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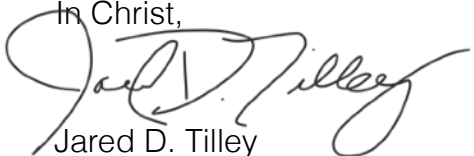
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# *from the* **Head**

The Tennessee Christian community celebrated the dedication and servant leadership of Patricia and Marty Sluder Friday, August 18. The entire school gathered to celebrate and thank the Sluders for their abundance of generosity and continued support to the school.

Since leading our campus relocation in 2020, our enrollment at Tennessee Christian has nearly doubled. That is great! But the important aspect of growth within Tennessee Christian is that God's mission for this school can reach more students and families. Patricia and Marty have both demonstrated care and love for the students here on campus understanding that we are stewards of God's mission for this school. Through prayer and action Mrs. Sluder has demonstrated a care for every student. I have seen her show love by taking a group of students out to eat in Dublin, Ireland when the dinner served earlier in the evening was just not good enough and her gentle care of praying for the safety of each student on campus.

I would like to thank Mark Shepherd, Tawnie Locklear, Sarah Ford, and senior Will Stout for their words of affirmation, all confirming a consistent message of servant leadership. Thank you to Christie Shepherd and Kristian Campbell for putting together the celebratory lunch.

In Christ,  
  
Jared D. Tilley



# A TRIBUTE TO

# *Mrs. Patricia Sluder*

aka "GIMMY"

Mrs. Sluder is one of the kindest people I know. She always comes to the school with a smile on her face and is always looking out for others. From the moment I got to

TCPS she treated me like one of her own and invited me into her family without a second thought. The thing about Gimmy is that she treats everyone this way no matter what. The two years I was at TCPS wouldn't have been the same without her and I know everyone at Tennessee Christian loves and appreciate you. Thank you, Gimmy, for being who you are!



With love,  
Hunter White  
2023 Graduate

I'm not sure where to even begin when talking about Mrs. Sluder. I have had the pleasure of knowing her for about 7 years now. I really got to know her during the Tennessee Christian move in 2020. She along with Mr. Sluder put many hours in moving the school, which was no small job! She always greets me with a smile on her face and a hug. But if you know Mrs. Sluder you also know she's the boss!

While she has been Acting Head of School, she has also continued to be the owner of HoneyBaked Ham. She continues to constantly amaze and inspire me in the way she leads. Mrs. Sluder has always led with her heart. She's one of the most kind and selfless people I have ever had the chance to meet. She truly does love and care for every single one of us, and treats us like her own grandchildren.

Mrs. Sluder, also known as Gimmy, you have had such a positive impact on my life, and I'm so glad I have had the chance to really know you these past few years. I, along with all the other students at TCPS, are so grateful for everything you have done for us these past three years. Thank you for everything! I hope one day I can grow up and lead as good as you.



I love you so much,  
Abigail Shepherd  
11th grade

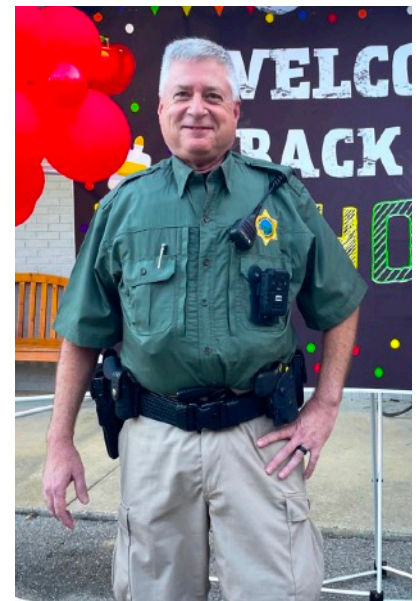


# CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

In the ongoing commitment to the safety and well-being of its students, faculty, and staff, Tennessee Christian has recently taken several steps to bolster our security measures. Our school, known for its nurturing environment and dedication to academic excellence, has recently welcomed a new security officer, Officer Rob McKinney. Officer Rob is highly trained and experienced in handling various security situations and will play a vital role in monitoring campus activities, ensuring the proper functioning of security systems, and being a visible presence to deter potential harmful situations.

