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from the Head

*Over the winter glaciers
I see the summer glow,
And through the wild-piled snow-drift
The warm rosebuds below.*

Excerpt from Ralph Waldo Emerson's
The World-Soul

This past week, Victoria and I spent time in Quebec City, Canada. While Tennessee was experiencing 80+ degree temperatures and Spring was in full bloom, Quebec City was very different. As we walked around the old city, established in the 17th century, we had to walk around mounds of ice and snow while avoiding closed pedestrian bridges. While I am sure Quebec City is beautiful in full snow, and equally so in full summer bloom, we experienced a time in between, the muddy season, when the rains fall, and the snow melts, creating rather muddy conditions. While not yet sunny and not a white canvas of snow, the city was beautiful. The city provided history, culinary delights, and quaint boutique shops full of odds and ends.

One thing that struck Victoria and me the most was the changing of the seasons. There was an anticipation of spring for the people of Quebec. They frequently apologized about the weather, wishing for warmth and sunshine. They were also active in preparing for the Spring, and I would be too if winters were as harsh as those in Quebec City. As the snow and ice continued to melt in the 40 degree weather, restaurants were constructing their outdoor patios, government buildings put their people to work clearing out the remainder of the ice and snow, and the talk from the locals was centered around, "In two weeks the fireplaces will be turned off," or "In two weeks renovations will be complete."

I can bring this article full circle back to how we, as a school, should always be preparing for the upcoming season, or how our students should be preparing for the changing seasons. Especially our seniors moving off to college. But I am sure you can fill in the blank for your own life. For Victoria and me, it was a celebration of twenty years of marriage and the changing of seasons that provide life and excitement. Love you dearly, Victoria!



In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley

LOWER SCHOOL

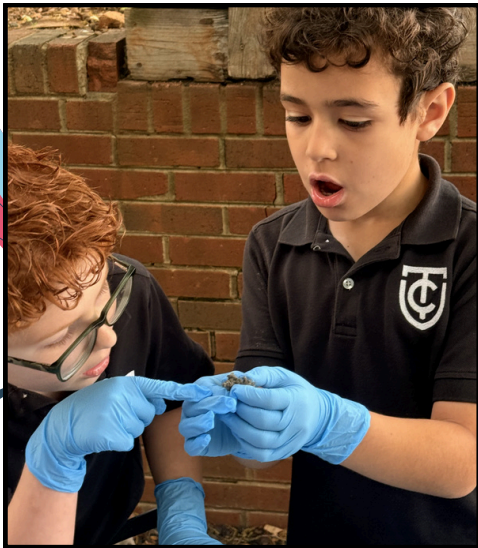
DISSECTION *day*



Hands-on learning came to life during our Lower School Dissection Day! Each grade level explored a unique specimen. Kindergarten examined worms, 1st grade studied crayfish, 2nd grade investigated starfish, 3rd grade explored owl pellets, 4th grade dissected frogs, and 5th grade took on dogfish sharks.



The day was made possible through the leadership of Miss Kesley, our middle school science extraordinaire. With the help of her middle school and elective students, our young hawks were guided through each dissection with knowledge, encouragement, and care.



This cross-division collaboration created an engaging experience, as students explored, asked questions, and discovered the intricacies of God's creation together. Thank you, Miss Kesley!





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Noah Award

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might...”

– Ecclesiastes 9:10

Sarai Fowler (PreK4)

“Sarai Fowler shows diligence in her everyday life here in the classroom. Sarai follows instructions precisely just like Noah did when he was listening to Gods instructions on how to put together the ark. Sarai puts forth a consistent effort in following classroom rules as well as in her academics. I am very proud to nominate her for this award.”

-Jen Roe



Kai Carney (1st Grade)

“Kai has worked hard this year to overcome obstacles. He is choosing to faithfully complete his class work even when it might seem challenging. Kai has been working on personal goals set for himself and I am proud of him for choosing to persevere and also encouraging others along the way.”-Rebecca Hake



Charli Barham (2nd Grade)

“She is always persistent in her academic work but also in her spiritual life. She is always trying to lead others in her class biblically and also making sure they are diligent in their academic tasks!”

-Rachel Arms





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Grace Kirkpatrick (5th Grade)

“Grace is a picture of diligence in our classroom in the way she focuses on what needs to be done and does it. She does not allow classroom distractions to deter her from completing her class work, she doesn’t allow extracurriculars to prevent her from completing her homework, and she is often the first to tackle the most daunting classroom chore to make sure it gets done (and everyone can go out to recess!). I can always count on Grace to work hard and complete any task given to her with excellence. Those around Grace cannot help but be positively influenced by her diligence.” -Sarah Van Dyke



Ben Phiropoulos (Middle School)

When I think of the word diligence, Ben comes to mind. He diligently begins working quickly, takes initiative to ask questions, correct mistakes, and complete assignments on time. He diligently seeks fairness among classmates as well as diligently offers assistance when they need it. He diligently works to become a better student and athlete. Therefore, I nominate Ben Phiropoulos for the Noah Award: Diligence.” - Angie Kesley



Sophia Adams (Upper School)

“This student strives for success in the classroom. She will complete her assignments to the best of her ability, and finds time out of class to diligently work on school. She gives 100% in all she does.”

-Kori Weaver

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