Trinity Christian School

Academic Excellence Christ Centered Family Focused

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September 24, 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!

CONGRATULATIONS NEW STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Trinity Christian Middle School recently held elections for Student Council and we are so proud of everyone who ran. Students were required to obtain recommendation letters from staff and exhibit leadership skills for consideration. Candidates gave their speeches Tuesday and voting took place immediately after that. These are the 2026-2027 Student Council members:

6th Grade: Makenna A., Ada F., Andy S., Eliana W.

7th Grade: Leah B., Noah D., Chase G., Lily M.

8th Grade: Caleb B., Ava B., Matthew M., Caleb S., Tanner V.

SMILE! PICTURE DAY IS NEXT WEEK

Start practicing your smiles! Picture day is Monday, Sept. 28, for preschool and kindergarten through fourth grade students; and Tuesday, Sept. 29, 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 and the rest of the day. **Please follow dress-down day standards when selecting picture-day outfits. Send students with appropriate footwear for after photos.** All ordering is done online, and you should have received those forms from your child. Parents of eighth grade students, please keep in mind that graduation photos will be taken in the spring as well.

VOTE FOR TCS AS BEST IN WILL COUNTY!

Voting for the Best of Will County Readers' Choice Awards continues! Trinity Christian School has been voted BEST Private Elementary School *every year* since 2022, and Trinity Christian Preschool has been voted One of the Best (top 3!) Preschools *every year* since 2019. You can vote once a day, every day, through Oct. 5. Thank you for all you do to make TCS the BEST!

VOTE HERE: https://theheraldnews.secondstreetapp.com/2026-Will-County-Readers-Choice/gallery?group=557177

TCS DRIVER FORM REQUIRED BEFORE DRIVING

At Trinity, we appreciate the generosity of our parents who help transport students to field trips or sporting events throughout the school year. If you are interested in driving for school events, it is important to turn in the required documents at least **three days prior** to the day you plan to drive. Sooner is even better! Every family received a driver form in their packet at Jump-Start Night. Forms are also available online or in the front office. To drive, please complete the form and return it, **along with copies of your valid driver's license and current vehicle insurance card, to the front office.** A new driver form must be filled out each school year. Approval to drive is granted once all required information is on file. Thank you!

Kindergarten - 8th Grade Calendar: Sept. 24-Oct. 3

Sept. 24
AWAY Soccer Games at Coal City A Team 4:30 p.m. B Team 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 25
$1 Dress-Down Day

Sept. 26
AWAY Soccer Corn Classic Tournament
AWAY Girls' Volleyball Tournament, EL only, at Cross Lutheran; and JH only, at Christian Liberty Academy

Sept. 28
Picture Day for PK and K-4
AWAY Soccer Game at Richland A Team 4:30 p.m.
AWAY Girls' Volleyball Games at PCA EL 4:15 p.m. JH 5:15 p.m.

Sept. 29
Picture Day for PK, 5-8, and Fall Sports Teams
HOME Soccer Game A Team 4 p.m. B Team 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 30
K-5 Chapel 8:40 a.m.
6-8 Chapel 9:30 a.m.
AWAY Girls' Volleyball Game at Timothy JH 4 p.m.

Oct. 1
AWAY Soccer Games at Timothy A Team 4 p.m. B Team 5 p.m.
AWAY Girls' Volleyball Games at Koraes EL 4:15 p.m.

Oct. 2
Spirit Gear Day

Oct. 3
Walk-a-Thon 8 a.m.

