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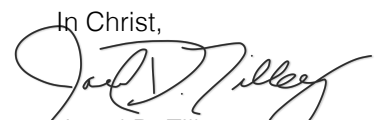
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from the Head

I was given a book over the summer called the *Church History ABCs, Augustine and Twenty-Five Other Heroes of the Faith* from Mrs. Van Dyke. While it's fundamental elements are elementary its content introduces the reader to church leaders throughout the centuries. A little deeper dive into each church leader, one can illuminate the importance of our shared experiences with Christians. This year, in my senior Capstone Bible class, the first activity each day is to highlight a church leader, using the book, and explore quotes from their writings. The first page, *A is for Augustine* led me to find a prayer the ancient theologian that resonates.

O Lord,
You are the Light,
The Way, the Truth, the Life.
In you there is no darkness,
Error, vanity, or death
The Light without which there is darkness,
The Way without which there is wandering,
The Truth without which there is error,
The Life without which there is Death.
Lord, say, "Let there be Light,"
And I will see Light and renounce the darkness.
I will see the Way and avoid wandering.
I will see the Truth and shun error.
I will see Life and escape death.
Enlighten, O enlighten my blind soul
Which sits in darkness and the shadow of Death,
And direct my feet into the way of peace. Amen.

Saint Augustine's words refocus me, and hopefully us, on the mission God has for our school. Even though the words were written over 1,500 years ago, there is a fundamental guidance that we all can relate to and a reassurance that we all need, as Christians, in the 21st century. Let us pray for our students, the next generation of leaders, together.

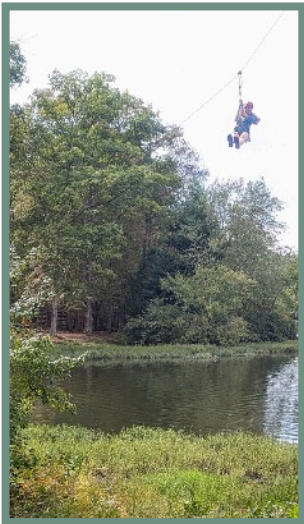
In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley



Seven Tennessee Christian students had the unique privilege of attending Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) on Saturday, September 21 where they engaged in leadership development training and team building. Zoey Harris, Ashley Lyles, Audrey Lyles, Ellis Van Dyke,



Sophie Ellis, Ian Morgain, and Judah Machacek gave up a lazy Saturday of sleeping in to load a charter bus at 5:30 a.m. and head to Camp Nakanawa in Crossville, TN.



At camp, they were joined by other student leaders from across east Tennessee to battle physical and mental challenges, scale climbing walls, fly through the air on a zip line and extra high tree swing, and build new friendships and connections. In addition, students were motivated to "use their voice" and to live "extraordinary" (the little extra that happens between the ordinary). And one of our very own, Ellis Van Dyke, certainly did just that and earned a coveted "Leader Among Leaders" award. Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Cleveland for sponsoring these student leaders.



Written by Kylie Machacek

Hispanic Heritage Month



“And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt.”

Deuteronomy 10:19

In light of the Biblical mandate to love “the other”, we are highlighting Spanish-speaking countries’ cultures and contributions by celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, which spans from September 15th through October 15th.

We have had Ms. Josefa from Chile, Ms. Lizbet from Cuba, Ms. Marina from Spain and Ms. Doris Guatemala come to our Lower and Upper grades to share about their countries of origin and experiences in the United States. We have danced, played and had yummy food and drinks. We have seen colorful flags, fans and tortilla warmers.

We will continue to visit Spanish-speaking countries through music and more volunteer speakers. My desire is for our children and youth to see others as Christ sees them and to learn Spanish to connect with the other.

Written by Sra. Acosta-Sierra

September Fruit of the Spirit



Jenna Ebersole (K4)

“Jenna exudes joy daily. She greets teachers and friends every morning with a big smile on her face. Jenna completes tasks and helps others with a positive attitude. Her smile is contagious and always brightens the day.” -Megan Naquin



Johanna Stone (Kindergarten)

“Johanna comes to school everyday with a smile on her face. She finds laughter and joy in the small moments. Those around Johanna feel joy just by being around her! Way to go Johanna!”
-Ashley Dodson & Phyllis Hope



Cali Daffin (2nd Grade)

“Cali always comes in the classroom each day with a big smile on her face and has the sweetest spirit. When I think of the word joy, Cali comes to mind. I am so thankful to have her in my class this year.” -Rebecca Hake



Jay Gilbert (4th Grade)

“Jay naturally has a joyful personality, taking on assignments with a smile and a “Yes, ma’am!” Jay is also an enthusiastic helper as we clean up at the end of the day.

He is also growing in the joy of the Lord as we talk about how God gives us His joy even when we are facing difficult situations. Jay has recently learned this as he has faced a death in his family. Even in sorrow, Jay knows that Jesus brings us joy.”

