



Son Times

May 4, 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)

SPIRIT GEAR DAY TOMORROW! SPIRIT GEAR DAY TOMORROW!

CONGRATULATIONS APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

Congratulations to Trinity's April Students of the Month! These students were chosen by their grade-level teachers, specials teachers and administration for their notable excellence in academic performance, character, behavior, effort, social relationships and attendance.

Kindergarten - Olivia B.
1st Grade - Liliana O.
2nd Grade - Andrew S.
3rd Grade - Burke Z.
4th Grade - Carter A.
5th Grade - Elias T.
6th Grade - Lily T.
7th Grade - Nathan D.
8th Grade - Mason M.



Kindergarten - 8th Grade Calendar: May 4-12

May 4

National Day of Prayer
8:45 a.m.
5th-8th Grade Spring
Musical School Show
1:45 p.m.

May 5

Spirit Gear Day
5th-8th Grade Spring
Musical 7 p.m.

May 6

5th-8th Grade Spring
Musical 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

May 10

Chapel 8:35 a.m.

May 12

11:45 a.m. Dismissal
School Improvement

Important Dates:

May 16

State of the School
Meeting
School Board Meeting

May 25

Eighth Grade Graduation

GET YOUR TICKETS FOR OUR SPRING MUSICAL!

Come see our "Practically Perfect" spring musical, *Mary Poppins Jr!* "In every job that must be done, there is an element of fun!"

There will be three performances:

- Friday, May 5, at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 6, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.



Tickets are \$10 each plus fees. All ticket sales are for reserved seating. Use the link [here](#) to reserve your seats! Online ticket sales close tomorrow at noon. Tickets can still be purchased at the door the day of the show. We never turn away patrons, and will make room for anyone who would like to see the show!



PTM FLOWER SALE PICKUP

PTM would like to thank all those who purchased flowers from our flower sale fundraiser. Flowers will be delivered Wednesday, May 10. Flowers **MUST** be picked up that day from school between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Please make arrangements to pick up your flowers at that time. Weather permitting, a line to pick up flowers will begin AFTER dismissal along the soccer field.

END OF THE YEAR LIBRARY BOOK DUE DATES

- **May 8-12:** Last week to check out books
- **May 12:** 8th grade books due (except books being used for literature class)
- **May 15-19:** Kindergarten-5th grade books 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.

REENROLLMENT FOR 2023-2024 IS NOW OPEN



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 8-19. 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 05/08: 3 volunteers needed	Monday 05/15: 2 volunteers needed
Tuesday 05/09: 2 volunteers needed	Tuesday 05/16: 2 volunteers needed
Wednesday 05/10: 0 volunteers needed	Wednesday 05/17: 1 volunteer needed
Thursday 05/11: 1 volunteer needed	Thursday 05/18: 2 volunteers needed
Friday 05/12: 3 volunteers needed	Friday 05/19: 2 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 05/08: 3 volunteers needed	Monday 05/15: 3 volunteers needed
Tuesday 05/09: 3 volunteers needed	Tuesday 05/16: 3 volunteers needed
Wednesday 05/10: 2 volunteers needed	Wednesday 05/17: 3 volunteers needed
Thursday 05/11: 2 volunteers needed	Thursday 05/18: 3 volunteers needed
Friday 05/12: Early dismissal	Friday 05/19: 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 05/08: 2 volunteers needed	Monday 05/15: 2 volunteers needed
Tuesday 05/09: 2 volunteers needed	Tuesday 05/16: 2 volunteers needed
Wednesday 05/10: 1 volunteer needed	Wednesday 05/17: 2 volunteers needed
Thursday 05/11: 2 volunteers needed	Thursday 05/18: 2 volunteers needed
Friday 05/12: Early dismissal	Friday 05/19: 2 volunteers needed

Please contact Mrs. Thomas at tthomas@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!

LAST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR 5/31 SEE P.4 FOR DETAILS

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.

This is going to be a critical week for our efforts to Remove the Sunset on the Invest in Kids Act. Decisions about the budget are being made and language is being drafted this week. That is why it is urgent that we redouble our advocacy efforts this week. We need your help!

There are two things that we need you to do this week:

Get a delegation of five to ten people to go to Springfield on one of the session days. Here is a link to the Empower IL sign-up calendar, [Springfield Sign Up](#). This is the most impactful thing that you can do! If you are interested and available to go to Springfield, please let Mrs. Deanne Bekermeier know.

