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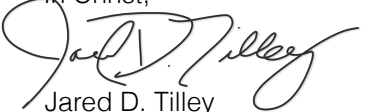
# from the Head

On Saturday night, the Tennessee Christian community gathered to honor both current students and alumni, celebrating their contributions and achievements. The evening was filled with lively basketball action, featuring four quarters of intense play. Dr. Lee Cigliano provided colorful commentary throughout the games, adding to the



excitement. In addition to the on-court action, the crowd of all ages engaged in various activities during media timeouts and quarter breaks, including the Church Clap dance, Gotcha, and a basketball-themed version of Musical Chairs.

For me, the highlight of the event was witnessing the impressive young men who have passed through the basketball program at Tennessee Christian over the years leaving their mark on both our previous and current campuses. The alumni, now adults, serve as exemplary role models for our current students, showcasing the positive impact of their time at Tennessee Christian. We are proud to have each one of them return to their alma mater and continue to engage with the current Tennessee Christian families and students. Thank you to Kristian Henry for planning the successful event!

In Christ,  
  
Jared D. Tilley

# Cinco de MAYO



¡Los estudiantes de Tennessee Christian saben salir de fiesta! And by “fiesta,” we mean piñatas full of candy, Mexican dancing, and a loaded nacho bar! Students from all divisions enjoyed Mexican fiestas last Thursday organized by Señora Rodriguez. For the second year in a row, Lower School students learned about and celebrated Cinco de Mayo while Middle and Upper School students held a modified Quinceañera where they dedicated their gifts and talents to God. It was truly a wonderful day celebrating these Mexican traditions and creating some of our own. Que Dios bendiga a nuestros estudiantes y familias.



# MOTHER'S DAY

## ANNUAL KINDERGARTEN TEA



Last Friday, the Kindergarten Class of Tennessee Christian held their 26th annual Mother's Day Tea. Over the years, hundreds of kindergartners have showered their mothers with gifts, love, and tea cakes! One of our favorite parts of every tea is seeing the excitement on the children's faces when their mothers arrive. They are so eager to show the moms all of the crafts and gifts they have made. We especially look forward to Mrs. Hope's tea cakes! Thank you moms for all you do. One of my favorite quotes to describe this beautiful and sweet event is "Mother's hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever."

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# HAWKS

## ATHLETIC BANQUET



This past Friday evening, the Athletic Department welcomed Tennessee Christian athletes and families to our annual athletic banquet. An enthusiastic group of over 240 people gathered to celebrate our student athletes and enjoy a dinner from Shane's Rib Shack. From the thunderous applause honoring standout performances to the heartfelt speeches commending teamwork and dedication, the atmosphere was charged with energy and pride. It was a testament to the hard work and perseverance of every individual who contributed to the success of their teams and the broader sporting community. Coaches got to highlight their sports season and recognize their players. The culmination of the evening was the announcement of Athlete of the Year awards. Georgia McPherson and Isaiah Munoz were awarded this honor for the 2023-2024 season. Congratulations to them for outstanding careers! Thank you so much to our wonderful coaches for all of their hard work this year. Thank you to everyone who helped set up the gym on Friday. Anastasia Ladd created a slideshow highlighting our sports for families to watch during dinner. Thank you Ashlyn Henry and Abigail Shepherd for all of your hard work all year for the athletic department especially working the snack cart each week. Thank you for a wonderful evening to not only honor achievements but also to remember the power of sport to inspire, unite, and uplift.



