Trinity Christian School

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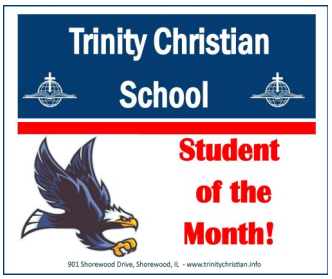
Son Times

October 1, 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)

SPIRIT GEAR DAY TOMORROW!

TRINITY ANNOUNCES SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



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

Grade levels with 30 or more students have the potential of two students selected to receive the reward. Grade levels with less than 30 students have the potential to have one student selected to receive the award. Award recipients are recognized each month in the newsletter, at the following chapel, and on Trinity's Facebook page. Students are awarded a Student of the Month certificate and a sign for their yards, as seen in this graphic. Congratulations to September's Students of the Month, listed below:

Kindergarten: Obadiah H. and Michael N.

First Grade: Emma P. and Elle W.

Second Grade: Avery A. and Aubrey B.

Third Grade: Hannah R. and Andrew S.

Fourth Grade: Lincoln A. and Spurgeon D.

Fifth Grade: Victoria B. and Josophine L.

Sixth Grade: Ronen A.

Seventh Grade: Sasha B. and Noah D.

Eighth Grade: Kamryn M. and Zachary V.

TCS WALK-A-THON IS THIS SATURDAY!

The Walk-a-Thon is only two days away and we are so excited to see our students and families! TCS families are doing a PHENOMENAL job bringing in those pledges and helping to raise money for our school!

Here are some details for the day: registration, then light snacks will be available outside when you arrive at 8 a.m. The awards ceremony takes place inside the cafetorium, and the Walk-a-Thon Bash follows immediately after the ceremony. Please pray for nice weather and dress for the conditions!

For the walk, please have your children wear their class color as listed below.

PK: Rainbow K: Blue 1: Yellow 2: Red 3: Green 4: Orange

5: Purple 6: Pink 7: Gray 8: Black

Walk Schedule:

8:00 a.m.: Check in at the **FRONT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING** AT YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TABLE: Please make sure to find your child's name tag with their name on it. Each student will have one.

8:15 a.m.: WALK INSTRUCTIONS

Move over to the school's flagpole for walk instructions and details about the day. We will dismiss students to walk according to class color. If you have kids in multiple classes, feel free to walk with either class.

*(See **Walk-A-Thon**, p .2)*

Kindergarten - 8th Grade Calendar: Oct. 1-9

Oct. 1
AWAY Soccer Games at Timothy A Team 4 p.m.
B Team 5 p.m.
AWAY Girls' Volleyball Game at Koraes EL 4:15 p.m.

Oct. 2
Spirit Gear Day

Oct. 3
Walk-a-Thon 8 a.m.

Oct. 6
HOME Soccer Games
A Team 4 p.m.
B Team 5:30 p.m.
HOME Girls' Volleyball Games EL 4:15 p.m.
JH 5:15 p.m.

Oct. 7
Chapel 8:40 a.m.

Oct. 8
Vision and Hearing Screening
HOME Girls' Volleyball Games EL 4:30 p.m.
JH 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 9
Teacher In-Service Day
No School K-8

Important Dates

October 12
Columbus Day
No School

(***Walk-a-Thon*** *from p.1)*

8:30 a.m.: START WALKING

- We will walk a designated path outside and around Trinity - approximately two miles
- Strollers and wagons are welcome, but **PLEASE no pets, bikes, rollerblades, or skateboards**
- After the walk, return to the soccer field, enjoy a time of fellowship and connecting with parents and students until the celebration

9:30 a.m.: CELEBRATION IN THE CAFETORIUM - announce prizes for pledges

10 a.m.-12 p.m.: CELEBRATION BASH

Enjoy Cemeno's Pizza, Coffee n Repeat, Sip of Joy, and Kona Ice. Cash and card payments accepted.

- Water sponges
- Bounce house
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Giant Connect 4
- Gaga Ball
- Ring Toss
- Giant Jenga
- Coloring station

We are looking forward to an amazing morning! Keep getting those pledges - $90,000 is our goal and our stretch goal is $100,000. We are almost there!! Also remember that the final YELLOW pledge sheet and money are due Friday, Oct. 8. **Please do not turn in your checks without the YELLOW pledge sheet attached. This will help ensure that your fundraising efforts are correctly noted and under your family's account.**

VOTE FOR TCS AS BEST IN WILL COUNTY!

Keep voting for the Best of Will County Readers' Choice Awards! Trinity Christian School has been voted BEST Private Elementary School *every year* since 2022, and Trinity Christian Preschool has been voted One of the Best (top 3!) Preschools *every year* since 2019. You can vote once a day, every day, through Oct. 5. Thank you for all you do to make TCS the BEST!

