christian School for so many years. We are grateful that God has blessed the school with Mr. V's heart, talents, and life.

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

~ John 15:13





PICK UP ALL STUDENT MEDICATION

If your child has any medication on file in the front office, please pick it up by **June 11 at noon**. We do not retain individual medication over the summer break. Any medication that has not been picked up by that time will be disposed of. Thank you!

Chapel Notes, by Lily M., Guest Contributor to the *Son Times*

Chapel Speaker: Pastor Isidro Casillas

1. There is nothing greater than the presence of God
2. We are all God's creation. We can celebrate or be rude.
3. When you get close to people, you want to celebrate them. When we don't celebrate, we become mean.
4. God wants us to be loving and kind
5. Michal, the daughter of Saul, remained childless throughout her life because of her opposition to God
6. I will celebrate God and all people



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 SEEK VOLUNTEERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK: MAY 18– 22. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CALENDARS AND RESPOND DIRECTLY TO MRS. COLIANNE TO GET YOUR DATES LOCKED IN!

MORNING GREETER: Every day, 8-8:30 a.m. Open car doors, greet students, and help make sure they enter the building safely.

Monday, May 18: 3 volunteers needed
 Tuesday, May 19: 3 volunteers needed
 Wednesday, May 20: 2 volunteers needed

Thursday, May 21: 3 volunteers needed
 Friday, May 22: 2 volunteers needed

LUNCH HELPER: Four helpers needed daily, 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. Distribute hot lunch orders by grade and classroom, then assist with cleanup.

Monday, May 18: 2 volunteers needed
 Tuesday, May 19: 3 volunteers needed
 Wednesday, May 20: 3 volunteers needed

Thursday, May 21: 3 volunteers needed
 Friday, May 22: 3 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, May 18: 4 volunteers needed
 Tuesday, May 19: 4 volunteers needed
 Wednesday, May 20: 4 volunteers needed

Thursday, May 21: 4 volunteers needed
 Friday, May 22: 4 volunteers needed

WEEKEND WARRIORS, SATURDAY, MAY 16: 7-9 a.m., many volunteers needed

FIELD DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 29: 8:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., many volunteers needed

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!

FIND FUN EVENTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY, HERE!

Check out cool local church events posted on our community page, <https://www.trinitychristian.info/community/communityevents.cfm>. If your church has an event to share, please reach out to Mrs. Deane Bekermeier, Director of Development, at dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info.

2026-2027 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Fourth Grade Teacher

Are you a certified teacher who loves teaching elementary school-age children? We seek an enthusiastic fourth grade teacher for the 2026-2027 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. If interested, please download a teacher application from the [website](#) and submit it with your resume to the Head of School, Mr. Jon Vugteveen, at jvugteveen@trinitychristian.info.

Substitute Teachers

Substitute teachers 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.

Thank you for your interest in working at Trinity Christian School! Applications may be found [online](#).

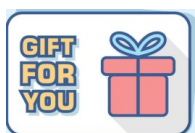
PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION!

Currently, Illinois is not opted into the Education Choice for Children Act, ECCA. This is a federal tax credit program that allows families to use donor funds for a wide variety of education costs, including tuition. Please scan the QR code to sign the petition urging Governor Pritzker to "Opt-In." If you would like additional details, contact Mrs. Gabriella Shanahan at gshanahan@trinitychristian.info or Mrs. Deanne Bekermeier at dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info.



ORDER YOUR PREPACKAGED SCHOOL SUPPLIES TODAY

Don't miss out on saving time and money on back-to-school supply shopping this year. We've teamed up with EPI to offer you school-approved supply packs. Order before June 30 to get the best pricing on school supplies this season. Order [online](#) using school ID, TRI198, and pick up your children's kit Jump-Start Night, Aug. 17!



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It's not too late to purchase the Trinity Christian School yearbook!

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- Answer fun memory questions to help remember the year
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Deadline: **Jul 18**

To purchase your yearbook, use the QR code or:

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older:

1. Go to: treering.com/validate
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Hardcover: **\$36.15**

Softcover: **\$29.43**

*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

 **Treering Yearbooks**

The logo features a large, stylized sun with yellow rays behind the word "SUMMER" in a gradient of yellow to orange. Below "SUMMER" is the word "CAMPS" in a gradient of blue to teal. To the right of "CAMPS" are the years "20" and "26" stacked vertically in orange. Below "CAMPS" is the text "TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL" in a teal, sans-serif font.

SUMMER CAMPS 20 26 TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Trinity Christian School Summer Camps and Programs are a fun way to continue to learn and grow in a variety of academic, athletic and artistic venues. Participants in our camps build lasting friendships and strong Christian fellowship in a fun and loving environment.

Register online at
www.trinitychristian.info or by scanning
the QR code.

