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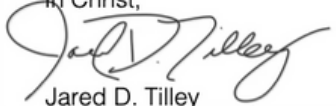
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from the Head

This past Saturday, our Upper School students performed *Almost, Maine*, a production led by Director Matthew Mullins. Their performances were overwhelming, surprising, and thought-provoking.

Through the lens of faith, *Almost, Maine* offers a profound exploration of the joys and challenges that come with human connection and love. While the play delves into the complexities of relationships—joyful, painful, and transformative—it also touches on the deeper spiritual truths about the nature of love. The characters' journeys reflect the belief that love is often a mystery, something that can heal, hurt, and even surprise us. Whether it's the realization that love has always been there or the painful moments of change, the play invites us to see these experiences as part of a greater story of faith—one that calls us to trust in the unknown, embrace vulnerability, and celebrate the connections we share with others.

Through Christ's teachings, he instructed us to build bridges instead of walls, to follow the law of love, and to risk loving others because he first loved us. It's a reminder that even in life's toughest moments, faith and love can provide us with the strength and hope to continue moving forward. As exhibited in the production, "When the shoe drops," will our faith be rattled; will it crumble? I pray our students grow in their faith here at Tennessee Christian so that when they face the many crucible moments throughout their lives, faith in Christ will be paramount, the light guiding them through troubles. Thank you to the students who reminded me of these lessons through their performances.

In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley

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LOWER SCHOOL BETA CLUB PRESENTS BRADLEY COUNTY SPCA FUNDRAISER



Prayer is an integral part of our day, and it is humbling to hear our students confidently lift concerns big and small. Fourth and fifth graders frequently pray for their fur babies. This led to the idea of collecting needed items for our local animal shelter, Bradley County SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals). The Lower School Beta Club sponsored this fundraiser involving the whole school. Assisted by our 5th grade safety patrol, we collected beds, collars, leashes, treats, and plenty of Christmas toys for dogs and cats at the . A big thank-you to our TCPS community who went above and beyond to donate several large boxes of donations, including over a dozen pet beds. A few of our students went to deliver the items on Friday. The shelter is housing about 60 dogs and 20 cats right now, so our kindness will go a long way to help!

Written by Donna McKee



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Last Thursday was a magical day for our kindergarten class as we welcomed two very special visitors—Santa and Mrs. Claus! The atmosphere was full of Christmas spirit as Santa shared the story of the candy cane, beautifully illustrating how its shape and colors symbolize the love and sacrifice of Christ. This touching moment reminded us all of the true meaning of the season, connecting the joy of Christmas with the message of hope and love.

Each child had the delightful opportunity to chat with Santa, sharing both something they need and something they want. Their sweet and thoughtful responses were a joy to hear! Adding to the festive cheer, the children joined Santa and Mrs. Claus in singing Christmas carols, filling the room with excitement and laughter.

This special visit was made possible by the generous gift of The Thacker Family. We are grateful for their kindness and thoughtfulness in creating this unforgettable experience for our young learners.

Thank you, kindergarten families, for sharing your wonderful children with us this Christmas season. May these moments bring a smile to your face and fill your heart with holiday warmth!





HAWK HIGHLIGHTS

TCPS Basketball Recap: December 2nd-6th

It was an action-packed week for TCPS basketball as both middle school and high school teams showcased their talent, grit, and determination. Here's a recap of the week's games:

Middle School Boys Basketball

The middle school boys, led by Coach Hammond, opened their season with a nail-biter against Rhea Academy. Despite a valiant effort, the Hawks came up just short in a 21-19 loss. The game went down to the wire, with multiple opportunities to win in the final minute. Standout performances came from Elliot Tilley and Ashton Murray, while the entire team contributed significantly. Coach Hammond praised the team's effort and is optimistic about their potential as they prepare for several games in December.

High School Girls Varsity Basketball

The Lady Hawks continued their undefeated streak, securing a critical SCAA conference victory over Rhea Academy 57-31. Senior Ashlyn Henry once again led all scorers, showcasing her consistent dominance on the court. Fellow senior Morgan Armstrong provided key contributions to help seal the win. The Lady Hawks now boast an impressive 3-0 overall record and remain perfect in conference play at 2-0.

High School Boys Varsity Basketball

The varsity boys team faced a tough week with two hard-fought games. In their SCAA conference matchup against Rhea Academy, the Hawks started strong, leading throughout the first half. However, a challenging third quarter shifted the momentum, resulting in a 58-51 loss. Freshman Thomas Nicolas and Senior Tucker Myers were standouts, scoring 19 and 16 points, respectively.

