



Son Times

October 9, 2025

"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)

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY OR MONDAY ! NO SCHOOL FRIDAY OR MONDAY!

!!!NEW FUNRAISING RECORD SET!!!

Thank you TCS families for a wonderful Walk-a-Thon, Saturday! Together, our families smashed our goal and raised \$110,000. With sponsorships, our total was \$117,500. Thank you for all of your efforts. God is so amazing, always!

Congratulations to our **top five** pledge collectors for doing an outstanding job getting pledges and winning a free dress-down coupon for the month of November! **Eliana W.** in fifth grade was our top fund raiser, bringing in \$10,176.00. **Tanner V.** in seventh grade and **Dylan V.** in fourth grade raised \$6,825.00 each for a total of \$13,650.00. **Robert S.** and **Evalynn S.** both raised \$5,000 each with a combined total of \$10,000.00. Astounding job! Also, way to go to our top preschool pledge winners, **Sage C.** with \$1,100.00, **James S.** with \$985.00, and **Carter V.** with \$580.00.

Below are the top pledge raisers for each class:

Kindergarten: Mrs. Goral: Skylar M. Mrs. Mohr: Nylah T.

First Grade: Mrs. Massow: Hazel H. Mrs. Jolly: Jack N.

Second Grade: Mrs. Behnke: Robert S. Mrs. Tucker: Penelope S.

Third Grade: Mrs. Frickenstein: Edie F. Ms. Verhulst: Kenzie P.

Fourth Grade: Ms. Zakoor: Evalynn S. Ms. Ferguson: Dylan V.

Fifth Grade: Mrs. Volpe: Ada F. Mrs. Nystedt: Eliana W.

Sixth Grade: Mr. Baker: Leah B. Mrs. Holton: Emily C.

Seventh Grade: Mrs. Lewis: Nikolai D. and Baylee H. Mrs. Overall: Tanner V.

Eighth Grade: Miss Bekermeier: Ian M. Mrs. Zientek: Olivia C.

Congratulations to Mrs. Goral, Mrs. Mohr, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Behnke, Ms. Verhulst, Ms. Zakoor, Ms. Ferguson, Mrs. Nystedt, Mrs. Volpe, Mrs. Overall, and Mrs. Zientek for meeting or exceeding their classroom goals! These winners will participate in a Walk-a-Thon Reward Day either Thursday, Oct. 30 or Friday, Oct. 31.

Kudos to Mrs. Adalys Colianne, who led the way for a great Walk-a-Thon! A very special thank you to our phenomenal 2025 Walk-a-Thon Committee: Mrs. Karen Kapsch, Mrs. Allison Murillo, Mrs. Kaly Dedetsinas, Mrs. Erin Zilvitis, Mrs. Erin Mongelli, Mrs. Samantha Weaver, Mrs. Heidi Georgantas, and Mrs. Sarah Kelbus! They did an amazing job taking the lead and executing such a successful and fun event for our TCS families and school! Thanks for a job well done and to God be the glory!

Many thanks to all of our volunteers who served in so many capacities before, during, and after the event. We are BLESSED to have THE BEST volunteers at our school. Great job to our awesome eighth grade Pledge Team (Olivia C., Natalie D., Carolyn P., and Nathan V.) for their enthusiasm and always encouraging students to go get those pledges!

Also, much gratitude to Sarah Marie Photography, Target (Shorewood), Channahon Lanes (Channahon), Raising Canes (Shorewood), Chick fil-A (Joliet), McDonald's (Shorewood), SkyZone (Joliet), Costco (Bolingbrook and Plainfield), Heap's Giant Pumpkin Farm (Minooka), Altitude Trampoline Park (Oswego), and Cemeno's Pizza (Joliet) for their gift-in-kind donations. We can't forget to thank Coffee and Repeat for bringing the coffee (Shorewood), and Cemeno's Pizza (Joliet) for providing fresh hot pizza, and Kona Ice (Shorewood) for the delicious frozen treats!

As always, we appreciate our generous school sponsors!

