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from the Head

Friday night was an exciting and historic day for Tennessee Christian. In the morning, students in the middle and upper school were making final preparations for the Annual Pumpkin Drop. Small groups of students were scrambling to secure the last element to their design in hopes to keep their pumpkins from reaching an unfortunate end. As lunch was wrapping up, students were excited as the fire engine secured itself in place and the students' preparation complete, all that was left was to drop pumpkins. The Lower School ceremoniously opened the proceedings with painting pumpkins being dropped from well over 50 feet. The outcome was all the same and satisfying; a pumpkin splat. The students of the Middle and Upper Schools took center stage. Would their designs hold up? Many students, by successfully protecting their pumpkins from over a 50 foot fall, were able to sign the Golden Pumpkin, an annual ritual for those successful. Ashlyn Henry's design seemed to steal the day with a parachute that not only saved the pumpkin but allowed it to fall gracefully away from the drop zone into a tree. Well done to all the students and teachers for a STEAM challenge that was quite fun to watch!



Friday night kicked off our first annual alumni soccer game. Not only is it historic for Tennessee Christian to welcome back past soccer players for an exhibition, the event marked the first time our field was used for an athletic event. Thank you to Dakota Sage and especially Ron Barker for his hard work in preparing the field for Tennessee Christian's use now and in the future.

Following the alumni soccer game, the Tennessee Christian community gathered for a movie under the stars. FTO did a superb job of organizing and putting on our 3rd Annual Family Movie Night. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make Friday a success for our students and families at Tennessee Christian.

In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley

FRIDAY FUN



PUMPKIN DROP

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ALUMNI SOCCER GAME & SENIOR NIGHT



SENIORS: JAMES SHIFLET, FRANKLIN
CAMPBELL AND ISAAC BOROS



Orange Beach

CLASS OF 2025 SENIOR TRIP



The Class of 2025 spent their fall break in their favorite way - together. In fact, "Better Together" is the perfect motto for this easygoing group. As they spent the break at Orange Beach, AL for their senior trip, they didn't care what was on the daily agenda as long as they did it together.

They traveled together, beached together, floated along the lazy river together, relaxed in the hot tub together, raced down the waterslides together... and so much more, but always together.

With each day I spent with this group, it became clear that they had very little interest in sunbathing or shopping, but were eager to connect with each other. I saw deep friendships form over an Uno deck and in the bouncy seat of a 15-passenger van. From inside jokes to water gun fights to Sydney's Specialty Sandwiches, the memories shared were as precious as the pictures they took on the balcony.

Seniors, don't listen to me when I say, "what happens at the beach, stays at the beach" (unless you are James's swim trunks, which are still stuck on the balcony two stories below). Bring your togetherness, your camaraderie, your appreciation of one another back to our campus; so that we may all learn from you and recognize the treasure sitting in the desk beside us.

Article by Kylie Machacek

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HAWK HIGHLIGHTS

The Tennessee Christian Preparatory School (TCPS) athletic community has much to celebrate following an eventful week of competitions and special events.

Cross Country Achievements: Middle School standout Eli Ahlers had an incredible performance this past Saturday, October 19, at the Chattanooga area Regional meet at Woodland Park. By finishing 5th in his division, Eli secured a spot in the State Meet in Knoxville next Saturday. He will represent TCPS in the State Championship race, with his start time scheduled for 2:45 PM on October 26th. Eli will be aiming for the state title, and the entire TCPS community is behind him.

Lower School runners also shined at the Regional meet, with three exceptional athletes qualifying for the State Championship next Saturday in Knoxville. Henry Sluder, Malakai Ahlers, and Sam Hudson all ran outstanding times to earn their spots in the upcoming race. These young athletes will compete for the State Championship, with their start time scheduled for 11:30 AM on October 26th. We wish them the best of luck as they proudly represent TCPS.





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High School Soccer/Alumni Game: The TCPS Soccer/Alumni game was a huge success, featuring a competitive match and a wonderful turnout from the school community. Alumni players returned to the field, giving it their all in a close contest that saw the alums edge out the TCPS team 1-0. Beyond the final score, the event was an opportunity to recognize three senior soccer players for their dedication to the program: Issac Borros, Franklin Campbell, and James Shiflet. The seniors were honored for their contributions over the last four years, and it was a touching moment for all in attendance. The event brought the TCPS community together in a meaningful way, with strong support from students, families, and alumni alike.

High School Volleyball: The High School Volleyball team wrapped up their season this past Saturday, competing in the SCAA Tournament at Bryan College. Although they faced a tough loss to Mt. Pisgah, the team represented our school well throughout the season. Congratulations to the players and coaches for their hard work and dedication.

Looking Ahead: As the fall sports season winds down, winter sports are just getting started. High School Basketball for both boys and girls kicks off this week, with excitement building for what promises to be an exciting season. The Bowling team continues their practices as they prepare for their upcoming competitions.

Stay tuned for more updates on TCPS Athletics as we support our student athletes in their pursuits!





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students for tomorrow's
challenges by educating the
mind and the soul.