



TUESDAY TALON



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20

This weekend, my boys and I visited my parents, who live in the greater Atlanta area. We spent the weekend watching Atlanta Braves baseball, playing Skip Bo, and spending time with friends. The boys and I had a great weekend despite the Braves being swept by the Houston Astros. On Sunday, we visited my parent's church, Tabernacle Baptist Church in Cartersville, GA. Tabernacle is a beautiful church with a warm community and a thoughtful pastor, Patrick Latham. During Pastor Latham's sermon, he mentioned the importance of Christ's disciples fully realizing The Great Commission and how their work set the example for us today. During the explanation, Pastor Latham quoted Matthew 28:19-20. As the pastor spoke, Elliott leaned over to me and said, "That was one of my bible verses in school." I smiled and looked at him. Elliott's smile showed me he was very proud of the connection between what he learned in school and the pastor's sermon. In turn, I was, once again, reminded of the importance of Christian education founded, established, and rooted in biblical truth.

The partnership between family, school, and church is essential to forming every student. We at Tennessee Christian are humbled and honored to have the opportunity to partner with your family and help in raising God's children. Thank you!



Jared D. Tilley

3RD GRADE, AUDUBON ACRES FIELD TRIP



On Friday, April 21 the 3rd grade took a field trip to Audubon Acres. The trip was called “Fun in the Water” and students & parents had a blast! We got into South Chickamauga Creek, adjusted to the cold, and then began “fishing” with nets to see what kinds of things live in our waters!

We found several interesting things!

- Mussels - filter feeders that “eat” the toxins in the water
- Larvae of mayflies and dragonflies - they have incomplete metamorphosis
- Water Strider - he uses surface tension to move on top of the water
- Snail Darter fish - which was on the Endangered Species list until Oct. 2022
- Water Snake - which playfully swam around us for a few minutes - We learned they are not venomous!



The students enjoyed learning about the animals, but also playing at the water’s edge in the sand/dirt bank, walking across the water on a suspension bridge, having a picnic lunch together, and watching up-close as a train with 137 cars (Thanks, Martin) zoomed past! A successful day, to say the least.



6TH GRADE, JESUS, JUMPING AND MOVIE FIELD TRIP



Last Friday, the sixth grade class enjoyed an "All the Things" field trip - they crammed all the fun things they could imagine into one day! They began the day with coffee at a Bon Life Bible Study, learning how to honor one another through a story of Noah and his sons. Afterward they headed to Defy Jump Park to bounce off the caffeine and work up an appetite for the next stop, the Hamilton Place Food Court. Finally, they enjoyed the Super Mario Bros. movie (and more snacks) in a virtually empty theater. "All the Things" did not disappoint - everyone left with full bellies and even fuller hearts!

