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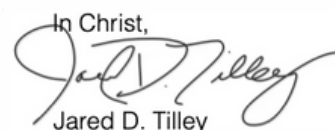
from the Head



The first time my son Elliott saw a Rubik's cube completed was in Graham Sluder's hands. At the time, Graham was in middle school, and my son, Elliott, was in 3rd grade. Graham's fingers were spinning the three-by-three cube as fast as lightning, and what seemed like an impossible task, the completion of a Rubik's Cube, Graham handled with ease. When the finger fury was finished, Graham revealed a completed cube, each side, one color. I was impressed, but Elliott was amazed. In the coming weeks, Elliott received a Rubik's cube and went to work learning the intricate formulas and rhythms of the magical Rubik's cube. He watched videos and took notes to understand. In the end, it proved successful, Elliott, with great enthusiasm, was able to complete a Rubik's cube. I was impressed but less with the completion of the Rubik's cube and more so with the learning process. Stepping back, I realized the spark that triggered Elliott's desire to learn; it was Graham taking time out of his day to show a Lower School student, Elliott, the mystery of the Rubik's cube.



This past week, Graham Sluder, now a 9th grader, continued to impress young students with his knowledge of solving the mysterious cube. But it was more than that. Graham showed the Learning Cottage students his enthusiasm to learn, develop new skills, and grow as a person. Graham, well done, and thank you for taking time out of your day to spark a desire to learn in students.

In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley



FINE arts FESTIVAL

On Friday, April 25th, TCPS hosted its 2025 Fine Arts Festival, welcoming families and friends to an evening filled with creativity, talent, and community spirit. The TCPS halls transformed into a vibrant showcase featuring stunning visual artwork, inspiring poetry readings, and captivating musical performances. Students from preschool through upper school had the opportunity to display their hard work and talents, creating an unforgettable night for everyone who attended.

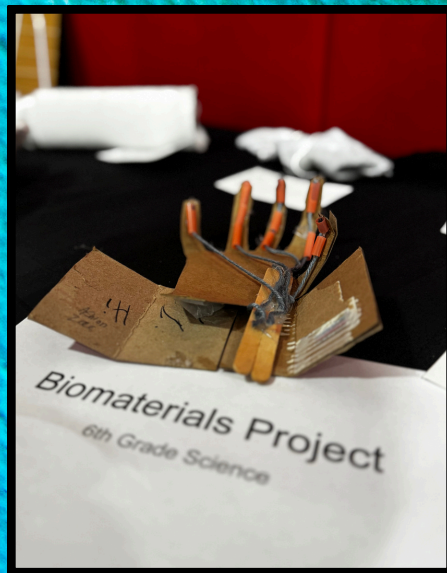
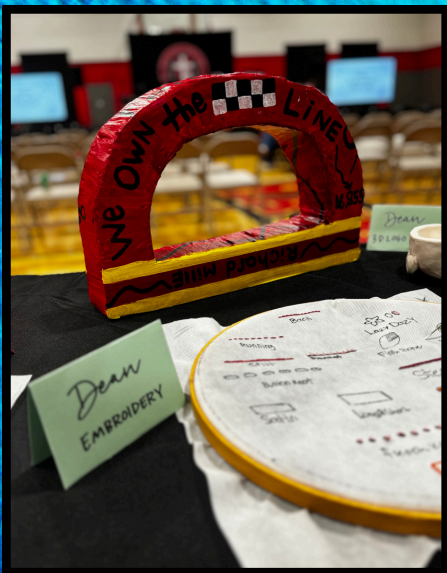
The evening featured a wide variety of art displays, including K-8 student artwork, preschool projects, and pieces from the upper school art electives. Cross-curricular connections were also highlighted throughout the festival, with upper school projects from classes like World History, where students designed their own coat of arms, and Science, where STEAM projects and detailed ecosystem studies were on display. These academic exhibits showed the creativity, critical thinking, and hands-on learning that are celebrated across all areas of TCPS.

A highlight of the evening was the silent auction, where guests could bid on one-of-a-kind collaborative art pieces created by each class. The auction added an exciting and meaningful way for families to support the arts at TCPS, while taking home a treasured piece of their child's creativity.

Musical performances added another layer of excitement to the festival. Students from the TCPS Musical Academy and the Upper School Chapel Band showcased their musical talents through a series of recitals. Piano, guitar, and vocal performances delighted the crowd, with selections ranging from classical pieces like to contemporary songs. The Chapel Band, led by Anna Madrigal, also brought energy and joy to the evening with a lively set.

