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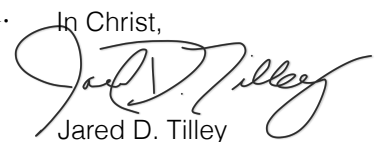
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from the Head

This past Saturday, the three generations of Tilley boys went to cheer on the Braves. While the good guys lost in the 11th, we had a wonderful time as a family. On the way home, as we navigated traffic, Martin asked my dad and me, "Do you remember the time that dad spoke and we found a frog outside the building?" Confused I was. My dad and I began to probe, asking questions for clarification. We quickly realized that his comment had nothing to do with the excellent game Charlie Morton had pitched or the disappointing offensive display from the Braves; this was something different. We finally understood that it was a party for my dad, I spoke, the cousins played with a frog outside, and the event might have been in Alabama. With all of these clues, the answer hit my dad, and he said, "Oh, was it my retirement party?" A very loud "Yes!" came from Martin in the backseat. We had figured it out! In 2018, I spoke about my father during his retirement party, and afterward, the cousins found a frog on the grounds of Mount Paran and had a fun time with the little guy, much to the frog's terror.

Martin was five when he played with the frog that night. It is incredible that after a night of baseball, something triggered his memory to remind him of an incident six years ago. How did he remember that? Also, what else pops into his mind from time to time. Then, I was reminded of the awesome responsibility we have as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and mentors to the next generation. Sure, we are not always the best example. No doubt that we struggle to handle every incident with grace, love, and truth. This small memory is an example of the impact that we can have in every moment. When can we make an impact on the next generation? Or better yet, when are they watching us? The answer is sobering, always! They are always watching us, looking for behavioral traits that they will emulate, the positive and negative.. This is where our tremendous responsibility begins, to emulate Christ in all we do and ask forgiveness when we fall short of that goal.

In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley



Charlotte Sanders (Kindergarten)

"Charlotte is composed in all ways and carefully calculates her actions. She makes sure that she thinks before acting which is at the heart of what it means to have self control."

-Ashley Dodson and Phyllis Hope



Addison Farris (4th)

"Addison patiently waits for her turn, raising her hand to be called upon. She does not insist on being the first to answer or demand her own way."

-Donna McKee

SELF
control



Eli Simonson (6th)

"Eli embodies the definition of self control. He has self control and discipline in his work ethic, his character, and in his actions towards others. He really thinks about his behavior and how others perceive him. He is a role model at TCPS and exhibits so much for others to look up to and aspire to be."

-Kelly Owens



Joey Meir (9th)

"I've known Joey Meir since he was in Lower School and up to today, I've never heard him be disrespectful to a teacher or cruel to other students. He always enters my class with a cheerful disposition and is ready to work even if those around him are not. I've seen him display self-control when he doesn't give in to negative peer pressure. He's an excellent student and a great person." - Hilda Rodriguez



High achieving TCPS upper school students were honored for their accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character at the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony which was held on Thursday, April 25. The selection process begins with an invitation to apply issued to students who meet the minimum requirements. Students then complete an application packet that includes letters of recommendation and a personal letter of intent, and their packets are submitted to the induction committee. This year, 12 students were inducted into NHS and 5 students were inducted into NJHS.

NHS Inductees: Jonathan Adams, Ellie Ford, Zoey Harris, Ashley Lyles, Isabelle McKeown, Frannie McPherson, Amelia Shepherd, Elijah Smith, Simon Sopczak, Ellis Van Dyke, Anastasia Ladd, and Josie Roberts

NJHS Inductees: Josie Ford, Noah Locklear, Emma Moore, Esther Van Dyke, and Graham Sluder

The National Honor Society grants chapters to schools who demonstrate a commitment to the organization's core values, and TCPS, in turn, grants membership to those students who have demonstrated a commitment to those same values. During the induction ceremony, new members pledge "to maintain high scholastic standing, to endeavor intelligently and courageously to be a leader, to give of [themselves] freely in service to others, and to hold as fundamental and worthy an untarnished character."

Congratulations to the newest members of the National Honor Society and the National Junior Honor Society!



