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from the Head


Politicians make promises they intend to accomplish and others they do not intend to keep. We all understand that in today's political climate. Tennessee Christian's Student Council election speeches in August 2023 highlighted a variety of promises: providing better Snack Cart options on Wednesday or more lunch options,



but the promise that continued to arise among the candidates was improving the Middle and Upper school locker rooms and restrooms. Class president, vice president, treasury, and all in between reinforced the need for a restroom remodel. The remodel was a promise our Student Council kept.

The locker rooms received light renovations when moving on campus in October 2020. Through the contributions of the Student Council, FTO, and private donations specifically for the project, we are thrilled to announce that Tennessee Christian's locker rooms and restrooms project is nearly complete. Led by Chandler Painting, the renovation was extensive, stripping flooring on campus for over fifty years, removing showers, creating storage solutions, and making the space excellent. We have accomplished this! On Tuesday, March 19, Tennessee Christian will hold a ribbon cutting for our students to open the new locker rooms & restrooms officially.

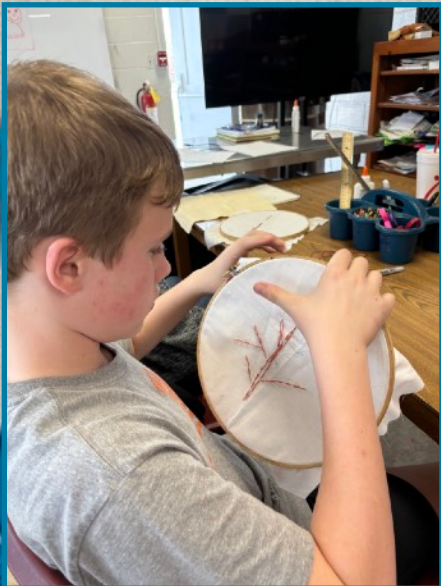
I want to thank Sarah Barham, FTO, for her extensive and professional overseeing of the renovation project. I appreciate your dedication to excellence!

In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley

Embroidery Workshop



Every year, I have the opportunity to write a grant through the Arts in Education Program with the Cleveland Bradley Chamber of Commerce Allied Arts Council. In 2023, the grant allowed us to have our very own, Tara McSherry Bear, to showcase her beautiful hand embroidery work and the students fell in love with it! Since our students developed such an interest in Embroidery, I wrote this year's grant for Embroidery as well. This year, I was awarded the grant and we had quilter and mixed media artist, Jackie Cory, join us with over 30 years of experience as an artist and teacher. She developed individualized lessons for each of the grades where they have made things such as plants, birds, and hearts. Our Lower School students have learned basic stitches like the straight and back stitch and how to sew on a button while our Upper School Students have been learning the Stem Stitch, Bundle, Daisy Chain, French Knot, and so many more!



Our Lower School students have all come in for a one hour lesson to begin their projects and will finish them throughout the rest of this school year and our Middle and Upper School students have had the pleasure of a directed study with Jackie for the last 2 weeks making a detailed embroidery project. It has been a joy to watch how passionate the students have become about embroidery and how proud they all are of their finished products! All projects will be on display at our Fine Arts Festival this year on April 26th.

If your student would like more in-depth embroidery lessons, or just art lessons in general, Jackie offers private art lessons and can be reached at jackiecory22@yahoo.com.



Written by: Chloe Hinchcliff

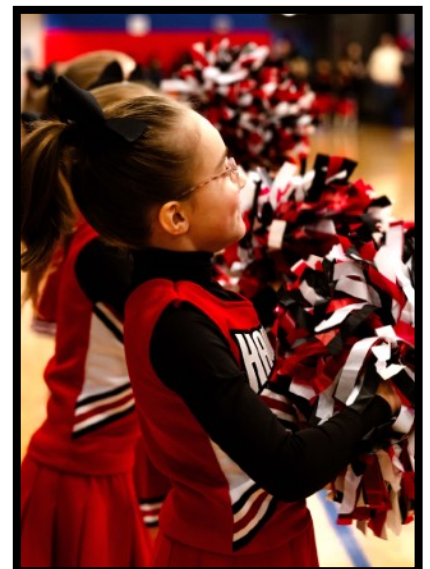
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LOWER SCHOOL CHEER



This 23-24 TCPS Cheer season has been absolutely amazing! We had 14 girls that worked so hard to cheer on the 2/3 and 4/5 boys basketball teams! They have gotten to attend 19 games including cheering on the 2nd and 3rd grade boys as they won their championship game on February 26th! As their coach, I am so proud of Addison, Kenzie, Adalynn, Lizzie, Kennerly, Molly, Iris, Emilia, Harper, Madeline, Everly, Avalee, Isabella, and Avery for the hard work they put into this season! I cannot wait to see them all come back for the next cheer season!



