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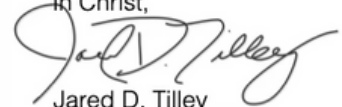
When I think about graduations, it is hard not to remember my memories from close to a quarter of a century ago. At my high school graduation, I remember beach balls being tossed about as speeches were given. The only way the administration knew my name and many others was because it was written on a piece of paper. My classmates and I were more numbers than names in a school of hundreds of graduates. We had to be, there were too many of us. Graduation was a procedural requirement.

This past Saturday, May 10, Tennessee Christian performed our procedural requirements of handing the students diplomas. Procedural requirements, our ceremony was not. Our graduation is the culmination of years of work and prayer between students, faculty, and family, preparing the students' hearts to be the hands and feet of Jesus as they leave our campus. Mayor Brooks, our commencement speaker, shared meaningful and thoughtful advice with the seniors that completely reinforced the lessons learned during the students' time at Tennessee Christian.

The most meaningful time during our graduation is when our faculty and family pray over each graduate. These prayers come from the heart of our teachers and emphasize the dedication and individualized mentorship developed between teacher and student. Our student prayer immediately follows the receiving of the diplomas for a reason. We want the students to be sent from our campus covered in prayer. In short, our graduation does not follow the procedural requirements of a typical graduation. At Tennessee Christian,

we emphasize the importance of creating a Christ-centered community where students are seen, known, mentored, and loved.

I am so proud of each of our graduating seniors. They each have created a living legacy that the following classes will carry on.

In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley









DISSECTION DAY



Lower School students got a hands-on science experience during Dissection Day last Thursday, led by Middle School Science teacher Ms. Kelsey and her students. Each grade tackled a different specimen: Kindergarten explored worms, 1st grade studied crayfish, 2nd grade examined starfish, 3rd grade dissected owl pellets, 4th grade investigated perch, and 5th grade took on dogfish sharks.

There were a few squeamish moments, but no one threw up—so we're calling it a success! A big thanks to Ms. Kelsey and her middle schoolers for sharing their knowledge and making science come alive. Dissection Day was not just about learning what's inside a worm or a shark, it was about inspiring curiosity, courage, and wonder in the next generation of scientists!

-Lindsay Sluder





HAWK HIGHLIGHTS

On Monday, May 5, Tennessee Christian Preparatory School hosted its annual Upper School Athletic Banquet, honoring student-athletes, coaches, and volunteers who have exemplified this year's athletic mission: Faithfulness, Service, and Excellence. With 12 upper school sports represented across all three seasons, the evening reflected the growing strength, spirit, and unity of Hawk Athletics.

Fall Sports recognitions included Middle School Tennis, Cross Country, High School Boys and Girls Golf, High School Volleyball, High School Soccer, and High School Bowling. Winter sports honored included Upper School Cheer, High School Boys and Girls Basketball, and Middle School Boys Basketball. Spring Sports recognitions closed the evening with High School Baseball, Middle School Volleyball, and High School Boys and Girls Tennis.

Coaches who presented included:

- Georgia McPherson - Volleyball
- Roxie Trovato - Tennis
- Jeff Constance - Soccer
- Jonathon Hammond - MS Boys Basketball
- Kelly Ahlers - MS Cross Country
- Micah Nicolaus - HS Boys Golf
- George Henry - HS Girls Golf & HS Girls Basketball
- Lee Cigliano - HS Boys Basketball & HS Baseball (on behalf of Brantley Cutler)
- James Tullier - HS Bowling



The banquet also featured inspiring video messages from sports legends: Tim Tebow on service, Dabo Swinney on faithfulness, and Stephen Curry on excellence. A senior tribute video gave our graduating athletes a chance to share memories and reflections - reminding us all of the powerful impact of athletics at TCPS.





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Just a few days later, prior to the Senior Commissioning on Friday, the school community celebrated two significant milestones:

Sydney Goff signed a cheerleading scholarship with Lee University, an NCAA Division II program in the Gulf South Conference. She will cheer at basketball games and compete nationally with a team that recently placed third at the National level. Lee Cheer Coach Melissa Scannapiego expressed her excitement in welcoming Sydney to a program she has led to national prominence.



Monroe Chittum signed a swimming scholarship with Henderson State University in Arkansas, a Division II school in the Great American Conference. She will compete in the 100 and 200 meter breaststroke, along with other events, as a proud member of the Reddies swim team.



These two signings are a testimony to the dedication, discipline, and faith-driven excellence of our student-athletes - and to the exciting futures that lie ahead.