VOTE HERE: https://theheraldnews.secondstreetapp.com/2026-Will-County-Readers-Choice/gallery?group=557177

VISION AND HEARING SCREENING, OCT. 8

Thursday, Oct 8, students in some grades will receive vision and hearing screenings. Re-testing is Friday, Oct. 23, as needed. Vision **and** hearing testing will be done for all kindergarten and 2nd grade students. Hearing testing only will be done for 1st and 3rd grade students. Eighth grade students will have vision testing only. Students in other grades may be tested if it is requested by a parent by Monday, Oct. 5. If you have a student in a grade other than the ones listed and would like to have your student tested, please notify the front office at 815-577-9310.

LET'S BLESS STUDENTS IN UGANDA!

Grace Bible Church is collecting school items for children in Uganda, Sept. 23-Oct. 14. Information was sent home with the youngest child in each family recently. You may deliver any new or gently used items listed below to Mrs. Jolly's first grade classroom.

Markers **Colored Pencils** **Rulers** **Paper (ruled and plain)** **Pencils (sharpened)**

Pens (any color) **Hand pencil sharpener** **Paper file folders** **Small play materials, such as toy cars**

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Thank you so much!!
Mrs. Angie Jolly, First Grade Teacher

TRINITY CHRISTIAN ANNOUNCES '26-'27 STUDENT COUNCIL!

Big congratulations to our 2026-2027 Student Council! We are extremely proud of these students' efforts to be elected onto the council by campaigning, delivering a speech, and being voted in by our TCS middle school. Additionally, we had so many amazing leaders run and we are so proud of all of them for their impressive efforts. We cannot wait to see our Student Council members grow in their leadership skills, positivity, school spirit, and heart of service. You will see these students running our Cookie Dough/ButterBraid fundraiser, $1 Dress-Down Days, Candy Gram Fundraiser, and more. They also plan our Middle School Late-Night, Spirit Week, Pep Assembly, and lead in a chapel. We are excited to see them develop as leaders and are grateful for all of the hard work they will put in this year, serving our school to continue to make it a wonderful place.

Our first big fundraiser is coming up in the next week – the Cookie Dough/Butterbraid Fundraiser. Our first big leadership opportunity is Nov. 4, when Student Council members will lead the school in chapel through worship, song, dance, and messages. We look forward to seeing these students honor God through their leadership in chapel! All are welcome to attend at 8:40 a.m., Nov. 4.

Student Council 2026-2027

President – Ava B.

Vice President – Caleb B.

Co-Treasurer – Tanner V.

Co-Treasurer – Chase G.

Secretary – Noah D.

8th Grade Representative – Caleb S.

8th Grade Representative – Matthew M.

7th Grade Representative – Leah B.

7th Grade Representative – Lily M.

6th Grade Representative – Makenna A.

6th Grade Representative – Ada F.

6th Grade Representative – Andy S.

6th Grade Representative – Eliana W.

Chapel Notes, by Julia R., Guest Contributor to the *Son Times*

Guest Speaker: Mr. Logan Chagdes

Title of Message: Faith in Real Life

There were four kings of Israel: Saul, Ishbosheth, David, Solomon. All of these kings had a purpose: to reflect God. Each king had a bunch of influence on their people and kingdom. They were part of a kingdom, too – God's Kingdom. But, we sinned and disobeyed God, so the kingdom was broken, just like the North and South Kingdoms. The North was Babylon and the South was Persia. Both kingdoms were very powerful, but had issues with each other. But everyone has troubles. So when Jesus stepped in, everything changed. Before Jesus came, it was hard to have a relationship with God, but since Jesus died and rose again we have eternal life and he is our King!

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, Volunteer Coordinator, 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: OCT. 5–9. 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 the enter the building safely.

Monday, Oct. 5: 1 volunteer needed
Tuesday, Oct. 6: 1 volunteer needed
Thursday, Oct. 8: 1 volunteer 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, Oct. 5: 3 volunteers needed
Tuesday, Oct. 6: 3 volunteers needed
Thursday, Oct. 8: 2 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, Oct. 5: 3 volunteers needed
Tuesday, Oct. 6: 4 volunteers needed
Wednesday Oct. 7: 3 volunteers needed
Thursday, Oct. 8: 3 volunteers needed

CONCESSIONS: **Tuesday, Oct. 6, 5-6:30 p.m.** 1 volunteer needed

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SELL YOYO'S 8-8:30 A.M.

Thursday, Oct. 8: 2 volunteers needed
Tuesday, Oct. 13: 2 volunteers needed
Wednesday, Oct. 14: 2 volunteers needed
Thursday, Oct. 15: 2 volunteers needed
Friday, Oct. 16: 2 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!

