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from the Head

The National Honor Society (NHS) exemplifies its core values: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These virtues are clearly demonstrated in our students' daily actions, reinforcing our shared commitment to excellence. For us, at Tennessee Christian, NHS's pillars are not just ideals but the daily reality of our students. The partnership between Tennessee Christian and NHS is about recognizing and reinforcing the virtues students already live out, inspiring continued pride and motivation.

Last Friday, we had the opportunity to celebrate our NHS students with an enjoyable and educational field trip to the Tennessee Aquarium and IMAX. What stood out to me most was the overwhelming joy I felt simply by witnessing the joy of our students. Yes, the word joy appears often, but shouldn't it? Joy is something worth celebrating, appreciating, and truly *enjoying*.

When Christ-centered relationships are intentionally built, joy and respect naturally follow. Throughout the day, our students demonstrated leadership, kindness, and respect in ways that were clearly visible to everyone around them. Even those outside our school community could see the quality of character reflected in your children. I was Impressed, surprised I was not.



I am incredibly proud of our students and the young men and women they are becoming; individuals who seek to honor God in both their actions and their words. Thank you to Mrs. April Sopczak for leading such a talented and character-driven group of young people.

In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley

ONE

ONE DAY. ONE GOD. ONE BODY.



The ONE Retreat is a special one-day, off-campus-but-in-town experience designed exclusively for our 9th-12th grade students. To kick off the new semester and year, our upper schoolers traveled just up the road to Lee University's Mayfield Annex to spend the first day of the semester together. The purpose of the retreat is to "rekindle, refresh, and reconnect" - to rekindle our love for the Lord, refresh our vision for the year ahead, and reconnect with one another.

Throughout the day, students experienced all of this and more through heartfelt times of worship, crazy and creative group games (thanks to Miss H.), and plenty of snacks. One of the highlights was the campuswide Truth or Dare game, where teams rotated through six stations and were challenged to either answer a trivia "truth" question or complete a surprise dare (such as creating a conga line and dancing around the entire Humanities Building). Teams raced back to the annex with points earned, memories made, and stories to tell!

While the fun moments were memorable, some of the most impactful experiences came during two powerful times of teaching and exhortation from Mr. Tilley and Pastor Cam Jones. We were also blessed to have alum, Carter Douglas, lead us in a beautiful and intimate time of worship and prayer.

After all the rekindling and refreshing and reconnecting, students returned to campus in the afternoon to cheer on our Hawks basketball teams. If this day was any indication of the course of this new year, the future looks bright for our upper school students.

-Kylie Machacek



HAWK HIGHLIGHTS

The TCPS Hawks were busy on the hardwood during the week of January 5-10, with competitive action from our 4th/5th grade, middle school, and high school boys basketball teams.

4th/5th Grade Boys Basketball

The 4th/5th grade Hawks competed hard in two games this week. They fell to Berean Academy by 12 points after keeping the game close through three quarters. On Saturday, the Hawks showed significant defensive improvement against Oakwood Christian holding them to 10 fewer points than the previous meeting. The Hawks battled to the final buzzer but came up just short, 18-13, despite having several chances to win. The team's record now stands at 2-7, with two important home games this week against St. Peters and St. Jude.

Middle School Boys Basketball

The middle school Hawks also had a competitive week, splitting two games. On Thursday, the Hawks narrowly lost a hard-fought home contest to Fairview Christian, 26-24, with multiple opportunities late to take the lead. Elliott Tilley led the Hawks with 18 points. On Friday night, the Hawks responded in a big way with a convincing 34-16 victory over Rhea Academy. Tilley once again led the scoring with 19 points, and the Hawks turned in an outstanding team defensive performance. The middle school Hawks are now 3-3 on the season and will host two home games this week.

High School Boys Basketball

The high school Hawks played two competitive conference games, finishing the week 1-1. On Tuesday, the Hawks fell at home to Fairview Christian, 37-31, after struggling early with shooting and facing timely baskets from the visitors. Trailing by as many as 11 points in the 4th quarter, the Hawks battled back to make it a close finish. Thomas Nicolaus led the team in scoring. Eli Ahlers provided strong rebounding, and Caleb continues to set the tone with hustle and defense.

The Hawks bounced back with a 31-24 conference win on the road against Rhea Academy at NACA (Fort Bluff). Aaron Roberts delivered a huge performance with key three-point shots in the first half and clutch free throws late to secure the win. The Hawks also received strong leadership along with a big 4th quarter three pointer from Thomas Nicolaus, timely three-pointers from Caleb Cigliano, and valuable bench contributions from Elijah Smith, who also made a big 3 pointer. The win showcased the team's grit and resilience against an opponent with a size advantage. The Hawks now stand at 6-4 overall and 3-4 in SCAA play, currently sitting fourth in the 8-team conference.

The Hawks have a big week ahead with three home games, including conference matchups against Knoxville Christian and Christ Legacy. We hope the TCPS community will come out and support our teams.

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JUNE 1-5	JULY 6-10
JUNE 8-12	JULY 13-17
JUNE 15-19	JULY 20-24
JUNE 22-26	JULY 27-31

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