-Donna McKee

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Maddux Mullins (8th Grade)

“Maddux approaches all he does with joy. He has a smile on his face each day when he comes to class. Not only does he display joy, he spreads it. He greets students and staff with kind words and smiles. Even when things are challenging for him or not what he expects, he still shows joy in those moments.”

- Melissa Scannapiego



Graham Sluder (9th Grade)

“Graham always has a smile on his face, some might call it a mischievous smirk but I like to think that the laughter in his eyes is joy! He seems to be consistently happy, upbeat, and positive.” - Corrie Nelson



Aryah Eslinger (10th Grade)

“Aryah always has a smile on her face and something positive to say. She is very encouraging in my class to me as well as to other students.” - Corrie Nelson





HAWK HIGHLIGHTS



This past week saw exciting performances across Tennessee Christian Preparatory School's fall sports despite some teams facing tough weather conditions from Hurricane Helene. Here's a quick summary of the action.

- **Lower School Cross Country:** Runners showed heart even with a few battling sickness. **Graham Osborne** set a personal best, clocking in at 7:43, while **Leona Fletcher** broke the 10 minute mark with a personal best of 9:58.

- **Middle School Tennis:** **Elijah Bentley** and **Elliot Tilley** secured a double win against St. Jude, while **Scarlet McPherson** and **Gracie Gilbert** swept both their singles and doubles matches in the #1 and #2 seeds. **Esther Van Dyke** and **Josie Ford** followed suit with victories at #5 and #6 seeds, and **Carolina Machacek** clinched her singles match at #7.



- **High School Soccer:** The boys played their strongest game yet, fighting hard in a closely contested match against Berean Academy.

- **High School Golf:** The team's match against Berean was rained out but will be made up on Tuesday, October 1st.

- **High School Volleyball:** Our team battled in a competitive match against Christ Legacy but fell short in three sets. They're looking forward to a challenging three match week ahead.

Due to the impact of Hurricane Helene, several matches and games were postponed or canceled, but our teams are ready to bounce back stronger!



HAWK HIGHLIGHTS

“If you could switch with any athlete for a day, who would it be and why?”

Franklin Campbell (Senior Soccer/Basketball player):

“I’d wanna switch places with Zion Williams so I know what it feels like to be good at Basketball and to be able to dunk really well.”

Elliott Tilley (Middle School Tennis/Basketball player):

“I would trade with Carlos Alcaraz, so that I could be fast and get my serve in.”



Trivia of the Week

With Hurricane Helene’s weather impacting last week’s games, here’s a weather-related trivia question for you:

In 2017, a major sporting event had to be postponed due to Hurricane Irma, one of the strongest hurricanes in recorded history. Which professional sports league postponed games in Florida due to the hurricane?

Submit your answer by email to lcigliano@tcpsk12.org for a chance to win a free snack from The TCPS Snack Cart. The first person to submit by email will win.

Written by Lee Cigliano

TOMORROW!

MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME



PICTURE DAY:
DÍA DE FOTOS

Wednesday
October 2, 2024

Happening this Friday!

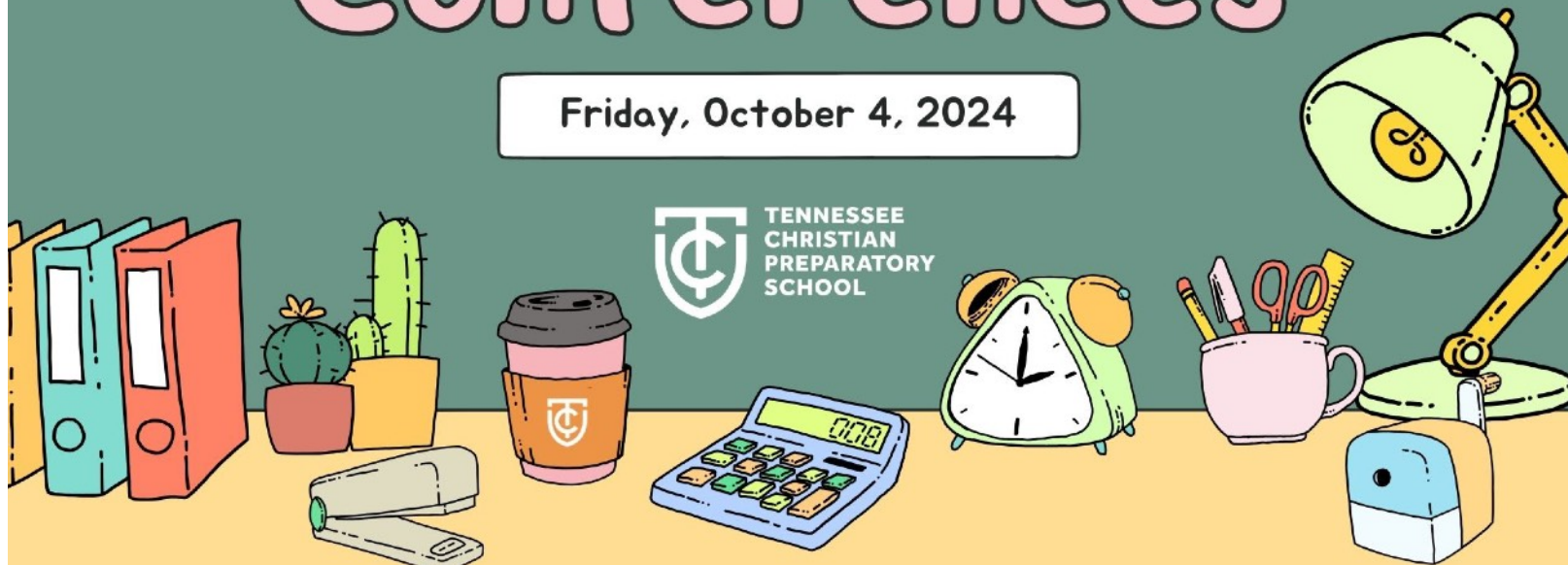
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Family-Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 4, 2024



