

# TUESDAY TALON





## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“We will not hide them from their children;  
we will tell the next generation  
The praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,  
His power, and the wonders he has done.”

Psalm 78:4

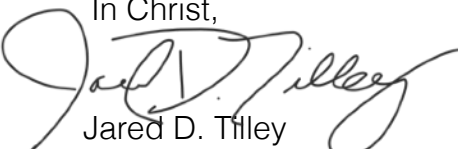
The fastest growing hobby in America is researching family genealogy. It is not hard to imagine why. Humans are drawn to people, especially our family, present and past. It could be we need an explanation for the unusual family story that has never been fully explained or trying to uncover where your family originated. I might be biased due to my love of history, but understanding the past is essential to understanding ourselves. So we research on Ancestry or 23andMe to find clues about family origins, behaviors, traits, etc. Studying these sites can provide interesting data and historical clues as to our history. Still, my most cherished research partners were my grandparents and listening to stories about growing up, living through World War II, Church of God campground meetings, and ministry opportunities. This past Friday, the students of Tennessee Christian hosted their grandparents for Grandparents Day.

Tennessee Christian opened our doors and hearts as our gym filled with grandparents looking for the best seat to see their grandchildren. Our Grandparents Day program highlighted our youngest Hawks from the Learning Cottage (Pre-K) to our seniors in the Upper School. We have Grandparents Day to celebrate our grandparents, yes, but also to create lasting connections

between generations. We celebrate lessons the generations can teach us if we listen. We can learn through stories, songs, and writings if we make ourselves available to understand. I pray that last Friday allowed for smiles, hugs, and stories from grandparents to children and from children to grandparents.



Learning Cottage singing

In Christ,  
  
Jared D. Tilley



Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who were able to come and celebrate with us last Friday. I am so proud of The Learning Cottage Students for braving the stage for our first 2022 performance.



### Chicken Fact:

*Baby chickens imprint (to establish a bond of pure trust with an animal or object), often on the first large object they see. This is why the mother hen stays so close at hand. The purpose of imprinting is for chicks to have a mentor to follow, mimic, and learn from. Chicks will also imprint on humans that are present for their entrance into this big, wide world.*



Hopefully we will be meeting a few more babies in the next couple of days.



Three of our baby chicks have hatched! Welcome Lulu, Bob, and Ava.

Written by: Megan Naquin

Growing up, I wasn't one who naturally excelled at school. Unlike my sister, who seemed to have a natural gift for academics, I had to work really hard and find very specific ways to study and pay attention. Even then, I often fell short. I can remember feeling very frustrated with my elementary self all while comparing myself to my peers and my mom would simply ask me, "But did you try your best?" And most of the time, I absolutely did. "Then that's all you can do," she would say. That always brought me such comfort.

At TCPS one of the things we pride ourselves in is the academic excellence we offer. We provide a challenging work load for students to prepare them for what's next in their journey, whatever that next step looks like. We also recognize that not all students learn the same and we have varied expectations for different students because, praise the Lord, we are all different. Unfortunately, there are times when a student's academic best just doesn't make the grade. Because I resonate with that so soundly, there is a phrase I've adopted in my adult life that I believe has served me far more than any math lesson I may or may not remember from 5th grade or (eek!) Algebra II. It's a phrase that reminds me that no matter how ill prepared or unskilled I may feel, these two things can bring me success:

Work hard and be kind.

Academics are a priority, but I am always looking for those who, despite their skill level, are working hard and being kind. The words below are taken from our current 5th graders who applied for and were recommended for our Safety Patrol Program.

"I love making the world a better and safer place and this is one step closer to that."

"Even if I'm grumpy, I'll always try to keep a smile on my face."

"I want to love and care."





## LOWER SCHOOL

All three of those sentences brought tears to my eyes, especially written in the handwriting of our dear students. Those sentences represent hard work and kindness. As a parent, I pray my children know that giving their best, with love and kindness in their heart, is all I could ever ask for. They may not always be straight A students and they may not be all-star athletes, but as long as they are working hard and are kind, they have been successful. As an educator, I want the same for my students.

You may have recently noticed these brightly vested 5th graders greeting you in the mornings or wishing you well in the afternoon. Be sure to tell them what a great job they're doing and thank them for volunteering to serve our school in such a kind way.



