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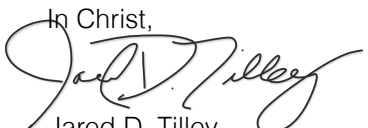
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from the **Head**

Reflecting on the 2023-2024 school year fills me with excitement to consider all that we have accomplished. It has been a year marked by growth, achievement, and unforgettable moments. At the heart of it all lies the unwavering dedication and tireless efforts of our esteemed faculty, staff, administration, supportive families, and bright and eager students. Together, they constitute the very essence of what makes our school such a unique and cherished place. Our unity and devotion to the school's mission make us unique and able to serve our community with God's love.

This year, we have had a multitude of events that demonstrated unity within our school community. From the cherished tradition of Grandparents Day to our commitment to various service projects, celebrating and serving with joy and togetherness remains a central focus for us. One of our earliest events, the annual Trike-a-Thon, was a testament to the remarkable togetherness that can be formed during such occasions. We saw the oldest hawks cheering on the youngest as they peddled around the track, each lap filled with infectious smiles from everyone. Likewise, one of our last events of the year, the spring production of *Alice in Wonderland*, showcased the talents of our students and their tremendous hard work. It was a joy to see the youngest hawk families laughing and cheering on the tremendous performance of our students. This togetherness is a pivotal ingredient in the recipe for developing a successful school built around God's mission for Tennessee Christian, and it is your participation and support that makes these moments so special.

I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the journey we've embarked upon together. Looking ahead, I am excited to see how we will continue to nurture the spirit of togetherness and joy at Tennessee Christian, building upon the rich tapestry of unity that defines us.

In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley

ALICE *in* WONDERLAND

Assisting in the directing of "Alice in Wonderland" was an unforgettable journey filled with long, exhausting days, but the end result was nothing short of spectacular. Despite the challenges posed by the wacky script and eccentric characters, every team member delivered their role with absolute perfection. Witnessing each individual's endless dedication and shared passion filled me with immense pride. Each character played was brought to life & was displayed beautifully. I am so proud of each actor & actress for working so hard to make their character shine in their own ways. I am incredibly proud of many of our cast members who have never been part of plays or had serious lead roles before really show us & the audience how much passion they have for their character.

We were able to perform on an official stage with assistance from Lee and their fantastic crew members, who made sure the lights and sound were on point and right where we wanted them. We were truly blessed to have been able to perform at the Dixon Center and excited for next year's performance and for the students who get to perform.

Mr. Mullins has devotion & drive like no one else when it comes to making these plays spectacular. He plans every scene, designs all the artwork & set pieces, & makes sure that all of the characters are presented well & played by the right actors. He has taken over the lead director role tremendously & I am so thankful to be working by his side. This being my senior year & helping with our previous play in the fall, Clue, & now Alice in Wonderland, it was an honor to be able to do what I love by leading & assisting in making this play come together. Even though this was my last year in high school assisting, I don't intend for it to be the last one overall. I am excited to hopefully be a part of more amazing plays & musicals in the future & can't wait to be working alongside Mr. Mullins again.

ALICE *in* WONDERLAND



ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



We are thrilled to introduce Coach Lee Cigliano as the new Athletic Director at Tennessee Christian. With over 35 years of comprehensive experience in coaching and educational administration, Coach Cigliano brings a wealth of expertise to our institution.

His journey in coaching spans across various prestigious institutions, including notable roles such as Assistant Coach in Men's Basketball at Western Carolina University (NCAA Division 1) and Men's Basketball Graduate Assistant Coach at the University of the Cumberlands (NAIA Division 1). However, his most significant contribution was at Cleveland State Community College, where he dedicated 25 years of his career as the Head Coach for Men's Basketball.

During his tenure at Cleveland State, Coach Cigliano led the team to remarkable achievements, including four appearances in the NJCAA Region 7/TCCAA State Championship games. One of the highlights was in 2019 when he guided the team to the NJCAA National Tournament, where they made history by securing a victory as the 24th seed against the 9th seed, advancing to the Sweet 16.