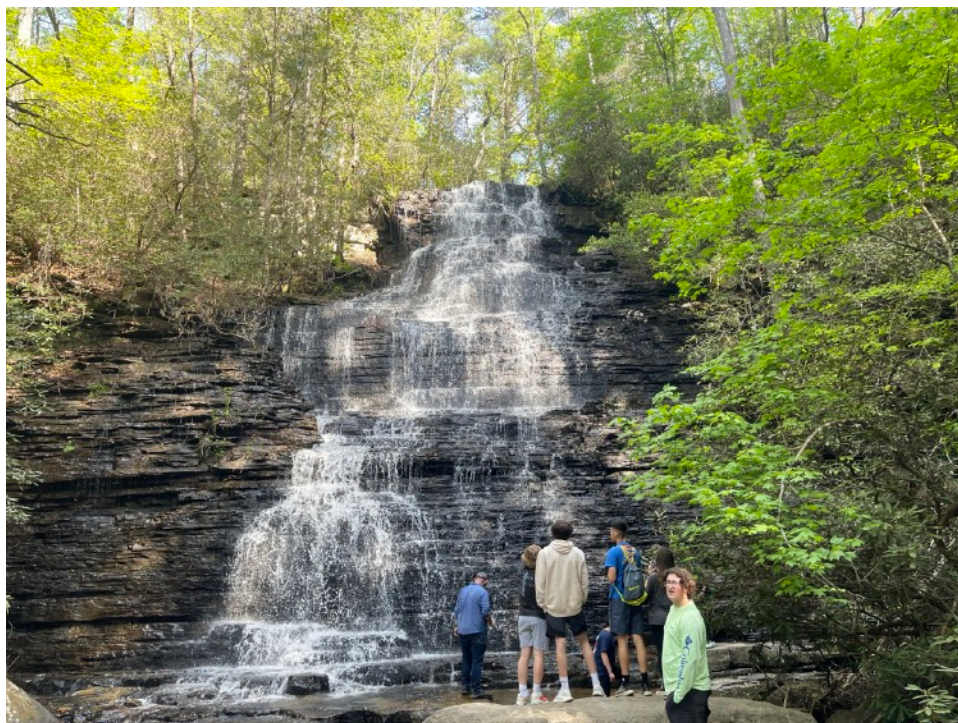


7TH GRADE, HUNTSVILLE SPACE MUSEUM FIELD TRIP



On Friday, April 21st, the seventh grade class made the journey to the Huntsville Space and Rocket Center for a field trip. The students were able to experience the view of a National Historic Landmark—an authentic Saturn V rocket. They were able to engage in many hands-on experiences of what it would be like to be an astronaut; such as fitting into tight spaces, pushing buttons, and getting an inside view of a space capsule. For most students, the simulators were the most exciting experience. Many boarded the G-Force Accelerator to experience 3-Gs of centrifugal force. Many also rode the Moon Shot which gave them a feel for zero gravity. The students were excited to learn about the history of space travel and be able to visualize an actual rocket that had been in space.

11TH AND 12TH GRADE, BENTON FALLS FIELD TRIP



Friday, April 21 Coach Divel and Mr. Tilley took the juniors and seniors on a hiking trip to Benton Falls Trail. As the rest of the high school was testing on campus, these students were able to enjoy God's creation in all its splendor. A more perfect day could not have been crafted. The 1.5 mile hike gave way to the beautiful waterfall of Benton Falls. The students all sat in awe of the peace and calmness nature provided.

As Mr. Cameron Douglas prepares for his studies at Queens College next year. We want to thank him for the excellent year he provided our upper school students. Mr. Douglas' heart is that of an educator, compassionate, dedicated, and focused on the student. Tennessee Christian wishes you all the best next year, Mr. Douglas!

As we prepare for next school year, we have a tremendous addition to add to our upper school faculty, April Sopczak! Below is a letter from Mrs. Sopczak.

My name is April Sopczak (pronounced soap-check) and I am excited to join the talented TCPS staff next year as a high school English teacher. I am married with two sons, Bryan (25) and Simon (14). We are not originally from this area, but we felt God calling us to Tennessee after my husband, Anthony, retired from the Army. We made Cleveland our hometown in 2017, and enrolled Simon here at TCPS.



My educational background includes a BA in English Literature and an MA in English Education, both earned at the University of South Florida. As a former Bull, I am proud to say that my alma mater ranks 29th among US public institutions!

I previously taught at Kansas State University in the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program. The program is designed to prepare undergraduate students for doctoral studies. I began as the Writing Skills Specialist, and then later became the Assistant Program Director. At the high school level, I have taught both 10th grade English and 9th grade reading.

Students are often interested to find out that education is not my first career. Prior to teaching, I served as a crime analyst in the Youth Resources Division of the St. Petersburg Police Department. That position was where I first cut my teeth in the technical writing world, and it now gives me the space to show students meaningful ways that their writing skills can be put to work.

I hope to take every piece of my unique background and put it to work serving your students. I am honored for the opportunity to do so.

— FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT PRESENTS —

TCPS



THURSDAY,
APR 27

Performance Schedule

5:00 songwriting
presentation
5:30 recitals group 1
6:15 preschool
6:30 intermission
6:40 pep band
6:50 recitals group 2

Art Displays and
Poetry Readings
4:30 - 8:30pm



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Let the games begin!

TCPS Family

FIELD DAY FESTIVAL

FRIDAY MAY 5, 2023

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM



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CLEVELAND, TN

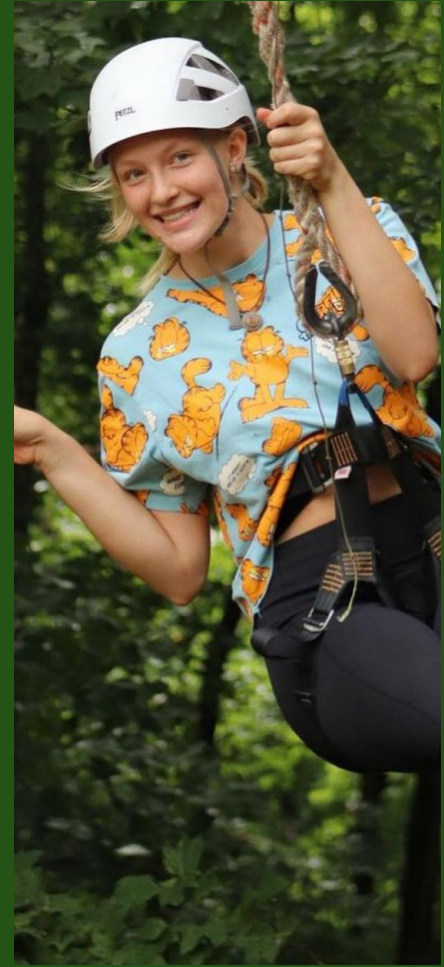
please join us for a day of Family Fun!

- traditional field day games for the whole family
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