



# Son Times

September 21, 2023

**"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)**

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## TRINITY EXCEEDS FUNDRAISING GOAL ONCE AGAIN!

Thank you TCS families for a wonderful Walk-a-Thon on Saturday! Together, we exceeded our goal and raised over \$86,000!! Thank you for all your efforts. God is so amazing always!

Congratulations to our **top three** pledge collectors for doing an outstanding job getting pledges and winning a free dress-down coupon for the month of November! **Eliana W.** was our top fund raiser bringing in \$5,000. In second place, **Alaina D.** raised \$4,000; and **Cayden V.** raised \$1,975, coming in third place. Astounding job! Also way to go to our top preschool pledge winner, **Sophie C.**

Shout out to the **Vugteveen family** for being the top family pledge raiser!

Below are the top pledge raisers for each class:

**Kindergarten:** Mrs. Mohr: Roman F. Mrs. Novinski: Robert S.

**First Grade:** Mrs. Massow: Skylar T. Mrs. Jolly: Edie F. and Reagan F.

**Second Grade:** Mrs. Behnke: Evalynn S. Mrs. Tucker: Dylan V.

**Third Grade:** Mrs. Frickenstein: Benjamin P. Ms. Verhulst: Eliana W.

**Fourth Grade:** Ms. Zakoor: Emily C. Ms. Osacky: Aubrey H. and Helena N.

**Fifth Grade:** Mrs. Westenberg: Tanner V. Mrs. Volpe: Reagan L.

**Sixth Grade:** Mrs. Holton: James M. Mrs. Zientek: Aidan C.

**Seventh Grade:** Mrs. Lewis: Sofia C. Mrs. Overall: Cayden V.

**Eighth Grade:** Miss Bekermeier: Alaina D. Mr. Chagdes: Leah S.

In an unheard of feat, **EVERY CLASSROOM** met or exceeded their classroom goals! Hearty congratulations to them all! These winners will participate in a Walk-a-Thon Reward Day. Thursday, Oct. 5, kindergarten (Mrs. Novinski) and fifth through eighth grade celebrate; and Friday, Oct. 6, is for kindergarten (Mrs. Mohr) through fourth grade.

Kudos to Mrs. Toya Thomas, who led the way for a great Walk-a-Thon! A very special thank you to our "new" and phenomenal 2023 Walk-a-Thon Committee: Mrs. Kaly Dedetsinas, Mrs. Rebecca Griswold, Mrs. Melissa Justice, Mrs. Karen Kapsch, Mrs. Sarah Kelbus, Mrs. Allison Murillo, and our Walk-a-Thon veteran, Mrs. Tere Jo Stuchly, who has served on this committee for over five years and has a graduating eighth grader this year! This rookie team did an extraordinary job taking the lead and executing a very successful and fun event for our TCS families and school! Thank you 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 (Nathan D., Brianna M., Leah S., and Darrius W.) for their enthusiasm and always encouraging students to go get those pledges!

Also, much gratitude to Chick fil-A (Joliet), McDonald's (Shorewood), SkyZone (Joliet), Costco (Bolingbrook, Naperville, and Plainfield), Meijer (Plainfield), Heap's Giant Pumpkin Farm (Minooka), Siegel's Cottonwood Farm (Romeoville), Savarino's Pizza (Shorewood) for their gift-in-kind donations. We can't forget to thank Cemeno's Pizza (Joliet) for providing fresh hot pizza, and Sweets by Shayla (Shorewood) for the delicious baked treats!

As always, we appreciate our generous school sponsors!

Lastly, please remember that the final **YELLOW** pledge sheet and **MONEY** are due tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 22, to receive a free dress down coupon. **Please do not turn in your checks without the YELLOW pledge sheet attached, this will help to ensure that your fundraising efforts will be noted under the correct family's account.**

### Kindergarten - 8th Grade Calendar: Sept. 21-30

**Sept. 22**

\$1 Dress-Down Day  
**HOME** Soccer Game  
4:15 p.m.