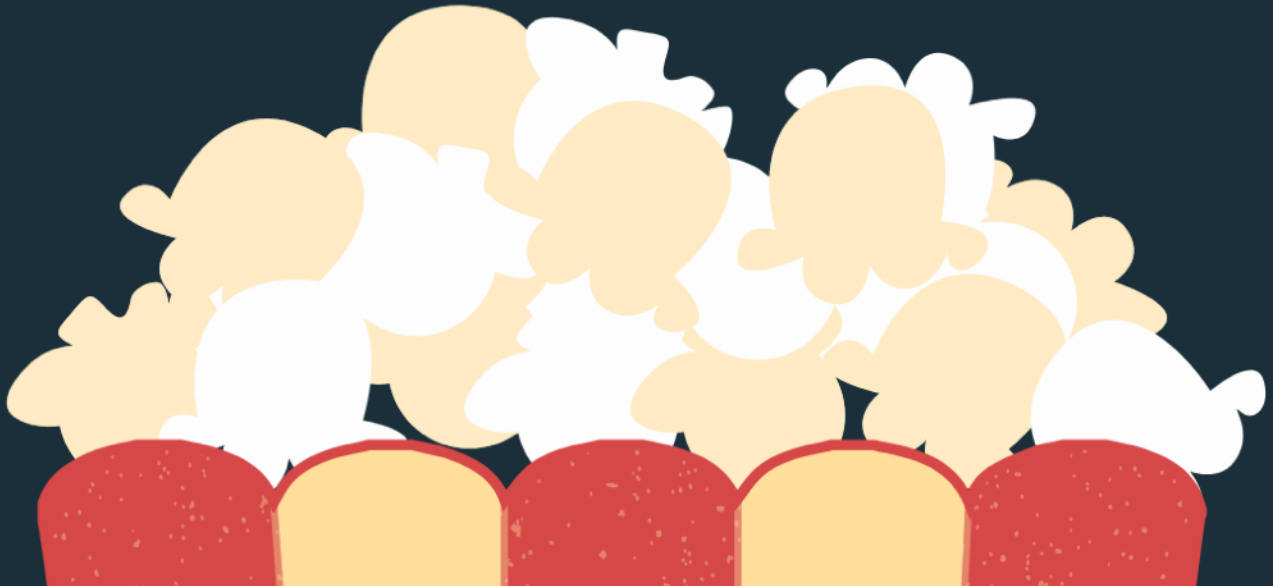
Article by Kristian Henry



# KINDERGARTEN'S POPCORN WITH THE PRINCIPAL



The Kindergarten Class invited Mrs. Lindsay Sluder, Lower School Principal, in for a delicious popcorn treat this week. Kindergarten is completing an ABC countdown and letter P on the countdown is "P for Popcorn with the Principal." The students love this fun day in which they can ask the principal questions about the job as well as show off some cool dance moves! We appreciate all of our principals and administration at our school and love that they are able to celebrate all of the moments with us (big and small).







# Thank you

The Men's Retreat Ministry Outreach Project (M.O.P.) from the Church at Grace Point installed a new floor in our Lower School Gaga Pit in early April. From the students who play the game day in and day out to the parents who have washed countless dusty uniform clothes, we want to give them a big thank you for their act of service for our Lower School Students.





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. 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](mailto:jblaylock@tcpsk12.org)**

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

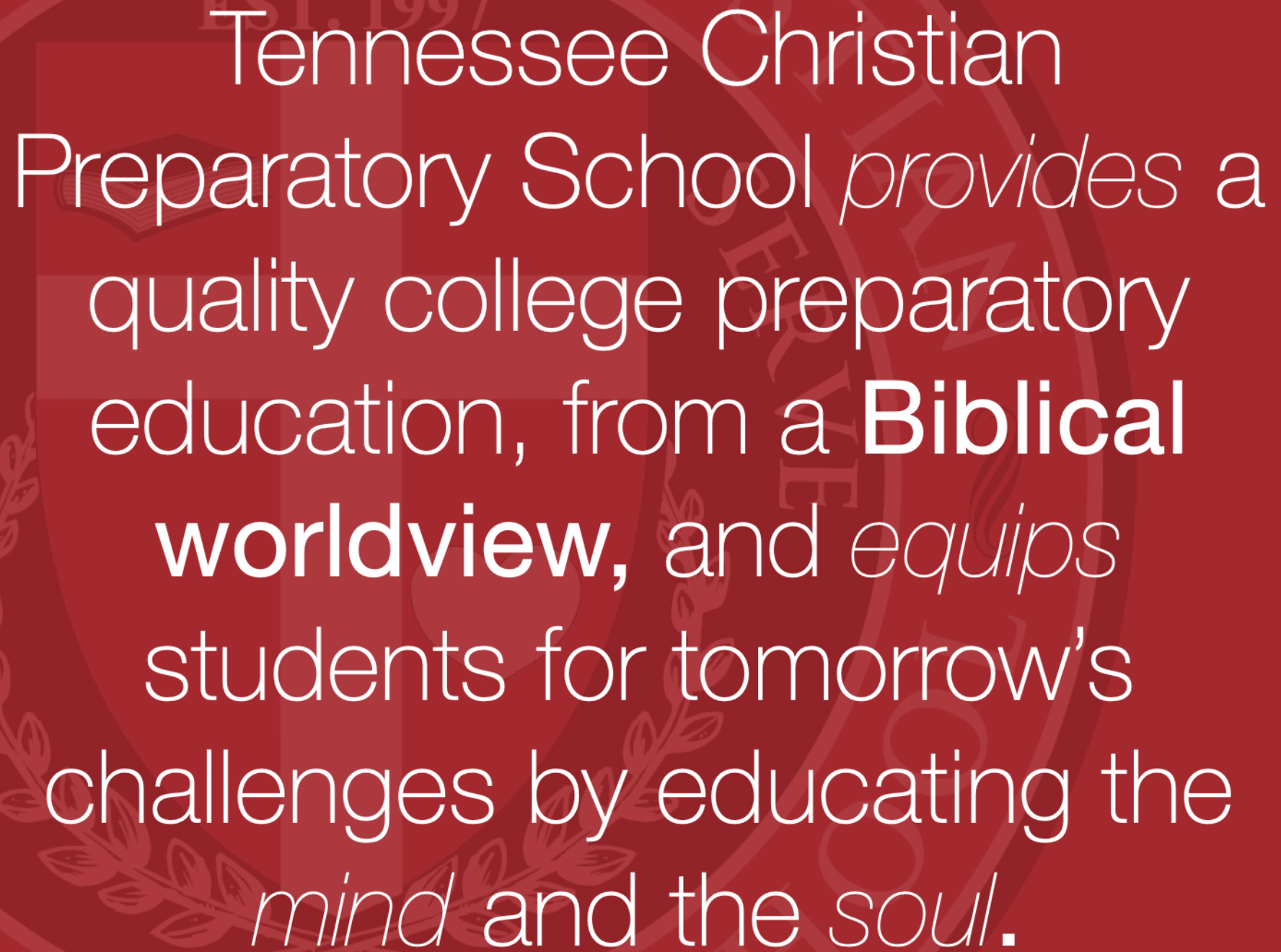




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