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from the Head

Gratitude is not only the greatest of the virtues,
but the parent of all others.

-Cicero

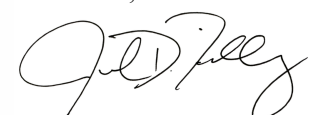
When you step back and look at what makes Tennessee Christian a unique place for students to grow and thrive, one core element is evident each day: our culture. The special nature of our culture is best displayed when it is most difficult. For students and teachers, April and May are filled with final assignments, papers, tests, events, and speeches that can test the comfort of our students, faculty, and staff. This rigor is not happenstance; it is purposeful.

This past week, I was able to see the culture of our school fully supporting students engaged in uncomfortable situations. One of the great fears of young and older students is public speaking. Even many adults abhor the idea of standing before a large group of peers and being placed in the proverbial spotlight for all to see and hear. "What if I say the wrong thing," or "I just know I am going to trip and fall." With senior speeches almost concluded and 5th-grade speeches ending this past week, we saw nerves turn to confidence and fear turn to gratefulness.

When students embrace those difficult moments that stretch us, like public speaking, and begin to reframe them in their mind, not as frustrations and have to's but opportunities, that is when we see what students are truly made of. Each year, we see students with a difficult time standing before a microphone, only to be all smiles and hugs once they are done. Some say that when public speaking is finished, a weight is lifted. I would argue that gratitude and thankfulness have a way of lifting us rather than a weight being lifted from us.

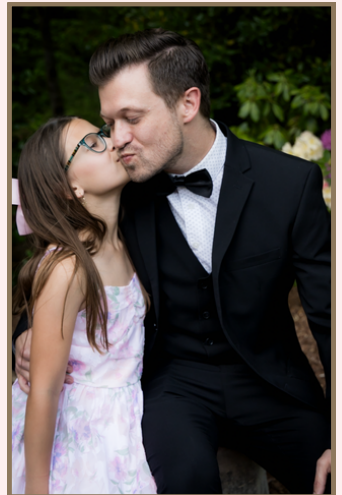
I am so proud of our students, from 5th grade through senior speeches, who stood before their peers and adults and spoke from their hearts. I am so proud of the energy, time, and passion students in 5th grade and beyond have poured into the Spring performance. They did not let nerves overcome their willingness to shine on stage. Students, think back to the hard things this year. They can define you and mold you into a better version of yourself, and with that, gratitude follows.

In Christ,



Jared D. Tilley

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HAPPY Earth DAY

In celebration of Earth Day, our campus is blooming thanks to the incredible support behind this year's Green for Jeans Plant-Raiser. Families sent in a wonderful variety of plants, and our middle and upper school students worked together to plant them throughout campus. The result is a space that feels brighter, more colorful, and full of life!

These new plants not only beautify our campus, but also support our bee apiary by helping pollinators thrive. Planting greenery also improves air quality, supports wildlife, and creates a more peaceful environment for learning.

Thank you to all of our families who contributed and helped make this day such a success. A special thank you to Miss Kesley for organizing and leading this effort! We are so grateful for her vision and care for our campus!



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PEANUT BUTTER JELLY DRIVE



The Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive was quite the success with students collecting 23% more donations than last year! The Lower School Beta Club, accompanied by the National Honor and Junior Societies, collected 232 jars of jams, jellies, honey, peanut butter, and other spreads. It was such a delight for the NHS students to work with the elementary school students who brought so much joy and excitement to the drive.

This year, we were able to bless the Food Pantry at St. Therese of Lisieux, where some of our students and teachers attend services. The Food Pantry serves many of our neighbors in the Bradley County community. We are thankful for the opportunity that St. Therese gave our students to come along side of them and serve as the hands and feet of Christ in our community. The peanut butter and jelly will be put to good use filling the bellies of hungry children this summer.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause!

-April Sopczak

TCPS

FRIDAY 5.01
5-8 PM



**2026 FINE ARTS
FESTIVAL**

ART

**FEATURING MIDDLE SCHOOL POETRY,
K-8 ART WORK, US ART
ELECTIVES, PRESCHOOL ARTWORK, AND
PERFORMANCES FROM OUR MUSICAL
ACADEMY AND US CHAPEL BAND**

TCPS GYM FRIDAY MAY 1ST 5-8 PM

Thank you to the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce Allied Arts Council for the grant that funded our Art Workshop and Theater Scripts.

