



Son Times

October 20, 2022

"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!

TCS WELCOMES TWO NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Mrs. Brenna Cook, Preschool Director. Mrs. Cook is the new Preschool Director. She is excited to get started, get to know our program, and meet everyone. Newly moved back to the area from Arizona, she has five years of classroom experience, and enjoys working with children and parents. She also enjoys spending time with her husband, her two cats, and Zumba!



Mr. Tom Frickenstein, Head Facility Manager. Mr. Frickenstein is our new Head Facility Manager. He and his wife, Misty, live in New Lenox. They are blessed with three children; Joel who is 20, Haven who is 14, and Aubrey who is 10. Mr. Frickenstein is excited to start his journey here at TCS! He is grateful to God for the opportunity to support our staff as they reach students through Christ, and he considers this an honor. He looks forward to meeting everyone.

EAGLES VICTORIOUS IN ICC TOURNAMENT!

Trinity Christian School's soccer team, and girls' volleyball teams did a fantastic job at the ICC tournament held here, Oct. 13-15.

Trinity soccer took first place in the event, defeating Parkview 5-0 in the final game. Trinity soccer players selected for All-Tournament Team recognition were Logan M. (8th grade), Jack S. (8th grade), and Tessa K. (8th grade).

Congratulations to TCS's 7th/8th grade girls' volleyball team, who won 2nd place, and the 5th/6th grade girls, who finished in 4th place. Eagles volleyball players who received All-Tournament Team recognition include Khloe D. (5th grade), Brooklyn H. (7th grade), and Emily V. (8th grade)

All of the student athletes played their hardest throughout the tournament, and supported one another on and off the court.

We are grateful for the players, parents, and coaches for making this a memorable season. See you next year!



Kindergarten - 8th Grade Calendar: Oct. 20-28

Oct. 20

November Hot Lunch Orders Due

Oct. 21

\$1 Dress-Down Day
First Quarter Ends

Oct. 23

Thanksgiving Luncheon Orders Due

Oct. 26

Pastor Appreciation Breakfast
Chapel 8:35 a.m.

Oct. 27

11:45 a.m. Dismissal
K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-7 p.m.

Oct. 28

No School
K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences 8 a.m.-noon

Important Dates:

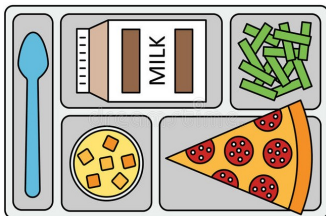
November 11:

Veterans' Day
Grandparents' Day

November 15:

School Board Meeting

NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH ORDERS DUE TODAY!



November hot lunch orders are due **tonight**. All orders must be placed and paid for by **11:59 p.m.** You can find information about the hot lunch program at our website or you can click [here](#). **Please note:** we are offering a special lunch for students, Nov. 18, as we celebrate Thanksgiving together as a Trinity family (students and staff). The Thanksgiving meal **must** be ordered online as well, through a separate link, [here](#).

THIS SATURDAY: TRUNK OR TREAT

It's time for some family fun, at our fall Trunk-or-Treat, Oct. 22, 4-8 p.m. The evening includes many fun events. It is a great opportunity to spend time together with friends and as a family. Here is what you can **look forward to**:



There will be a **decorated trunk contest**, with prizes. We will also have lawn games, a **bonfire**, S'mores, **hot dogs**, chips, and **drinks**. Don't forget to bring chairs or blankets to sit on.

Prizes will also be awarded for **best pie** and **best chili**. We look forward to a fabulous time together as a school community. Can't wait to see you all there!



ORDER THANKSGIVING MEAL BY SUNDAY

If you wish to purchase a traditional Thanksgiving meal for your student for the Thanksgiving luncheon, you must do so by Sunday, Oct. 23, at 11:59 p.m., through its own link, [here](#). We have extended the date by a few days, as we would really like everyone to participate.



PASTOR APPRECIATION BREAKFAST IS OCTOBER 26

Trinity Christian School takes time to honor all of our wonderful pastors, here Wednesday, Oct. 26, 7:30-9:30 a.m. This is a special day to celebrate them and show how much we appreciate their ministries. We begin the morning with an appreciation breakfast just for pastors, and invite them to stay for a chapel service led by our first graders and dedicated to the pastors. We are truly excited about this special day, as R.S.V.P.s have already begun to come in. If you need more invitations, we do have them in the front office. Please help us spread the word and show our TCS love to those in the ministry. Any questions? Please contact Mrs. Toya Thomas at 815-577-9310, ext. 315, or tthomas@trinitychristian.info



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES, OCT. 27 AND 28



Parent/Teacher Conferences are Oct. 27 and 28. Please make note of the times school is in session during those days. **Oct. 27, dismissal is at 11:45 a.m.** Please be on time to pick up your student, as there is no B.A.S.K on early dismissal days. Parent/Teacher Conferences are 1-7 p.m. Thursday. **Friday, Oct. 28, there is NO SCHOOL**, as Parent/Teacher Conferences continue, 8 a.m.-noon.

Please be sure to be prompt for your appointment. Log in to FACTS to check your student's first quarter grades. Come prepared with any questions or items you would like to discuss with your student's teacher. **If you need to cancel your conference, please contact the teacher directly.**

CHECK OUT FUN, FALL EVENTS AT AREA CHURCHES

Please check out the "Community" tab at Trinity Christian School's website for newly posted events coming up at local churches. Trinity partners with area churches by sharing their upcoming events online. This informs TCS families about the many wonderful fall fun and other family events available in our area. Just click the "Community" tab here: <https://www.trinitychristian.info/community/communityevents.cfm>. Please contact Mrs. Deanne Bekermeier, dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info, if your church would like to announce an upcoming event. Thank you!



