

# TUESDAY TALON





## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This past Saturday, my father and I took my two boys, Martin and Elliott, to Neyland Stadium for the Orange and White game. This annual spring game is never much of an actual football game. The score is of little to no importance and the on-field action ends up being more of a practice than a competitive game. So, why do fans attend the yearly fanfare?

On the way to the ballgame, mixed between both boys asking, “How long until we get there?” and “can we listen to music from the new Mario movie?” Martin asked, “Are we going to this game more to watch the game or to hang out with each other?” I paused, and it took me a few seconds to realize that my son answered the question for me; as fans, we



attend the annual Orange and White game more for hanging out amongst the fanfare and excitement than the actual football game. Reflecting on the game, I could not tell you one statistic or even the game’s score. What I do remember is that Martin sat tightly next to me worried that people were on their phones more than watching the game, that Martin wanted a hot dog and a Cherry Coke but the vendor only had Coke sans cherry, that both boys met Hendon Hooker on our way out of Neyland and Elliott got his autograph.

That night, Victoria was asking Martin if he enjoyed the game. He said that the game made him sad because more people were looking at their phones than watching the game. In his way, he wanted people to spend time with the person next to them instead of their phones because that is why we came, to hang out. There just happened to be a top-tier college football team playing for our enjoyment.

In Christ,  
  
Jared D. Tilley

## LOWER SCHOOL - DISSECTION WEEK



This week is dissection week in Lower School! Ms. Kesley, our beloved middle school science teacher, contributes her time to work with each class to dissect a different specimen each spring.

Kindergarten dug into earthworms on Monday and 2nd grade got to experience the magical tentacles of a starfish. Other grades will dissect crayfish, frogs, perch, and the ever-popular owl pellets as they explore together the biology of each creature.





## APEX - FTO FUNDRAISER



This week we wrapped up our APEX FTO Fundraiser. It was a great success! Our lower school students participated in a Fun Run last Friday and met financial and self goals. Those middle and upper school students who participated in APEX, and met the required goal, will get to do a color battle Tuesday afternoon to reward them for their efforts. The funds for this FTO fundraiser will go toward campus improvements and we look forward to sharing specifics with you once we have our final count. Thank you to everyone who contributed, encouraged and volunteered!



From the book of Daniel, chapter 3, verses 24 and 25: “Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire.....Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire...” The purpose of the Fourth Person Award is to honor a volunteer at the annual Presidential Celebration, someone who serves the school family and excels in providing support, encouragement and accomplishment. This Award was established on March 8, 2012 in honor of Melanie Hope Stout, whose dedicated support as a volunteer has inspired, blessed, and unleashed the Administration to fulfill the vision and mission of Tennessee Christian Preparatory School. The recipient of this Award is chosen by the faculty and administration of the school.

There is a gentleman in our committee who moved his family to Cleveland two years ago primarily because, as he and his wife, Heather, were searching for schools in this part of the country, they landed on the webpage of Tennessee Christian Preparatory School. They wanted to leave the craziness of the great Northwest, specifically the state of Oregon, and wanted to find a place where they could feel safe raising their two children, Ella and Evan. They describe themselves as political refugees. So, they enrolled at Tennessee Christian and immediately rolled up their sleeves to start their own business here and get involved in the school. An electrician by trade, Phillip McGuire’s business is Ascend Electrical Solutions and he has more work and more leads than he could have imagined. He has volunteered countless hours of his time and materials to improve our school, from tracing and finding electrical problems to hanging scoreboards in the gym. His servant’s heart and his volunteer spirit have earned him the 2023 Fourth Person Award. I am honored to present this year’s award to Phillip McGuire.



# Enrollment Open!



## *summer care* SUMMER 2023

**Block 1:** May 30-June 23; Payment will be billed on May 1, 2023

**Block 2:** June 26-July 28; Payment will be billed on June 1, 2023

**Cost:** \$600 per block, or \$1100 for both blocks.

All payments will be billed through FACTS.