Coach Cigliano's outstanding coaching earned him accolades, including being named National District 7 Coach of the Year in 2019 and TCCAA Eastern Division Coach of the

Year in 2021. Under his leadership, more than 50 players successfully transitioned to four-year colleges and universities on scholarships, with many alumni excelling in diverse fields, from accounting and financial planning to education, engineering, and even professional sports overseas.

Beyond coaching, Coach Cigliano possesses a strong background in education and student services. He has contributed significantly as a high school teacher, an instructor at Cleveland State, and in various roles such as Student Success Coach and Associate Director of Admissions at Middle Tennessee State University and Coordinator of Drug and Alcohol Education at Western Carolina University.

Coach Cigliano's dedication to education is evident in his academic achievements, culminating in a Doctorate of Education (Ed.D) from East Tennessee State University with a focus on Educational Leadership. Personally, he shares a fulfilling journey with his wife, Kari Beth, of nearly 28 years, and together they have three children - Nick, Brynna, and Caleb.

We warmly welcome Coach Lee Cigliano to Tennessee Christian, confident in his ability to lead our athletic program to new heights while fostering academic and personal growth among our student-athletes.



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Congratulations, 2024 KINDERGARTEN CLASS!



This past week in Kindergarten was one of exciting and culminating events. We began our week with the class of 2024 burying their time capsule. For the past few weeks we have been gathering items to place in the time capsule! We added notes from teachers and parents as well as photos and current events. Our class will then gather around in 2036 and dig up the capsule and reminisce on our Kindergarten year. Then we finished our week with our favorite event of the year, Kindergarten graduation! Students showcased all that they have learned this year and it was a wonderful time to celebrate with family and friends. Thanks for a great year Kindergarten Class of 2024 and future Senior Class of 2036! We love you!

Written by Ashley Dodson

5TH GRADE BRIDGE CEREMONY



Last Friday, Tennessee Christian's fifth graders bid farewell to their lower school years in a sweet bridge ceremony. Sixth graders passed candles to their younger peers, symbolizing the transfer of knowledge and responsibility to the upcoming middle school students. Awards were also given, honoring academic achievements and leadership qualities. Among the awards given was a very special award, The Heart of Hope.



The Heart of Hope Award is given each year to a 5th Grade student who exhibits the traits found within a servant's heart and who leans into 1 John 3:18 which states: Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. This award was established last year, in 2022, to honor a distinguished educator at Tennessee Christian, Mrs. Phyllis Hope whose helping heart is unmatched in our community and it has shown in the hearts of our students for over 30 years. This award was given to Ashton Copic for his true leadership qualities and commitment to putting a happy heart behind even the smallest tasks.

The Bridge Ceremony was a breath of fresh air as we were all reminded of the unity and mentorship within the school community, inspiring our fifth grade students to embrace the journey ahead with hope and excitement as they take on life as middle schoolers!



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GRACEFUL PLAYGROUND



On May 16, Tennessee Christian celebrated the efforts of dedicated and hardworking family. Stephanie and Grace Laug joined the administration and student body to thank their family! The students of the Lower School have enjoyed the slides, climbs, and swings daily. In honoring the hard work and dedication of the family, Tennessee Christian has officially named the Lower School play area, Graceful Playground! A special thanks to the family for their hard work!



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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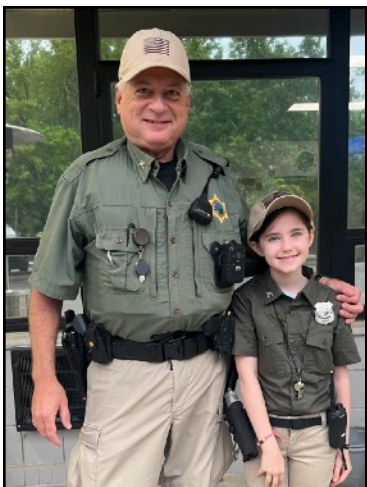


It was a great honor to be principal for the day. I enjoyed getting to say a prayer before the Talent Show. I also enjoyed getting watch over fourth grade. Most of all I enjoyed getting to spend time with Mrs. Sluder and I have a deeper appreciation for all that she does for us at TCPS.

