

A young boy with short, light-colored hair is the central figure. He is wearing a brown tweed suit jacket over a white collared shirt and a blue tie. He is looking upwards and to the right with a curious expression. In his hands, he holds a small, folded green object, possibly a piece of paper or a small card. The background is a classroom, with a bulletin board on the left, a potted plant, and various classroom supplies. On the right, there is a display board with a blue and red border. The overall lighting is soft and indoor.

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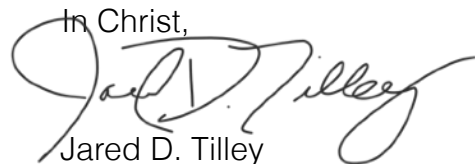
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from the Head

The season of Advent unfolds before us this week, inviting us to embark on a journey of reflection, hope, and anticipation. Rooted in Christian traditions for over 1500 years, Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year and is a time of preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth. Even if the practice of Advent is not directly a part of your Christian walk, the idea of anticipation and hope during this Christmas season should be and probably is. Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming, arrival." For us, as Christians, Advent has a profound meaning. Not only is it the celebration of the arrival of Christ as both fully man and God, but it also looks forward to the coming of Christ unknown to us. We often overlook the third meaning of Advent, the daily arrival of Christ offered to us. With that in mind, read the words given to us by St. Patrick. While not an Advent prayer, his prayer resonates with the daily coming of Christ and our need to be as Christ intended us to be.

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me.
Christ above me.
Christ on my right. Christ on my left.
Christ when I lie down. Christ when I sit.
Christ when I stand.
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me.
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me.
Christ in every eye that sees me.
Christ in every ear that hears me.
Amen.

In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley

the great COOKIE DEBATE

In observance of Election Day, Kindergarten got in the spirit of exercising their right to vote. Students were presented with two choices: Oreo or Chocolate Chip cookies. Students watched commercials for each cookie and even listened to classmates debate their side before voting. The class took to the polls and overwhelmingly chose Oreo to be the class snack!



Tennessee Christian Annual THANKSGIVING FEAST

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Thanksgiving is one of the busiest holidays of the year, but it's incredibly special for our Tennessee Christian families. Our heartwarming celebration began with inviting families into their children's classrooms to pray over our precious students, our amazing faculty, and our beautiful campus. It truly is a gift from our Heavenly Father to watch our children and teachers gather together, surrounded by friends and family, to show their gratitude and spread love to one another. We understand that publicly and collectively giving the glory to God in our school is a blessing that most do not get to experience it anymore. Above all, this gift is not one our families take for granted, but will cherish forever.

As parents, our hearts were filled with abundant joy by watching our students, faculty, and parents dedicate their valuable time to make our Thanksgiving Feast perfect. Our celebration was beautifully and tastefully organized for families to focus on fellowship together. The delicious food, carefully crafted talking topic cards, and intimate décor created a cherished atmosphere urging us all to slow down and enjoy the time together. It's been said many times, because it is true for TCPS, we are all like one giant family. Our family is only one of many that are incredibly grateful to be part of it.

In the spirit of praying continually, Father, we want to give thanks to You for surrounding us and our children with such wonderful families. We are so grateful that we can send our children to a school dedicated to giving You the glory in all that they do. Thank you for showing your hand at work in our lives through the diligent work of faculty, staff, parents, and volunteers at TCPS. Lord, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. For this school and the work that you do through it, we will rejoice and give thanks to You! In the precious and powerful name of Jesus Christ our Savior we pray, Amen!

