



Son Times

May 18, 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)

\$1 DRESS-DOWN DAY TOMORROW! \$1 DRESS-DOWN DAY TOMORROW!

ALUMNI NIGHT 6 P.M. TOMORROW! ALUMNI NIGHT 6 P.M. TOMORROW!

STATE OF THE SCHOOL MEETING FOLLOW UP

Thank you to all who attended Tuesday evening's State of the School Meeting. This is a yearly mandatory parent event that carried lots of good information and details from this school year, as well as things for next year. We appreciate your support and ask that you continue to lift up our school in prayer! Summer is right around the corner.

State of the School Meeting Summary-May 16, 2023

Welcome and Prayer – Mr. David Payton

Affirming the Growth at TCS for 30 years – Mr. V

- Coming Full Circle – students impacted by TCS
- Continuing to Cultivate
- Support and Pray for our awesome teachers who care and push our students
- Get involved in church – make it a priority
- Living Out our Faith – baptism testimonies by eighth grade students

Curriculum and Education Update – Mrs. Virginia Hayward

- ACSI Accreditation update – major steps have been taken towards this
- Test scores and data. Encourage kids to read more!

Budget and Financial Report – Mr. Steve Baly and Mr. Jonas Byrer

- School's stance on income and expenses. Doing well but need to seek other ways to gain revenue.
- Best way is through increasing enrollment. That will keep tuition costs from rising.
- We want to find ways to pay our teachers more
- What ways of expertise can you share that would save us money or increase fundraising

Development and Marketing Report – Mrs. Deanne Bekermeier and Mr. Jack Hayward

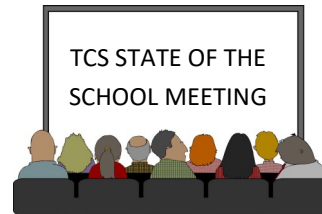
- Sharing TCS story, social media, new VISION magazine
- Invest in Kids Act/Empower Scholarship
- Ways to get involved, from donating to receiving scholarships
- Vote coming up in Illinois on whether to continue the program or not – prayers and reaching out to legislators to keep it alive!!

Special Events/Volunteers Update – Mrs. Toya Thomas

- Follow-up on the year's fundraising events
- Honored our TOP volunteers of the year

PTM – Mrs. Lisa Vugteveen

- Updates on fundraising, gifts from wish list given to teachers, box tops
- Want to join the team next year? Please reach out!



**Kindergarten - 8th
Grade Calendar:
May 18-26**

May 18
Eighth Grade Trip

May 19
\$1 Dress-Down Day
Music on the Move
Showcase 2:30 p.m.

May 23
School Board Meeting
7p.m.

May 24
Eighth Grade Chapel
8:35 a.m.

May 25
Eighth Grade Graduation
7 p.m.

May 26
Awards Ceremony
K-3 8:45 a.m.
4-7 1:15 p.m.

Important Dates:

May 29
Memorial Day
No School

May 31
Field Day
Last Day of School
12:30 p.m. Dismissal



(See **SOTS Meeting**, p.2)

(*STOS Meeting*, from p.1)

Administrative Report – Mr. V

- Preschool updates – enrollment is going well, please pass the word about our great preschool!
- Security review – a new Board subcommittee has been formed in regard to building security
- All TCS staff will be trained by a professional organization in August about active intruder situations and how to have a proper mindset for them. This will be hands-on training that will be a huge asset to our school.
- Further risk assessments will be made and discussions will take place to ensure safety at TCS
- All cameras have been updated to a new system that works much more efficiently

Enrollment

- Looking to add another second and fifth class next year
- Need more students to keep two segments of third grade next year
- First grade is filling quickly so parents should reenroll NOW before it is too late over the summer
- Our goal is 300+ students next year!