TCPS is grateful to the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce and the Allied Arts Council for their support in making the festival possible through grant funding. Their generosity helped fund art workshops and theater scripts that enriched students' experiences. More than just a night of talent, the Fine Arts Festival was a beautiful reflection of encouraging students to use their God-given gifts for His glory. It was a joyful celebration of community, creativity, and the ways the Lord has blessed our school.

Article written by Chloe Hinchcliff



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY



The induction ceremony for the National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, and National Junior Art Honor Society was held on Thursday, April 24.

The National Honor Society grants chapters to schools who demonstrate a commitment to the organization's core values, and Tennessee Christian, in turn, grants membership to those students who have demonstrated a commitment to those same values. During the induction ceremony, new members pledge "to maintain high scholastic standing, to endeavor intelligently and courageously to be a leader, to give of [themselves] freely in service to others, and to hold as fundamental and worthy an untarnished character."

NHS Inductees: Maggie Botts, Jack Ellis, Sophie Ellis, Aryah Eslinger, Joey Meir, Caleb Miller, Thomas Nicholas, Laura Ratcliff, Graham Sluder, Alice Tumlin

NJHS Inductees: Ellie Adams, Sophia Adams, Elijah Bentley, Ashton Copic, Aubrie Epperson, Zac Evans, Gracie Gilbert, Lexie Gilbert, Sammy Hensley, Callie Jacobsen, Carolina Machacek, Scarlett McPherson, Maddux Mullins, Addy Ratcliff, Grant Van Dyke, Ady White



Congratulations to the newest members of the National Honor Society and the National Junior Honor Society!

For more than 40 years, the National Art Honor Society programs have provided national recognition and opportunities for students who exhibit outstanding scholarship in the visual arts, and for their teachers. Participation in NAHS provides students, faculty, school, and community with invaluable benefits—including peer recognition, leadership growth opportunities, college and career preparation, and so much more.

To be considered for membership, students must be enrolled in grades 6–12, have completed at least one semester of art in the school, and maintain high scholarships in their art classes. Membership is based upon art scholarship, service, and character.

Article written by April Sopczak



PRINCI-GALS FOR-A-DAY



Friday was a day of leadership, a lot of laughter, and learning at Tennessee Christian as we welcomed two special guest princi-gals! Kennerly Dodson served as our Lower School Principal for the day, joining Mrs. Lindsay Sluder, while Kenzie Smith took the reins as Middle and Upper School Principal, partnering with Mrs. Kylie Machacek.

The day started strong with an active to-do list to check off. From sending emails and making decisions left and right, to squeezing in some crafting for the upcoming *Aladdin Jr.* play (shameless plug—come see it on May 3rd!) and helping create a video for the Athletic Banquet, the girls quickly learned how busy and eclectic a day in leadership can be. You just never know!

In true principal fashion, Kennerly and Kenzie oversaw a successful fire drill, visited classrooms, and even brainstormed ideas for room rearrangements for next year. After a productive morning, we sat down to enjoy a Chick-fil-A lunch together, where we all shared a good laugh when the girls asked, “Do you eat lunch like this every day?” We sure wish we did!

To wrap up a full and fun day, our Princi-Gals for the Day jumped in to help with carline pick-up, sending students off with smiles to end the week. We were thrilled to enjoy the company of these bright, creative, and hardworking young ladies. It was a joy to watch them step into leadership roles with such enthusiasm!

-Lindsay Sluder

OFFICER ROB FOR-A-DAY



Friday wasn't just a big day for our principals — we also had a very special addition to our security team! Jay Gilbert stepped into the role of SRO (School Resource Officer) for the day, partnering with Officer Rob to help keep our campus safe and running smoothly.

Jay jumped right into action, starting the morning by helping with drop-off traffic and making sure students arrived safely. Throughout the day, he checked the grounds, assessed any potential safety concerns, and made sure all security protocols were in place and followed. From helping around campus to keeping a close eye on everything happening inside and outside the building, Jay tackled every task with focus and responsibility.

He wrapped up the day by assisting with dismissal traffic, ensuring a safe and smooth end to the school day. Jay's commitment to protecting our campus and serving our school family was outstanding, and we were so proud to have him on the team!

