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# from the Head

One aspect of being an administrator that I have always enjoyed is connecting with Tennessee Christian graduates. I rarely have a bigger smile than when an alumnus enters our door just to come by and say, “Hey!” One frequent visitor stopped by this past week, Cole Taylor, Class of 2022. He did not come see me in my office this time but met me in the gym as I was cleaning up from our Wednesday chapels. He saw that Isaiah Muñoz, taking his free period to help, and I were working. Without hesitation, Cole immediately jumped in, helping remove Chapel equipment from the gym.

At Tennessee Christian, students of the Upper School are required to fulfill thirty hours of service each year. These hours can be volunteering at a local church or ministry center, helping a neighbor in need, or doing tasks on campus to improve the physical plant. The options are limitless. If you do the math, that would be a requirement of 120 hours. We have students who routinely exceed 200 hours and a senior who will have over 400 hours this year! Tennessee Christian’s core values include service, but the result of hours is not the impactful part. When students develop a joy for service, that is when you know it is all coming together for the betterment of His kingdom.

When Cole helped last Wednesday, I saw the exhibited behavior we want all our graduates to possess: a willingness to help and help joyfully. As I was wrapping cable, Cole jumped right in and helped. He didn’t ask, “Can I help?” He knew that he could and sought out opportunities to help. We want all of our students to leave this campus possessing this mindset, a willingness to serve our community as Christ served his. Let us be the example of His light to all around us with joy and thanksgiving.

Thank you to Isaiah Muñoz for his willingness to help! He is one of a group of seniors willing to help with joy and thankfulness.



Jared D. Tilley



# FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

## Love



### Millie Canfield (1st)

“Millie shows love at every corner. Whether it’s a smile at the end of the hallway or a hug in the doorway, she exudes this fruit of the spirit. She is very intentional in making those around her feel so loved.” -Lindsay Sluder

### Lincoln Osborne (4th)

“Lincoln shows love in the way he speaks to his classmates and teachers. He also is ready to help at the end of the day, not only doing his job, but also assisting others if someone’s partner is absent.” - Donna McKee

### Emma Campbell (MS)

“I think Emma Campbell exhibits love through her willingness to help others without expecting anything in return. She demonstrates selfless love to all those around her.”

- Kori Weaver

### Sophie Ellis (US)

“Sophie consistently shows love to her classmates by being accepting and compassionate with them. When one of her peers is feeling low, Sophie is usually the first person to console them. She also is respectful and caring to her teachers, always speaking politely and asking how we are doing. God's love shines through Sophie!” - Jessica Divel



# OMADA

Last Wednesday we had a great time competing in our first major Omada competition of the year! If you are new to the idea of Omada, let me fill you in! For the new class of 6th graders and new students arriving to TCPS, we sort them into one of three existing Omada Teams. Those teams include: Phos (Greek for light), Tharsos (courage), and Alethia (truth). Throughout the year we engage in competitions to achieve one of the highest honors of becoming the top Omada team!

However, this year we are not only competing as teams, but we are also keeping track of individual Omada points! These points are typically given to students who show random acts of

kindness, service, or achievement in some way that is worthy of recognition!

All of this is leading up to the end of the year Omada ceremony where we will crown the teams and individuals who come out on top! Among the awards that will be honored for both middle and upper school are:

- 1) Top Omada Team
- 2) Individual Points Leader (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place)
- 3) Team MVP's (Phos, Tharsos, and Alethia)
- 4) Omada League MVP

This will be an exciting journey to watch! Stay tuned for updates as we follow along with a highly anticipated year of Omada!





# tiny art show



At the beginning of every year, lower school students gather in the halls to view our tiny art show display created by our very own second graders. The tiny art show is a community art project that installs miniature art galleries in unexpected places. It was started by contemporary artist McKay Lenker Bayer when she compiled tiny works of art she had created and made a little display on her college campus. She wanted people to stop and pause to see that there are cool things happening all around us, we just have to look! Our second grade students got to look through the tiny art show instagram to see all sorts of examples of the exhibits that are now showcased all over America. Then, our students went to work creating their own exhibitions out of paper and cardboard frames!






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