Push out/repush the Phone2Action link (<https://p2a.co/gmqrehi>) to your community. Even if you have already done this, we need you to do it again. People should be calling or emailing their elected officials every week until the Sunset is removed!

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

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:

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

PK3 TEACHER AIDE

PK4 TEACHER AIDE

PK4 LUNCH/RECESS AIDE

PLAINFIELD PRESCHOOL AIDE

CARE AFTER PRESCHOOL TEACHER

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

FULL-TIME POSITIONS:

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER

MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE TEACHER

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER

JOB APPLICATIONS

Thank you for your interest in working at Trinity Christian School! Applications can be found below. 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.

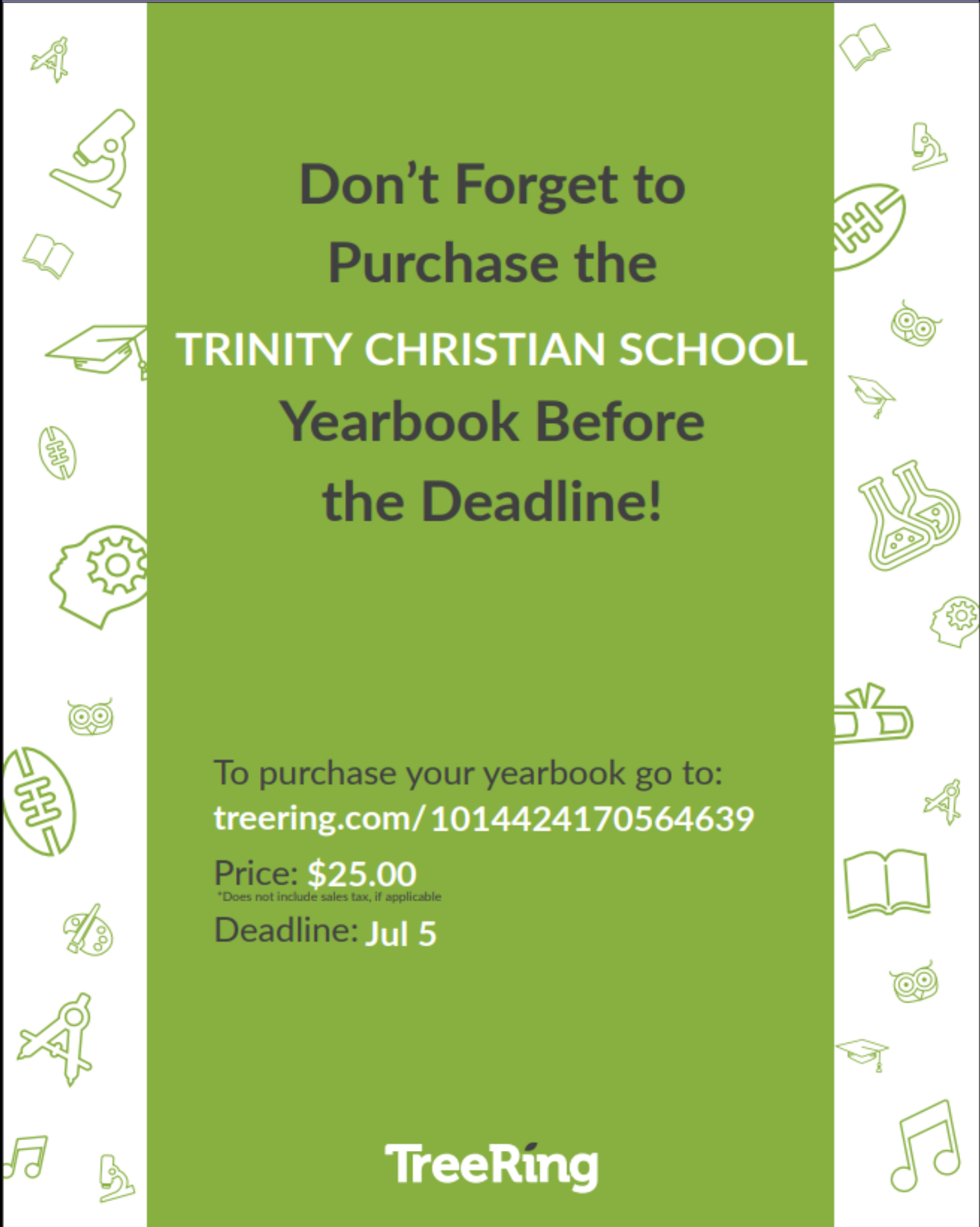


A Delicious way to raise money for TCS!

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 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 beaker.

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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