



Son Times

September 18, 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)

REMINDER: 11:45 A.M. DISMISSAL TOMORROW! NO P.M. B.A.S.K.

CONGRATULATIONS NEW STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

TCS recently held class elections and we are so proud of everyone who ran. Students were required to obtain recommendation letters from staff and exhibit leadership skills for consideration. Speeches were given on Tuesday and voting took place immediately following.

6th Grade: Leah B., Chase G., Camden M., Vera N.

7th Grade: Caleb B., Ava B., Caleb S., Tanner V.

8th Grade: Oliva C., Natalie D., Skylar D., Carly P., Koa T.

FINAL WALK-A-THON PRIZE SUBMISSIONS DUE!



TCS Walk A Thon 2025

\$48,421.67 raised of \$90,000 goal

Target amount

Time remaining

\$90,000

6 days

Trinity Christian School's 2025 Walk-a-Thon is Saturday, Oct. 4. and the **FINAL DIGITAL PRIZE SUBMISSION** is due Tuesday, Sept. 23. Please use the QR code to the right to turn in your final digital submission.



We are only two weeks away from such a fun day, where our students and families walk together to raise funds for our school! Our students are doing an awesome job raising pledges to reach our school goal of \$90,000!

If you have not started asking for pledges yet, you still have time to take advantage of our online First Giving page. Click [here](#) to set up your account. This is a GREAT way to request support from long-distance

relatives via email, Facebook, or other social media.

Keep up the good work and let's reach our goal of \$90,000! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Adalys Colianne, Special Events Coordinator, at 815-577-9310, ext. 315, or acoliianne@trinitychristian.info.

PARENT T-SHIRT ORDERS DUE SEPT. 24

Parents are able to order Walk-a-Thon t-shirts too! Please place your orders by Wednesday, Sept. 24, directly through this [link](#). Payment and pickup will be handled through Big Frog located at 1141 Brookforest Ave. in Shorewood.

REMINDER: ORDER HOT LUNCH BY SEPT. 20 at 11:59 P.M.

LOG INTO YOUR FAMILY PORTAL

**Kindergarten - 8th
Grade Calendar:
Sept. 18-26**

Sept. 18

AWAY Girls' Volleyball Games at Cross Lutheran
EL 4:15 p.m., JH 5:30 p.m.

AWAY Soccer Game at Cross Lutheran 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 19

11:45 a.m. Dismissal
School Improvement Day

Sept. 20

AWAY Girls' Volleyball Tournament at Christian Liberty TBD

Sept. 22

HOME Girls' Volleyball Games EL 4:15 p.m.
JH 5:15 p.m.

HOME Soccer Game 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 23

AWAY Girls' Volleyball Games at Families of Faith Academy EL 4:30 p.m.
JH 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 24

Chapel. See you at the Pole 8:40 a.m. -9:20 a.m.

Sept. 26

AWAY Girls' Volleyball Games at HRSC EL 4:15 p.m. JH 5:15 p.m.
AWAY Soccer Games at HRSC 4:15 p.m.



SCHOOL CLOSED TOMORROW AFTERNOON

Trinity is closed tomorrow, Sept. 19, beginning at 12:15 p.m., as the staff has training for School Improvement Day. There will be no entry to the building or anyone answering the phones. Thank you.

CONNECT THROUGH LOCAL CHURCH EVENTS

Check out the local church events posted on our community page, including **Fam Blitz Live**, a family event with Village Church, here at their Shorewood Campus. It is a free event, but tickets are limited. For details on this event and others go to: <https://www.trinitychristian.infocommunity/communityevents.cfm>

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



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: SEPT. 22-26. 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 they enter the building safely.

ALL POSITIONS HAVE BEEN FILLED FOR THIS WEEK

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 09/22: 1 volunteer needed	Thursday 09/25: 1 volunteer needed
Tuesday 09/23: filled	Friday 09/26: 3 volunteers needed
Wednesday 09/24: 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 09/22: 4 volunteers needed	Thursday 09/25: filled
Tuesday 09/23: 1 volunteer needed	Friday 09/26: filled
Wednesday 09/24: filled	

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!

!!!VOTE FOR TCS AS THE BEST!!!