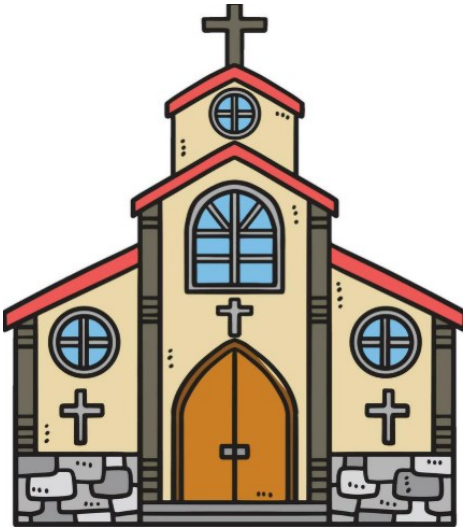
CHAPEL: CULTIVATING LIFE IN CHRIST AT TCS

Trinity's chapel theme for this school year is entitled "*Cultivate*." We are focusing on Colossians 3:12 where it says, "Therefore as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility gentleness and patience." This year, we will look at different ways we can Cultivate the culture around us, by showing all of these qualities mentioned in Colossians. So far, we have looked at how we can cultivate a seed and watch it grow into something that bears great fruit, and that what we plant is important. God has created us in his image to love one another and we should be excited to be Champions for Christ!

In addition, this year we will have monthly split chapels that are geared to our specific students' needs. Split chapels (K-5 and 6-8) occur about once a month – **Sept. 30, Oct. 14, Dec. 2, Jan. 20, March 10, and April 21**. On these dates, kindergarten through fifth grade still have chapel at 8:40 a.m., and sixth through eighth grade have chapel at 9:30 a.m. Elementary students will continue to focus on the Cultivate theme, while middle school students will go deeper with a theme titled FAITH IRL. We will examine their faith in real life and apply it to many situations that they live out each day. Mr. Logan Chagdes, Trinity's Spiritual Formation Director, will lead these messages, which will be followed up by small-group time with staff and teachers. We look forward to seeing how our students grow deeper in their relationships 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 12 (Teacher Appreciation Chapel)
· 1st Grade: Oct. 28 (Pastor Appreciation Chapel)
· 2nd Grade: Feb. 10 (Valentine's Day Chapel)
· 3rd Grade: Jan. 27 (Black History Month Chapel)
· 4th Grade: Nov. 18 (Thanksgiving Chapel)
· 5th Grade: Dec. 16 (Christmas Chapel)
· 6th Grade: Feb. 17 (Student Led Chapel)
· 7th Grade: March 3 (Student Led Chapel)
· 8th Grade: March 24 (Easter Chapel)
· Student Council: Nov. 4 (StuCo Chapel)
· Baptism Chapel: March 17 (Baptism open for all interested students)



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.

LET'S BLESS STUDENTS IN UGANDA!

Grace Bible Church is collecting school items for children in Uganda, Sept. 23-Oct. 14. Information was sent home with the youngest child in each family last week. You may deliver any new or gently used items listed below to Mrs. Jolly's first grade classroom.

Markers **Colored Pencils** **Rulers** **Paper (ruled and plain)** **Pencils (sharpened)**

Pens (any color) **Hand pencil sharpener** **Paper file folders** **Small play materials, such as toy cars**

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Thank you so much!!
Mrs. Angie Jolly, First Grade Teacher

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, Volunteer Coordinator, 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. 24–OCT. 2. 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 the enter the building safely.

Monday, Sept. 28: 1 volunteer needed
Wednesday, Sept. 30: 2 volunteers needed
Thursday, Oct. 1: 1 volunteer needed
Friday, Oct. 2: 1 volunteer needed

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

Monday, Sept. 28: 1 volunteer needed
Tuesday, Sept. 29: 2 volunteers needed
Thursday, Oct. 1: 2 volunteers needed
Friday, Oct. 2: 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, Sept. 28: 2 volunteers needed
Tuesday, Sept. 29: 4 volunteers needed
Wednesday, Sept. 30: 2 volunteers needed
Thursday, Oct. 1: 1 volunteer needed
Friday, Oct. 2: 3 volunteers needed

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SELL YOYO'S 8-8:30 A.M.

Thursday, Oct. 8: 3 volunteers needed
Tuesday, Oct. 13: 3 volunteers needed
Wednesday, Oct. 14: 3 volunteers needed
Thursday, Oct. 15: 3 volunteers needed
Friday, Oct. 16: 3 volunteers needed

WALK-A-THON 2026, OCT. 3:

Greeter/Check-in 7:15-9 a.m.: 1 volunteer needed
Bash Games 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: 5 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!