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: OCT 24.- NOV. 4. 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 10/24: 3 volunteers needed	Monday 10/31: 2 volunteers needed
Tuesday 10/25: 3 volunteers needed	Tuesday 11/01: 3 volunteers needed
Wednesday 10/26: 1 volunteer needed	Wednesday 11/02: 1 volunteer needed
Thursday 10/27: 3 volunteers needed	Thursday 11/03: 3 volunteers needed
Friday 10/28: No School	Friday 11/04: 1 volunteer needed

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

Monday 10/24: 1 volunteer needed	Monday 10/31: 2 volunteers needed
Tuesday 10/25: 2 volunteers needed	Tuesday 11/01: 4 volunteers needed
Wednesday 10/26: 1 volunteer needed	Wednesday 11/02: 3 volunteers needed
Thursday 10/27: 0 volunteers needed	Thursday 11/03: 1 volunteer needed
Friday 10/28: No School	Friday 11/04: 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 10/24: 1 volunteer needed	Monday 10/31: 4 volunteers needed
Tuesday 10/25: 3 volunteers needed	Tuesday 11/01: 4 volunteers needed
Wednesday 10/26: 3 volunteers needed	Wednesday 11/02: 3 volunteers needed
Thursday 10/27: 0 volunteers needed	Thursday 11/03: 1 volunteer needed
Friday 10/28: No School	Friday 11/04: 3 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!

SELL COOKIE DOUGH, WIN GREAT PRIZES!

Student Council and the Athletic Department encourage all of the student body to get involved in selling cookie dough/butter braids to raise money for the school. Order forms went home last week. There are some great incentives and prizes this year, including a chance to win two large squishmallows, a great set of air pods, and a movie basket filled with gift cards, candy, movies, and popcorn. There is also an opportunity to participate in a SNOWBALL BONANZA with our very own administrator, Mr. V! There are classroom competitions, along with the overall top-seller prizes. The money raised will be used by Student Council and the Athletic Department for a wide variety of things for the school and student body. Support your school and sell, sell, sell! If you need extra forms they are available in the front office.



STUDENT PICTURE RETAKES

Did you miss picture day? Do you hope to have a retake done? Good news! Van Gough Photographers will be back at TCS for picture retakes Tuesday, Nov. 8. Students taking pictures that day may wear something other than a uniform for the photos, but must change back into their uniform after their picture has been taken.



Reordering will be available soon for parents who didn't have a chance to order photos the first time.

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 24 students this year through an Empower Illinois Scholarship. The Empower Illinois Scholarships not only has blessed these students, but has blessed our entire TCS family.



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

We need your help to contact your state legislators and urge them to “remove the sunset” and save this scholarship program.

It is so easy to do! Just use the links or attached QR code to locate your state senator and state representative. The email populates for you. You can edit or send as is. It literally takes under one minute. English-language campaign link: [Click here](#) Spanish-language campaign: [Click here](#)

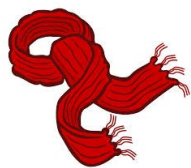
You can also access the campaign by texting "RTS" to 52886 and following the prompts. Please note that text messaging rates do apply.



You can also use the QR code to the right to open the link easily on your mobile phone.

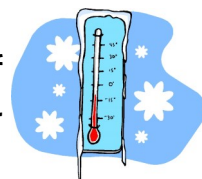
Thank you for your help and commitment to private education in Illinois and for being wonderful advocates and partners with Empower Illinois!

SEND STUDENTS TO SCHOOL WITH WARM APPAREL



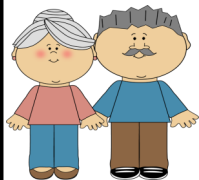
Temperatures are warming up for the next few days, but we've already had a taste of the cold. And we know more consistent cooler temperatures are on the way. With that in mind, please make sure your child has the appropriate gear for recess. Students go outside for recess as long as it is not raining and the “feels like” temperature is 20 degrees or more. Your student should have gloves, a scarf, hat, warm coat and any other gear needed to stay warm while outside. If you are a volunteer helping with recess, please be sure to dress warmly.

In the event of an emergency, when we need to leave the building or even getting in and out of vehicles, it is best for students to be wearing appropriate apparel. Please be sure to LABEL EVERYTHING. Lost coats, hats, gloves can be easily returned if we know who they belong to.



In the event of school closing due to inclement weather, please check the school's website or Facebook page for information. We will also send out information via text message. You may also call the school to hear about school closing information through our automated system.

TURN IN GRANDPARENTS' DAY R.S.V.P.s!



We are very much looking forward to our special Grandparents' Day celebration Friday, Nov. 11, 8:30-11:15 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. dismissal! If you have not done so yet, please R.S.V.P. online, through the link [here](#). Also, our Grandparents' Day merchandise is available on our online store if families are interested in ordering ahead of time, through the link [here](#). We are super excited about this great day and look forward to your R.S.V.P.s.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY FALL BOOK FAIR

Grandparents and grand-friends: Please join us Friday, Nov. 11, for our fall Book Fair. This fair takes place in the gym during Grandparents' Day from 9:30-11:15 a.m. You may purchase books and other fun items using cash, credit card, check, or eWallet. Every purchase made helps put new books in our school library!