Recognition of Staff

- Five years of service – Mrs. Carrie Pilon (Preschool), Mrs. Vanessa Mohr (Kindergarten), Mrs. Abigail Koehler (Aide)
- Ten years of service – Mrs. Virginia Hayward (Director of Education), Mrs. Ellen Rasmussen (Administrative Assistant), Mrs. Kara Hauert (Business Services)

Saying Goodbye:

- Mrs. Kamikka Houston – recess supervisor
- Mr. Aaron Alderden – three years in middle school English – next step in his journey
- Mrs. Lori Balek – six years in middle school Bible/Science – moving to Tennessee
- Mrs. Kristy Gill – 14 years in middle school Literature – retiring to spend time with family
- Mrs. Virginia Hayward – 10 years – Director of Education – called by God to another place
- Mrs. Brenna Cook – Preschool Director – family obligation requiring change

New Additions:

- Hired a new elementary teacher with 15 years experience
- Hired Mrs. Stacy Ball part-time as a Learning Center Teacher focused on Reading Intervention
- Conducting several interviews with middle school candidates with high hopes for God to reveal His plan for us

Closing – Galatians 6:9-10, Mr. V ended in prayer

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE

- **May 19:** Middle school books due
- **May 25:** Fourth quarter AR books due (3rd-7th grade)

Families will be charged for any books that are still checked out on Friday, May 25.



PICK UP ALL STUDENT MEDICATION

If your child has any medication on file in the front office, please pick it up by **June 8 at noon**. We do not retain individual medication over the summer break. Any medication that hasn't been picked up by that time will be disposed of. Thank you!

SIGN UP FOR TCS SUMMER CAMPS

Summer is almost here, and with it comes TCS Summer Camps! We also have a teacher offering tutoring over the summer. Please see the complete program [online](#) for all the details on each camp. Registration is open and all payments will be online through <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/0PCK9N1q>.





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: MAY 22-JUNE 02. 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.

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| Monday 05/22: 3 volunteer needed | Monday 05/29: 2 volunteers needed |
| Tuesday 05/23: 2 volunteers needed | Tuesday 05/30: 2 volunteers needed |
| Wednesday 05/24: 3 volunteer needed | Wednesday 05/31: 2 volunteers needed |
| Thursday 05/25: 2 volunteers needed | Thursday 06/01: No school |
| Friday 05/26: 2 volunteers needed | Friday 06/02: No school |

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.

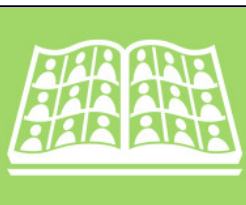
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RECESS HELPER: Every day, 11:50 a.m.-1:10 p.m. Provide supervision, with Trinity staff, to keep children safe during their playtime.

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Please contact Mrs. Toya 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!



ORDER 2022-2023 YEAR BOOKS NOW

Don't wait! Order your 2022-2023 yearbook TODAY! Submit your order by July 5. Total cost for a softcover book is \$25, including tax. Yearbooks will be delivered to TCS and available for pickup at Jump-Start Night in August. See details on the flier on p.7.

JOIN US FOR THE YEAR'S LAST FUNDRAISER

Head over to TCBY of Shorewood, Wednesday, May 31, 12-9 p.m. and enjoy a last-day-of-school treat while raising money for our school. They will donate a portion of the sales to our school. Check out the flyer on p.6 for more details.



DIOCESE OF JOLIET HOLDS ANNUAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAIR

The Diocese of Joliet will hold their annual back-to-school fair Monday, July 24, 2-6 p.m. This is an opportunity for low-income families to receive free school supplies. Pre-registration is required and will close once the maximum number is reached. Supplies are limited so register A.S.A.P. See flyer on p.8 for more details.



ORDER YOUR PREPACKAGED SCHOOL SUPPLIES TODAY!

Tired of crowded stores? Tired of overspending? Buy your students' school supplies online! All grade-level school supplies can be ordered with just one click. Each school supply box ordered, supports Feed My Starving Children. Buy online and pick up at Jump-Start Night in August! More details provided on p.9.

HELP SAVE PRIVATE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS IN ILLINOIS

We are very thankful to our donors and supporters who have made a Trinity Christian School education possible for so many students here during the 2022-2023 school year, through an Empower Illinois Scholarship. The Empower Illinois Scholarships not only have blessed these students, but have blessed our entire TCS school family.

This program was originally designed as a five-year pilot program that is set to reach its "sunset" (expire) in December of 2023.

Please contact your state legislators by texting RTS to 52886. Fill out your information and a prepopulated email will be sent to your specific state senator and representative. Even if you already have done this, please do it again.

Thank you for your help and commitment to private education in Illinois and for being wonderful advocates and partners with Empower Illinois!