ISC MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAMPIONS

Last Tuesday evening, the middle and upper school community gathered in Sluder Arena in support of our middle school volleyball team and recognition of our 8th grade volleyball players. We kicked off the night with a student vs teacher volleyball game in which the teachers got off to a rocky start. However, not to be outmatched, Mrs. Smith cooked up a serve that scored the winning point to expose the weak defense on the student side of the court. When it was all said and done, one team remained victorious for the whole night, and that was the team led by our very talented 8th grade volleyball players. We wrapped up the night by recognizing the hard work and effort put forth by the whole middle school volleyball team and their achievement as the 2024 ISC Champions. The Lady Hawks were placed at the bottom of the bracket, fourth out of five teams; however, through grit and determination, they fought all the way to the top, putting out the first and second place teams and finishing undefeated in the tournament to clinch the championship title. We recognized our special group of 8th graders. Ainsley Olsmted, Charlie Chittum, and Alyssa Buckner were chosen for the All-Tournament team, while Alyssa Buckner was voted Tournament MVP due to her 25+ Aces in the tournament. A true force to be reckoned with! I want to personally thank the members of the volleyball team for how hard they were willing to work and for allowing me to push them. I am proud of their accomplishment as Champions this season, but what I am most proud of is the way they represented our school, their families, and most importantly, God. They played each game “For Him” and came together beautifully when we were down. I am thankful I had the opportunity to step in and coach such a great group of young ladies!

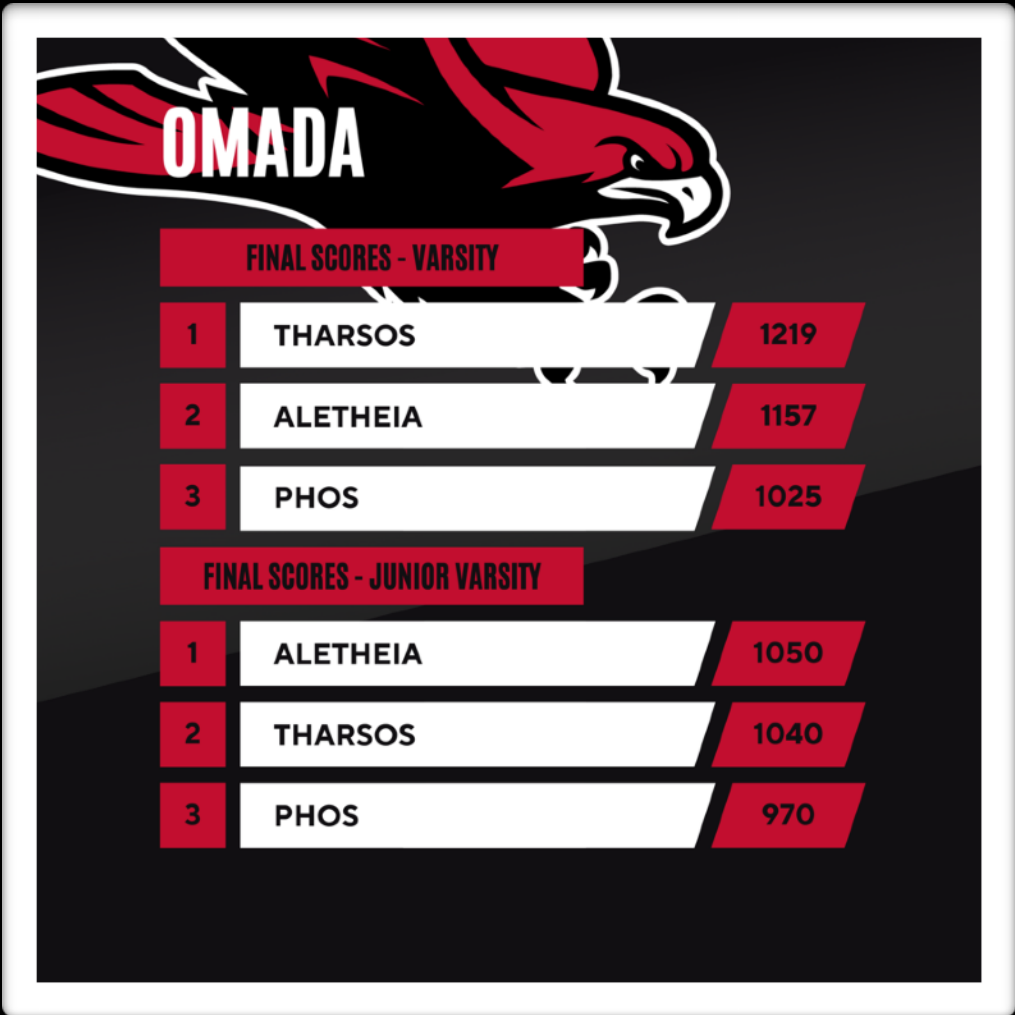




OMADA FINAL REPORT

Last week we completed our final Omada competition of the year! Mr. Tilley introduced the teams to a new game where teams had to take a curtain and pass a ball across the field without using their hands to score it in a hula hoop. It was a challenge in itself but became even tougher when defense was added. Teams were allowed to hinder the progress of other teams to try to keep them from passing the ball further down the field. It was physical. It was tough. But, more than anything, it was fun! The students had smiles on their faces the entire time. Not even the heat of the day could wipe the smiles off their faces! It was a successful experience in every way!