**Sept. 25**

**AWAY** Soccer Game  
4:30 p.m. and Volleyball  
Games 4 and 5 p.m.  
at Parkview Christian

**Sept. 26**

**HOME** Volleyball Games  
4:15 and 5:15 p.m.

**Sept. 27**

Chapel 8:40 a.m.  
See You at the Pole

**Sept. 28**

**HOME** Soccer Game  
4:15 p.m.  
**AWAY** Volleyball Games  
4:15 and 5:15 p.m. at HSRC

**Sept. 30**

Cornfield Classic  
5/6 Volleyball Tournament at  
Cross Lutheran  
Last Day to Vote for Best in  
Will County

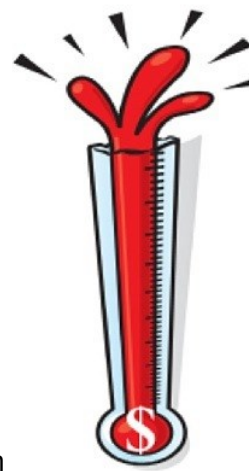
### Important Dates:

**October 9**

Columbus Day  
No School

**October 10**

Teacher Institute Day  
No School K-8



# CHAPEL NOTES BY GENEVIEVE C., GUEST CONTRIBUTOR TO THE SON TIMES

**Guest Speaker:** Pastor Brent Molskness **Verses:** John 14:6, Luke: 41-52

Growing up, we have celebrations every year. Just like our celebrations, Jesus went to a Passover celebration every year. At 12 years old, Jesus was becoming a man. Jesus had to be accountable for his actions and he had to be responsible for how he would follow his God. After the festival, Jesus's parents missed Jesus because he went missing. Jesus's parents didn't know where Jesus was. His parents looked for him and went back to Jerusalem to look more. After three days they finally found Jesus sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. When people heard Jesus, they were amazed at how much he knew about God. Jesus's parents were so happy that they found Jesus and were confused why he was at the temple, but Jesus answered them, "Didn't you know I would be in my Father's house?" Jesus returned home with his parents and was obedient to them. Jesus kept growing in his faith, stature, and in favor. What does it mean to grow up Jesus style?

1. Grow up physically 2. Grow up mentally 3. Grow up socially 4. Grow up spiritually
- God has called all of us to grow up in each of these ways.



At Trinity Christian School, volunteers are needed daily! 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. 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: SEPT. 25- OCT. 06. 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.

<b>Monday 09/25:</b> 1 volunteer needed	<b>Monday 10/02:</b> 3 volunteers needed
<b>Tuesday 09/26:</b> 0 volunteers needed	<b>Tuesday 10/03:</b> 2 volunteers needed
<b>Wednesday 09/27:</b> 0 volunteers needed	<b>Wednesday 10/04:</b> 2 volunteers needed
<b>Thursday 09/28:</b> 1 volunteer needed	<b>Thursday 10/05:</b> 3 volunteers needed
<b>Friday 09/29:</b> 1 volunteer needed	<b>Friday 10/06:</b> 2 volunteers needed

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

<b>Monday 09/25:</b> 2 volunteers needed	<b>Monday 10/02:</b> 2 volunteers needed
<b>Tuesday 09/26:</b> 4 volunteers needed	<b>Tuesday 10/03:</b> 3 volunteers needed
<b>Wednesday 09/27:</b> 4 volunteers needed	<b>Wednesday 10/04:</b> 3 volunteers needed
<b>Thursday 09/28:</b> 3 volunteers needed	<b>Thursday 10/05:</b> 4 volunteers needed
<b>Friday 09/29:</b> 3 volunteers needed	<b>Friday 10/06:</b> 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.