Lastly, please remember that the final YELLOW pledge sheet and MONEY are due TODAY, Thursday, Oct. 9, to receive a free dress-down coupon. **Please do not turn in your checks without the YELLOW pledge sheet attached, as this will help to ensure that your fundraising efforts will be noted under the correct family's account.**

**Kindergarten - 8th
Grade Calendar:
Oct. 9-17**

Oct. 9
HOME Soccer Game
4:15 p.m.
8th Grade Night

Oct. 10
Teacher In-Service Day
No School K-8

Oct. 13
Columbus Day
No School

Oct. 14
AWAY Girls' Volleyball
Games at Yorkville
Christian EL 4:15 p.m.
JH 5:15 p.m.

Oct. 15
K-5th Chapel 8:40 a.m.
6th-8th Chapel 9:30 a.m.

Oct. 17
First Quarter Ends
\$1 Dress-Down Day

Important Dates

Oct. 21
School Board Meeting

Oct. 23
11:45 a.m. Dismissal
K-8 Parent/Teacher
Conferences

Oct. 24
No School
K-8 Parent/Teacher
Conferences



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 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. 13-17. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CALENDARS AND RESPOND DIRECTLY TO MRS. COLIANNE TO GET YOUR DATES LOCKED IN!

GRANDPARENTS DAY NOV. 7: Thursday 11/06: Evening setup - 3:30 p.m. until finish
 Book Fair Setup 11/06: 8:30-10:30 a.m. - Many volunteers needed
 Friday 11/07: Many volunteers needed
 Book Fair 11/07: 9-11:45 a.m. - Many volunteers needed

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

Monday 10/13: NO SCHOOL	Thursday 10/16: filled
Tuesday 10/14: filled	Friday 10/17: filled
Wednesday 10/15: filled	

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 10/13: NO SCHOOL	Thursday 10/16: 3 volunteers needed
Tuesday 10/14: 3 volunteers needed	Friday 10/17: 1 volunteer needed
Wednesday 10/15: 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.

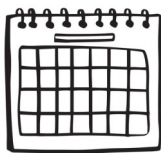
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WALK-A-THON BASH PARTIES OCT. 30 and 31 (1:15-3 P.M.) MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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!

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

Students who require medication during the school day may not keep it with them (not even over-the-counter medication). **All** medicines must be stored in the front office, with the appropriate paperwork from the physician and/or parent, as required.



IMPORTANT CALENDAR CHANGE

Calendar Change: November's Spirit Gear Day has been moved to Oct. 31, since the first Friday of November is Grandparents' Day. Please make note of this on your own calendar. Thank you!

TCS ALUMNI SOCCER GAME IS OCT. 25

Spread the word! All TCS alumni and the current soccer team are invited to come out. Only soccer alumni will take the field, but everyone is welcome to cheer, reconnect, and enjoy the excitement! Check-in starts at 10:30 a.m. and kickoff is at 11 a.m. It's the perfect chance to relive memories and make new ones. Use the link to register! [Alumni | Trinity Christian School](#). See the flier on p. 4.

Chapel Notes, by Ben S., Guest Contributor to the Son Times

Chapel Speaker: Pastor Bryant

1. Take your problems to the father for help
2. Throw your problems away
3. The father will help you no matter what
4. Keeping problems to yourself does no good
5. Being committed to the father gives you everything



PLACE YOUR NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH ORDERS

December hot lunch ordering is open now through Oct. 20. All orders must be placed and paid for by Oct. 20 at 11:59 p.m. No exceptions. For more information about our hot lunch program please visit our [website](#). Please note that there will be a separate order for the Thanksgiving Feast.



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 this week. There are some great incentives and prizes this year, including a chance to win a large stuffed animal; a comfy chair, snuggie, and socks; and a gift card basket worth \$125! There is also 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 on p. 7-8. Look for the email from My Fundraising Place with the link to [your](#) online store. If you plan to sell using the paper forms, there are extra forms available for you in the front office.



CRAFT FAIR ALERT – ONLY 15 SPOTS LEFT!



