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# from the Head

Every four years, the world turns its attention to athletes competing in the Olympic Games. While I enjoy both the Summer and Winter Games, the Winter Olympics have always held a special place in my heart. My appreciation for the Games goes far beyond medal ceremonies or final scores; it is rooted in one powerful quality, an athlete's determination to excel.

There is something deeply symbolic about nations from across the globe coming together to compete. Olympic athletes represent countless cultures, languages, and backgrounds, yet a shared commitment to their craft unites them. What connects them is not fame or guaranteed success, but years, often decades, of discipline and perseverance. Most were trained long before anyone knew their name. They woke up early, practiced when no one was watching, failed repeatedly, and still showed up the next day ready to try again. That unwavering dedication is what truly makes the Olympics inspiring. For students watching, it can be easy to think, "That's impressive, but that's not for me." And that's okay. Most of us will never compete on the Olympic stage. But the true lesson of the Olympics isn't about becoming a famous athlete; it's about striving for excellence in whatever path we choose. Athletics simply provide a visible example of grit and hard work, where success is celebrated publicly and failure is endured just as openly.

The Olympics may only last a few weeks, but their message endures far longer. I still remember watching the Games as a child. While I may not recall every athlete's name, I remember imitating their movements, admiring their determination, and attempting to mirror their grit. I hope today's students are still inspired in the same way, motivated by that relentless pursuit of improvement and the belief that effort, dedication, and resilience matter in everything they do.

In Christ,



Jared D. Tilley

# SENIOR SAIL 2026

The Senior Sail aboard the Carnival Glory was a celebration in every sense of the word. The Class of 2026 packed adventure, heartfelt conversation, belly laughs, and plenty of amazing food into five unforgettable days. Memories were made over classic cruise favorites like endless ice cream cones, juicy burgers, late-night snacks, and even sit-down formal dinners where conversation flowed easily (often sparked by one particular senior asking nightly, “So, what was your favorite part of the day?”).

The excitement truly came alive at night. Students enjoyed comedy shows, karaoke, and concerts while laughing, dancing, and singing along. They made new friends and created stories they’ll be telling for years to come.

Our off-ship adventures were just as exciting. In Nassau, students explored vibrant culture, bright colors, and beautiful ocean views. At Celebration Key (Carnival’s private destination in the Bahamas), we experienced a picture-perfect beach day designed just for cruisers, with crystal-clear water, soft sand, and space to relax and have fun together.

Yet, as wonderful as the food, shows, and excursions were, the true highlight was watching our students grow closer to one another. What a joy it was to see friendships deepen, laughter shared, and fun experienced outside the walls of our campus. These are the memories and friendships that will carry on long past their days at Tennessee Christian.

-Kylie Machacek



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# 100th day of school



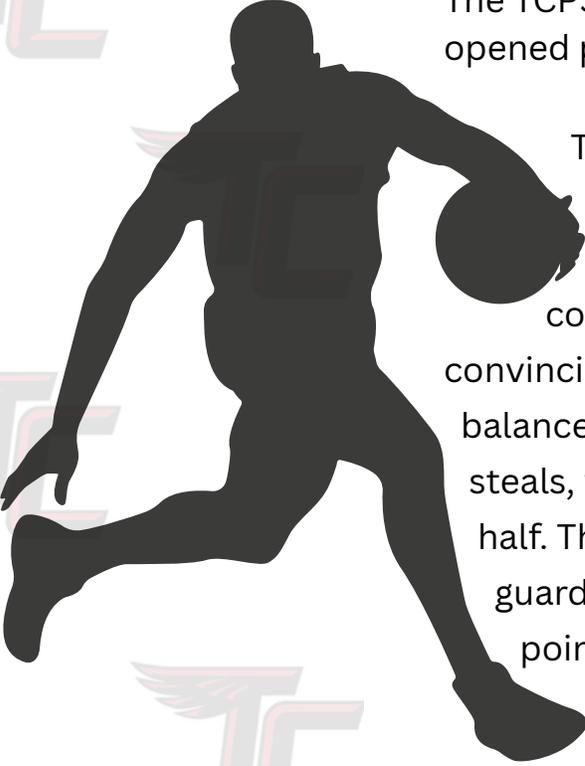
Our lower school had a blast celebrating the 100th day of school! Students dressed as adorable “100-year-olds” or showed off shirts filled with 100 items—from stickers to LEGO pieces—bringing creativity and lots of smiles to the day. It was a fun way to celebrate how much our students have learned and grown over the past 100 days of school.





# HAWK HIGHLIGHTS

The TCPS High School Hawks closed the regular season and opened postseason play during the week of February 2-7.



The Hawks earned a postseason quarterfinal victory over Rhea Academy, winning 41-22 to advance in the SCAA Tournament. TCPS led 14-10 at halftime before taking control in the third quarter and pulling away for a convincing win. Caleb Cigliano and Jonathon Adams led a balanced scoring effort with 9 points each. Cigliano added 3 steals, while Adams provided timely outside shooting in the first half. Thomas Nicolaus contributed steady leadership at point guard with 4 points and 7 rebounds, and Eli Ahler added 6 points and an outstanding 17 rebounds. Additional contributions came from Joey Meir, Ben Slocumb, Elijah Smith, and Boston Morrow.

Earlier in the week, the Hawks concluded regular-season play with a hard-fought home loss to conference champion Knoxville Apostolic, falling 65-49. TCPS competed throughout the contest against the undefeated conference opponent, led by Eli Ahlers and Elijah Smith, who scored 14 points apiece and each collected 7 rebounds.

With the quarterfinal win, the Hawks advance to face Knoxville Apostolic again in the SCAA Tournament semifinals today at 5:30 PM. Tournament play is being held at Fairview Christian Academy.

The Hawks now stand at 12-7 overall and 6-6 in SCAA play, finishing fourth in the eight-team conference. This marks the second consecutive season the program has completed the year with a winning record and second consecutive time the Hawks have advanced to at least the semifinals of the conference tournament.

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