

TUESDAY TALON



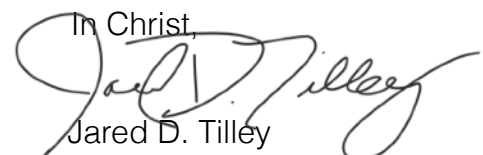
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 20:28

One of Tennessee Christian’s core values is service. As a school, we want our students to see service emulated on campus and put into practice by the students in practical ways. We have annual service benchmarks the Upper School students need to meet, and no surprise, the students far exceed the minimal expectations.

This past Saturday night, the Tennessee Christian community enjoyed each other's company while watching a movie. The Family Movie Night was a big success and that is in large part thanks to our fantastic FTO. After the movie, I was not surprised but thankful. Callie Jacobsen, a 6th grader, came to me and asked if she could have a broom to sweep the popcorn off the parking lot. Callie proceeded to get a broom and begin to work. Many other students joined in and ten minutes later there was little trace of a large community event on our property. Students were some of the last to leave campus. Some were taking out trash, loading coolers, and asking what else needed to be done. I was thrilled with the student response and the unprompted heart of service that each student showed. Thank you to all our students for being willing to help and seeking opportunities to help even when they think nobody is watching. Thank you to the teachers for being a constant example of what it means to serve and reflect the love of God to all around them.

In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley



LOWER SCHOOL, MAYFIELD FARM PARK

TCPS students K-2 visited the Mayfield Farm Park on Friday. The students were so excited to see all of the fall decorations and exhibits at the park. The yearly favorite of course is the corn pit and it is exactly what it sounds like: a pit full of corn kernels!

This provides an amazing experience to jump and play with friends. Another popular attraction are the large slides. Students were able race one another on the slides with the new addition of "lanes" to the slides.



The farm offered several delicious treats to eat such as pretzels and cotton candy which were obvious favorites amongst the students and adults as well. We were able to explore all of the attractions and have a wonderful time. It was a great time to slow down and enjoy all the goodness God provides to us during this fall season. To quote F. Scott Fitzgerald, "Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall."



We had no idea the doors that would be opened that day. We arrived at TCPS for one of several school visits we had scheduled. Finding a new school is no easy task, especially with three very different sets of interests. Nonetheless, we were excited to see what TCPS had to offer.



Principal Tilley graciously offered to meet with us on short notice, as Summer was quickly coming to a close. He welcomed us onto the campus, gave us a tour and shared about TCPS; academics, college prep, travel opportunities, uniforms, etc.

But what about sports? I knew the question was coming. Is there football? Basketball?

No, no football but there is basketball, along with soccer, volleyball, tennis, golf, and cross country. My ears perked up. I made a mental note to find out if the kids could join teams, even though the season had already started, should we decide that this was the right fit for our family.

I expected a lively discussion of the pros and cons of the school and what we had heard...my kids rarely agree on anything other than pizza. So, I was totally surprised when they unanimously agreed, "We like it." There were additional discussions and questions, but the initial response stood; Tennessee Christian for the win!!

A day or so later and after a flurry of emails, Kaylie and Eli were invited to join the Cross-Country Team practices while we went through the enrollment process. To say they were nervous would be putting it lightly. A new house in a new city, at a new school, with new classmates and a new team to try out for. It was a lot. As Mom, I was impressed that despite all the ‘new’ hurdles, both Kaylie and Eli were enthusiastic about going to practice and trying out for the team.



Dr. Fletcher and Mrs. Buckner were incredibly welcoming. They invited Kaylie and Eli to join the next practice. They hadn’t run all Summer but jumped at the chance. They were so excited to tell me after their 4-mile run in the rain, the entire team jumped in the Ocoee River. What? I saw the pictures to prove it. What a blast!! What a gift for my kids to meet students and make friends

BEFORE the first day of school. While that first practice set the tone for the season, it demonstrated so much more. I knew God’s hand had guided us to exactly where we were supposed to be.

There were so many moments when I saw God’s hand at work developing the talents, character, and hearts of the kids on the team. I will never forget the first meet and listening to the chatter, the nervous laughs, the coach’s encouragement, and the quiet moment the team bowed their heads together to say the Lord’s Prayer. I was grateful at that moment to have my children part of a school that honors God in ALL things.

Fast forward to the end of the season and the heart of this team; the ENTIRE team! There was hard work for sure. Two and three mile runs grew into four and five mile runs. There were sprint drills & running hills, LSDs (long slow distance), and mile after mile of training which led to meet after meet of improved times and personal bests.

That in and of itself was impressive to watch, but even more so, was watching this team grow together, encourage one another, deepen friendships, honor the Lord and create so many memories.

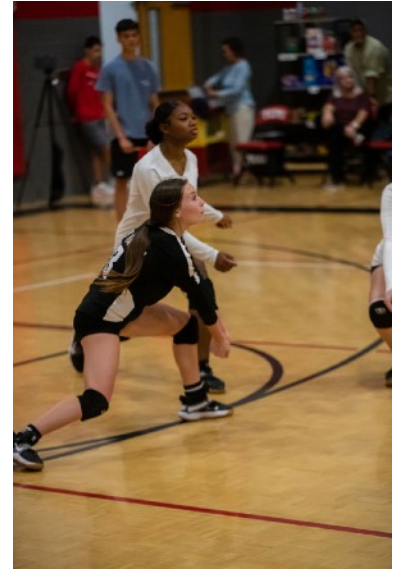
If you ask, I think anyone of them would be hard-pressed to tell you if the impromptu post-practice coffee stops, post-game pizza and mall stops, pool party, or climbing gym was their favorite. It was an amazing season, with impressive effort, encouragement and outstanding athletes!! Hats off to Dr. Fletcher and Mrs. Buckner for creating an atmosphere encouraging friendship, fun, and being a Christ-like example. What an experience! What a season! It was a race well run!

