

A man with short brown hair, wearing a blue blazer over a purple checkered shirt, stands behind two young girls. The girl on the left has long brown hair and is wearing a white cardigan over a pink sequined top and a long pink tutu skirt. She is holding a large white feather. The girl on the right has blonde hair and is wearing a purple ruffled dress. She has her hand near her mouth in a playful pose. The background is a white wall decorated with gold stars, crescent moons, and blue and gold balloons.

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from the Head


“When you give love it grows.” This quote is from a children’s book, “Penguin and Pinecone”. The book written by Salina Yoon tells the story of an unlikely friendship between a penguin and a pinecone. Despite their differences, they form a deep bond of love and care.

Last Monday, I took my family to the Chickamauga Battlefield. As we walked the beautiful and hallowed grounds, my son Martin stayed close at hand. He carried the historical reference books, referred to the maps to find our location, and listened to me tell vignettes about the soldiers who fought in the Civil War. It was not until halfway through the trip that I realized he was



interested in all we saw. He was concerned about the men fighting, interested in the inscription on each monument, and amazingly enjoyed hearing my historical stories.

After the trip, Victoria showed me a picture she had taken. She reminded me that as we give love, it grows. I hope Martin develops a passion for history and all things, but most importantly, I pray he knows how much I love him and it will grow.

In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley

2024 DADDY/DAUGHTER *dance*



Last Friday evening, The Barn at Hickory Hills transformed into a magical space as fathers and daughters of all ages gathered for the Tennessee Christian "I Love You to the Moon and Back" daddy-daughter dance. The girls got to enjoy spending time with their fathers, while also spending time with their friends.

As a little girl going to these dances, I made so many fun memories. One thing I will always remember is seeing the biggest smile on my Dad's face while sharing moments of laughter and dancing together. This night for me always brought so much joy to my heart. When I look at all the little girls, it's easy to tell how much this night means to them and their daddies.



The success of the night owed much to the dedication and planning of Alice Sanders, Sarah Barham, and Kristen Campbell, who worked behind the scenes to ensure the event's seamless execution. I think it is very special that our school provides the opportunity for dads and daughters to dance the night away and help build on their relationship that will last a lifetime.

Written by: Frannie McPherson



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inspired by NICHOLAS MCCARTHY

Our Upper School Students (9th-12th grade) gathered with other local schools at Cleveland State Community College to hear an inspiring journey by a most impressive musician. At fourteen years old, Nicholas McCarthy attended a school assembly where a classmate played a classical music piece on a grand piano. It was during this concert that **Nicholas** had an epiphany. He was destined to play the piano. But there was one problem - Nicholas was born without a right hand.

Nicholas went home and immediately began to learn. Unbeknownst to him, there is a large repertoire of left-handed-only classical pieces. Through perseverance and a lot of practice, Nicholas excelled and gained entrance into



the world's leading music conservatory, the Royal College of Music in London, where he graduated as their first and only one-handed pianist.

In addition to his inspiring story, Nicholas shared what he believes is the key to overcoming obstacles.

Though he faced much rejection and discrimination in his life, Nicholas believes that his positive attitude is what propelled him

forward and helped him achieve the success he enjoys today. It is no question that his message is applicable to our students and a wonderful encouragement for their lives both now and in the future.



Written by: Kylie Machacek



MOTHER/SON

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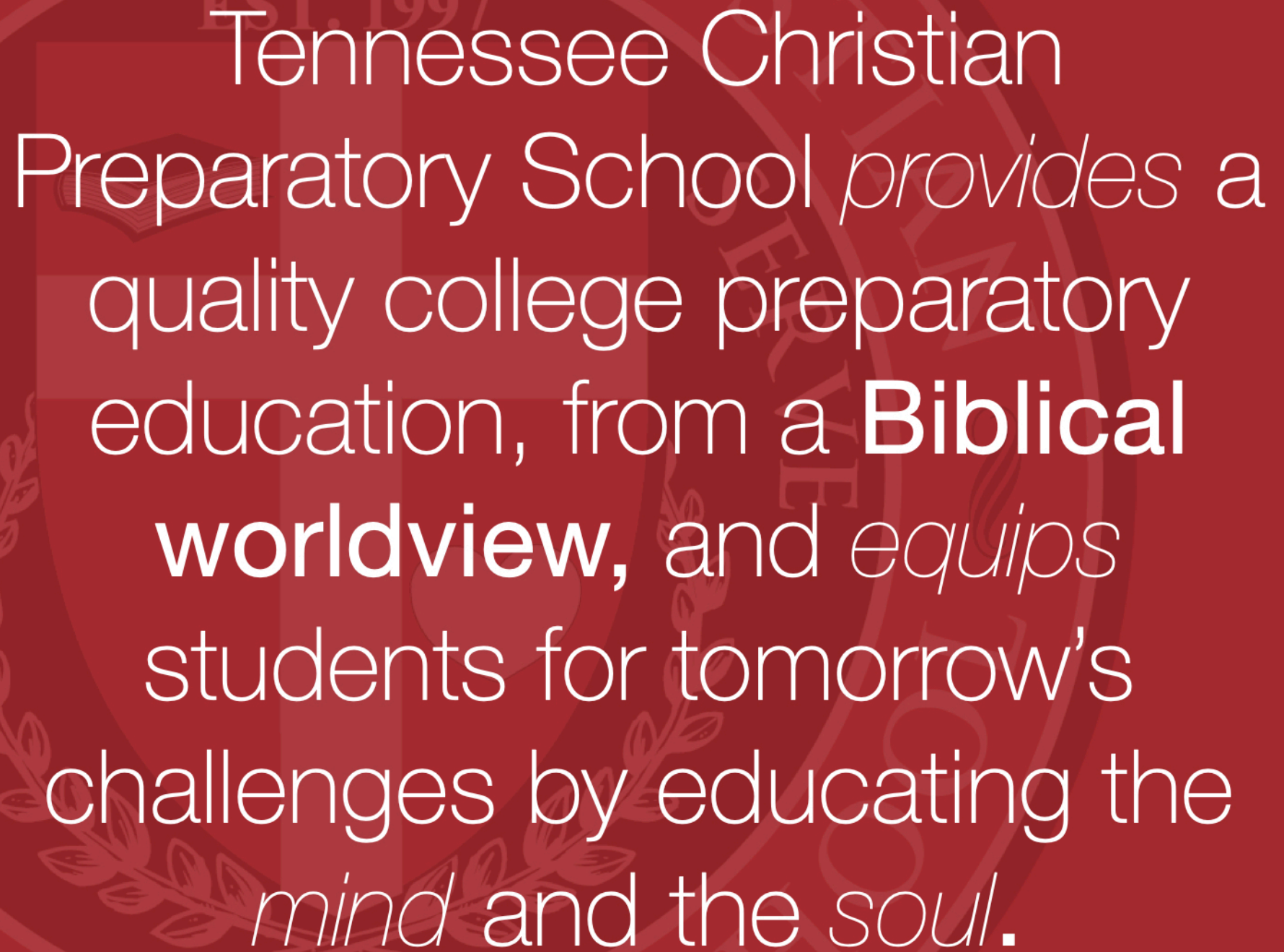
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