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from the Head

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible support our community has shown through your contributions to the Hawk Fund. Your generosity is both exciting and humbling, and it truly makes a difference in our community.

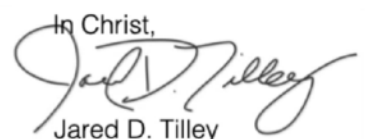
Our recent Hawk Fund week was a wonderful success, thanks to the dedication and spirit of our families. However, our journey doesn't end there. I invite you to consider making prayerful donations throughout the year. Your continued support is vital as it allows us to demonstrate our commitment to the mission of Tennessee Christian.

The Hawk Fund plays a crucial role in our ability to operate effectively. First, your generous donations help bridge the gap between tuition and the actual costs of providing a quality education. This support ensures that we can maintain the standards of excellence that our students deserve.



Secondly, your participation enables us to pursue grants and funding from foundations and organizations that align with our mission. These resources are essential for expanding our programs and enhancing the educational experience for all our students.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and dedication to our school. Together, we are making a lasting impact on the lives of our students and the future of our Tennessee Christian community.

In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley

THE *Niña* & THE *Pinta*

6TH-9TH GRADE

Last week, our middle school and 9th grade students had the unique opportunity to visit the Nina and Pinta replica ships at Chattanooga River Park along the Tennessee River. The experience was both educational and enjoyable, providing our students with a glimpse into maritime history and the adventures of early explorers.

From the moment we arrived, the sight of the beautifully crafted replicas intrigued the students and staff alike. The Nina and Pinta, replicas of Christopher Columbus's famous ships, were meticulously designed and accurately represented due to the historical building process that has been passed down from many generations of ship builders. The students were immediately captivated by the impressive craftsmanship and historical significance of these ships that have made history.

Our guided tour was led by knowledgeable staff members who shared fascinating stories about Columbus's voyages and the life of sailors during the famous voyage. They engaged the students with stories of sailors and crewmen who, according to the tour guides, weren't much older than our students and some of the most important crewmen were not yet teens. This interaction made the historical context come alive, allowing students to connect themselves to the historical events.



The students had the chance to explore the decks, see the sails up close, and see how some of the equipment was used. This experiential learning opportunity fostered a sense of curiosity and excitement among the students, many of whom expressed a newfound interest in history and sailing.

The setting at Chattanooga River Park added to the trip's charm. The scenic views of the Tennessee River and the surrounding landscape provided a beautiful backdrop for our day. Students enjoyed a picnic lunch in the park, allowing for some relaxation, games and socializing after a morning of exploration.

Overall, the field trip to see the Nina and Pinta was a hit! It was an interesting blend of education, adventure, and fun that our students will remember for years to come. We look forward to more opportunities like this that inspire our students to learn beyond the classroom.

Written by: Melissa Scannapiego



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Dual ENROLLMENT



Our Upper School is proud to have expanded its offering of Dual Enrollment classes this school year with the addition of an on-campus, concurrent English 12 and Comp I09/110 class through Bryan College. This gave our seniors the ability to earn their 12th Grade English Class credit while earning six college Composition credits at the same time. The class is being taught by our High School English teacher, April Sopczak, who has previous university teaching experience and has been contracted by Bryan as an adjunct DE instructor. On Friday, April 25, the class took a campus tour to see exactly where they were earning credits, and learn more about what earning a degree at Bryan College would entail. Students were able to speak with admissions advisors about possible majors and scholarship opportunities, attend Chapel, tour the campus, and speak with several alumni and current students at Bryan about their experiences. Students also learned that the school is a non-denominational Christian college that offers a quality education through the lens of a Christian worldview. It was a beautiful day to explore the picturesque campus nestled in Dayton, TN.



HAWK HIGHLIGHTS

This past weekend, the Tennessee Christian Middle and Lower School Cross Country teams made their mark at the state-level championship meet in Knoxville, competing among some of the finest young runners in Tennessee. It was a day to remember as four of our team members represented TCPS with pride, determination, and an unshakable commitment to Christian values.

Eli Ahlers, Kai Ahlers, Sam Hudson, and Henry Sluder led the Tennessee Christian team with strength and sportsmanship, going above and beyond to encourage not only their own teammates but also competitors from other schools. All season long, each of these young athletes set personal goals early in the season, striving not only to compete at their best but to lift others around them. The way they shared in each other's victories, stayed positive, and committed to giving their all at every practice and meet exemplifies what Tennessee Christian athletics is all about.

A special thanks to Coach Kelly Ahlers for her incredible encouragement, support, and dedication throughout this season. Her guidance extended beyond the racecourse, inspiring our athletes to persevere, work as a team, and run with integrity. Coach Ahlers, we're grateful for the love, time, and energy you've invested in each runner, making this season truly memorable. Thank you for being such an outstanding mentor!





TENNESSEE
CHRISTIAN
PREPARATORY
SCHOOL

LEARNING COTTAGE AND LOWER SCHOOL

October 31, 2024

BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY

MIDDLE SCHOOL BONFIRE

MS. KESLEY'S HOUSE

FRIDAY, NOV 1

6:30-8:30 PM





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PREPARATORY SCHOOL

FOOD DRIVE

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society and Junior Honor Society are proud to announce that they will be hosting a non-perishable food drive at TCPS to gather food that will be sent to The Caring Place, providing meals for those in

need within our community. This impactful initiative will take place from November 4th through November 8th on campus in the gym.

We encourage all parents and students to contribute by bringing in canned or boxed non-perishable foods. NHS & NJHS members will be available to collect donations each day before school from 7:30 to 8:00 A.M. and after school from 2:50 to 3:20 P.M during the week of November 4th. Your generosity will help us make a positive impact in our community, and we thank you so much for your support!

Written by James Shiflet





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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.