REENROLL FOR 2023-2024 NOW!



TCS ALUMNI EVENT

Let's reconnect!

Calling all Trinity Christian School Alumni! We want to invite you to our alumni event that is happening in just a few weeks. This event is for you to connect with your former teachers and classmates. We will have 9-square, open gym, snacks, music, and a lot of catching up to do. We hope to see many of our wonderful alumni there!

Date: May 19th, 2023

Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

**Location: Trinity Christian School Gym
(901 Shorewood Dr., Shorewood, IL 60404)**

**RSVP: To receive an idea of how many people to expect, please RSVP through this form:
<https://forms.gle/dh3PyCquXqPvJwB67>**

CLICK HERE TO RSVP

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Why work at Trinity Christian School?

Our family atmosphere and strong discipleship culture set up our staff and teachers for success every day. Weekly staff devotions and our Parent-Teacher Ministry provide opportunities to be replenished spiritually. Our staff and teachers have a unique role in the building of God's Kingdom and the next generation.

Take it from our staff and teachers:

"Teaching at TCS brings me great joy and one of my favorite parts is not only being able to pour into a student and invest in them academically, but also showing them that they are truly loved by their Savior. I love teaching math and watching students grow in their understanding and confidence, but ultimately love walking alongside them in their faith journey and encouraging them as they learn about Christ," - Kayla Bekermeier, Middle School Math and 8th Grade Bible

"My favorite thing about TCS is the families. Whether student families or staff families, we all come together as one to support each other, pray for each other, and grow students to love Christ," - Terese Osacky, 4th Grade Teacher

Trinity Christian School is an equal opportunity employer.

OPEN JOB POSITIONS

PART-TIME POSITIONS: PART-TIME POSITIONS: FULL-TIME POSITIONS:

[ATHLETIC DIRECTOR](#)

[A.M. and P.M. B.A.S.K.](#)

[DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT](#)

[PK3 TEACHER AIDE](#)

[RECESS SUPERVISOR](#)

[MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS](#)

[PK4 TEACHER AIDE](#)

[PK4 LUNCH/RECESS AIDE](#)

[TEACHER](#)

[PK4 LUNCH/RECESS AIDE](#)

[PLAINFIELD PRESCHOOL AIDE](#)

[MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE TEACHER](#)

[PLAINFIELD PRESCHOOL AIDE](#)

[ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER](#)

[PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR](#)

JOB APPLICATIONS

Thank you for your interest in working at Trinity Christian School! Applications can be found [online](#). Applications can also be picked up in the main office. Please send the appropriate application and your resume via 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

BLESS A TCS FAMILY AND RECEIVE A BLESSING AT TAX TIME

As of today, 45 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 40 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 Bekermeier, Director of Development, at dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info.

ONLY 7 DAYS OF SCHOOL LEFT!