Congratulations, TCPS Cross Country Team, for an incredible season!! Can't wait to see what next year brings! Go Hawks!!



Written by Kelly Ahlers; Parent

This season was super fun. We started off a bit rough but came through in the end and I'm very proud of our team. We had some struggles and difficulties but we had to remind each other that we are a team and in order to play well and win we had to work as a team. Most of our losses and mess ups came from not covering, missed serves, and not knowing our positions on the court. When we played away at Georgia Cumberland we struggled a lot with those and lost pretty badly but when we had practice the next day we worked a lot harder and fixed those mistakes and worked on our struggles and really improved as a team.



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After that practice we put the work ethic we had developed and really used it on the court and played so much better then we had been playing before and won our last two games. As a team, we overcame a lot and worked so much harder together and I am so proud of how far each and everyone of us has

Written by Georgia McPherson



I had so much fun playing with the soccer team this year. Despite the fact that I joined the team around the end of the season, I had such a great time. While the beginning of the season allowed for improvement, toward the end of the season we exceeded even our own expectations and were able to put the ball in

the net. I was so proud of the whole team and the individuals who came such a long way from where we started. I learned how to be a better teammate and be an example to others on and off the field. We had many first year players so they needed some guidance and I tried to be there and show them the ropes with my years of experience playing the game. Overall, it was great being with these players and coaches and I'm glad I got to be a part of the team and end it with a big win!

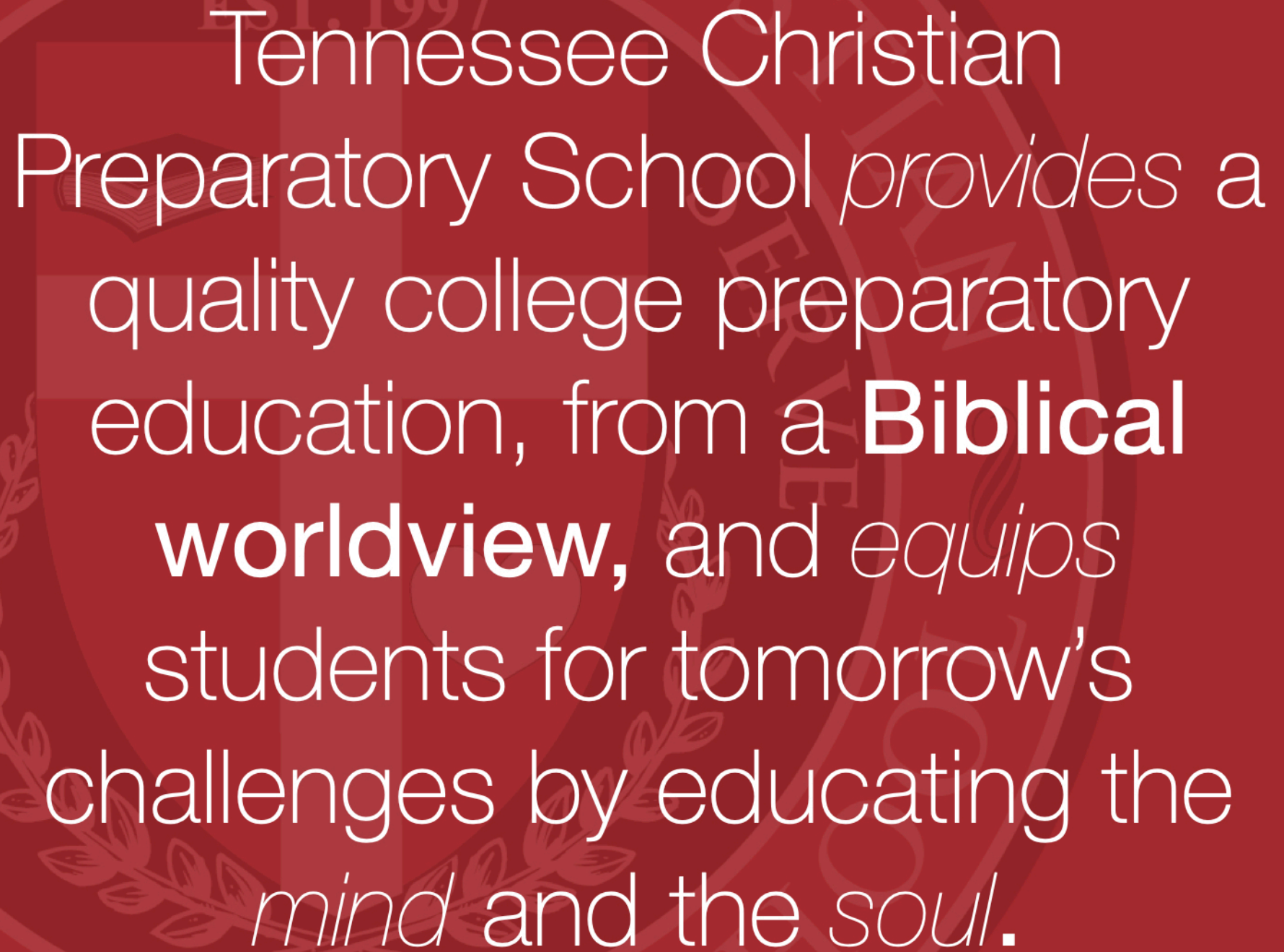
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