Written by: Gabby Mullins

LOWER SCHOOL BASKETBALL

This lower-school basketball season has been an eventful one for our 2/3 and 4/5 grade teams. We have seen first year players grow in their knowledge and abilities and veteran players hone their skills and leadership. Despite facing tough opponents, they showcased determination and teamwork in every game. Each game, our athletes walked onto the court with purpose and pride in representing TCPS. Success this year wasn't just measured by wins and losses, but also by the growth and development of each player.



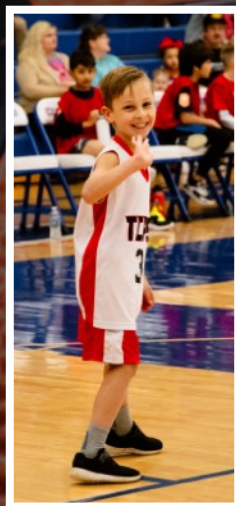
Our 4/5 grade team finished their season in the semi-finals with a record of 8-5. The team was led by 5th graders, Elliott Tilley, Caleb Olmstead, Keaton Lackey and Sammy Hensley. Eight of our eleven athletes were from TCPS. This team represented the school very well and grew throughout the season.

Written by: Adam Osborne

LOWER SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Our 2/3 grade team ended the season with a Championship win and a record of 11-4. The team was led by 3rd graders, Ben Locklear, Andrew Slocumb, and Jay Gilbert. The team was entirely made up of TCPS students from grades 1-3, a first for lower school basketball. All players for this team scored at some point during the season.



I am very proud of both teams and am honored to coach them.



LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD AND THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

Performed by: Touring
Tennessee Theatre Company

Last Tuesday, our Kindergarten through 3rd grade students enjoyed a performance of "Little Red Riding Hood" and "The Three Little Pigs" at the Chattanooga Convention Center, courtesy of the Tennessee Theater Company. This educational experience showcased the power of storytelling and lessons to be learned from such fables.

My favorite lesson taught within these stories was in the "The Three Little Pigs." Those silly pigs taught us that hard effort and perseverance pay off, and that preparation is necessary for success. Taking the shortcut on things isn't always the better way and it can lead to disappointment in the future.

As educators, we value such enriching experiences that go beyond the classroom. We look forward to more adventures, like this one, that inspire the our student's minds and that teach life lessons.





Avery McMilion (1st)

"Avery is a loyal friend, even when wronged. She likes people to feel loved and is faithful to show kindness to others by writing notes and encouraging them. She is faithful at sharing too!" -Katie Nichols

Nate Buckner (4th)

"Whenever a student is absent, Nate is the first to volunteer to do that person's job for the day. Oftentimes he just does this without saying anything. Nate shows faithfulness by helping others, using good manners, and demonstrating how a faithful friend sticks up for others." - Donna McKee



Sammy Hensley (5th)

"Throughout this entire school year, Sammy has exemplified faithfulness as a friend to all of his classmates. He is consistently kind, considerate, and thoughtful towards others. There have been instances this year that Sammy has demonstrated forgiveness towards friends that have wronged him. Not only did he extend forgiveness, he did so willingly and happily. He is a beautiful example of what faithfulness looks like in friendship which is a direct reflection of the Lord at work in his own heart." - Sarah Van Dyke

Sophia Adams (7th)

"Sophia Adams shows faithfulness in all areas of her studies. She is faithful to study in preparation for upcoming tests. She never gives up if she doesn't understand a concept in class and she is persistent to the very end to make sure she has mastered what is being taught in class. Sophia Adams is also faithful to who she is. She is always smiling and always brings a positive attitude to class."

-Tawnie Locklear



James Shiflet (11th)

"James exemplifies faithfulness through his diligence, perseverance, and his commitment to excellence. He is dependable as a student and as a friend. James is an example of Christ as someone who is faithful to his word and does what he says he will do." -Kylie Machacek



SOPHIE ELLIS



This past week our very own Sophie Ellis in 10th grade entered the Lee University writing contest. Public and Private high school students from all around entered their own short story in hopes of being published in the Lee University newspaper! Sophie's captivating story titled "Loretta" is about a battle between main characters Loretta and Violette. She uses a vast amount of figurative language and the quote "Her icy blue eyes piercing through Loretta's soul, framed by white lashes" really shows how talented Sophie is when it comes to Creative writing. She was a finalist in the contest, and placed second! Sophie's story will be published in the Lee University newsletter! She made many new friends and had a great time sharing her story with others.

Written by: Audrey Lyles

LASER TAG NIGHT

MOTHER/SON

This unique school event is more than just an evening of laser tag; it's a celebration of the special bond between mothers and sons. Leading up to the event, the boys had made a decision that it would be boys vs mothers. As the boys suited up, the boys were strategizing and making a plan to win. As the first round of games began, the arena erupted with excitement as the boys separated from their moms. The battle was on as the boys ran and hid behind different obstacles. Boys trying to shoot their moms and moms sneaking around the obstacles to try and shoot them. What a thrill! Each battle round was full of excitement, fun, and laughter. What a blast the mother-son event was!

Written by: Kristen Campbell





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