Aletheia narrowly pulled out first place over Tharsos by a total of 10 points to become the JV Omada Champions! Congratulations Aletheia! The Varsity fell in line with how the standings have been all year. Tharsos started out in 1st place early in the year and never looked back, taking home the Varsity Omada Championship, leaving Aletheia and Phos in the dust! Congratulations Tharsos! Congratulations to everyone for a hard fought, competitive Omada season!

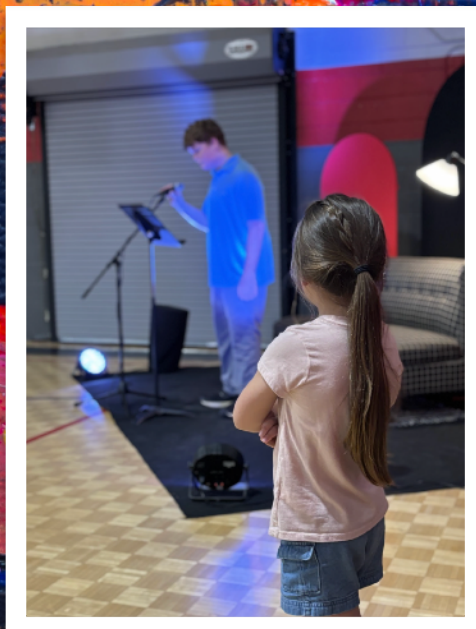
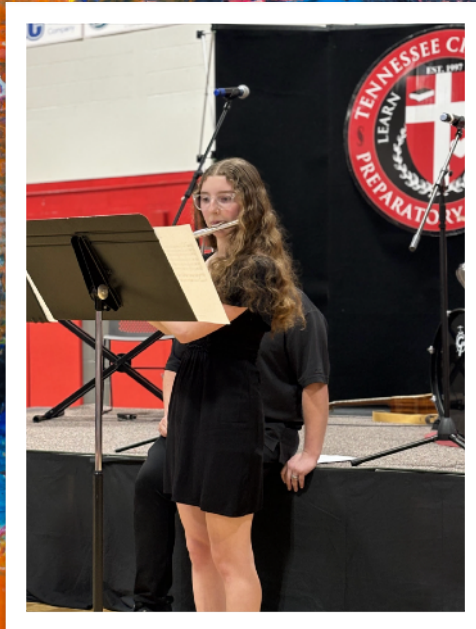


FINE ARTS

Festival



Artwork, performances, and poetry throughout all divisions at Tennessee Christian



Pastor's Appreciation

Last Thursday, Tennessee Christian had the honor of sharing our gratitude for a roomful of ministers during our annual Pastor Appreciation Chapel. What a joy it is to celebrate the impact of the men and women who support our students' spiritual growth and guide them toward our Savior. Several students from all divisions shared their heartfelt thanks, personal stories, and funny memories. After the service, all students were able to personally thank their pastors with hugs and donuts. We certainly do appreciate these men and women who shepherd the hearts and minds of our students selflessly.





TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN

ATHLETIC BANQUET 2024

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 6:00-8:00pm

TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN GYMNASIUM

Catered by: Shane's Rib Shack

COST:

\$20 (AGES 11+)

\$10 (AGES 10 AND BELOW)

***COACHES AND ATHLETES ARE FREE**

A watercolor illustration of Alice in Wonderland, featuring a girl with blonde hair in pigtails, wearing a blue dress with a white collar and a blue bow. She is holding a small white object in her hands. The background is white with blue and yellow watercolor splatters.

**Tennessee Christian
Fine Arts Department**

presents

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

**May 18th
at 6:00pm
Lee University
Dixon Center**

**To purchase tickets:
423.567.8277
jblaylock@tcpsk12.org**

**VIP Tickets: \$25
General Admission: \$15
TCPS Student: \$5**



**TENNESSEE
CHRISTIAN
FAMILIES**

FOR ALL AGES FROM PREK3-12TH

COME & JOIN US FOR OUR
**FAMILY
FUN DAY**

**SATURDAY,
MAY 4TH**

LOCATED ON CAMPUS:
TCPS FIELD, UPPER
PARKING LOT & GYM

03:00PM - 05:00PM*

SPONSORED BY (FTO)
FAMILY & TEACHER ORGANIZATION

LET THE GAMES BEGIN

Events

Traditional field day games for the whole family, including water games & bouncy houses!