OUR TCS CRAFT FAIR DEC. 6 IS ALMOST FULL – WE'RE DOWN TO JUST 15 VENDOR SPOTS! IF YOU'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT SIGNING UP, NOW IS THE TIME! □ TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION, PLEASE EMAIL TCSCRAFTFAIR@GMAIL.COM AND SECURE YOUR SPOT A.S.A.P. SEE THE FLIER ON P. 9 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SHOWCASE AMAZING VENDORS AND FESTIVE GOODIES – DON'T MISS OUT!

ATTEND UPCOMING COMMUNITY FALL EVENTS!

There are so many cool local church events posted on our community page, including Fam Blitz Live, a Nerf and Nacho event, several Fall Fun events, and more!

Do not miss these awesome events!!!! Go to: <https://www.trinitychristian.info/community/communityevents.cfm>

If your church has an event to share, please reach out to Mrs. Deane Bekermeier, Director of Development, at dbekermeier@trinitychristian.info.



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APPRECIATE YOUR PASTOR WITH BREAKFAST

Trinity Christian School honors our wonderful pastors, here, Wednesday, Oct. 29, 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 invite our pastors and clergy to stay for an Appreciation Breakfast that will be 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.

IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER DRIVER INFORMATION

We would like to provide clarity and information regarding volunteer drivers for field trips. Anyone who would like to be able to drive on school trips, whether with a car full of children or just your own child, to complete a Volunteer Driver Form. Because of the school's insurance, anyone driving in this capacity does need to meet the minimum insurance liability amounts listed on the form. In the event of any kind of accident, injury, or vehicle damage, your coverage is the primary policy that will be used. The school's insurance only takes effect after your personal auto insurance limits are exhausted.

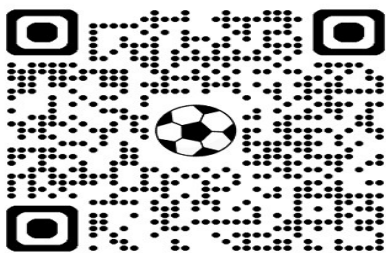
This is the only coverage that most nonprofit organizations are able to provide because of the impossibility of being able to afford or even obtain primary or direct coverage on the vehicles of volunteer drivers. It is also the responsibility of each driver to contact his or her insurance agent to learn if there are any liability policy limits or exclusions regarding transporting other students or faculty members on a field trip that might impact the driver's ability to meet the qualifications of a volunteer driver.

These parameters are part of what parents agree to when they sign the Volunteer Driver Form, as found on the back side of the form. We understand this may mean some parents are unable to drive their students for field trips. Please contact your child's teacher to discuss other options for you to participate, such as being a chaperone who rides with another driver. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



alumni soccer game

oct 25



**rsvp
by oct 18**

check-in 10:30 a.m.

game starts 11:00 a.m.

**play a game with your old team mates, or
cheer them on and enjoy the food trucks!**

**soccer players need
shin guards to play**

**players must rsvp to
be placed on a team**

**don't forget to bring
a lawn chair if you're
watching the game!**

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WE'RE HIRING! APPLY AT [PORTILLOS.COM/CAREERS](https://portillos.com/careers)

Trinity Christian School PTM

Trunk or Treat

Fall Family Fun Night



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, AT 4PM

Trinity Christian School Parking Lot Rain or Shine!



Join us for a night of Fun, Fellowship, and Fall Activities.
TRUNK OR TREAT, CHILI COOK-OFF, FOOD & FUN.

Join us after the event by the MPR to fellowship with other Trinity families. The PTM will provide hot dogs, chips and drinks.

We will also set out some lawn games and have a bonfire with s'mores. No pets allowed. Volunteer Hours given to families who decorate a Trunk or entering the Chili Cook-Off.

Prizes for the best trunk and chili!