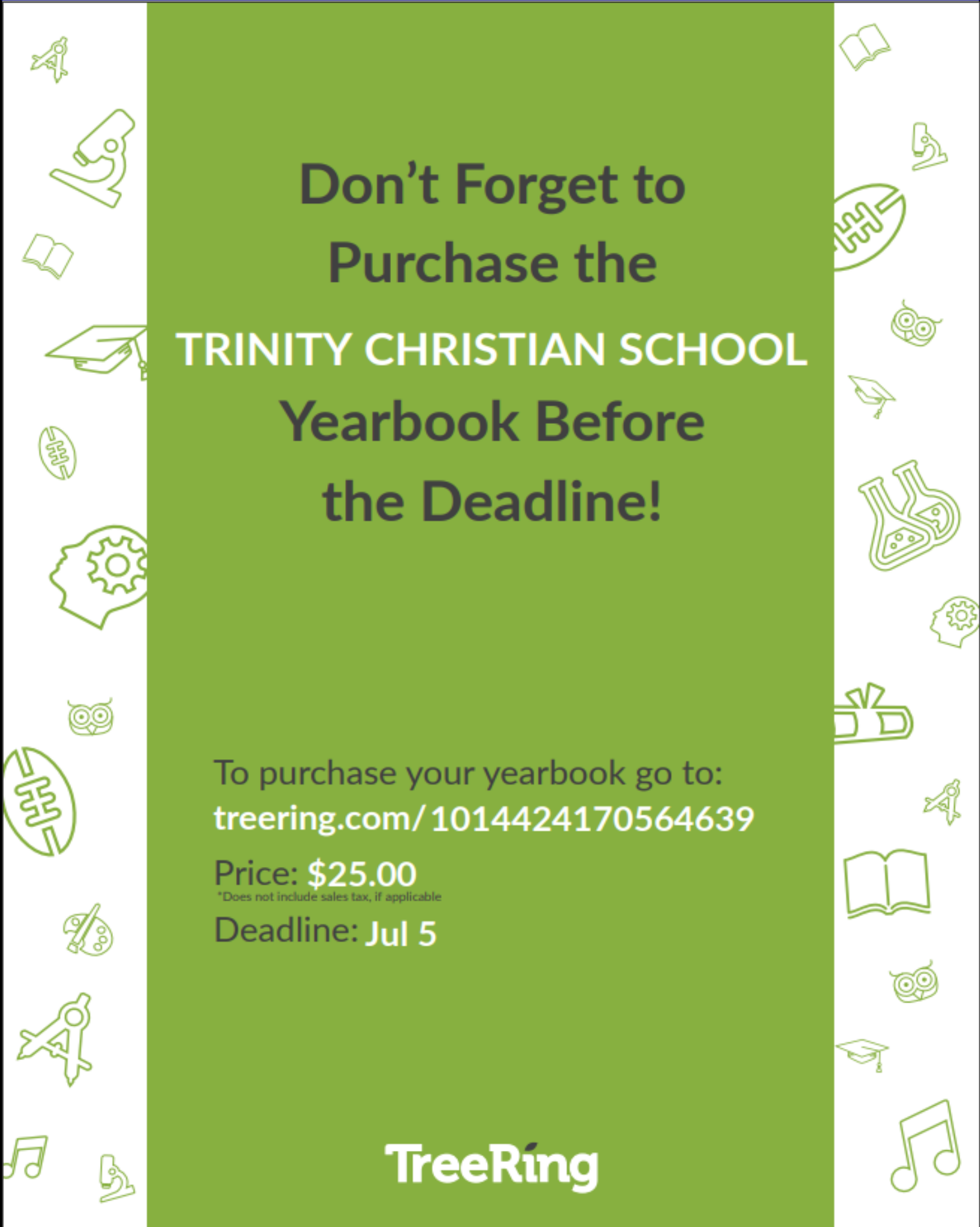


A Delicious way to raise money for TCS!

Visit TCBY on the last day of school, May 31, anytime between 12:00-9:00 pm, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to TCS.



930 Brook Forest Ave.
Shorewood

A decorative border surrounds the central green box, featuring various school-related icons in a light green color. The icons include a compass, a microscope, an open book, a graduation cap, a football, a head with gears, an owl, a gift box, a rocket, a musical note, and a palette with a pencil.

Don't Forget to Purchase the TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Yearbook Before the Deadline!

To purchase your yearbook go to:
treering.com/1014424170564639

Price: **\$25.00**

*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

Deadline: **Jul 5**

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31ST ANNUAL

Back to School Fair

Preparing students from low-income households in Will County for a successful new school year!

MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023

2:00PM - 6:00PM

**ST. MARY IMMACULATE PARISH
15629 SOUTH ROUTE 59, PLAINFIELD**

**Participants will drive through
to receive school supplies.**

**Online pre-registration is mandatory and
begins on May 23!** Please register ASAP as
supplies are limited and registration will close
once maximum number is reached.



Visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org
or use the QR code.

If you need help with the online
form, please call 815-774-4663.



Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.



Order online **today!**

Dear parents,

We are happy to announce that we have chosen to sell prepackaged school supplies for the next school year through School Tool Box.

It doesn't get any easier than this!

- Put your zip code in the box at **SchoolToolBox.com**
- Find the school, then choose your child's new grade
- Each supply box matches your teacher's approved list
- Supplies are name-brand and guaranteed all school year



SCHOOL TOOL BOX
schooltoolbox.com
800-952-1119

Your order supports



One Box, One Meal

School Name:

Trinity Christian School
Shorewood, IL 60404

Ordering Available:

March 10th - July 2nd

Pick-up date at school:

August 18th, 2023



Notes



Scan here to view your school's boxes and place your order today!