Every year the Herald News hosts Reader's Choice Awards. Trinity Christian School is honored to have been voted Best Private Elementary School every year since 2022, and One of the Best Preschools every year since 2019! Now through Oct. 5, you can vote once a day, every day. Be sure to share with friends and family, as the voting is individual! Voting is now open for the Best of Will County Readers' Choice Awards! You can vote here at: <http://bit.ly/4mU8VRK>. We are thankful to our families, volunteers, teachers and staff, and our community for all they do to make us the best!

TRINITY FAMILY DIRECTORY

Did you know that Trinity parents can see contact information for other TCS parents through the Family Portal? It's true! When you log in to the Family Portal, on the left side you will see a list of items, one of which is a Directory. Click on that to access phone numbers and address of parents who are opted into the Directory. You are able to sort alphabetically and by grade.

TCS CHAPEL UPDATE

Our chapel theme for this school year is entitled *"Run to the Father."* We are focusing on Psalm 55:22 where it says, "Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken." This year, we will look at different ways we can run to the Father or what we can run to him for. Last week, we looked at who the Father is and why we should run to him. In the coming weeks, we will look at the prodigal son, running to the Father in times of trouble, running to Jesus for salvation, and running to Christ above all else. Our hope and prayer this year is that our students would **RUN TO THE FATHER**. We desire for them to run to him **FIRST** – before going to anything else or anyone else. We want them to **run TO him** for all of their needs and **run WITH him** throughout their whole lives. Throughout these chapels, we pray that our students will understand what it means to walk with Jesus daily and to live a life as a true follower and disciple of Jesus.

In addition, this year we will have monthly split chapels that are geared to our specific students' needs. Our split chapels will occur about once a month – **Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Dec. 10, Jan. 21, March 11, and April 22**. On these dates kindergarten through fifth grade will still have chapel at 8:40 a.m., and sixth through eighth grade will have chapel at 9:30 a.m. Elementary students will focus on kindness, comparison, truth, self-control, self-worth, and joy; while our middle school students will go deeper with who God is and the qualities of Christ, why we should desire a relationship with Jesus, distractions of technology, relationships, and Christian community. We look forward to seeing how our students grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus through these chapels.

Lastly, we want to share some important dates if you did not receive them at Curriculum Night. Below are our grade-level chapel dates, along with the date for our annual baptism chapel. Please see below:

- Kindergarten: May 13 (Teacher Appreciation Chapel)
 - 1st Grade: October 29 (Pastor Appreciation Chapel)
 - 2nd Grade: February 11 (Valentine's Day Chapel)
 - 3rd Grade: February 4 (Black History Month Chapel)
 - 4th Grade: November 19 (Thanksgiving Chapel)
 - 5th Grade: December 17 (Christmas Chapel)
 - 6th Grade: February 18 (Student Led Chapel)
 - 7th Grade: March 4 (Student Led Chapel)
 - 8th Grade: March 25 (Easter Chapel)
 - Student Council: November 12 (StuCo Chapel)
- Baptism Chapel: March 18 (Open for all students interested in being baptized)



We are blessed to be at a school that allows us to come together and worship Jesus. We look forward to what the Lord has in store for our chapels this year.

GET READY TO SMILE FOR PICTURE DAY

Start practicing your smiles! Picture day is Monday, Sept. 29, for preschool and kindergarten through fourth grade students; and Tuesday, Sept. 30, for preschool, fifth through eighth grade students, and students in fall sports (remember to bring your complete team uniform). Students may wear non-uniform clothes for the pictures, but then are required to change into their school uniform(s) afterward. All ordering is done online. Parents of eighth grade students, please keep in mind that graduation photos will be taken in the spring as well. More picture day information to follow soon.



SIGN UP FOR ROBOTICS TEAMS BY FRIDAY!

TCS Robotics Team is offered to enrolled fourth through eighth grade students, Sept. 24 through a date to be determined in December.

The FIRST Lego League competition season meets Wednesdays, 3:30-5 p.m. The fifth through eighth grade teams will be eligible to compete at a date to be determined.

Please contact our coaches, Mrs. Joyce Westenberg, at jwestenberg@trinitychristian.info or Ms. Anneke Zakoor at azakoor@trinitychristian.info to coach or volunteer with the TCS Robotics Team. It takes a great deal of people to make this awesome experience happen for the students and we DO need help. You do NOT need to have knowledge or experience, just a willing heart. PROMISE. Also, you do not have to have a child registered to volunteer. We have grandparents and other parents volunteering! It a GREAT (and super fun!) way to knock out your required volunteer hours!

