

TUESDAY TALON



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On September 16, Tennessee Christian will celebrate our students' Grandparents. Preparing for Grandparents Day has given me time to reflect on my relationship with my grandparents, and one in particular, Earline. My sister, Jessica Hodgman, spent the spring and summer of 2008 sitting with Earline and listening to her life's stories. These stories were compiled into a book, *Earline*.

I was reading through the book, and it brought back memories of great times with Earline. Visiting her Vernon, Florida home was a unique experience because Earline and her husband, Archie, lived on a pine tree farm. We would drive the golf cart around the farm, weaving between the lines of trees. We would hike down to the river and see the hollowed-out trees, ride on Archie's boat, and jump off a rope swing and swim in the river while Archie carefully watched with an axe in hand to fight off alligators. Our family would attend Earline's church on extended stays in Vernon, including a Sunday. I remember a congregation that doubled when the Tilley family of five walked in on a Sunday. But I also remember a more important aspect of attending her church; my grandmother was so proud to introduce her kids and grandkids to her friends.

Earline was a woman of faith, and in her memoir, she stated, "One thing she did know for certain: 'I couldn't have made it without my faith. It would have been a terrible struggle, all I've been through, without faith.'" In the context of her life, first focused on her faith and second on her four

children, I can think of no greater testimony or legacy to leave for future generations than her endearing commitment to faith in God. Stay committed to one's faith despite the successes or difficulties in one's life is her legacy. Earline did this and showed her children and grandchildren how to live in faith.



Earline, watching from the stands due to a broken arm, as captain of the Taylors High School softball team in 1943

In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley



Teaching children practical life skills includes the care of oneself, care of the environment, grace and courtesy, and control of movement. Practicing and mastering practical life skills helps children develop coordination, concentration, perseverance, and a sense of independence. We have been working hard on changing our shoes, cleaning our messes, hand washing, sweeping, and table wiping. This week, we will extend our hand washing lesson with a germs experiment!

Here are some ways to practice practical life at home with a preschooler:

- setting the table
- washing the windows
- tying shoes
- matching socks and folding towels
- preparing a snack (ex: slicing a banana with a butter knife or smearing peanut butter on bread)
- caring for plants and pets
- washing dishes

Chicken Fact: *A mother hen is just like a human mother who talks to her baby in the womb- she begins to teach her young different calls before they hatch. Chickens have more than 30 types of vocalizations!*

Our baby chicks are on day 12 of 21!



While many preschoolers will need help and guidance at first, and you may have to rinse the extra soap off of your dishes, the pride they will feel after succeeding in these tasks will feed their fire to conquer new challenges!

SCIENCE FAIR TOPIC NIGHT



Our annual Science Fair Topic Event was held last Thursday, September 8th. Professionals were on hand to listen and advise as middle school students presented their ideas for this year's science fair projects. This event not only allows students to speak to professionals but creates excitement as their ideas take shape. Students not only take away knowledge but the challenge to continue thinking, exploring, applying, and experiencing science on a daily basis.

We are excited to see the projects come to fruition over the course of the next few months. Our internal Science Fair is scheduled for November 15-18. We encourage our parents and community to view the students' hard work once it is on display.

Once our Science Fair is concluded and our winners announced, students then have an opportunity to compete in a regional science fair. Tennessee Christian has a rich history in winning award after award annually at the Science Fair hosted by University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Thank you, Ms. Kelsey for your dedicated work with our middle school science students.

With September comes the focus of a new Fruit of the Spirit in our community. This month we talk a lot about what true joy looks like as a Christian. Mrs. Dodson got all science-y on us last week using beakers and funnels while showing the Lower School what type of things can fill us up with true joy. We learned the Holy Spirit fills us with joy when we spend time getting to know God by praying, studying the Bible and doing good work for His Kingdom. If we use “stuff”, vacations or even people to try and bring joy to our lives, we will always end up short because those things fade away. But because joy comes from being with God, you can even be joyful even in unhappy moments.



JOY.

Psalm 16:11

You make known to me the path of life; in
your presence there is fullness of joy; at
your right hand are pleasures
forevermore.

XC TEAM



TCPS now has a cross country team! I have been a runner my entire life, and it was always my intention to start an XC Team at TCPS. That opportunity finally came about this year and I am overjoyed. The team is still fairly small and young, but the athletes are becoming stronger, forming lifelong friendships, and going on crazy adventures together like jumping in the Ocoee River after training runs!

So far, our strongest runners at our XC meets have included the brother-sister duo of Eli and Kaylie Ahlers, Audrey Lyles, and Judah Machacek. The XC Team is not purely concerned with getting good results at XC Meets, we are primarily a running group that wants to foster an enduring legacy of lifelong health and fitness. Just last week, one of our runners, Ellis Van Dyke, pushed herself beyond her limits and did her first ever non-stop 4 mile run! These are the kinds of successes that we cherish.



There are two XC Meets this week and we invite you all to come cheer on the XC Hawks.

Thursday, 9/15/2022, 5:15pm at Woodland Park Baptist Church in Chattanooga.

Saturday, 9/17/2022, 9:00am at Walker Valley High School in Cleveland.

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TEAM & INDIVIDUAL PICTURE DAY



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