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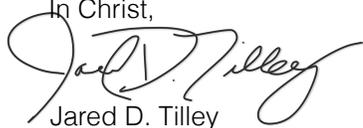
# from the Head

We are fortunate to have an exceptional team of educators whose commitment to our students and the school's mission extends far beyond the classroom. At Tennessee Christian, our teachers are more than instructors; they are passionate mentors who fully invest in each student's growth and success. Their dedication to ongoing personal and professional development both in their subject matter and in their hearts is unmatched.

What sets our teachers apart is their genuine concern for the well-being and development of their students. Their excellence in delivering the curriculum is evident every day as students engage in meaningful learning experiences. Our teachers create a nurturing and enriching environment where students feel valued and encouraged, all while fostering their spiritual growth.

The heart of our teachers is reflected not only in their care for students but also in their dedication to the school's mission and their connection with one another. Each morning a message is sent from Rachel Conar. This message shares a devotional to help the educators at Tennessee Christian prepare our minds and hearts for a day of service to our students. Recently, Angie Kesley delivered a devotional at our faculty meeting that beautifully intertwined entomology, teaching, and faith. These are but two examples of many moments the faculty and staff help each other devote to God's mission for this school.

This sense of community, rooted in faith, drives our work and underscores the essence of Christian education. Bearing the name of Christ means striving for excellence in all we do, and our teachers are deeply committed to this mission. They continually seek to improve themselves so they can help those around them grow and mature as God intends. As a parent of three, I am thankful for our teachers' dedication to our students.

In Christ,  
  
Jared D. Tilley

# SAFETY PATROL

## FALL 2024



LINCOLN OSBORNE, GREYSON LAWS,  
GRACE LAUG, KENZIE SMITH,  
MARTIN TILLEY, HENRY SLUDER, KAI AHLERS



The fifth graders at Tennessee Christian have kicked off their roles as Safety Patrol members with enthusiasm, commitment, and my personal favorite, big smiles! To be considered for acceptance into Safety Patrol, fifth-grade students must fill out an application containing an academic and behavior recommendation from their classroom teacher, a commitment from their parents to drop them off early and pick them up late on their patrol days, and also a written recommendation from a Tennessee Christian faculty member that speaks to that student's dedication and character.

We are proud to present these seven students to our families as ambassadors of safety as they take on responsibilities such as monitoring school entrances, assisting younger students, and helping with sidewalk traffic during drop-off and pick-up. With their promising start, the Safety Patrol is poised to make a significant difference this year.



# HAWK HIGHLIGHTS



This week at TCPS saw impressive achievements across our athletic teams.

**Cross Country:** The lower school runners excelled at the Woodland Park meet, with each athlete setting new personal bests. In middle school Eli Ahlers clinched first place in his division, while Eli Simonsen also improved his previous best time.

**Golf:** The high school boys' team continued their strong performance with a win over Copper Basin, marking their second consecutive victory. The girls' team played an exhibition match, showing great promise.

**Tennis:** The middle school girls' team faced a top conference rival, GPS, and put up a commendable fight. Matches against Chattanooga Christian boys and girls were postponed due to

extreme heat and will be rescheduled.

**Soccer:** The high school boys' team celebrated their first SCAA conference win and first season victory with a 6-2 triumph over Rhea Academy. Freshman Thomas Nicolaus scored two goals, and Issac Boros contributed a crucial second-half goal and solid midfield defense.

**Volleyball:** The Lady Hawks, having secured their first conference win the previous week, faced challenges this week with two losses. They aim to bounce back with upcoming road matches. Despite being a young team with no juniors or seniors, the future looks promising.

**Athlete Spotlight:** Senior Ashlyn Henry shines this week. Starting sports at TCPS in eighth grade, Ashlyn has excelled in basketball and golf, earning multiple MVP awards and the Female Athlete of the Year honor. Her dedication is evident not only in her athletic success but also in maintaining a 4.0 GPA and earning numerous academic awards.



Congratulations to all of our athletes for their hard work and achievements!



