Trinity Christian School

Academic Excellence Christ Centered Family Focused

Son Times

October 22, 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)

$1 DRESS-DOWN DAY TOMORROW

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, THE BEST OF WILL COUNTY!

Trinity Christian School and Trinity Christian Preschool have **BOTH** been named THE BEST of Will County, in the 2026 Herald-News Readers' Choice Awards!

This win marks the fifth year in a row for Trinity Christian School in the private school/elementary category. For Trinity's preschool it is the first time to have been voted as THE BEST Preschool of Will County, after placing as ONE OF THE BEST preschools (top three) every year since 2019! We praise God for his goodness and favor!

There are multiple ways our school will be recognized as a result of these awards. Look for Trinity to be included in a special section of the Herald-News, Nov. 28, both in print and online. Then, a celebration for all of THE BEST OF winners will be hosted by Shaw Media at the Jacob Henry Mansion in Joliet, Dec. 7.

Will County residents had the opportunity to vote in these and other categories, Sept. 8-Oct. 5. Thank you all so much, not just for voting, but for being an invaluable part of Trinity Christian School's community, impacting our students academically and spiritually each and every day. YOU make us the best we can be! Many congratulations to every one of you!

TCS ALUMNI SOCCER GAME IS OCT. 24

Spread the word! All TCS alumni and the current soccer team are invited to the TCS alumni soccer game, Oct. 24. Check-in starts at 10:30 a.m. and kickoff is at 11 a.m. Only soccer alumni will take the field, but everyone is welcome to cheer, reconnect, and enjoy the excitement! It's the perfect chance to relive memories and make new ones.

STUDENT PICTURE RETAKES, NOV. 2

Van Gogh Photographers will be back at TCS for picture retakes Monday, Nov. 2, first thing in the morning until 10 a.m. Your student(s) should have brought home their school pictures last week. **Please call and notify the front office if your student will have a retake done.** Students taking pictures that day may wear something other than a school uniform for the photos, but must change back into their uniform after they are done.

R.S.V.P. FOR GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Trinity Christian School's Grandparents' Day takes place Friday, Nov. 13! Invites were sent home with your youngest student, to give to their grandparents, as we look forward to seeing them all here! R.S.V.P.s are done using the form. Additional order forms are located in the office. Order a themed shirt for your grandparents here! Ordering closes Nov. 5.

Kindergarten - 8th Grade Calendar: Oct. 22-30

Oct. 23
$1 Dress-Down Day

Oct. 24
Alumni Soccer Game 11 a.m.
Fall Family Fun Night 4 p.m.

Oct. 28
Chapel 8:40 a.m.

Oct. 29
Class Color Day
11:45 a.m. K-8 Dismissal
K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Oct. 30
K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School K-8

Important Dates

November 13
Grandparents' Day
11:45 a.m. Dismissal

November 17
School Board Meeting

901 Shorewood Drive, Shorewood, IL 60404 (815) 577-9310 Fax (815) 577-9695 www.trinitychristian.info

PURCHASE WISHLIST ITEMS FOR GRANDPARENTS' DAY

We need your help to make Grandparents' Day the best it can be. If you can purchase something off of our amazon wishlist, that would be appreciated.

BOOKFAIR COMING TO GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Grandparents and grand-friends: please join us Friday, Nov. 13, for our Fall Book Fair. The fair takes place in the gym during Grandparents' Day, 9:30 - 11 a.m. Purchasing from the book fair encourages students to read and raises much-needed funds for our school. You may purchase books and other fun items using cash, check (payable to TCS), eWallet, or debit/credit card. Every purchase helps put new books in our school library! Create an eWallet for easier shopping. No more worrying about cash, and eWallet balances appear on the register. You can also visit our fair here. See p. 5 for details.

