

A child is lying on their back in a snowy field, arms and legs spread wide. They are wearing a green camouflage jacket, black pants, blue boots, and an orange beanie with "Pacer Shop" written on it. The snow is mixed with brown leaves.

the talon

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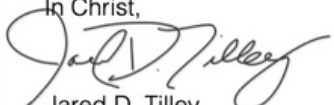
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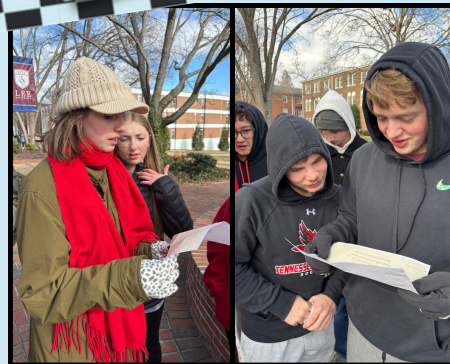
As I reflect on the recent snow that blanketed Cleveland, it is impossible not to think back to the winter of 1993. For many of us, snowstorms aren't just weather events—they are moments that become deeply embedded in our memories, moments that shape who we are and how we connect with others especially if they only happen so infrequently.

In the winter of 1993, Cleveland was hit by a massive snowstorm that kept schools closed for two full weeks. The snow piled up so high, roads were impassable, and the usual rhythms of daily life were completely disrupted. I still remember the excitement of waking up to a neighborhood transformed overnight. Those two weeks of snow days were like no other time in my childhood. There wasn't a single day that went by without spending hours with friends and family, sledding down hills, trying to build the perfect igloo, having snowball fights, and realizing how painful it is to catch a football in the freezing cold.

In a world that often feels fast-paced and full of distractions, moments like these—when we can step away from the noise and simply enjoy being present with one another—are rare and precious. My hope for each of our students and families is that they will look back on this snow not just as a temporary break from routine, but as a season of joy, laughter, and deeper connection with those they love. May we look for opportunities in our fast-paced daily schedules for moments of connection coupled with joy and laughter. These times do not only have to come during a winter snow.

Thank you for being a part of the Tennessee Christian community. May God bless each of you with more moments of joy and connection in the days to come.

In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley



At Tennessee Christian, we love creating moments to step away from the ordinary to embrace the extraordinary. This year's inaugural Upper School One Retreat is a perfect example to come away from the classroom to "rekindle, refresh, and reconnect." Held off-campus but still close to home at the Lee University Mayfield Annex, the retreat was more than just a break from routine. It was a chance to strengthen connections to the Lord and each other.

The day began with worship and reflection, setting the tone for the day and, hopefully, the new year. Pastor Micah Nicolaus shared a profound message about the importance of building one another up. It was a reminder that amidst the busyness of school life, our relationship with God and each other is central to everything we do. We bookended the day in the same way with worship and prayer and a challenge to remove all things from our lives that crowd out God's place in our hearts.

Of course, no TCPS retreat would be complete without a healthy dose of competition! The excitement ramped up for class vs. class games, which reached its peak during a campus-wide scavenger hunt! This event had teams racing to find clues and solve puzzles to lead to our mascot, a wooden hawk, at the Lee University Forum. The seniors emerged victorious, claiming the coveted prize of an ice cream party - a sweet reward for their teamwork and determination!

The One Retreat was beyond what we expected. Whether through shared laughter and camaraderie during games or heartfelt conversations and prayer in quieter moments, we enter this new year reconnected and ready to tackle anything - together!

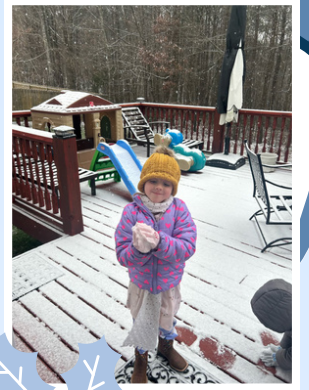
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SNOW DAYS

The earth is filled with the beauty of the Lord;
He covers the heavens with His majesty.

