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# UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK OF AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 4

8/29	Upper School Golf vs Copper Basin @ 4:00	
8/29	Upper School Cross Country Meet @ 6:00	
8/29	Greece and Italy Informational Meeting 6:00 Room 223 (Middle and Upper Only)	
8/30	Early Bird Wednesday	
8/31	End of FTO's No Show Gala	
8/31	Volleyball Matches JV & Varsity vs Copper Basin (Starting at 5:30)	
9/4	Labor Day (No School)	

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# *from the* **Head**

Election season for the 2023-2024 school year is over, and now the work begins.

Last week, students campaigned for various offices in hopes that they would lead the student body as a representative on Tennessee Christian's student council.

Student council elections are a time-honored tradition at Tennessee Christian. As we began the school year, posters started showing up in designated areas around campus, sending a clear message; "vote for me." Students started to add comments in class; "vote for me." Writing would appear between classes on dry-erase boards; "vote for me." All of this excitement built up to last week's speeches and election. On Wednesday, our student council hopefuls elegantly rose after being called by Ms. Weaver to give their speech. From first years to seniors, all did an excellent job of communicating why they should be elected. The importance of student council goes beyond the process and rests with the real reason students campaign because they care about their school.

Tennessee Christian's student council campaigns are a testament to the enthusiasm and dedication of its students. Through speeches, posters, and slogans, aspiring leaders can inspire their peers and shape the future of their school. I look forward to working with the student council this year to hear their needs and working on critical areas to improve the school.

In Christ,  
  
Jared D. Tilley



# Academic Research

## Middle School

With the internet's ease of accessibility and wide variety of information, today's students must be discerning about the sources and facts presented to them. Last week, seventh and eighth grade students took a field trip to Lee University to learn about academic research. During their morning at the Squires Library, they learned how to research, where to research, and what are valid and reliable sources of information. They even participated in a scavenger hunt all over the library where they used their phones to scan QR codes. With these valuable skills, we hope to prepare students as researchers for their years at Tennessee Christian and beyond.





As it is written, 'let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord'.

1 Corinthians 1:31

The women's volleyball team has much to boast about from the weekend tournament at Grace Academy, but we choose to give God the glory this season and all it has and will bring. It was an eventful tournament with nail-biting volleys, frustrating errors, and elation in the victory. "TEAM" was a chant offered during time outs because it was crucial for us to work together in order to get the side-out and achieve victory. This team has improved tremendously since our first game, and we can attribute that to working together to accomplish our goals.

Teamwork is foundational when it comes to winning and losing. We win as a team and we lose as a team. These girls have worked hard as individuals thus pushing our unit to grow as a whole, but I am most proud of them for the way they come beside one another and encourage each other when we are down and all but out. When defeat looked inevitable, this team dug deep within themselves to find the strength they needed to push past the aches and pains, the sore and tired muscles, the weariness that set in and were able to finish as runners-up. I am beyond proud of them for the courage and perseverance it took to set aside the temptation to quit, to give up under the pressure. Instead, they chose to push on for the prize. Philippians 3:14 states, "I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us." That perseverance is what we will remember and rely on as we continue in our season.



We had several outstanding plays throughout the tournament, led by seniors, Georgia McPherson (Libero, Outside Hitter) and Oksana Goroshko (Setter). Because of their leadership on the floor and amazing saves in each game, both earned All-Tournament honors alongside the best players from Grace Academy and Tyner High School. I am thankful for the leadership of these two and for the strong freshman class that is moving up in the ranks. Honorable mentions include Sophomore, Chloe Armstrong, as outside hitter racking up kills adding crucial points in each game. Junior, Micah Black, helped get us ahead with her awesome serves and on-time blocks in the middle. Freshmen, Frannie McPherson stepping into the Libero position gave us support on the back row, while Freshman, Amelia Shepherd, took care of business as middle hitter/blocker on the front row with her tricky tips and dinks.

Written by: Tawnie Locklear





But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

In a display of athletic determination, a cross country meet brought together middle and high school athletes from Chattanooga Center for the Arts, Red Bank High School, and Soddy Daisy High School this past Saturday. The event, held during undesirably warm weather, was a testament to the dedication and hard work of these young runners.

The middle school category witnessed Eli Ahlers secure the top spot with a first-place finish in the 2 mile division. Peter Scully came in with a third-place finish. Eli Simonson's fifth-place finish further emphasized the strength of the middle school team.

The high school category was equally exciting with our runners showcasing determination. Eli Ahlers, a name familiar from the middle school ranks, continued to impress as he secured a third-place finish. Crossing the finish line with a time of 19 minutes and 26 seconds, he proved his position as a high school cross country athlete.

Judah Machacek, with a finishing time of 23 minutes and 26 seconds demonstrated his perseverance and dedication to the sport.

Audrey Lyles emerged as a standout athlete in the high school division, securing a well-deserved fourth-place finish. With a time of 24 minutes and 56 seconds, Audrey's tenacity and perseverance were on display throughout the race. Kaylie Ahler's sixth-place finish, followed closely by Ashley Lyles in seventh and Sophie Ellis in eighth, highlighted the skill and talent of their team.

With both middle and high school runners putting their best foot forward, the future of cross country at Tennessee Christian is taking on an excellent pace.







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for the  
second annual**

**No-Show  
Gala**

*August 31, 2023*

presented by Tennessee Christian Preparatory School Family Teacher Organization  
Board of Directors

**Seth and Sarah Ford**

**Daniel and Sarah Barham  
Allen and Joanna Butler  
Steve and Jennifer Hartline**

**Travis and Alanna Henry  
Lebron and Heather Lackey  
Josh and Erika Olmstead**





# Menu

## Learning Cottage

- ~~Landscaping...\$600~~
- Six 36inch Window Boxes... \$90 each
- ~~Playground Mud Kitchen...\$200~~
- Three large (10ft-12ft) group time rugs...\$400 each

## Lower School

- ~~P.E. Equipment...\$300~~
- ~~Spanish Flip Chart...\$48~~

## Middle and Upper School

- ~~TV for Middle School History Room...\$350~~
- ~~Mount for TV for Middle School History Room TV...\$28~~
- 9 Square Castle Game...\$650

## Fine Arts

- Four Flip Form Risers...\$1193 each

## General

- ~~TV for Chapel and other Events...\$430~~
- Two Carts for Metal Chairs..... \$275 each
- ~~Three sets of Walkie talkies for teachers...\$170 each set~~
- Popcorn Machine for events...\$375
- ~~Two ChromeCast...\$42 each~~
- Turf for two GaGa ball pits...\$600 each
  
- Any donation...priceless



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# GRANDPARENTS' DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, September 15th  
at 9:00 am







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