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# from the Head

This Friday marks the 10th annual International Day at Tennessee Christian Preparatory School. Over the past decade, International Day has grown in both scope and depth. From the very beginning, it has been devoted to learning about God's people and the cultural influence we have on His creation.

Looking back to that first year brings memories of both chaos and joy, and deep gratitude for how the event has since taken shape. Ten years ago, Lower School students filled the Upper School hallway of a building on our former campus that no longer stands. The Junior class proudly hosted a vibrant Jamaican booth, the Seniors rolled sushi, and the 8th graders performed a traditional Chinese dance in the gym. When I spoke with my 11th-grade class this year, they remembered that first International Day fondly, especially the Chinese dances that left such a lasting impression.

Over time, meaningful traditions have emerged: the Thursday night-to-Friday morning setup, Ms. Hinchcliff's surprise "disappearance" and doppelgänger replacement, and the seniors serving as the International Day tour guides. These moments, and many more, have only heightened students' anticipation each year.

I am excited to see our middle and upper school students represent more than 20 countries this year, celebrating and honoring God's people and His creation. A heartfelt thank you to Chloe Hinchcliff and the National Art Honor Society for their faithful dedication to International Day year after year. Thank you to Matt Mullins for preparing our middle school students for the work ahead, and a large thank you to Kori Weaver for her tireless attention to every detail while trying to keep me in line from wanting more chaos. This event would not be possible without you. To the many hands that contribute in ways seen and unseen, thank you. Without a community willing to honor and celebrate this day, International Day would not have thrived for one year, let alone a decade. Come Friday, February 27, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, and enjoy a day of celebrating God's creation.



Will Stout (Class of 2024) & Ben Sluder (Class of 2024) at the first International Day



Members from the Class of 2018. From left to right, Peter Armao, Evan Gaffney, Michaela Lazarus, Lauren Stout, and David Wood

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jared D. Tilley".

Jared D. Tilley

# NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM 2026

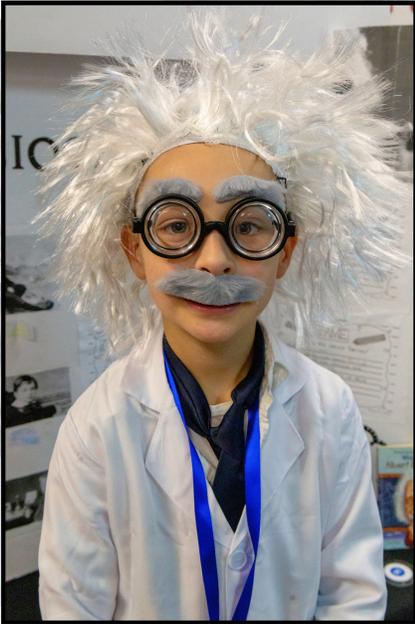
On Thursday evening, February 19, our Lower School transformed into a museum featuring incredible work for our fourth and fifth graders. Students selected historical figures and brought them to life as “living exhibits”. When guests pressed their buttons, each historical figure began their prepared speech, highlighting their accomplishments and impact.

The evening beautifully showcased our students’ research, writing, and speaking skills- along with their creativity and hard work. Mrs. McKee and I are incredibly proud of the students’ efforts and are grateful to our families for supporting such a memorable event.

-Sarah Van Dyke



# NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM 2026



# MIDDLE SCHOOL MIXER

The Groovy Grunge Middle School Mixer was totally far out and all that! Students showed up dressed in their best 70s disco vibes or 90s grunge gear to boogie down on the dance floor. From the Cotton Eyed Joe to the Church Clap, they tore up the dance floor until they collapsed (literally, for some). A video game corner gave students a chance to test their Smash Bros. and Mario Kart skills. From start to finish, the night was da bomb and a groovy good time!

-Kylie Machacek





The National Honor Society at Tennessee Christian has had the opportunity to come alongside the Caring Place in the last two years in acting as the hands and feet of Christ in our local community. On Tuesday, February 17, we furthered that relationship when fourteen of our members volunteered for three hours at The Caring Place center in Cleveland. Students helped check out neighbors as they shopped for food and clothing, students also packed their orders, ran packages to vehicles, stocked shelves, sorted and hung clothing, and more.

As our relationship with The Caring Place has grown, I have seen our members' grow in their empathy and enthusiasm for serving the Lord through serving our neighbors. As a matter of fact, our NHS members are so keen to serve, they have been asking about and pushing me to set up a time to work at the center since we went last year!

Special thanks to Christie and Mark Shephard for helping us in this endeavor. Their loving relationships in our community help the National Honor Society to grow theirs, and their continued support is a beautiful example to our students.

-April Sopczak



# HAWK HIGHLIGHTS

## **Middle School Volleyball**

The TCPS Hawks Middle School Girls Volleyball team is set to open the season with three challenging road matchups this week against Grace Baptist Academy, Chattanooga Christian, and Oakwood Christian. Coach Corrie Nelson will lead a young but determined roster that is eager to grow and compete right from the start. Leading the way are 8th graders Caelyn Bullard, Katie Ashburn, Remi Wallace, Addy Ratcliff, and Lexie Gilbert. They're joined by 7th graders Eliana Adams, Harper Canfield, and Jaycee Cavett; 6th graders Grace Laug and Kenzie Smith; and 5th grader Molly Ford. This group is excited to learn, improve, and represent TCPS well as the season gets underway.

## **High School Boys and Girls Tennis**

The preseason for the High School Boys and Girls tennis program is off to a great start. This year's roster features a dynamic mix of middle and high school athletes, blending experience with fresh talent and plenty of enthusiasm. From the first practice, players have demonstrated determination, positivity, and a strong desire to grow. Practices have been focused and energetic, combining conditioning, skill-building drills, and competitive match play. Athletes have pushed through fitness circuits, sharpened serves and volleys, and developed strategy through practice matches - all while building strong team chemistry. With matches quickly approaching, excitement is building for what promises to be a memorable season on the court.

## **High School Boys Soccer**

TCPS Hawks Head Coach Jeff Constance is leading an exciting group of returning and new talent into the upcoming soccer season. Returning players Ben Slocumb, Thomas Nicolaus, Caleb Cigliano, Clint Campbell, Enrique Bernabe, Kiah and Ezra Ball, Ben Thompson, Keegan Tucker, and Luke Woolley will be joined by newcomers Elliott Tilley, Ashton Copic, Bailey Jones, Peter Wykoff, and Henry Lugo.

This year's squad is committed to working hard, competing together as a unified team, and striving to honor Christ through their effort, sportsmanship, and pursuit of victory. Coach Constance and the Hawks look forward to a strong season and the continued support of TCPS fans at their games.

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