PLEASE RSVP TO OUR FALL FAMILY FUN
NIGHT BY OCTOBER 20, 2025



<https://bit.ly/4lYhUJs>

QUESTIONS: PTM@TRINITYCHRISTIAN.INFO

Dear Students & Parents,

Oct. 2025

This year, we are excited to bring back our Cookie Dough and ButterBraid fundraiser! We are also continuing with the online portion of selling, which we are hoping continues to be efficient and easier on you! To help our parents with quick holiday baking, we are offering **Wooden Spoon Cookie Dough** – available in **six different** flavors:

- o Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal Cranberry White Chunk, Peanut Butter, Snickerdoodle, Triple Chocolate, and White Chunk Macadamia Nut

The cookie dough is sold as pre-portioned cookies. Each package has 40 cookies each. All you have to do is just break and bake! The dough is delivered frozen - made to order – no scooping and no mess! What a great way for families, children, seniors, and singles to have delicious homemade cookies!

Additionally, we are offering **Rite Bite's Butter Braids**. These are hand-braided pastries that bake into a delicious breakfast or dessert entrees. They are 22 oz. in size and come in in **SIX different** flavors:

- o Apple, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Raspberry, Strawberry & Cream Cheese, and Cinnamon Rolls
- o If ordering online, other options are: Blueberry Cream Cheese and Caramel Rolls

When selling, you may sell through paper forms or through your ONLINE store. The online option is a super easy way to sell to your friends and family, as you are able to email the link or post on your social media page. Please be on the lookout for an email to set up your ONLINE store from the Rite Bite company. It is very easy, and the online access will greatly benefit our sale. If you have any questions doing this, please feel free to contact Miss Bekermeier.

Each package of Cookie Dough will sell for \$20, and each Butter Braid will sell for \$17. Trinity Christian School profits about 40% on all sales.

The sale begins on **Wednesday, October 8th**. If you are selling through the paper forms, the attached form and check should be returned by **Wednesday, November 5th**. Checks should be made payable to TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL. We cannot accept cash with any order. No late orders can be accepted.

Cookie Dough and Butter Braids will be delivered on Wednesday, December 3rd. This is a good early date so that everyone can get their Holiday baking done on time! **Parents will need to pick up their orders in the MPR between 2:30pm-3pm or 3:30pm-4:30pm that day. (There will be no pickup from 3-3:30 due to TCS dismissal.) This will be a CURBSIDE pickup.** Please CLEARLY display your name as you pull up and our Student Council and staff will deliver your order directly to your vehicle.

This fundraiser is sponsored by the Trinity Christian Student Council and Athletic Department. We would like to encourage everyone to participate to make this a **BIG** success. The proceeds will be used by Student Council and Athletics in a variety of ways. We hope with the success of this sale that we can do a lot of cool things to help our school and sports program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Miss Bekermeier, Mrs. Mohr, or Mrs. Zientek at school, 815-577-9310 or by email kbekermeier@trinitychristian.info.



Student Council and Trinity Athletics thank you for your support!

Please look on the back side for exciting prizes you can win when you sell!





PRIZES FOR COOKIE DOUGH SALE

If you sell **15 items or more,
you will be able to participate in some time away from class to
JUMP in INFLATABLE jumpies with Mr. V on February 6th!**

Students will leave class to go to the gym, play in the bounce houses/inflatables,
and spend some fun free time with Mr. V.



TOP SELLER PRIZES TCS K-8th GRADE:



1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will receive your choice (based on what place) of:

- **A COMFY SET:** Comfy Chair, Snuggie, and Cozy Socks
- **A HUGE and SOFT** stuffed animal!
- **A GIFT CARD BASKET** (\$125 worth)



CLASS COMPETITION:

- + The 5th-8th grade class that has the highest average amount sold per student will win the opportunity of dressing down for a **FULL WEEK**.
- + The K-4th grade class that has the highest average amount sold per student will win an afternoon of a **MOVIE PARTY** with a snack for their whole class.

TCS PRESCHOOL

TOP SELLER PRIZES (ALL LOCATIONS COMBINED)

1st Place:	\$75 Amazon Gift Card
2nd Place:	\$50 Amazon Gift Card
3rd Place:	\$25 Amazon Gift Card



Trinity Christian School Presents Our 11th Annual

Christmas

Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, December 6

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

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