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 were sent home recently. There are some great incentives and prizes this year, including a chance to win Beats Headphones, an experience basket, and a squishy and stuffy basket! Get in on an opportunity to participate in some time away from class to jump in **INFLATABLE JUMPIES** with our very own head of school, Mr. V.! There are also 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! Please read all necessary information in the letter that was emailed to you. Look for the email from My Fundraising Place with the link to **your** online store. If you did not receive this email or cannot find it, please reach out to Miss Bekermeier at kbekermeier@trinitychristian.info and she can send you the link to your personal store. If you plan to sell using the paper forms, there are extra forms available in the front office. Thank you for helping us make this a great fundraiser!

Chapel Notes, by Ada F., Guest Contributor to the *Son Times*

Guest Speaker: Mr. Noah Lewis

Title of Message: Cultivate your Heart

- It's easy to say that you love God and go through the Christian motions, but you don't
- Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it- Prov. 4:23
- How is your heart? (Read Matt. 13:19-23)
- God's word is always good. It is a seed.
- Seeds can fall on the path, the rocky ground, the thorny ground, or the good soil. Only the good soil is the right soil.
- God does not do bad things. He wants to be with you all the way.
- Sometimes good things distract us from God
- Even if you only have a little faith, if you receive the Word, you will produce a harvest!
- We can admit to God what we don't understand

WE ARE MOVING TO THE FACTS FAMILY APP!

The Trinity Christian School app is going to be obsolete, and will be removed from app stores in a few days. You can delete it from your phone if you had it. But don't worry; we are excited to announce that we are moving to the new FACTS Family App!

Users of the previous Trinity Christian School app will find the same features on the FACTS Family App, including student's grades and report cards, schedules, and school calendar. Additionally, the FACTS Family App includes features not available on the old app, including hot lunch ordering.

The new FACTS Family App does have an annual cost of $5 dollars per family. Use of the app is optional; all of its features are also accessible through the FACTS Family Portal as usual.

We are excited to offer this useful tool to our families! See more information on p. 5.

USE YOUR INFLUENCE, GET ILLINOIS KIDS A GREAT EDUCATION

Trinity families,

Please urge Governor Pritzker to opt Illinois into the new federal program that allows Americans to contribute directly to kids' education — **including public and private school students** — in exchange for a dollar-for-dollar federal tax credit. This program does not touch the state budget, yet it unlocks meaningful financial support for **tuition**, tutoring, transportation, supplies, and special education services.

The impact is great! Students whose family income is 300% or less of the area median income are eligible to receive funds from scholarship-granting organizations. The median income in Will County is $109,984. **That means families with an income of $329,952 or less would quality for tuition assistance through the federal program.**

This program will be a game changer for TCS families!

Here are some ways funding can be applied to benefit Illinois families:

- Tuition assistance
- Special education services
- Tutoring help
- ACT/SAT preparation
- Curriculum fees and expenses
- Technology fees and expenses
- Books, supplies, equipment, internet access
- Extended day program costs
- Transportation costs

Opt in for Illinois Kids

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Click the link below to access the email that will be sent to your individual state legislators and Governor Pritzker, based on your address:

https://optinforillinoiskids.com/

Please share this link with friends and family. Let Governor Pritzker and Springfield hear our voices.

This program has ***bipartisan support***; 31 states have already opted in. It is important for us to unify over helping Illinois families offset educational expenses for their children — all Illinois children! This program takes no funding away from public schools. It will not divert federal or state money from public schools to fund the scholarships.

This is a Federal program; Illinois taxpayers can participate and receive the tax credit whether Illinois opts in or not. If Illinois does not opt in, those educational dollars will go to families in other states that have opted in. We cannot afford to have educational funds leave our state.

Please urge Governor Pritzker to opt in to the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit Program. Don't leave Illinois children behind. Give Illinois families a tangible way to address affordability issues. Give families the tools to help their children prosper! This will not only benefit this generation of TCS students, but it will benefit the future of Illinois.

Thank you again for your time. Have a wonderful day!