The Hawks bounced back on the road against Seymour Christian with a dramatic 36-34 comeback victory. Despite a slow start and seven-point halftime deficit, the team rallied in the second half. Once again Myers (16 points) and Nicholas (11 points) led the charge, with the Hawks securing the win in the final seconds.

With last week's results, the Hawks improved their overall record to 4-2, and 1-2 in SCAA conference play.

Hawk Pride in Action

The week highlighted the determination and resilience of all TCPS basketball teams. As they continue their seasons, the Hawks are eager to build on their successes and tackle the challenges ahead. Let's keep cheering on our athletes as they represent TCPS with pride and passion! Go Hawks!



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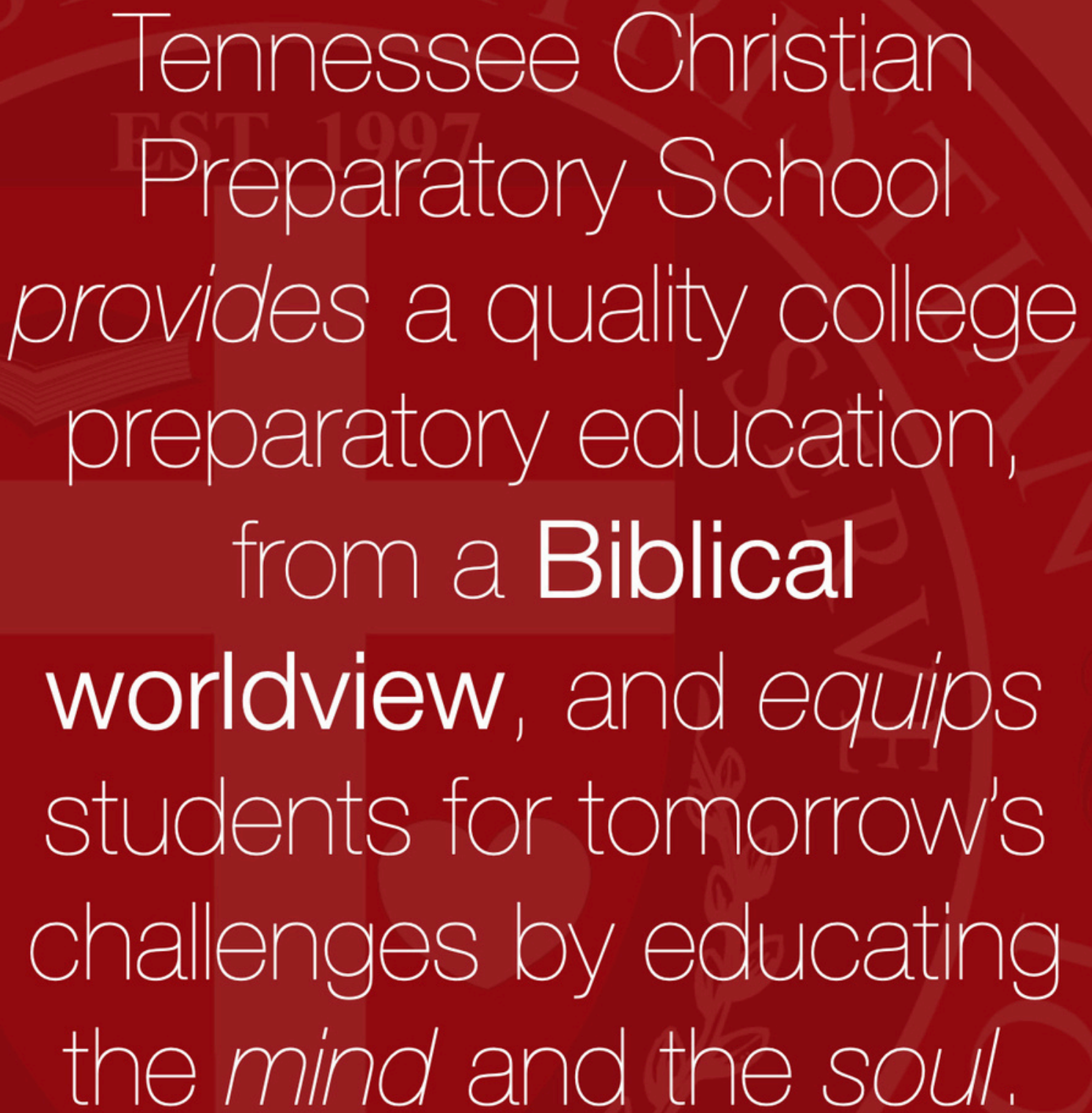
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