Bring your lawn chairs & blankets for seating

Kona Ice truck & drinks available for purchase

*Following Family Fun Day, we invite families to stay on-campus for:
Tailgating party at 5:00PM
Alumni game at 6:30PM

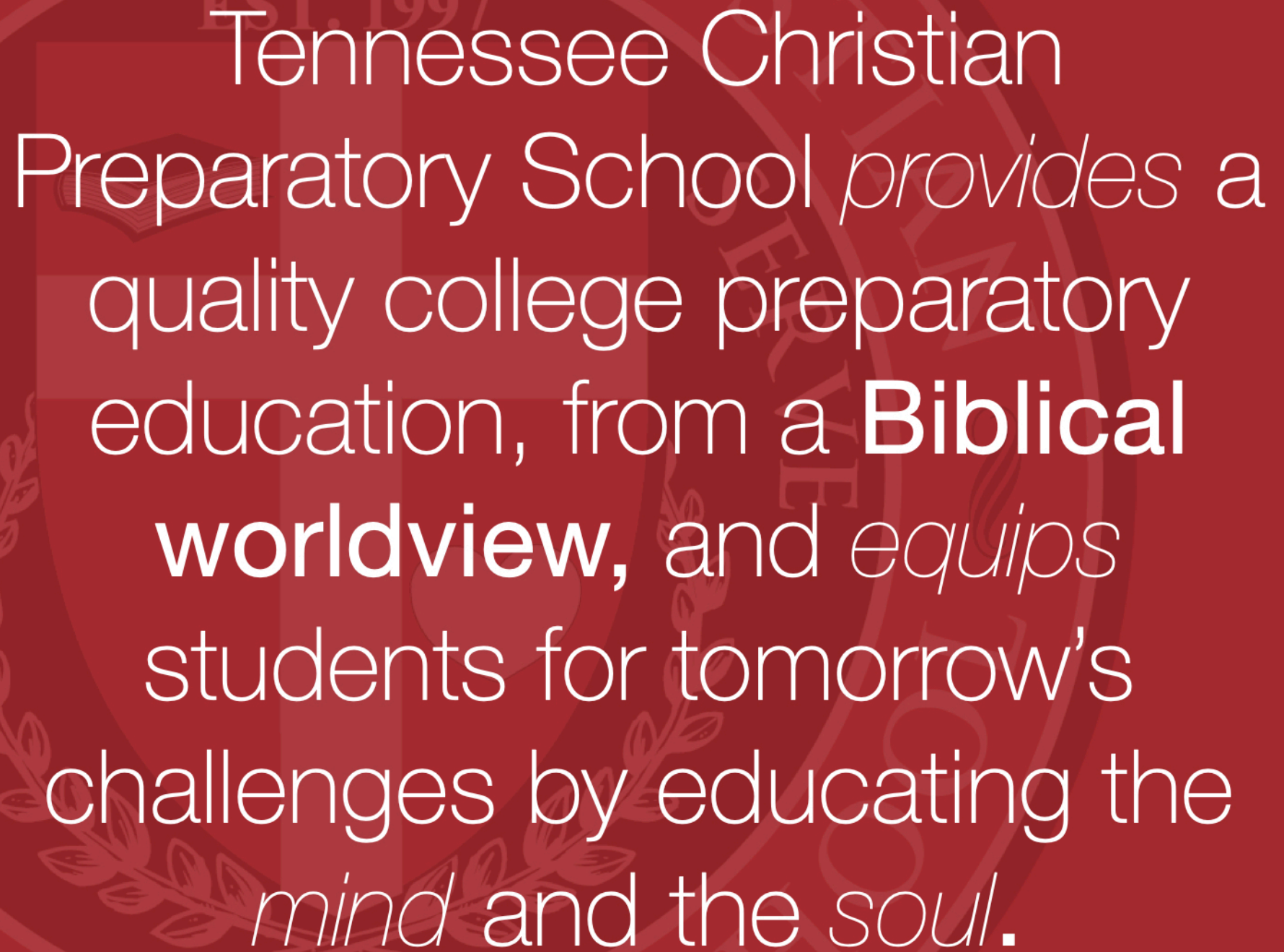
Food & drinks available for purchase sponsored by our Athletics Department

Contact FTO@tcpsk12.org for questions



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