Congratulations to all our athletes, coaches, and families for making this a memorable and meaningful year in Hawk Athletics.

-Lee Cigliano

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JUNE 9-13: MUSICAL THEATER CAMP

JULY 14-18:

BASKETBALL CAMP

JUNE 16-20: SOCCER CAMP

JULY 21-25:

STEAM CAMP

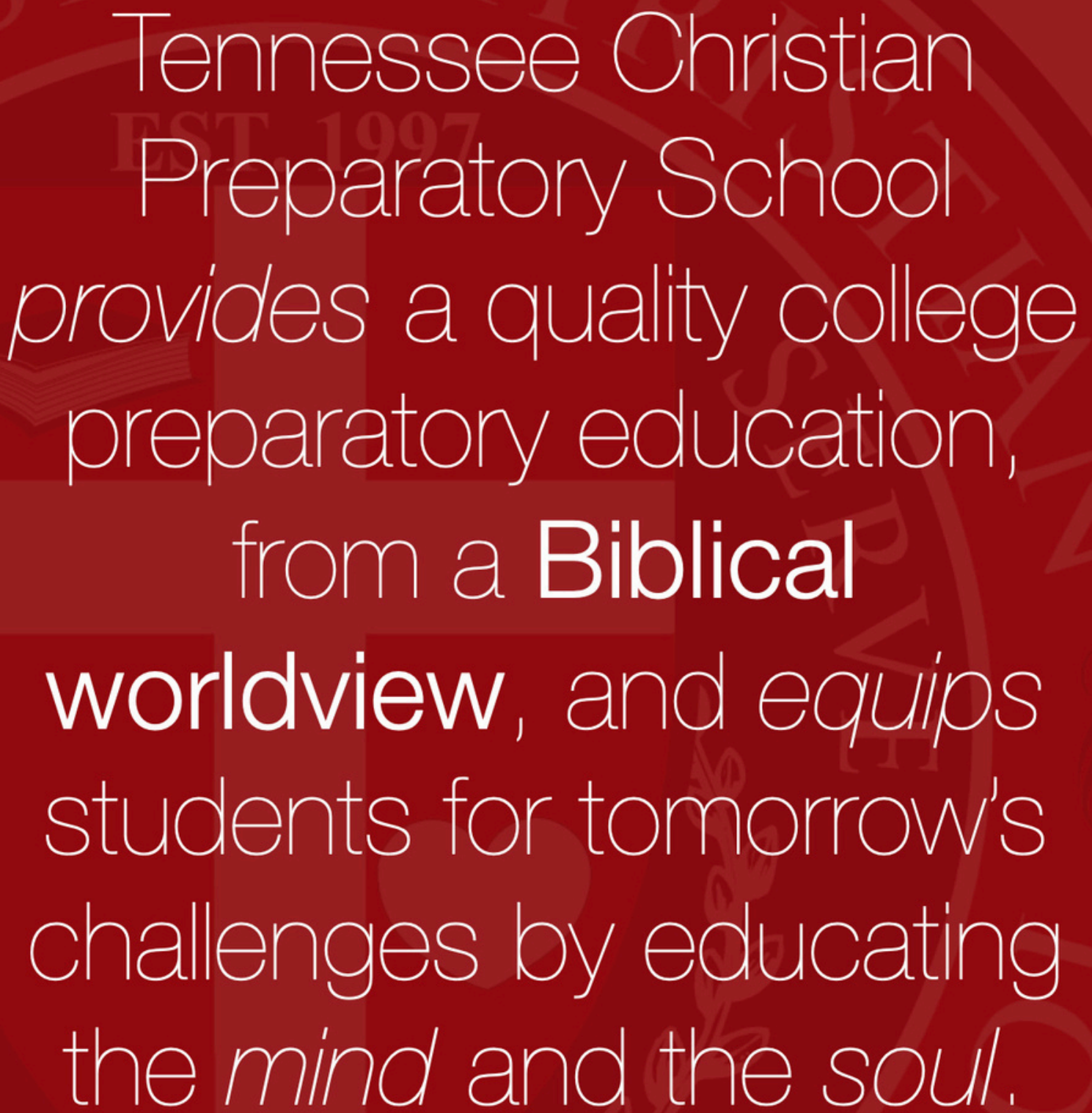
JUNE 23-27: CHEERLEADING & TUMBLING
CAMP

JULY 28-AUG 1: HAND SEWING/
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