Psalm 104:1







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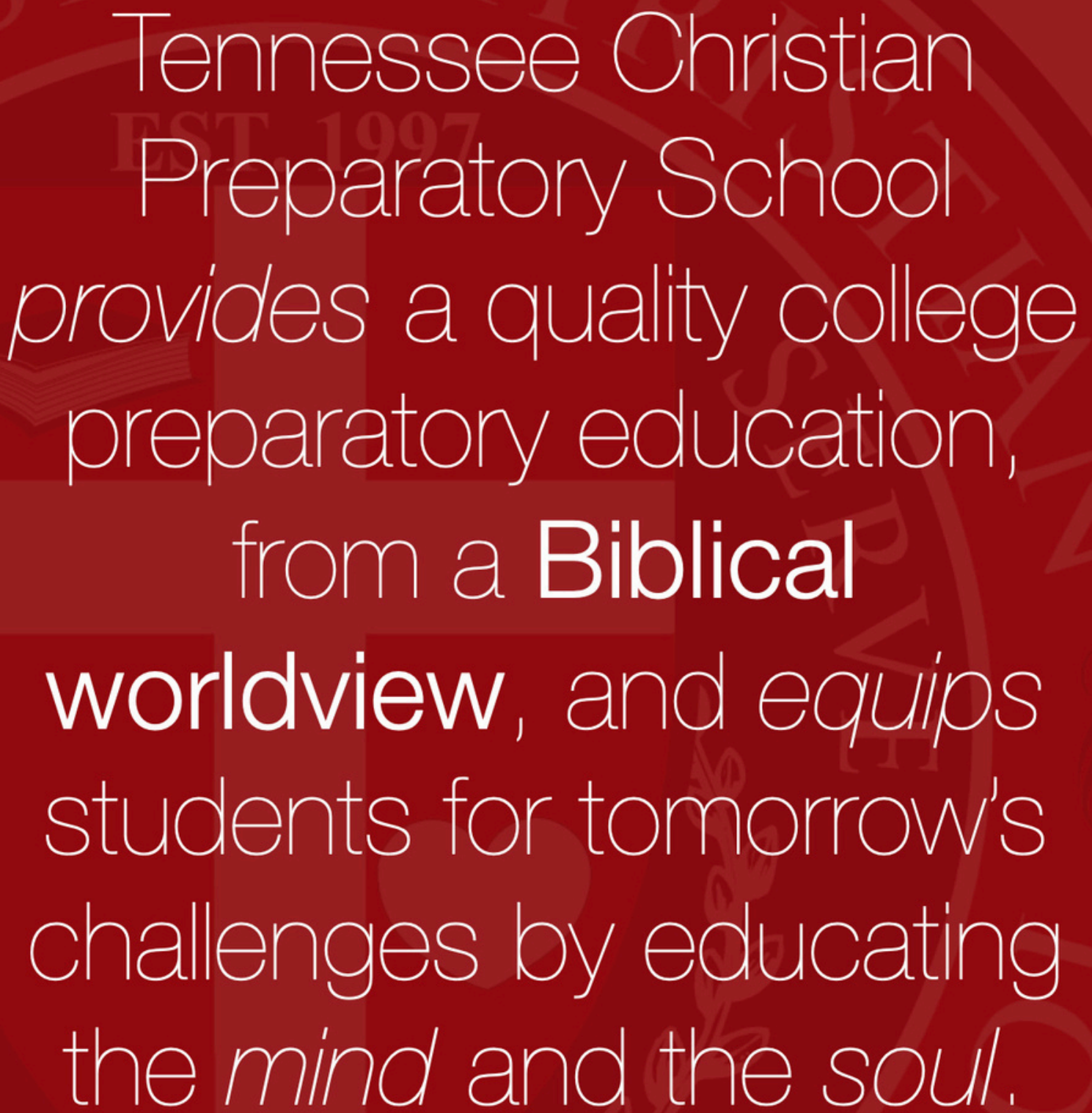
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