Freshly completed last week, we have also increased safety by mirror tinting the windows at the front of the school. This seemingly small

adjustment carries a multitude of benefits. Tinted windows not only enhance privacy for those inside the building but also act as a barrier against unauthorized individuals attempting to peer into classrooms or other areas. This step contributes to the overall sense of security within the school premises.



Matt and Tabytha Smith,  
Owners of  
The Window Tinting  
Company

As the new academic year has begun, the students and staff of Tennessee Christian are met with a renewed sense of security. The integration of Officer Rob and the implementation of tinted windows are reflective of our commitment to providing a safe space for learning and personal growth. By continuously evolving and adapting our security protocols, we are proud to create an environment in which students can thrive without compromising on safety.

# FineArts

The Arts at Tennessee Christian moved into full effect this week. Students in preschool through twelfth grade will now be filling our classrooms after school along with their instructors. If you step inside our hallways from the hours of 3:00-5:30 you may hear trombones, guitars, pianos, and flutes...just to name a few. Our Fine Arts Academy serves close to fifty Tennessee Christian students this year.

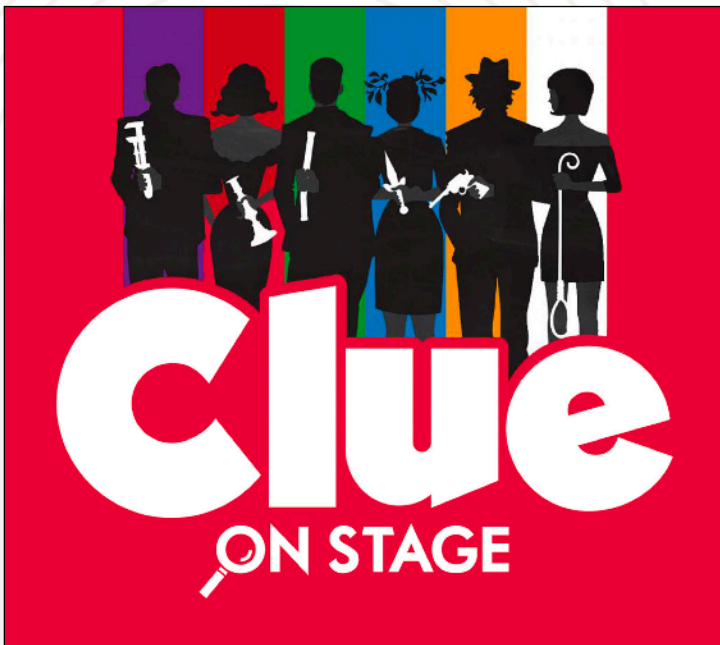
We have nine excellent musical instructors with impressive resumes that have committed to partnering with our school in furthering the creative and artistic growth of our students. Along with the Fine Arts Academy, the TCPS Pep Band, Lower School Choir, and High School Theater Club are also gearing up for this year's performances.

Thanks to Mr. Jonathan Jarman, pep band director, and Mr. Matthew Mullins, Clue Play director, our fine arts program at TCPS is expanding in many directions. You can expect to see our Pep Band at various home games this school year revving up the crowd and promoting school spirit. In



addition, our fall play will be one to remember. Mr. Mullins is bringing a murder mystery comedy to our home stage and plans to fill the audience with laughter and food with a dinner theater performance.

Our Lower School Choir under the direction of Mrs. Jessica Divel, will be traveling and performing at various locations throughout the community this Christmas season representing our school and sharing the real reason for the season. If you'd like any more information about how to get involved in our Fine Arts programs at Tennessee Christian, please contact Mrs. Jessica Divel at [jdivel@tcpsk12.org](mailto:jdivel@tcpsk12.org).



