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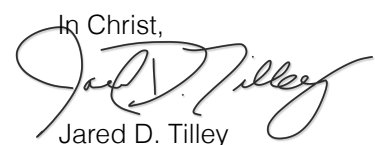
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from the Head

Friday confirmed what we all know – grandparents and mentors play a vital role in our children's lives. Last Friday, Tennessee Christian celebrated our grandparents through song, dance, and poetry. From the earliest Hawks to our seniors, all took time to honor the importance and dedication of our eldest Hawks, our grandparents.

Grandparents Day is a reminder of my grandparents, paternal and maternal. My maternal grandmother I never met. Her name was Dorothy, or Dot for short. Learning stories, she received the name from her husband and my grandfather, a 6'8" gentle giant with a booming voice that rattled windows. He once lovingly hugged my sister and cracked her rib. We never had the heart to tell him. My paternal grandparents suffered the pain of divorce. What I knew of my grandfather was that he was a preacher who loved golf. My grandmother was a product of the early 20th century. She was equally hard-nosed, loving, and the grandparent I spent the most time with. While all are with the Lord, they left a legacy rooted in faith, and I am eternally grateful.

On Grandparents Day, I discussed the common belief that grandparents have a responsibility to *spoil* their grandchildren. Dissecting the word spoiled brought me to two harsh definitions. To spoil is to diminish or destroy the value or quality of or to harm the character of someone. When I evaluate my relationship with my grandparents, these definitions do not coincide; in fact, my relationship was the exact opposite. My grandparents did not diminish or destroy but uplifted and celebrated my value. My grandparents did not harm my character they helped define who I am and who I am in Christ. This caring and loving relationship is what I see each year at Grandparents Day, a reflection on the importance of mentorship and the profound impact the wisdom of a life well lived can make on the younger generation. Thank you to all the grandparents who attended and those who took on a mentor role for our students. All of you are greatly appreciated and celebrated!

In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley

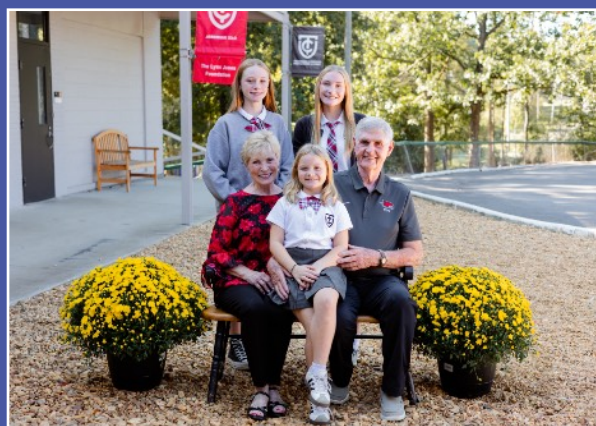
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HAWK HIGHLIGHTS

TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN CELEBRATES FALL SPORT SENIORS

Last Friday evening was a special occasion at Tennessee Christian Preparatory School as the community gathered to honor our Fall Sports Seniors before the Volleyball match at the TCPS Gym. Three exceptional student-athletes were recognized for their dedication and achievements: Micah Black from Volleyball, and Ashlyn Henry and Abigail Shepherd from Golf.



Micah Black, a four-year standout in Volleyball, shared that her favorite memories were the times spent traveling with the team, especially getting lost with Assistant Coach Melanie Barker, and of course, the many food stops along the way. Micah offered her wisdom to future players, encouraging them to “work hard, don’t give up, keep pushing yourself, be respectful to coaches, and support each other.” She also expressed gratitude to Coach Georgia McPherson, Coach Tawnie Locklear, her grandparents, best friend McKenzie Swilley, her parents, and her Savior, Jesus Christ. Micah was escorted by her parents, Ryan and Jada Black.

Ashlyn Henry, one of our senior Golfers, reminisced about her favorite moments on the course. She especially loved when she had the opportunity to compete against boys’ teams and come out victorious. Another highlight for Ashlyn was bonding with her own team, discovering that several of the boys shared her passion for Formula 1. Ashlyn left some parting advice for the younger boys on the team: “When you make a bad shot, put it in the past and move on to the next one. Don’t let it take three holes to recover. Get out of your head and keep playing your game!” Ashlyn was escorted by her parents, George and Kristian Henry.





