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Son Times

November 16, 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!

BRING OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES TOMORROW!

Tomorrow is the last day Trinity Christian School students have the opportunity to help reach our goal for Operation Christmas Child. All boxes are due Nov. 17, at 9 a.m. Trinity Christian School students participate in this outreach program every year to bless children around the world and we hope to contribute at least 400 shoeboxes. Thank you so much for partnering with us this Christmas season to take the gospel to the ends of the earth.

SEND GOOD NEWS GREAT JOY
PACK A SHOEBOX   Samaritan's Purse INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

IL INVEST IN KIDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

It is with great disappointment that we share the news that the Illinois legislature adjourned last week without addressing the Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship Program. This inaction by the state legislature will cause the scholarship program to expire Dec. 31, 2023.

EMPOWER ILLINOIS

Students who have received a scholarship for the 2023-2024 school year will keep their scholarships; however, these scholarships will not be available for the 2024-2025 school year.

We have 17 current TCS students on our waiting list who could still get funding for this 2023-2024 school year. **Donors must have the donation to Empower Illinois by Dec. 20, 2023.** Donors will receive a state tax credit in the amount of 75% of their donation for 2023. This is the last time that this will be available. Contact Mrs. Deanne Bekermeier, Director of Development, at dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info for more information.

CHOOSE TRINITY DURING GIVING TUESDAY

In light of the state scholarship program going away, we will be directing all of our *#GivingTuesday* donations to a TCS scholarship fund. Please use the link below to make **any size donation** to help over 30 TCS students return next year.

#GivingTuesday is Nov. 28. Giving Tuesday, referenced as *#GivingTuesday*, is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. It is described on its website as a "global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world." Please consider directing your Giving Tuesday donations to fund the TCS Scholarship Fund. To give online, go to: https://www.trinitychristian.info/donate.cfm

If you prefer to pay by check, you may mail it to: **Trinity Christian School, 901 Shorewood Dr., Shorewood, IL 60404.**

Thank you for partnering with us and helping families who are losing their scholarships next year.

DECEMBER HOT LUNCH ORDERS DUE MONDAY

All December hot lunch orders must be placed and paid for by **Monday, Nov. 20 at 11:59 p.m.** You can find information about the hot lunch program at our website.

HAPPY thanks giving

CHECK OUT GRANDPARENTS' DAY PICTURES

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Grandparents' Day last week! Please enjoy some photos taken at the event by clicking this **link**.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR WAS A SUPER SUCCESS!

We are extremely thankful to all the grandparents, grand friends, and TCS families who blessed our school! We received over $4,500 in profits and donations! We were able to bless teachers with books for their classroom libraries and purchase books for our elementary and middle school libraries! We would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped with running the book fair.

CHAPEL NOTES BY ASHLEY P., GUEST CONTRIBUTOR TO THE SON TIMES

Date: Nov. 15   **Guest Speaker:** Pastor Josh Anderson   **Verses:** Acts 9, Romans 5:10, Col. 3:3

God is good all the time and all the time God is good. Perspective determines thankfulness. Saul was persecuting the church when he had a vision of Jesus. Jesus said, "I am the one whom you are persecuting." Saul went blind after he had his vision of Jesus. There was a man who healed Saul's eyes. The moment Saul saw something different, everything changed. You will never be thankful for what you think you deserve. At the right time, Christ died for us. We all started as enemies of God and then at that time Christ died for us. Now we are part of a kingdom that is undeniable and indestructible. Sometimes, we need to change our perspective to show thankfulness.

OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS ARE FRIDAY, DEC. 8

Kindergarten and **first grade** are performing *Christmas Is Jesus* at **6:00 p.m**.

Second, third and **fourth grade** are performing *Jingle Bell Beach* at **9:30 a.m.** and **7:00 p.m**.

Please be on the lookout for more information from Mrs. Tanka and Mr. V.

At Trinity Christian School, volunteers are needed daily! 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. 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: NOV. 27 – DEC. 8. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CALANDERS AND RESPOND DIRECTLY TO MRS. TOYA THOMAS TO GET YOUR DATES LOCKED IN!

<u>MORNING GREETER:</u> Every day, 8:10-8:30 a.m. Open car doors, greet students, and help make sure they enter the building safely.

Monday 11/27 3 volunteers needed	Monday 12/04: 3 volunteers needed
Tuesday 11/28: 2 volunteers needed	Tuesday 12/05: 3 volunteers needed
Wednesday 11/29: 2 volunteers needed	Wednesday 12/06: 2 volunteers needed
Thursday 11/30: 3 volunteers needed	Thursday 12/07: 3 volunteers needed
Friday 12/01: 2 volunteers needed	Friday 12/08: 2 volunteers needed

<u>LUNCH HELPER:</u> 4 helpers daily, 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Distribute hot lunch orders by grade and classroom, then assist with cleanup.

Monday 11/27 2 volunteers needed	Monday 12/04: 2 volunteers needed
Tuesday 11/28: 2 volunteers needed	Tuesday 12/05: 2 volunteers needed
Wednesday 11/29: 4 volunteers needed	Wednesday 12/06: 2 volunteers needed
Thursday 11/30: 2 volunteers needed	Thursday 12/07: 2 volunteers needed
Friday 12/01: 4 volunteers needed	Friday 12/08: 3 volunteers needed

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

Monday 11/27 3 volunteers needed	Monday 12/04: 4 volunteers needed
Tuesday 11/28: 4 volunteers needed	Tuesday 12/05: 3 volunteers needed
Wednesday 11/29: 3 volunteers needed	Wednesday 12/06: 4 volunteers needed
Thursday 11/30: 4 volunteers needed	Thursday 12/07: 4 volunteers needed
Friday 12/01: 4 volunteers needed	Friday 12/08: 4 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.

WANTED: BAKERS

FOR OUR UPCOMING CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR BAKE SALE

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DONATE ONE OR MULTIPLE
OF YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY TREATS
TO SIGN UP, PLEASE CLICK THE LINK HERE!

FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL MRS. MONICA DEETS AT
MBLASBERG@HOTMAIL.COM

DROP OFF YOUR CREATIVELY PACKAGED ITEMS
AT TCS FRIDAY, DEC. 1, BETWEEN 2-6 P.M.

PLEASE SEND ALL ITEMS IN READY-TO-SELL PACKAGING
(BOXED, BAGGED, JARS, TINS, HOLIDAY PLATES, ETC.)

WE APPRECTIATE YOUR EFFORTS IN HELPING MAKE OUR
BAKE SALE A SUPER SUCCESS!

(BAKERS ACCRUE A MAXIMUM OF TWO VOLUNTEER HOURS)

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PRESENTS OUR 9TH ANNUAL

Christmas CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

FROM 8:30 AM TO 4:00 PM
901 SHOREWOOD DRIVE - SHOREWOOD, IL

Gifts, Home Decor,
Candles, Clothing,
Jewelry, Baked Goods,
Wreaths and more

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