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You're Invited!
GRANDPARENTS DAY
SADDLE UP FOR A SPECIAL DAY!
Join us for a morning filled with love, laughter, and special memories as we celebrate the amazing role you play in your grandchild's life.
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13
8:30 AM – 11:45 AM
PLEASE COME Dressed in Theme!
"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake."
Psalm 23:1–6
We can't wait to WELCOME YOU!
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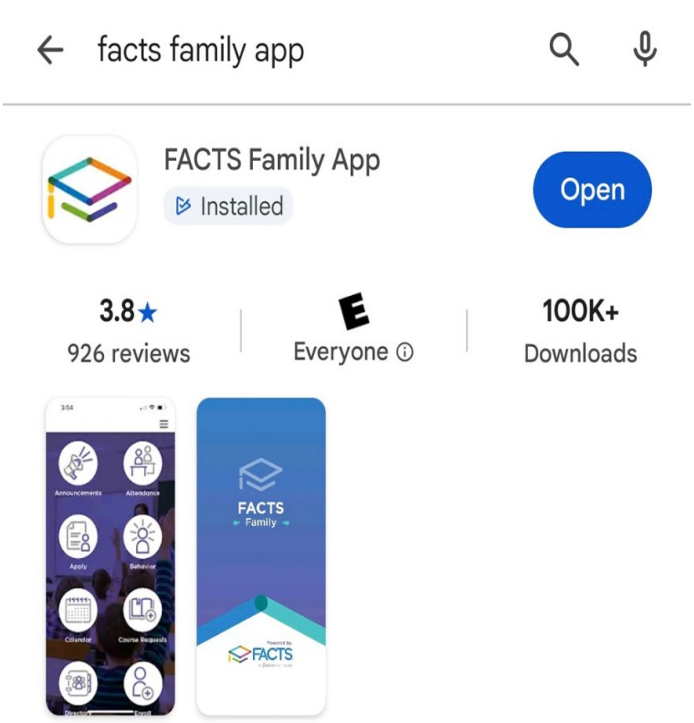
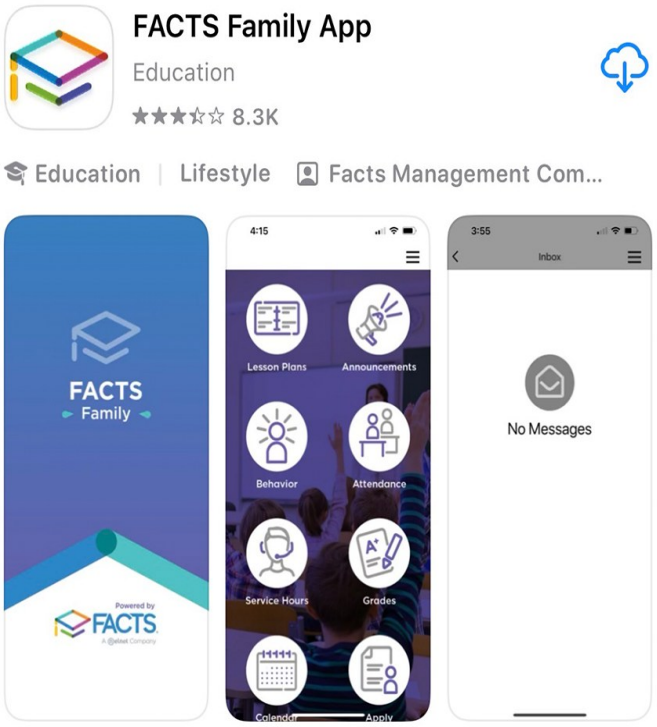
The FACTS Family App is Available on the Google Play Store and Apple App Store





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It's BOOK FAIR time!

Friday, November 13, 2026 from 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
Trinity Christian School
during Grandparent's Day

Dates / Times / Place

Exciting kids about reading. Earning funds for your school

Book Fair eWallet
The easy way for kids to pay!

Easy for families to set up, easy for others to contribute. Book Fair eWallet lets your child shop independently and choose books they want to read. After your school's Fair, any unspent funds remain in your Scholastic account for future Fairs.

Visit our school's Book Fair homepage to get started:

[https://www.scholastic.com/bf/trinitychristianschool5]

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Trinity Christian School Presents Our 12th Annual

Christmas Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, December 5

from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

901 Shorewood Drive, Shorewood, IL

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

Free Entry at the Door!

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