



TUESDAY TALON



He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in my kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."

Matthew 18:2-5

Our jobs as parents are to teach our children how to be quality adults, a vague statement I know. But is it not true? We want them to be productive members in society and above all be secure in their faith. Sometimes we can be laser focused on raising our children the right way that we forget to look for the lessons they are teaching us.

This summer, my daughter Iris wanted to "play in the dirt." Meaning she wanted to plant flowers. I was too busy to run to the hardware store and buy a plant and pot, so I said something like, "we will do that soon." But Iris wanted to play in the dirt now. Being the crafty younger sibling, she went to her older brother Elliott and asked him if he wanted to play in the dirt. This spirit of play gave Elliott an idea. He remembered we had seeds left over from our green thumb attempt back during COVID. He looked through the basket of seeds and picked the packet with his favorite fruit labeled on the front, the tomato. The two came to me and asked if they could plant the tomato seeds. I went through this long explanation of how the seed needs to be kept in a wet paper towel to allow it to grow, and then we can place it in the dirt and see what happens. They were not very enthusiastic about waiting a few hours let alone days or weeks for the tomato to grow before they could play in the

dirt. They asked if they could plant the tomato seeds and see what would happen. I said, okay but do not get your hopes up. The two had fun playing in the dirt, and I thought that was the end.

Several weeks later, I was out on our back patio and noticed a weed growing in the tomato plant pot. Being the wise gardener I am, I reached down to pull what seemed like a weed. As I did, Elliott said, "did you see the tomato plant"? I was for sure it was not a tomato plant but humored him and left it alone. Weeks rolled by, and that little weed continued to grow to the point that I could not deny it any further; it was not a weed but a tomato plant.

Through this, Elliott taught me two things. First, having the faith of a child can change your perspective and outlook on something for the better. Elliott never lost faith in believing that his tomato plant would grow, and he was right. Second, I am a terrible gardener.



In Christ,
Jared D. Tilley
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Something is hatching in The Learning Cottage! We are observing and studying baby chicks as they hatch and grow. God has created some pretty amazing creatures and we can't wait to see what these babies have to teach us about life.

Chicken Fact: Chickens have great memories and can recognize over 100 faces. They can even recognize different animals such as dogs and cats.



THE ACADEMY - INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT

The Academy is an opportunity for students to engage in the arts after school on Tennessee Christian's campus. Students from the Learning Cottage to 12th grade can learn from our outstanding community instructors. Below are the courses available and the instructors teaching our students. A few slots are still available if you have not signed up for The Academy.

Instructor	Instrument/Artistic	Cost
Aaron Forde	Drums	\$35 per half hour
Aner Luo	Violin	\$25 per half hour
Jessica Divel	Voice	\$25 per half hour
Linda Thompson	Guitar & Ukulele	\$24 per half hour
Michaela Hammond	Dance	\$60 per month
Jonathan Jarman	Trumpet, French Horn, Tuba, Euphonium, Trombone, Acoustic Guitar, Bass, Ukulele	See Mrs. Divel
Judy Foister Warrington	Piano	\$30 per half hour

Please contact Mrs. Divel for questions and more information, jdivel@tcpsk12.org.



we cordially request your absence

(because we know you are busy.)

at the

No-Show

Gala

August 31, 2022

presented by Tennessee Christian Preparatory School Family Teacher Organization
Board of Directors

Allen and Joanna Butler
Seth and Sarah Ford
Steve and Jennifer Hartline

Travis and Alanna Henry
Lebron and Heather Lackey
Josh and Erika Olmstead

Dear Families,

The Tennessee Christian Preparatory School Family Teacher Organization would like to say hello and welcome you back to school! We hope that the first week of school has been wonderful for your students and your family.

The FTO is excited to be hosting the *No-Show Gala* this month! You may be wondering: What is the “No-Show Gala?” This fundraiser is a fundraiser that doesn’t require you to go anywhere! We know that the beginning of a new school year is a busy time for all families, so this type of fundraiser will help support our school and help support your schedule. HOW do you participate?

1. Do not hire a babysitter!
2. Look at the Menu of items available for purchase. An invitation was sent home with your student in their Welcome to School packet and is attached to this email.
3. Pray about your donation.
4. Scan the Venmo code and make a donation, OR stop by the main office with cash or a check (made payable to TCPS FTO.)
5. Please list which item you would like to purchase.
6. If there is no specific item that you would like to purchase, but would like to make a donation, that works too! Any funds donated will be allotted for items on the Menu.
7. That’s it! Easy-peasy!

Your TCPS FTO is looking forward to helping support our Faculty, Staff, and Students. The *No-Show Gala* is the perfect opportunity for you to join us as we kick off the new school year!