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2026 SUMMER SCHEDULE

JUNE 1-5: THEATER CAMP

JULY 6-10: DANCE CAMP

JUNE 8-12: TENNIS CAMP

JULY 13-17: VOLLEYBALL CAMP

JUNE 15-19: CHEER CAMP

JULY 20-24: BASKETBALL CAMP

JUNE 22-26: SOCCER CAMP

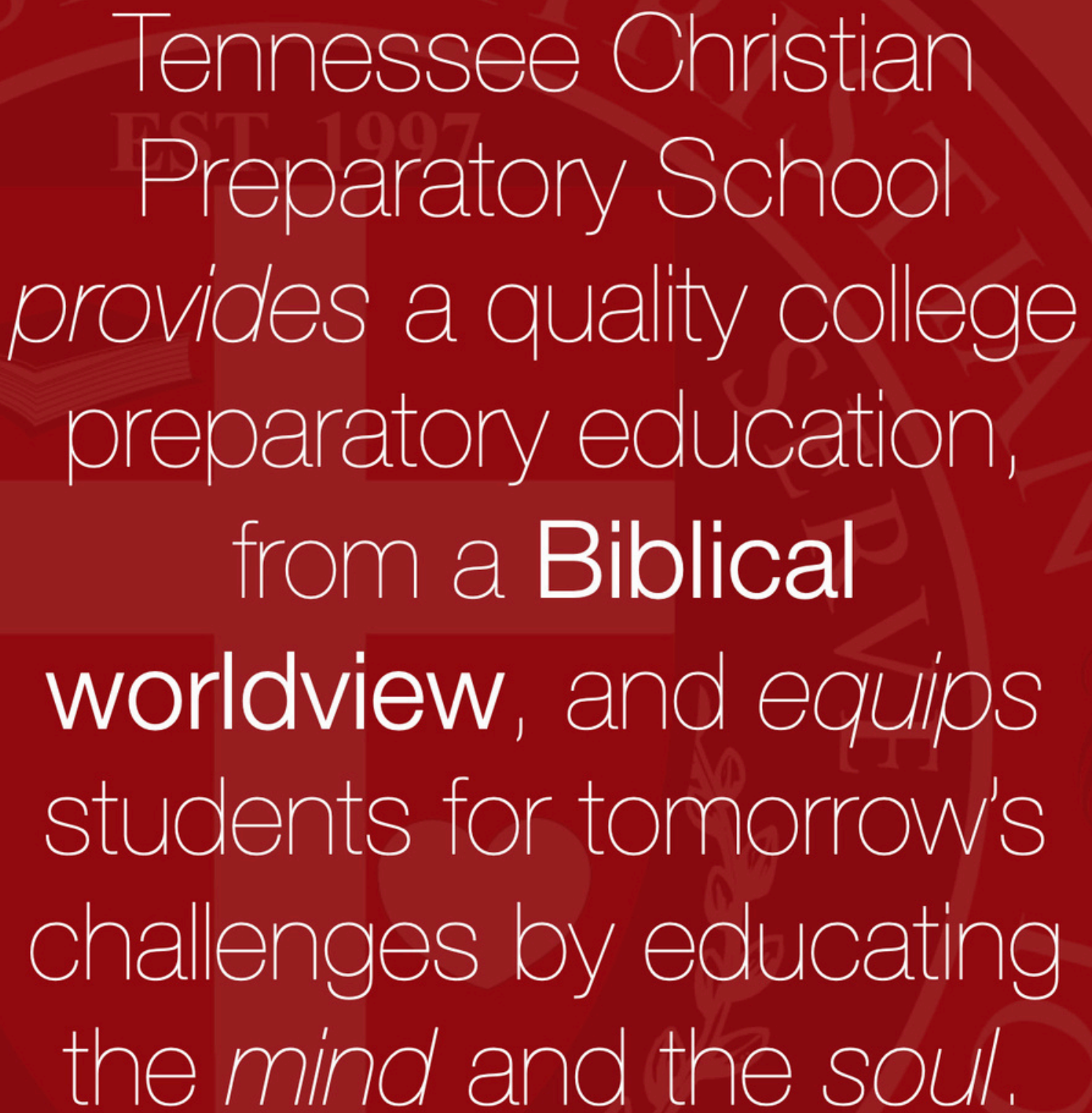
JULY 27-31: S.T.E.A.M. CAMP





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