**PreK**

**Papa-  
razzi**



# love

## Jack Ellis (10th)

“Jack shows love to everyone he encounters with his respectful and caring attitude. He is kind to everyone he meets and exemplifies I Corinthians 13 through his patience, kindness, and humility.”  
- Kylie Machacek



## Carolina Machacek (6th)

“Carolina has been such a good friend to another student who is extremely shy. She always includes her and is kind. One day at lunch the other student was sitting by herself when Carolina left the friends she was playing with to be with this student. I mentioned her kindness that day to the other teachers around me.” - Melissa Scannapiego

## Emmy Ford (1st)

“Emmy shows love to others in all she does. She is patient and kind in both her words and actions.”  
- Amanda Osborne

## Ethan Salley (3rd)

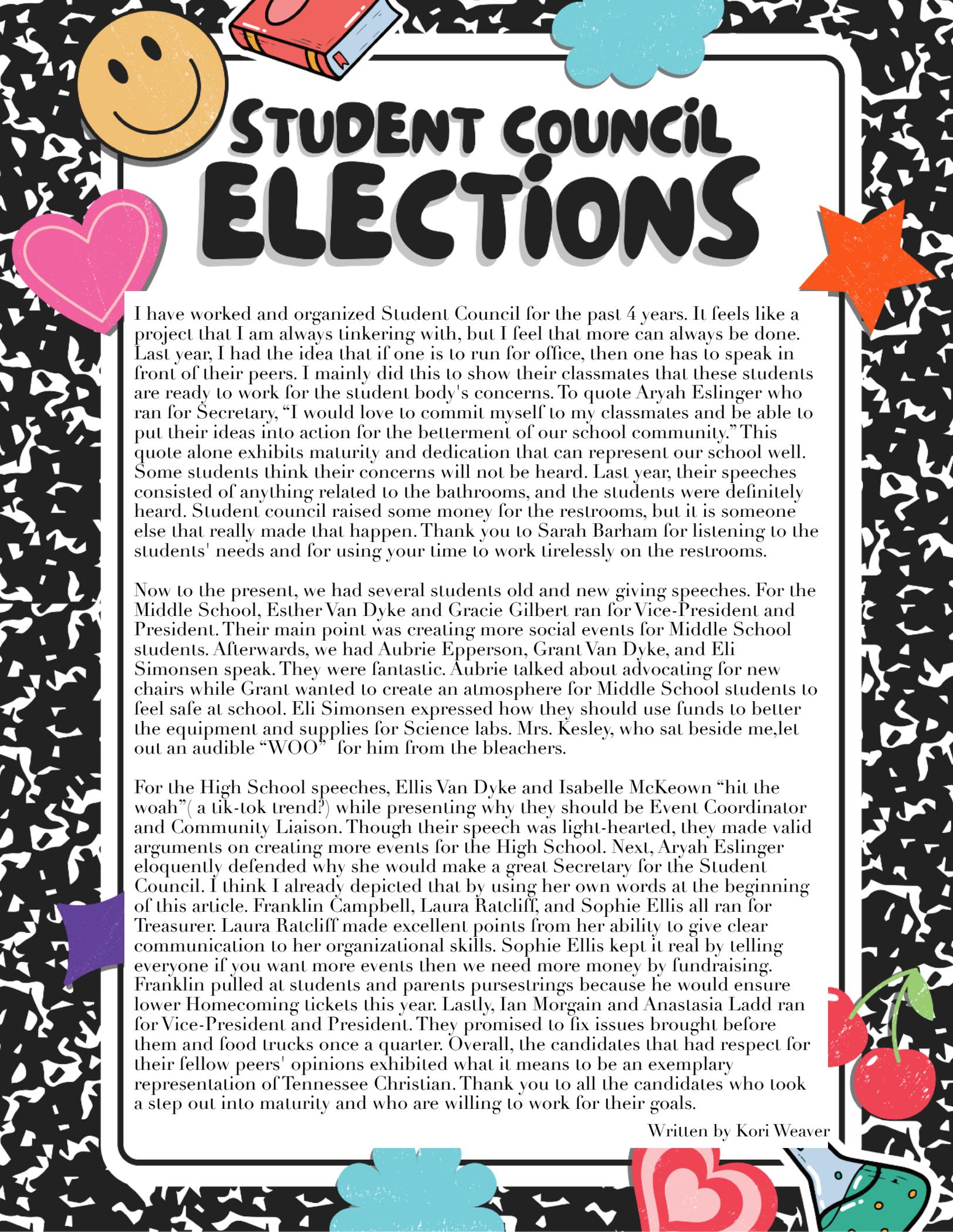
“Ethan shows love to his classmates not only through his kind and thoughtful words, but through his actions. He is quick to offer help and support to his teacher and friends when needed and can be counted on to encourage and uplift not only his classmates, but everyone at TCPS. Ethan shows God’s love everyday with his accepting and inclusive spirit. Anyone would be lucky to have Ethan as a friend!”  
- Audry Paul