Menu

MobyMax for Lower School.....	\$1,600.00
Faculty Chromebooks (each).....	\$500.00
Student Chromebooks (each).....	\$250.00
GaGa Ball Pit (each).....	\$550.00
GaGa Ball Pit Lumber.....	\$500.00
Outdoor P.E. Equipment.....	\$500.00
Landscaping Three Areas:	
Main Entrance.....	\$200.00
Lower School Entrance.....	\$200.00
Walk Path to Science Rooms.....	\$400.00

Any donation made.....PRICELESS

Simply scan the QR code to donate any amount on the
"MENU."

Cash or checks (payable to TCPS FTO) can also be received
in the main office.

*Support your school, teachers, and students. Save your time and energy. Know that 100% of your
contribution will go directly to the purchase of items on this wish list.*

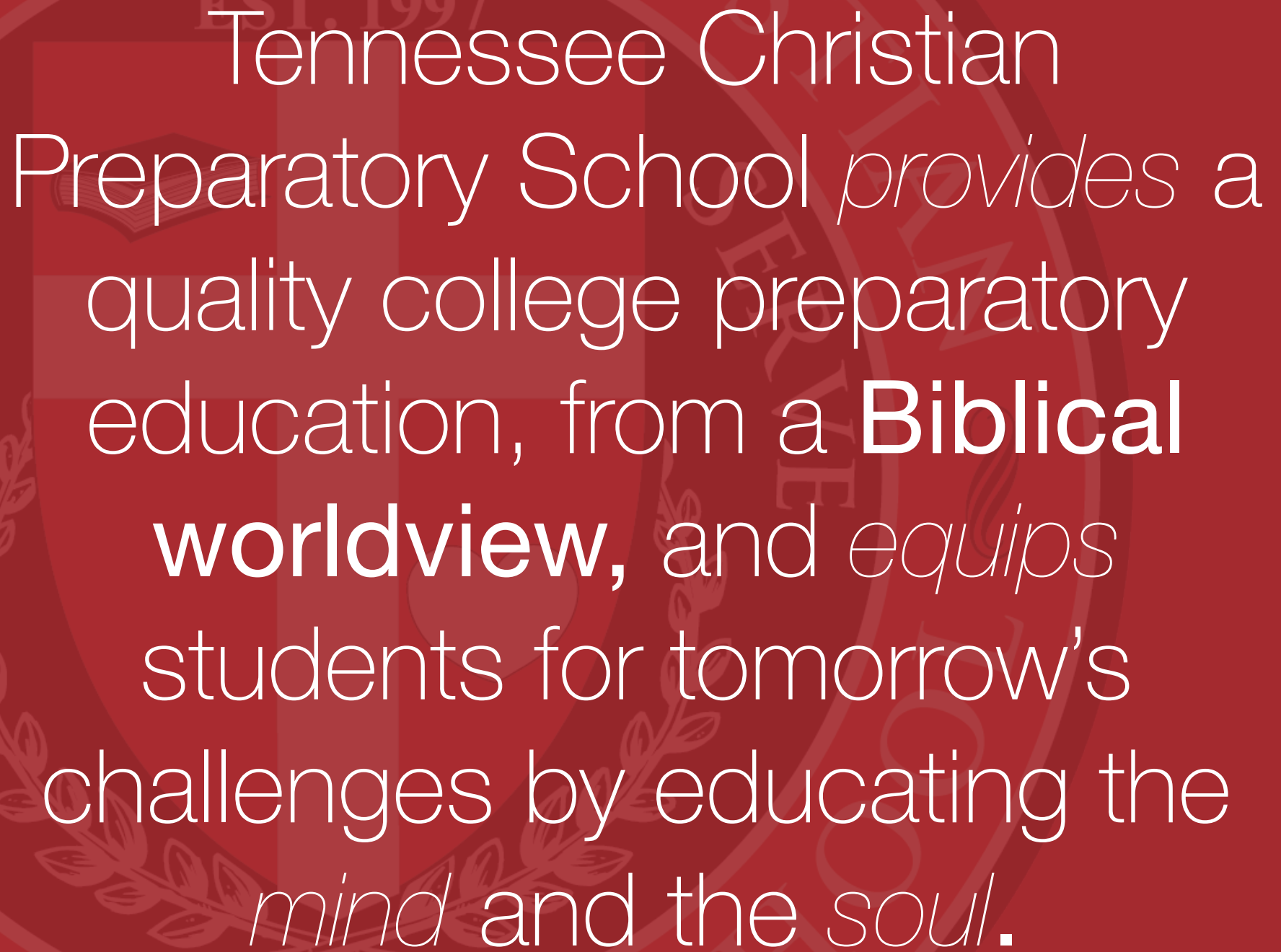
*Please partner
with the TCPS
FTO for the
No-Show Gala*



*Please email
fto@tcpsk12.org
with any questions*

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building community, and providing strategic support to ensure
the enduring success of TCPS.



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quality college preparatory
education, from a **Biblical
worldview**, and *equips*
students for tomorrow's
challenges by educating the
mind and the soul.