-Lindsay Sluder

Let the games begin!

TCPS

FTO Presents



LEARNING COTTAGE

May 1, 2025
10:30-11:00

LOWER SCHOOL

May 1, 2025
1:30 - 2:30



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CAMP

JULY 7-11:

**PAINTING & DRAWING
CAMP**

JULY 14-18:

BASKETBALL CAMP

JULY 21-25:

STEAM CAMP

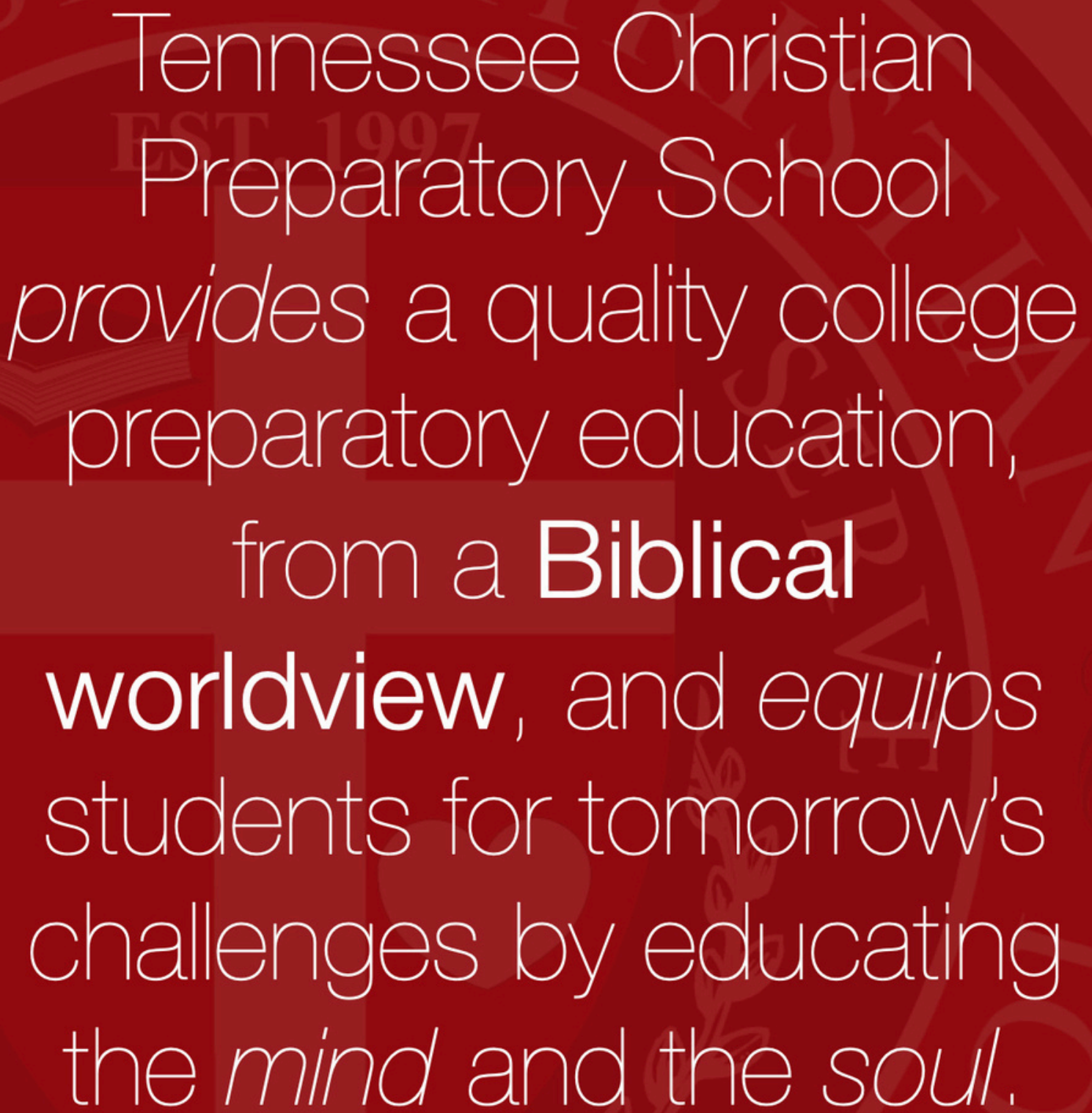
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