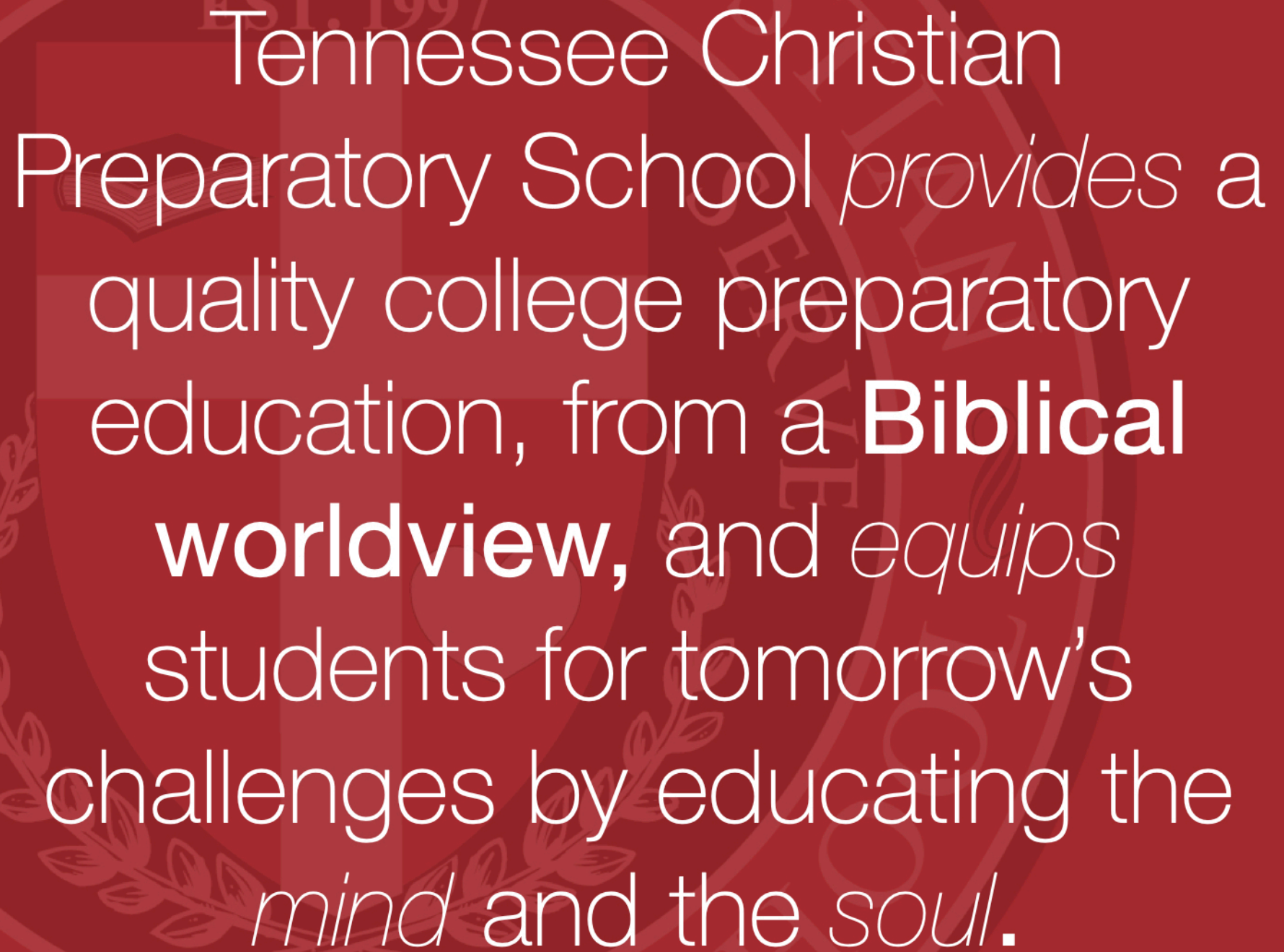




**TENNESSEE  
CHRISTIAN  
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# GRANDPARENTS' DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, September 15th  
at 9:00 am



Tennessee Christian  
Preparatory School *provides* a  
quality college preparatory  
education, from a **Biblical  
worldview**, and *equips*  
students for tomorrow's  
challenges by educating the  
*mind and the soul.*