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Last Friday, I had the incredible opportunity to share a memorable father-son outing with my son, Elliott, at the Atlanta Hawks vs. Dallas Mavericks game. Little did we know that we would see a historic game by none other than Luka Dončić, who left us and the crowd amazed with a staggering 73 points. The total points was the 4th highest in a game in NBA history.

As Elliott and I approached State Farm Arena, I told him stories of players he had never heard of like Dominick Wilkins and Dikembe Mutombo. I told Elliott of my first Atlanta Hawks game at the Omni Coliseum (demolished in 1997) many years ago when my mother took me to the annually disappointing Atlanta Hawks. I couldn't tell you who the Hawks played, the score of the game, or even anyone other than Wilkins who was on the court, but I remember the time spent with my mom and the memories we shared seeing our Atlanta Hawks. No player scored close to 73 points in that game, but the time spent with my mom was meaningful. Isn't that the nature of sports? For the older generation to be able to pass down meaningful memories like cherished heirlooms, each carrying the significant weight of precious memories.

While Luka Dončić's performance was impressive, that is not the lasting memory that I will have. The joy and excitement on Elliott's face won the day for this dad. I am sure in years ahead, Elliott will be telling the next generation of witnessing his favorite player, Luka Dončić, score 73 points in an arena that no longer exists. Maybe he will also mention the time that he and his dad spent together.

In Christ Jared D. Tilley





ast Friday, our upcoming Freshmen traveled to Keller Williams Cleveland for a day of planning and preparing for their Upper School years. The students started the morning with a devotional from Mr. Tilley about relying on God's daily bread while planning, preparing, and acting



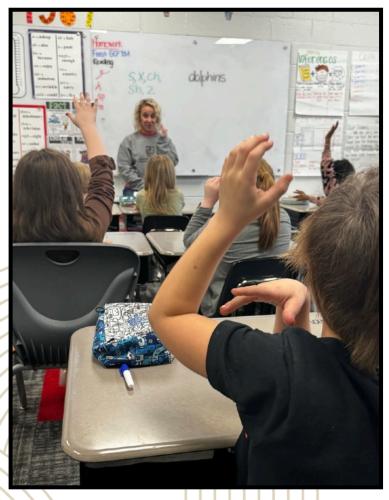




with excellence. Mrs. Machacek led the students in a blindfolded activity, highlighting the importance of clear communication. The students learned about Dual Enrollment, where they can leave Tennessee Christian well into their sophomore year, saving thousands of dollars. The students learned about ACT scores, electives, GPA, and more.

We want to thank Keller Williams Cleveland for allowing our students to use their excellent facilities for the benefit of our students.







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This past Friday, Tennessee Christian School celebrated our annual Move Up Day, a unique event that brings students from our Learning Cottage Kindergarten Readiness four year old classes all the way up to 5th-grade students. The day was designed to offer a preview of the upcoming academic year, fostering excitement and curiosity as the students eagerly await what lies ahead in the next grade.

For the PreK 4 classes, the journey began with a visit to the kindergarten classrooms, where they were warmly welcomed by the dynamic duo of Mrs. Dodson and Mrs. Hope. These enthusiastic educators provided a glimpse into the world of kindergarten, showcasing the engaging activities and nurturing environment that awaits our kindergarteners in the upcoming year.









Meanwhile, the 5th-grade students had the opportunity to get a sneak peek into 6th grade, guided by Ms. Kesley. As they navigated the new classroom, they gained valuable insights into the challenges and rewards that come with moving up to the next level. Ms. Kesley made the time not only informative but also fun, ensuring that the students left with a positive outlook on their impending transition.

Move Up Day at Tennessee Christian is more than just a walkthrough of classrooms; it's a carefully crafted experience that aims to build connections between students and upcoming teachers. Our prayer is that this event reflects our commitment to not only academic excellence but also in creating an environment where students feel supported and excited about their educational journey.





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