## Martin Tilley (5th)

Martin demonstrates his ability to love others in that he is slow to anger, patient with those around him, and kind, without expecting anything in return. He is a wonderful example of love to his classmates and to those around him.  
-Sarah Van Dyke

## Arukah Stone (K4)

“Arukah is always watching out for others. If someone is sad she offers them a hug. If someone needs a crayon she lets them borrow hers. She is always telling her friends “I love you”.  
- Becky Duncan



# STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

I have worked and organized Student Council for the past 4 years. It feels like a project that I am always tinkering with, but I feel that more can always be done. Last year, I had the idea that if one is to run for office, then one has to speak in front of their peers. I mainly did this to show their classmates that these students are ready to work for the student body's concerns. To quote Aryah Eslinger who ran for Secretary, "I would love to commit myself to my classmates and be able to put their ideas into action for the betterment of our school community." This quote alone exhibits maturity and dedication that can represent our school well. Some students think their concerns will not be heard. Last year, their speeches consisted of anything related to the bathrooms, and the students were definitely heard. Student council raised some money for the restrooms, but it is someone else that really made that happen. Thank you to Sarah Barham for listening to the students' needs and for using your time to work tirelessly on the restrooms.

Now to the present, we had several students old and new giving speeches. For the Middle School, Esther Van Dyke and Gracie Gilbert ran for Vice-President and President. Their main point was creating more social events for Middle School students. Afterwards, we had Aubrie Epperson, Grant Van Dyke, and Eli Simonsen speak. They were fantastic. Aubrie talked about advocating for new chairs while Grant wanted to create an atmosphere for Middle School students to feel safe at school. Eli Simonsen expressed how they should use funds to better the equipment and supplies for Science labs. Mrs. Kesley, who sat beside me, let out an audible "WOO" for him from the bleachers.

For the High School speeches, Ellis Van Dyke and Isabelle McKeown "hit the woah" (a tik-tok trend?) while presenting why they should be Event Coordinator and Community Liaison. Though their speech was light-hearted, they made valid arguments on creating more events for the High School. Next, Aryah Eslinger eloquently defended why she would make a great Secretary for the Student Council. I think I already depicted that by using her own words at the beginning of this article. Franklin Campbell, Laura Ratcliff, and Sophie Ellis all ran for Treasurer. Laura Ratcliff made excellent points from her ability to give clear communication to her organizational skills. Sophie Ellis kept it real by telling everyone if you want more events then we need more money by fundraising. Franklin pulled at students and parents pursestrings because he would ensure lower Homecoming tickets this year. Lastly, Ian Morgain and Anastasia Ladd ran for Vice-President and President. They promised to fix issues brought before them and food trucks once a quarter. Overall, the candidates that had respect for their fellow peers' opinions exhibited what it means to be an exemplary representation of Tennessee Christian. Thank you to all the candidates who took a step out into maturity and who are willing to work for their goals.

Written by Kori Weaver

**Shake, Rattle, &  
Roll on Over for**

THE LEARNING  
COTTAGE  
CRUISE-IN

**Friday, September 13th**

**10am-12pm**

**\*Families Welcome\***





*grandparents  
day*

Friday | September 20, 2024

WE CORDIALLY REQUEST YOUR ABSENCE  
(BECAUSE WE KNOW YOU ARE BUSY)  
AT THE

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# GALA

THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2024

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TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
FAMILY TEACHER ORGANIZATION



## MENU

Window Security Caulking.....	\$2,100
SmartBoard.....	\$2,600
Teacher Pay Teacher Curriculum Share.....	\$1,650
Security Fob Reader.....	\$2,400
Moby Max (2nd - 5th Grades).....	\$1,039
Pottery Wheel.....	\$1,100
(5) 42 Gallon Outdoor Trash Cans(each)....	\$150
Sound System Speakers.....	\$1,200
8x10 Tennessee Christian Backdrop.....	\$550
Dyslexia Curriculum.....	\$200
Administrative Office Security Window.....	\$175

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**PARENT VOLUNTEERS!**

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Family Movie Night (October 18th)
- Early Bird
- General Volunteering  
(Field Day, Thanksgiving Feast,  
Cinco De Mayo, Art Festival to  
name a few)

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