<b>Monday 09/25:</b> 1 volunteer needed	<b>Monday 10/02:</b> 3 volunteers needed
<b>Tuesday 09/26:</b> 3 volunteers needed	<b>Tuesday 10/03:</b> 3 volunteers needed
<b>Wednesday 09/27:</b> 2 volunteers needed	<b>Wednesday 10/04:</b> 3 volunteers needed
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Please contact Mrs. Thomas at [tthomas@trinitychristian.info](mailto: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!*

## REMINDER: CHECK GRADES IN YOUR FACTS FAMILY PORTAL

## TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are still looking for substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. If you or someone you know is interested the position, please forward a completed application along with your resume to: Trinity Christian School, Attn: Jon Vugteveen, 901 Shorewood Dr., Shorewood, IL 60404. Applications may be found [online](#) or in the front office.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS:** We seek reliable substitute teachers. Substitutes must be able to step into a classroom environment to teach on short notice. A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university is required and a teaching certificate or substitute license is preferred. Qualified substitutes must believe that the Bible is God's Word and standard for faith and daily living, and must be in agreement with Trinity Christian School's mission and philosophy of education.

## NEW TEACHER: FEATUE OF THE WEEK



We welcome **Ms. Amy Verhulst**, our new third grade teacher! Ms. Verhulst completed her MA in Elementary Education at Lewis University in 2022. Before attending graduate school, she taught preschool and was a paraprofessional. She loves teaching and believes it is one of the most rewarding professions. She loves being greeted by her students each day with hugs and drawings. Ms. Verhulst has three children Reese (19), Heath (13), and Daisy (12). Her favorite activities include swimming, walking and bike riding. Summertime is her favorite and she loves vacationing with her family! She is so grateful for the opportunity to be teaching here at Trinity and has already had many encouraging experiences.



## TRINITY CHRISTIAN STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS:

**\$\$ dollar \$\$**  
**Dress**  
**down days**



### Dollar Dress-Down Dates:

- ♦ 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.

- ⇒ FRIDAY - September 22, 2023
- ⇒ FRIDAY - October 20, 2023
- ⇒ FRIDAY - November 17, 2023
- ⇒ FRIDAY - December 15, 2023
- ⇒ FRIDAY - January 19, 2024
- ⇒ FRIDAY - February 23, 2024
- ⇒ FRIDAY - March 22, 2024
- ⇒ FRIDAY - April 26, 2024
- ⇒ FRIDAY - May 17, 2024

## PICTURE DAY COMING IN OCTOBER

Picture day is Monday, Oct. 2, for preschool and kindergarten through fourth grade students; and Tuesday, Oct. 3, 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 picture, but then are required to change into their school uniform afterward. All ordering is done online. A flier with more information will be sent home soon. Parents of eighth grade students, please keep in mind that graduation photos will be taken in the spring as well.



## HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR TCS WITH DELICIOUS FOOD

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Mark your calendar for TCS's second restaurant fundraiser of the year, at Portillo's Thursday, Oct. 19. Portillo's will donate 20% of the total sales to our school as long as we bring in at least \$200 worth of total sales. Online ordering require code **PORTILLOS27** in the offer box. See pg. 4 for details.

## VOTE TCS FOR BEST IN WILL COUNTY!

Do you love TCS? Vote for Trinity Christian Preschool and Trinity Christian School in the Best of Will County Readers' Choice Awards! You can vote once daily from now through the end of September. This is a great way to promote our school in our community! [Vote for Preschool](#) [Vote for Elementary](#)



## SAVE THE DATE FOR PTM'S TRUNK OR TREAT

**WHO: TCS FAMILIES WHAT: PTM TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT**

**WHEN: SATURDAY OCT. 21 AT 4:00 P.M. WHERE: TCS PARKING LOT**

**WHY: TO ENJOY TIME IN FELLOWSHIP**





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## Trinity Christian School

When:

**October 19, 2023**

**5:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

at the Portillo's located at:

**1155 Brook Forest Ave.**

**Shorewood, IL**

20% of sales will benefit your organization. Order online or in app for pickup using code **PORTILLOS27** before checkout in the "Apply Offer" field, or show this flyer or a digital version to cashier when ordering at the restaurant. Valid on drive thru, pickup, curbside, and in restaurant orders.

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For online/app orders to qualify for the fundraiser, orders must be placed for pickup only, from the participating restaurant, on the fundraiser date and during the listed fundraiser hours. Gift card purchases, delivery orders, and orders placed on the third party websites are excluded from the fundraiser. Online ordering subject to availability. \$200 minimum fundraising sales required for the organization to receive donation. Cannot be combined with other offer codes.