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 we want to keep everyone safe.
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 help facilitate our preschool pickup, and athletic event departures:
   - Main building do NOT pull up until 3 p.m.
   - Back building do NOT pull up until 3 p.m. Please wait to arrive at TCS until at least 2:55 p.m. to prevent the longs lines and Shorewood Drive traffic.

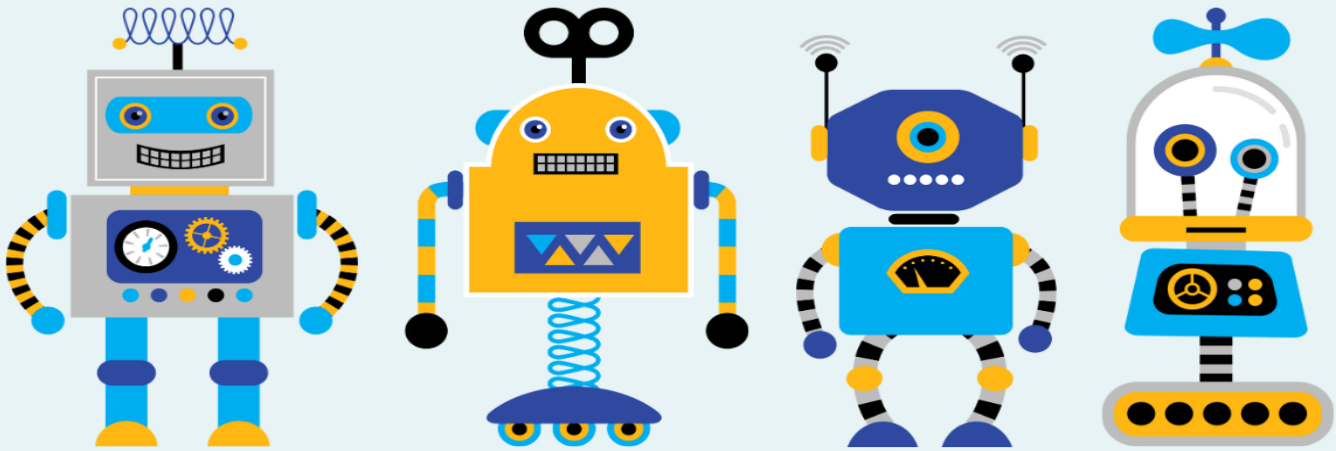
Thank you for your close attention!

TCS ROBOTICS 2026

robotics 4th-8th grades

4th-8th grade Wednesdays 3:30-5:00 p.m.

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. Sign up by Oct. 10. Classes run weekly through Dec. 9.



To sign up, click here!

Volunteers needed. Please contact Mrs. Westenberg at **Jwestenberg@trinitychristian.info** or Mrs. Nystedt at **Wnystedt@trinitychristian.info**

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
PTM INVITES YOU
FALL
Family
FUN NIGHT
&
TRUNK OR TREAT
OCTOBER 24
AT 4:00 PM
FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FUN
More information to follow soon!
AT TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Pastor Appreciation

Chapel & Breakfast

Wednesday, October 28th, 2026
8:30-10:30 A.M.
901 Shorewood Drive, IL
60404
Kindly R.S.V.P. By Oct 20 to
acolianne@trinitychristian.info or 815-577-9310, ext. 315
Breakfast for pastors following the chapel service

DOLLAR DRESS DOWN DATES 2026-2027:

- FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 25, 2026
- FRIDAY - OCTOBER 23, 2026
- FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 20, 2026
- FRIDAY - DECEMBER 18, 2026
- FRIDAY - JANUARY 22, 2027
- FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 19, 2027
- THURSDAY - MARCH 25, 2027
- FRIDAY - APRIL 23, 2027
- FRIDAY - MAY 14, 2027

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS:

Dollar Dress Down

- STUDENTS 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.