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I remember the first year Iris was able to go to the Daddy-Daughter Dance. She was in Kindergarten and did not want to go to the dance. Leading up to the dance, Victoria and I asked if she was sure she didn't want to go. The consistent answer was "no." All of Iris' nos changed to yes the following year when I finally had a date with my first grader. After getting ready, I let Iris decide where to go for dinner. And, of course, she picked the very best new restaurant in Cleveland at the time, Panda Express. After a delightful meal with a fountain drink, orange chicken, and a souvenir panda, we went to the dance, where she left me in the dust to hang out with her friends. Completely understandable. The following year, I wanted to elevate the dinner experience, so I convinced her to eat at Longhorn Steakhouse. My idea turned tragic as our food took an exceptionally long time to make it to the table, leaving us 45 minutes late to the dance, where she left me in the dust to hang out with her friends. Again, it's completely understandable. This year was different. Iris, the 3rd grader, was excited about the Daddy-Daughter dance, even planning her outfit for months. We returned to Panda Express with orange chicken



and a fountain drink, but there was no souvenir panda. Once arriving at the dance, Iris played with her friends, spent time with me chatting about all kinds of things, and danced together. It was a special evening! I want to thank Kristen Campbell, Chloe Hinchcliff, and Lindsay Sluder for creating opportunities for memories that will last a lifetime. The event was well done and seeing our youngest students in the Learning Cottage and seniors join together with their fathers made for a memorable evening.



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Enoch Ballet

Praise Him with timbrel and dancing." Psalm 150:4



This past Wednesday our TCPS community was reminded, in a beautiful and visual way, that true worship can take many forms. TCPS came together as a collective, Pre-K4-12th grade to experience the art of worship through dance thanks to the ministry of Enoch Contemporary Ballet. This company, under the headship of Bess Trew, is a Christ-centered dance

company based here in East Tennessee that includes dancers from all across the United States. They make it their mission to use movement and dance, coupled with worship to spread the gospel of Jesus.

The joy on their faces as they danced spoke volumes of the Holy Spirit who fills each of them. Setting their own choreography to praise and worship songs, these dancers brought the music to life and filled the room with the presence of the Lord. True worship was evidenced in their movement and expressions. As I watched them dance I was also struck by the fact that even the dancers that were standing to the side, awaiting their turn to dance, were still lifting their hands in praise to the Lord.

The room, though filled with students, was still and quiet as the students and faculty alike worshiped along with these amazing dancers. Even the smallest Hawks in attendance were captivated. Enoch ended their time with us with a message of the gospel, sharing that it is because of Jesus' love for us and His death on the cross for our sins that Enoch does what they do. Bess shared that their name, Enoch, comes from Enoch in the bible of whom it is said, "*He walked habitually with God and was not, for God took him.*"*Genesis 5:24.* Bess stated that it is the desire and prayer of these dancers to live and dance in a way that aligns them with Jesus and brings glory to HIm always.

Following a Q&A session with the students, our TCPS family shared a time of prayer over the dancers. Enoch is currently touring in the US and will soon take their ministry internationally as well. How blessed we were to have the opportunity for our students to see that worship can take this form in addition to praising with songs and instruments. Thank you so much Enoch Contemporary Ballet for sharing your art with us and for this truly unique and special time of worship.

-Rachel Conar

HAWK HIGHLIGHTS



Hawk Sports Update: Volleyball Action and Upcoming Athletic Events

The Tennessee Christian Preparatory School Middle School Girls Volleyball team kicked off their 2025 spring season last week with two hardfought matches. On Monday, the Lady Hawks faced Oakwood Academy, followed by a showdown against Berean Academy on Thursday.

Both matches were highly competitive, with the Lady Hawks narrowly falling short. Led by Coach Georgia McPherson, the team showed great determination and is eager for the busy week ahead, featuring three matches. Be sure to come out and support these young athletes as they continue to grow and compete.

Upcoming Athletic Events - Mark Your Calendars!

Get ready for an exciting night of basketball and nostalgia at the **Annual Alumni Basketball Game!** The game has been rescheduled for **Saturday, April 12, at 6 PM**. This is a perfect opportunity to reconnect with TCPS alumni and see how they've been doing over the past five, 10, or even 15 years. Don't miss this fun-filled evening as former Hawks return to the court.

Looking ahead, the TCPS Athletic Banquet is set for Monday, May 5, from 6-8 PM at Westmore Church of God. This special event will celebrate and honor all Upper School (6th-12th grade) student-athletes who have dedicated their time and talents to representing TCPS this year. It's a wonderful occasion to recognize their hard work and achievements - be sure to join us!

Thank you for your continued support of TCPS athletics. Go Hawks!





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