

A group of students are participating in a tug-of-war competition on a grassy field. In the foreground, a student in a red shirt and black cap is pulling hard on the rope. Behind them, other students in various colored shirts (blue, red, maroon) are also pulling. In the background, more students are watching, some standing and some sitting. The scene is set outdoors with many trees in the background.

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# from the Head

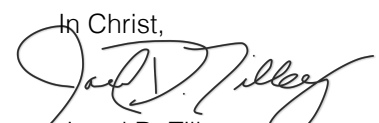
On the first day of school at Tennessee Christian, two Christian parents were chatting excitedly about whether the seniors had received detention. Their enthusiasm might have seemed out of place, but at Tennessee Christian, it's actually a tradition for the senior class to earn detention on the first day. Over the years, it's become a fun ritual for seniors to engage in playful antics to secure their spot in detention. The tradition started years ago with Collin Douglas and has been upheld by each senior class since. This year's seniors were no exception.

When I arrived on campus for Tennessee Christian's half-day on Wednesday, August 14, I was touched to see the seniors were already there. Their early arrival was a heartwarming sign that they were gathering for a sunrise prayer and breakfast before school started. What was a surprise, however, was their late-night prank — they had filled my office with hundreds of balloons. As I welcomed the students inside the school, I couldn't help but notice the giggles and the sight of a green alien balloon peeking through my office window. Like the parents, I was enthusiastic that our

seniors received detention!

Let us not forget why the seniors were on campus in the first place last Wednesday. They were beginning their last year with Tennessee Christian in prayer — a prayer of protection and direction for each student. I am excited to see our senior class grow this year and become the men and women God has planned.



In Christ,  
  
Jared D. Tilley



# BACK TO SCHOOL

The 2024-2025 school year at Tennessee Christian kicked off with an energetic "Back to School Bash." This annual event, held the Monday before the first days of school, brought together students, families, and faculty for an evening filled with fellowship and excitement. The campus was buzzing with friends, schedules, sno-cones, and a few jitters, creating an atmosphere of joy and anticipation. It was the perfect opportunity for new and returning students to reconnect with friends and meet their teachers in a relaxed environment setting a positive tone for the year ahead.

Our first day of school was marked with a school-wide chapel service where we gathered together with heartfelt praise worshipping our Creator. Mr. Tilley delivered a message about being anchored in Christ, reminding everyone of the importance of faith in their daily lives.

Thursday morning we came together to pray for our Upper School students as they headed off to Lookout Mountain for one of the most anticipated events of the year, the Upper School Retreat. Our 9th-12th graders were missed on campus, but the Lower and Middle School students spent the rest of the week getting back in the swing of all things school-related, including tucked-in uniform shirts, packing lunches and getting up early to tackle the day!





# UPPER SCHOOL

## *retreat*

Last weekend, our Upper School students and faculty got away for our annual Upper School retreat. This is always a special time for our students and teachers to reconnect and start the year off on the right foot. We enjoyed an assortment of competitions and fun games. Seniors started off the trip with horseback riding. The first night concluded with the Teacher Hunt, where teachers go off and hide and the students search for them to win the most points for their cabin. We left everything out on the dance floor for folk dance night. We got to watch Clint do belly flops and Monroe destroy others in a race at the night swim! Teachers took it to the students in the teacher vs student volleyball game! This is definitely one of the most enjoyable times we get to have together as a school!

However, with as much fun as we had doing all the things above, the most beautiful moment was the worship chapel we had on the last night. Hannah Frye, with the help of Isaiah Muñoz, led us in a night of worship that had many of us in tears and wanting more. I was sitting back at one point watching our students with their hands raised and voices singing at the top of their lungs worshiping God in a way that I've never seen before! Seeing the passion on their faces and the joy they were experiencing in that moment is something that I will never forget! Many of the students even said they wished it didn't have to end! It truly was a very special moment where we encountered God in a real way that I'm confident will have a lasting impact on our students and teachers! Parents, thank you for the sacrifices you made to allow your students to participate in this retreat and allowing us to have a life changing weekend with them!



# UPPER SCHOOL

# retreat





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