-Principal Lizzie Henry



OFFICER FOR-THE-DAY



Hi my name is Kennerly and I was this year's Security Officer for the Day. I really enjoyed walking around the school and learning about keeping the school safe. You may need to ask Officer Rob to take some breaks because he walks A LOT. Overall it was a fun day and I learned all the ways Officer Rob keeps our school safe

-Officer Kennerly Dodson





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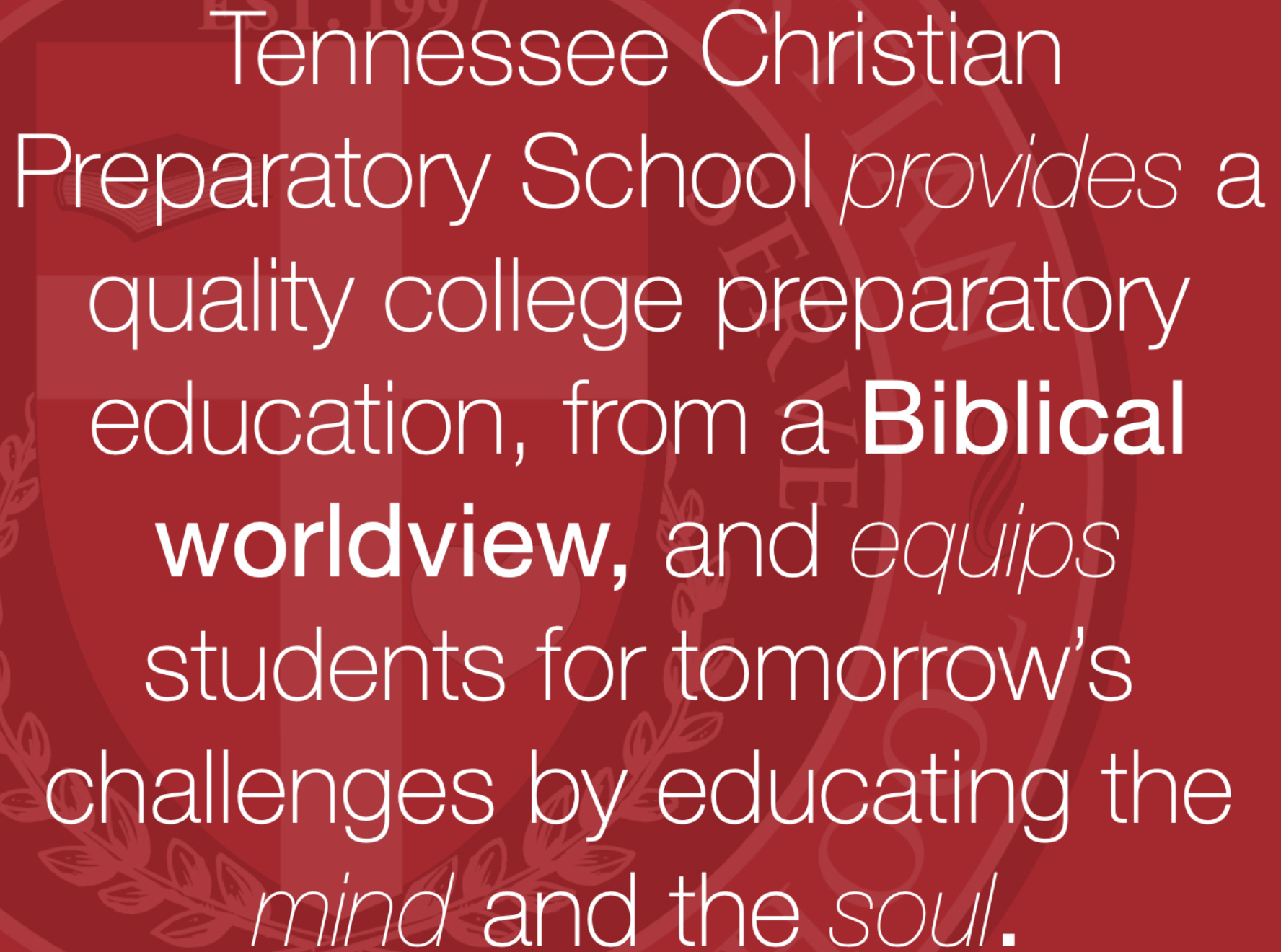


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