TCS DRIVER FORM REQUIRED BEFORE DRIVING

At Trinity, we appreciate the generosity of our parents who help transport students to field trips or sporting events throughout the school year. If you are interested in driving for school events, it is important to turn in the required documents at least three days prior to the day you plan to drive. Sooner is even better! Every family received a driver form in their packet at Jump-Start Night. Forms are also available online or in the front office. To drive, please complete the form and return it, along with copies of your valid driver's license and current vehicle insurance card, to the front office. A new driver form must be filled out each school year. Approval to drive is granted once all required information is on file. Thank you!

HOT LUNCH ORDERING OPENS SOON

November hot lunch ordering opening soon. All orders must be placed and paid for in your Family Portal by Oct. 20, at 11:59 p.m. More information about the hot lunch program may be found here: https://www.trinitychristian.info/community/hot-lunch.cfm Please submit your order as early as possible so we may troubleshoot any possible issues. **When ordering, please take into consideration field trip dates for your student.**

Be on the lookout for Thanksgiving Feast Ordering. The Feast takes place Nov. 20. Contact Mrs. Lisa Nash, Lunch Room Coordinator, with questions at lnash@trinitychristian.info.

APPRECIATE YOUR PASTOR WITH BREAKFAST

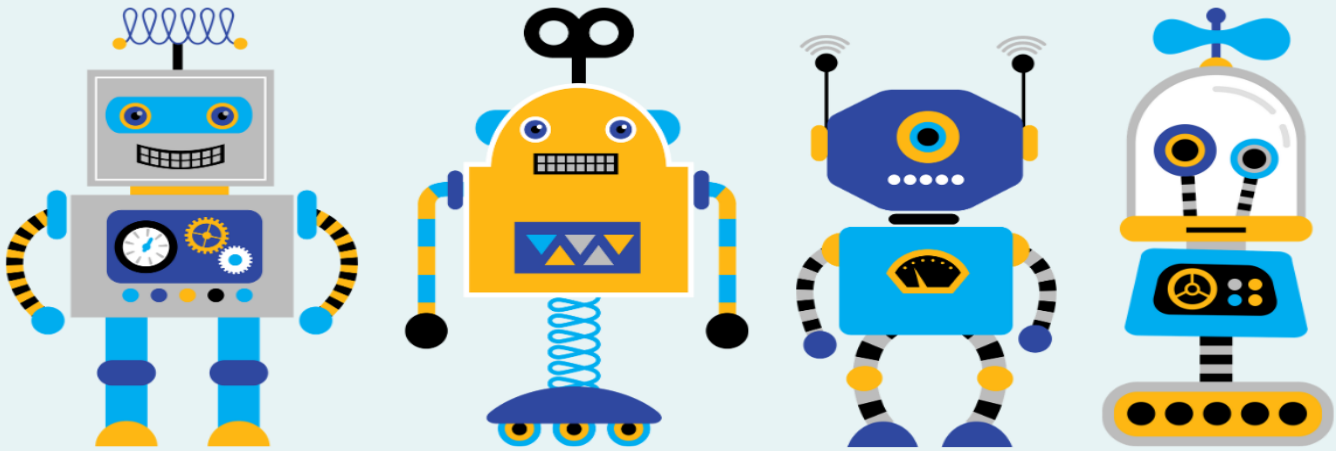
Trinity Christian School honors our wonderful pastors, here, Wednesday, Oct. 28, 8:30-10:30 a.m. This year, we begin the morning with a special chapel service led by our first graders, and dedicated to the pastors. We then pastors and clergy to stay for an Appreciation Breakfast served immediately following the chapel! Invites were sent home with your youngest child, and **the R.S.V.P. deadline is Friday, Oct. 20**. Please help us spread the word and show our TCS love to those in the ministry. We have more invitations in the front office just in case you need them. Any questions? Please contact Mrs. Adalys Colianne at 815-577-9310, ext. 315, or acolianne@trinitychristian.info. Thank you!

TCS ROBOTICS 2026

ROBOTICS 4TH-8TH GRADES

4TH-8TH GRADE WEDNESDAYS 3:30-5:00 P.M.

FIRST LEGO League introduces science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) to students through fun, exciting hands-on learning. FIRST LEGO League participants gain real-world problem-solving experiences through a guided, global robotics program, helping today's students and teachers build a better future together. In FIRST LEGO League, students engage in hands-on STEM experiences, building confidence, growing their knowledge and developing habits of learning. FIRST LEGO League inspires youth to experiment and grow their critical thinking, coding and design skills through hands-on STEM learning and robotics. NO CODING KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED TO START. Sign up by Oct. 10. Classes run weekly through Dec. 9.



To sign up, click here!

Volunteers needed. Please contact Mrs. Westenberg at **Jwestenberg@trinitychristian.info** or Mrs. Nystedt at **Wnystedt@trinitychristian.info**

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
PTM INVITES YOU
FALL
Family
FUN NIGHT
&
TRUNK OR TREAT
OCTOBER 24
AT 4:00 PM
FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FUN
More information to follow soon!
AT TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

You're invited to a

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Trinity Christian School

When:
October 15, 2026
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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Shorewood, IL

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