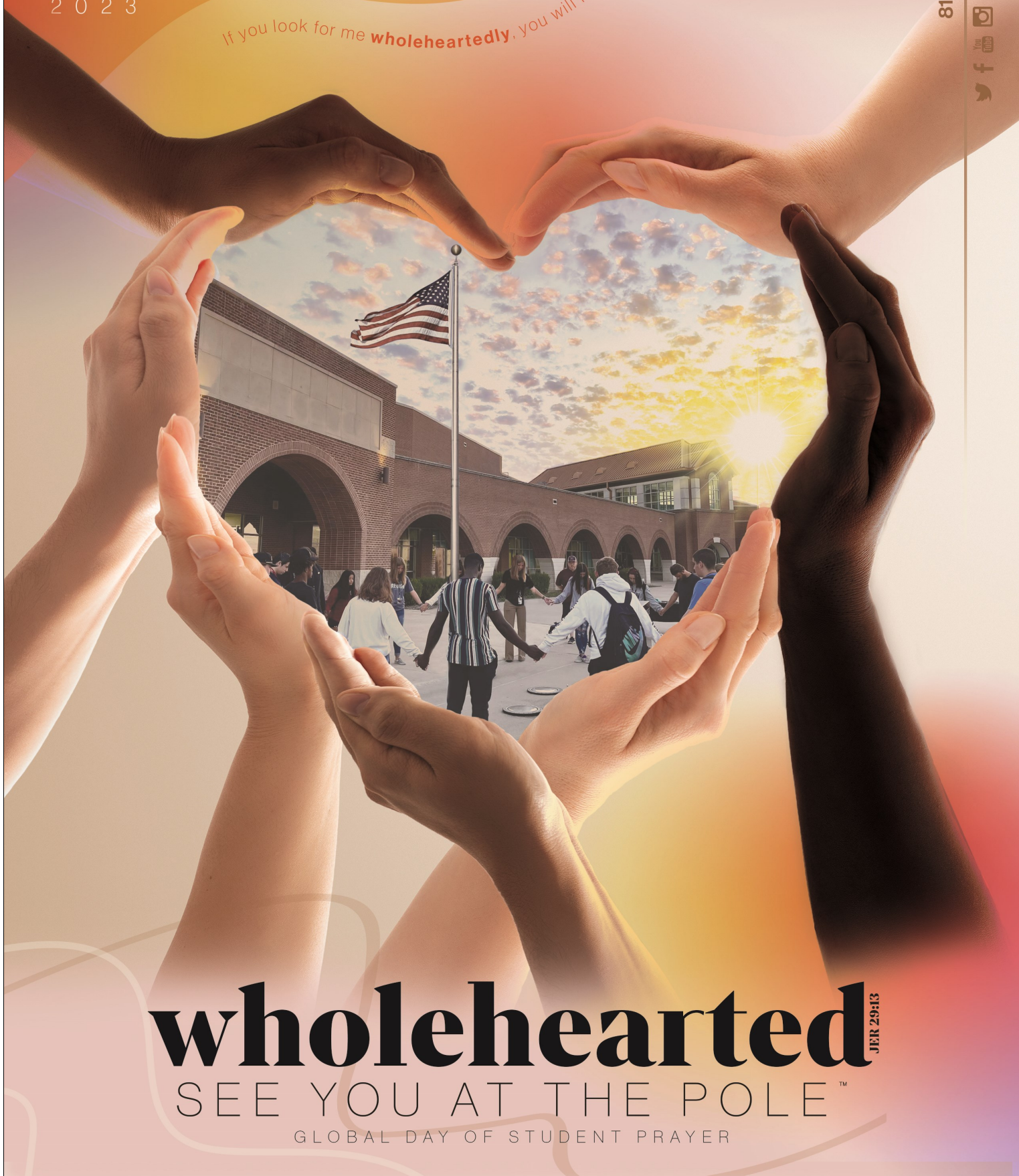


Sept  
27  
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If you look for me **wholeheartedly**, you will find me. Jeremiah 29:13 NLT

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**wholehearted** JER 29:13  
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