**Daily Time:** 7:30 am - 4:30 pm

Visit [www.tennesseechristian.org](http://www.tennesseechristian.org) to enroll. under Campus Life



# Aubrey's



## Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, April 29th

8am-10am

**\$5 per ticket**



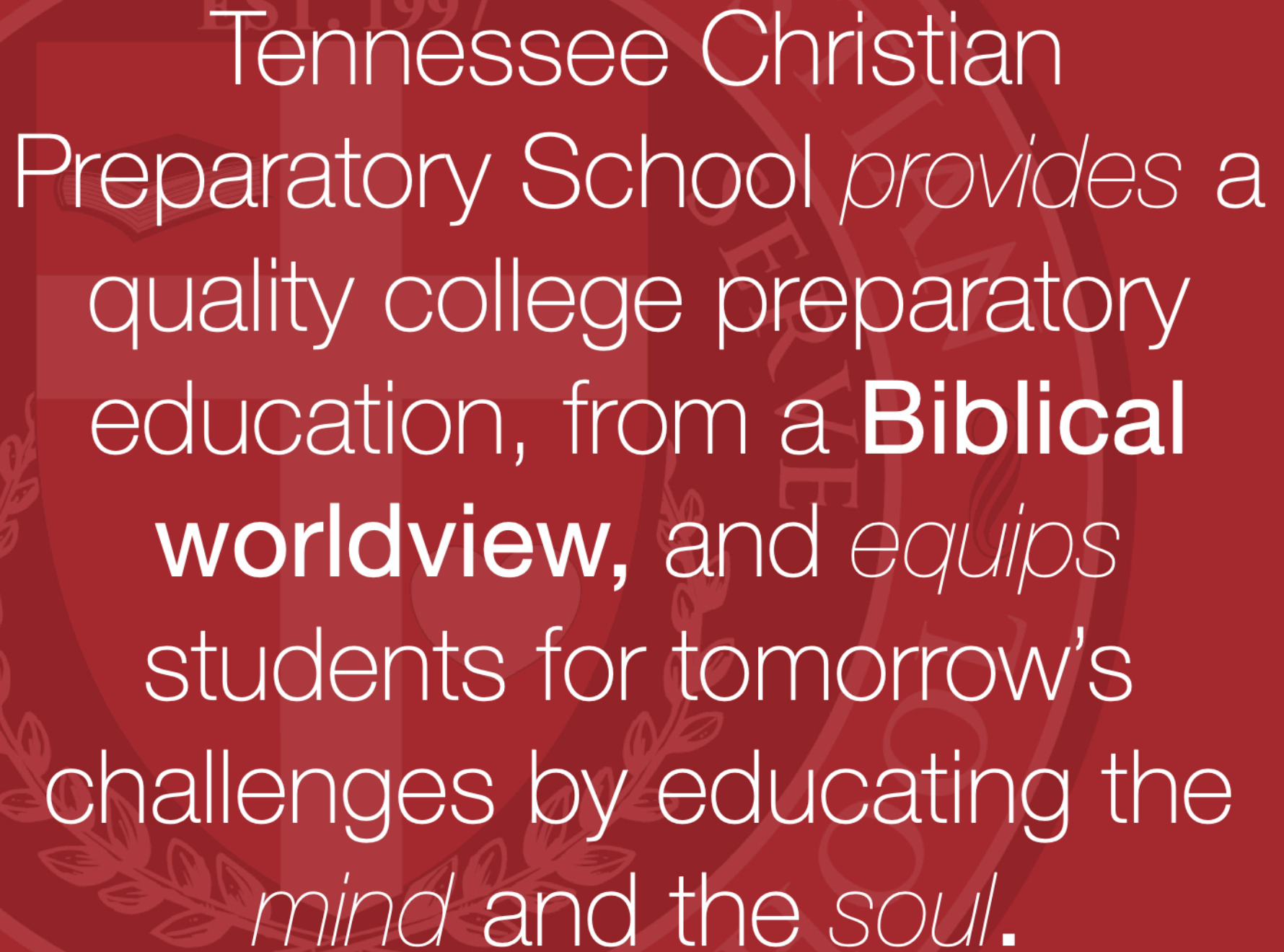
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