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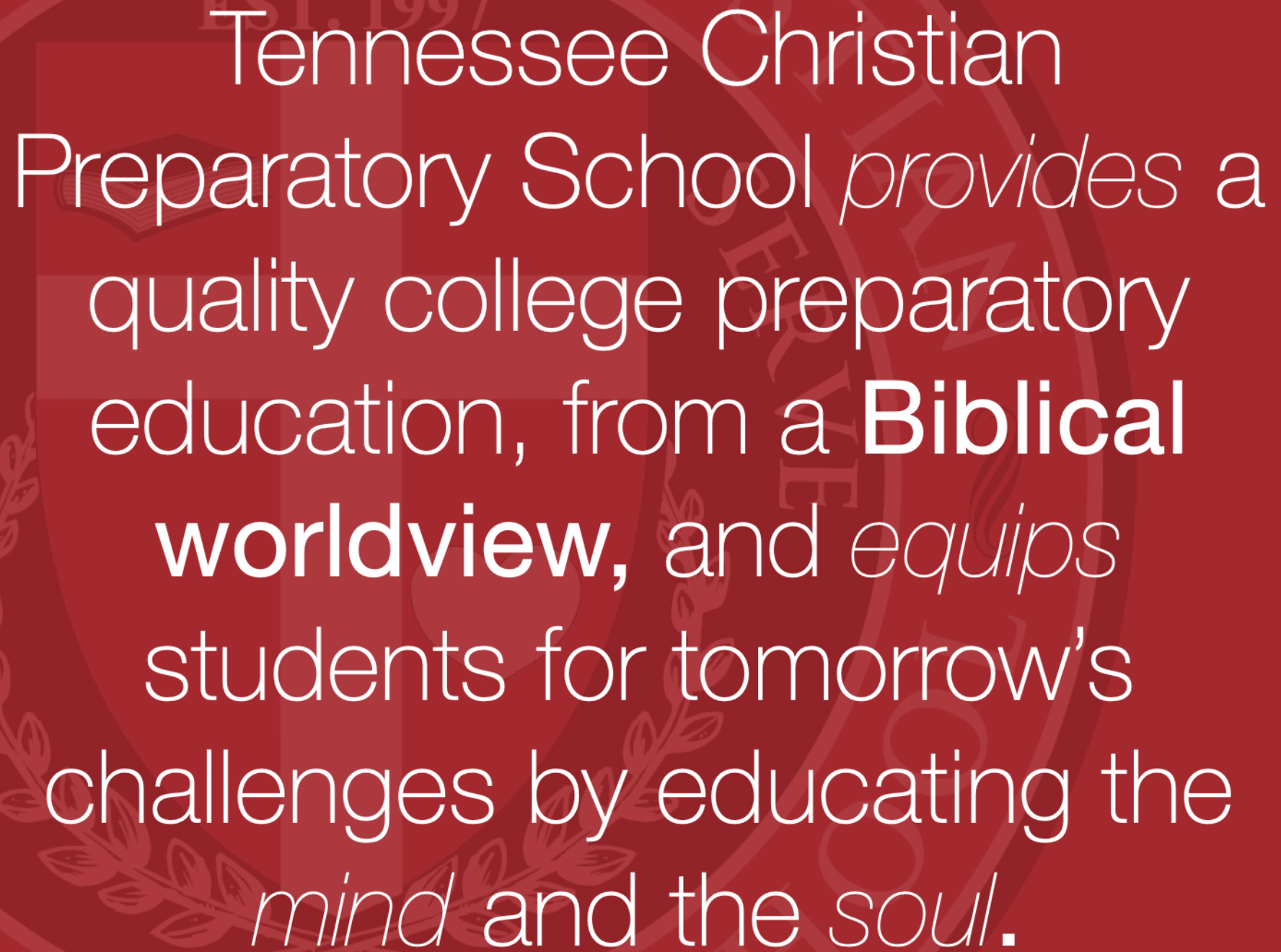


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