Abigail Shepherd, also a senior Golfer, fondly recalled the best shot of her career which she landed right on the green at Kahiti - though only Coach Kristian was lucky enough to witness it! Abigail's advice to future players was succinct: "DON'T FORGET YOUR GOLF SHOES!" She was escorted by her parents, Mark and Christie Shepherd.

It was a memorable evening for TCPS, honoring these three remarkable athletes who have represented the school with distinction and pride.

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Cross Country: Eli Ahlers dominated the ISC Middle School Meet at Woodland Park last Monday, capturing first place.

Golf: The Boys' High School Golf Team secured a 42 stroke victory over Berean in Thursday's match. This win ensured the team a .500 record for the season with a chance to finish with a winning record. Impressively, every golfer won their pairing won their pairing.

Middle School Tennis: Scarlett McPherson won her singles match and teamed with Gracie Gilbert to win their doubles match against Boyd Buchanan. Additionally, Elliott Tilley triumphed in his singles match against Collegedale.



STUDENT-ATHLETE Q&A

This week's question asked, "If you could have any superpower to help with your sport, what would it be?"

Senior James Shiflet (Soccer): "Super Speed."

Freshman Graham Sluder (Golf): "Super strength so I could hit the green on 500 yard holes."

Freshman Jack Ellis (Golf): "Would love to have the super power of being able to read into the future. I could then know what was going to happen on the golf course and choose the right club."

Former TCPS student and Senior Issac Boros (Soccer): "I'd want super speed."

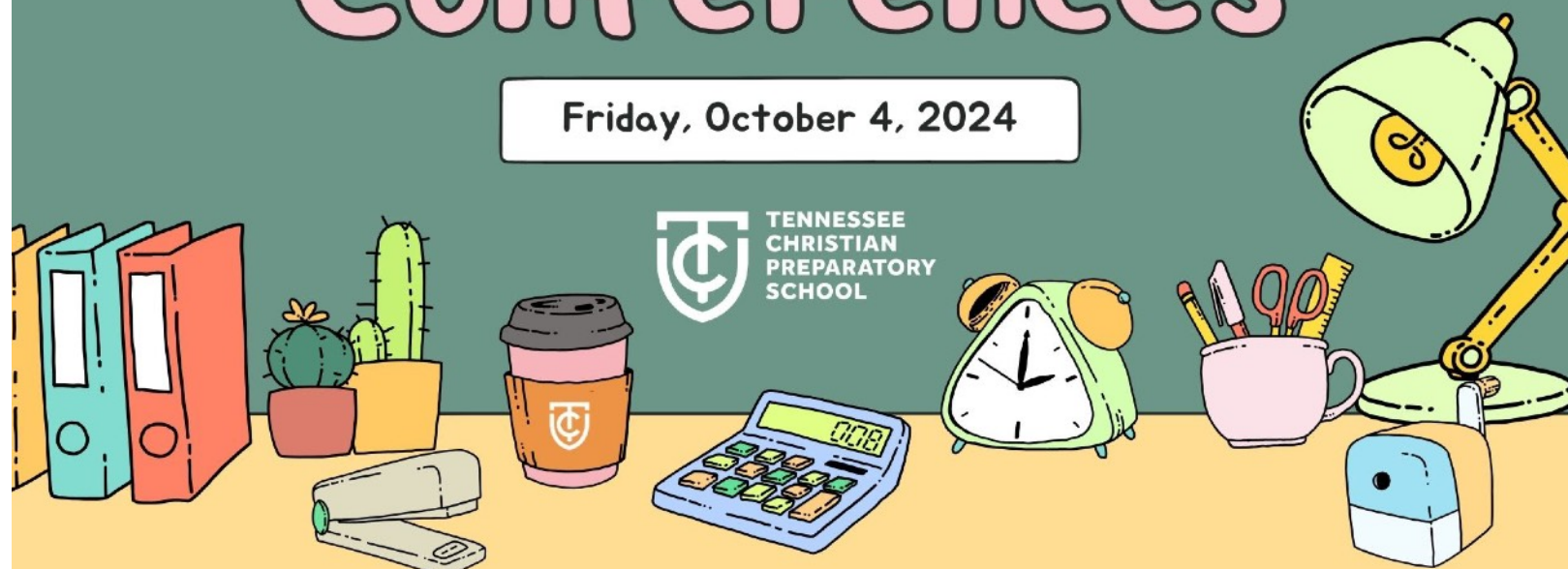
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Friday, October 4, 2024



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