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.

Fall Robotics Reminder: Registration for fourth through eighth grade robotics ends tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 20 at 4 p.m. Please follow this link to register now: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/hHwFHicc>.

IMPORTANT! PARKING LOT ETIQUETTE AND SAFETY

1. Please remember that from 8:10-8:45 a.m. and 3:10-3:30 p.m. everyone should enter the parking lot using ONLY the SOUTH entrance. Even on chapel days, please advise any visitors of this rule.
2. Please DO NOT CUT or SKIP the snake. This is dangerous and someone will eventually get hurt if we are not careful.
3. Please DO NOT CUT lanes to move ahead of others. This is disrespectful and not polite. I know we all have places to be, but we have to follow rules and be patient.
4. Please understand the DISMISSAL procedures to protect our preschool pickup, and athletic event procedures:
 - Main building do NOT pull up until 3 p.m.
 - Back building do NOT pull up until 2:55 p.m.

In recent days we have had some near misses on accidents and several upset families due to some not following the procedures. Also, please be aware that there is one family that won a free pickup pass (last year's Benefit Event) that allows them to come to the front of the line when they can. They are doing what they should with that reward. Thank you for your close attention!



REPORT ABSENCES TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY 9 A.M.

If your child is going to be absent for the day for any reason, please let the front office know by 9 a.m. Call 815-577-9310, ext. 327, or email attendance@trinitychristian.info. Please state the child's name, classroom teacher, and reason for the absence. If your child is sick please include the symptoms he or she is experiencing (ex. fever, vomiting, cough, etc.). This also applies to early dismissals and late arrivals. Be sure to see the Parent/Student Handbook for all details about student absences.



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10% GIVE BACK



TRINITY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH

11:00 - CLOSE | DINE-IN & CARRY-OUT



3000 W JEFFERSON ST.
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Class Color Dress Down Day – September 19!

Our 2024-2025 Student Council Members wrote a proposal and received approval last year that specific half days will be designated class color days. We will inform you of these dates as they come up throughout the year. Our first color day for the year will be Friday, September 19 (11:45 a.m. dismissal). Students are welcome to dress down in their class colors on this day. Students should **not** go all-out in color (face paint, boas, etc.) like they do for Spirit Week or Walk-a-Thon, but should simply dress down in clothes in their class color (t-shirts, pants, shirts in class color). We are proud of our Student Council Members for taking initiative and we hope our student body enjoys their Class Color Dress-Down Day on Friday, September 19!

Class colors: Kindergarten - Blue, 1st - Yellow, 2nd - Red, 3rd - Green, 4th - Orange, 5th - Purple, 6th - Pink, 7th - Gray, 8th - Black



DOLLAR DRESS DOWN DATES 2025-2026:

- FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 26, 2025
- FRIDAY - OCTOBER 17, 2025
- FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 21, 2025
- FRIDAY - DECEMBER 19, 2025
- FRIDAY - JANUARY 23, 2026
- FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 20, 2026
- FRIDAY - MARCH 27, 2026
- FRIDAY - APRIL 24, 2026
- FRIDAY - MAY 15, 2026

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS:

Dollar Dress Down

- STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF PAY A \$1 MINIMUM DONATION PER PERSON UPON ENTERING SCHOOL. CASH ACCEPTED AND PREFERRED.
- ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS TRINITY CHRISTIAN'S STUDENT COUNCIL TO ENHANCE TECHNOLOGY, EQUIPMENT, AND EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AROUND OUR SCHOOL.
- PLEASE FOLLOW PROPER DRESS-DOWN DAY GUIDELINES.

DOWNLOAD THE REMIND APP FOR VOLUNTEER COMMUNICATIONS

If you haven't done so yet, please download the Remind App. This is a great way to communicate with me quickly and easily through text. Sign up at rmd.at/tcsvol with your smart phone or text @tcsvol to 81010 and follow the prompts.



Sign up for important updates from TCS Volunteer Coordinator

Pick a way to receive messages for TCSVolunteersB:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/tcsvol

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @tcsvol to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @tcsvol to (815) 668-8664.

* Standard text message rates apply.