Aubree Bishop, Emma Campbell, Caroline  
Divel, Grant Van Dyke, Josie Ford

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:23-24

Written by Lindsay Sluder



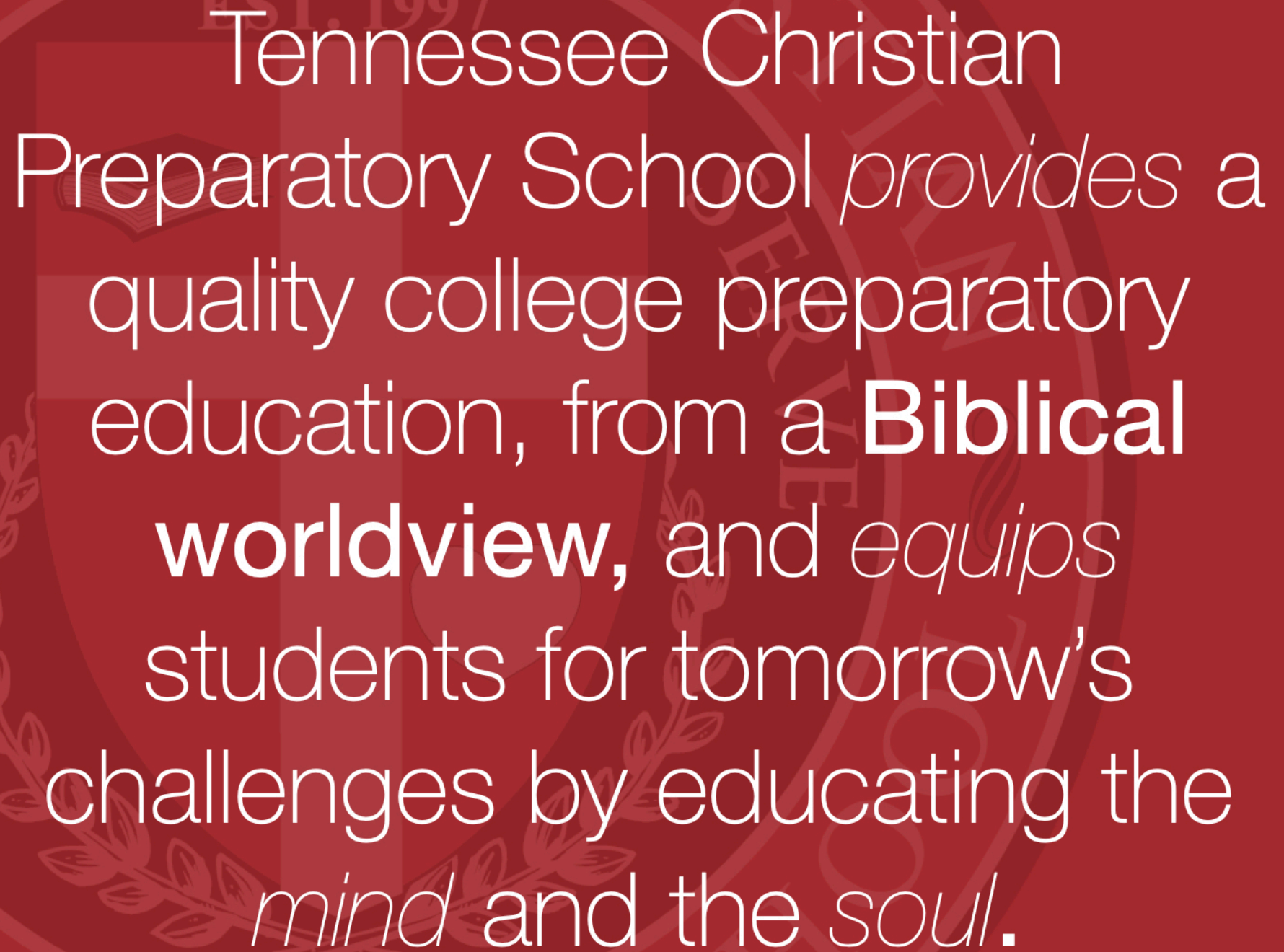
## VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Hawks Volleyball team took on Copper Basin High School's Lady Cougars yesterday in the Hawk's Nest. The Lady Hawks got off to a rocky start but settled into their comfort zone quickly and put some much needed points on the board. Oksana Goroshko and Frannie McPherson tag-teamed the setter's position to provide a united front for the offense. Aviean Farless had a two-in-a-row serving streak putting up 7 points as well as racking up 4 kills. Jamya Riser was aggressive on the net adding 3 additional kills to the stats, while Micah Black blocked several attempts from the Lady Cougars and added a few kills herself.

Georgia McPherson put the D in defense and earned 10+ digs for the game while continuing as a force to be reckoned with from the serving position. Chloe Armstrong and Jamia Riser worked together to take care of the strong side defense, while Samantha Payton, provided support at the net with a few tips and blocks to round out the night. This game was a total team effort in every aspect of the game. Captain of the Lady Hawks, Georgia McPherson said, "I am so

proud of our team for how far we have come this season. It was great to get a win tonight!" The Lady Hawks clinched the victory winning 25-16 in the first game and 25-21 to finish up the match. Congratulations on the win, Lady Hawks!





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