-Daniel and Sarah Barham



A COLLECTION OF OUR MOST INTERESTING HISTORICAL FIGURES

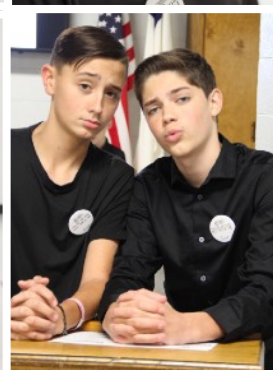
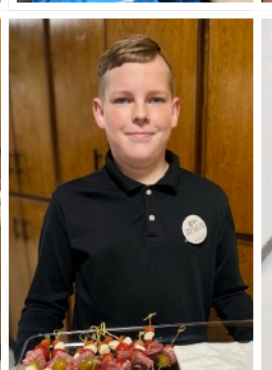
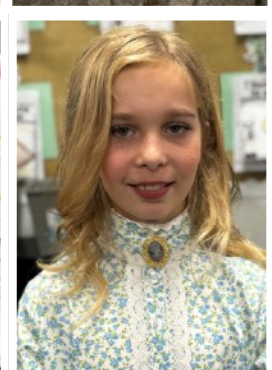
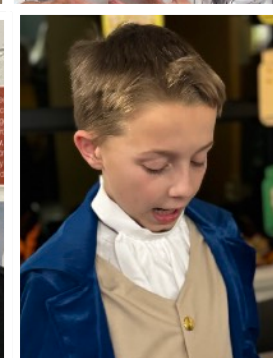
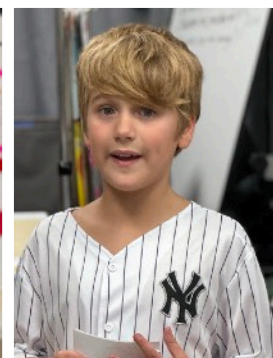
The halls of our Lower School were transformed into a memorable Night at the Museum on Friday, November 10th. Fourth and fifth grade students came alive at the touch of a “button” to give spectators an entertaining wealth of information about important historical figures. Characters from the Revolutionary period to modern-day cultural icons were represented.

Middle school students willingly volunteered to be greeters, watchmen in our galleries, or servers of delicious appetizers. What an affirmation this was for our younger students!

Night at the Museum was a night to enjoy the “fruit” of our labors. We know our parents were beaming with pride watching their child come to life, dressed in costume as a historical person. As teachers, it was a moment to breathe and simply enjoy the culmination of many weeks of preparation. We are so proud of your children and thankful for all your efforts to make this an unforgettable experience!

-Donna McKee





TELLUS SCIENCE MUSEUM



On Thursday, November 16 the fourth and fifth grade classes took a field trip to the Tellus Science Museum in North Georgia. Students learned about the different characteristics and properties of light during a facilitator-led presentation. They were then able to explore and apply what they learned through four different hands-on stations focusing on light. The students (and even some chaperones!) thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are already looking forward to going again!

-Sarah Van Dyke



SCIENCE FAIR



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2023 Tennessee Christian Science Fair Winners

MIDDLE SCHOOL

1st place: Eli Ahlers

2nd place: Graham Sluder, Emma Campbell

3rd place: Ian Cain, Lexi Gilbert, Sam Tyner,
Vivian Divel, Ainsley and Elle Olmstead, Gates
Bear, and Grant Van Dyke

UPPER SCHOOL

1st place: Georgia McPherson

2nd place: Ben Sluder, Leah Drapach,
Simon Sopczak

3rd place: Ashlyn Henry, Audrey Lyles, Elijah
Smith, and Isaiah Muñoz

The annual TCPS Science Fair was held in the gym on Wednesday, November 15th - Thursday, November 16th. The middle and upper school students competed in separate divisions. The projects were judged by local high school teachers and a chemist. The projects covered a variety of science topics of interest.

Overall the students did a great job and had a valuable learning experience. Middle school students enjoyed presenting their projects to their peers as well as to some of our lower school classes. All students have the opportunity to compete at the next level at the Chattanooga Regional Science Fair in the spring. Congratulations to our winners!

-Angie Kesley



patience

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

Ephesians 4:2

Isaac Boros (11th grade)

"Isaac is all go-with-the-flow. In a crowded and wild room, he can just sit back and observe. He is never quick to get angry or upset with circumstances surrounding him because he is confident in the process; he exudes patience." - Chloe Hinchcliff

Esther Van Dyke (7th grade)

"Esther remains calm under pressure and is content in whatever circumstance she's in. She also brings calm to those around her. She is patient and steadfast in all that she does." -Kylie Machacek

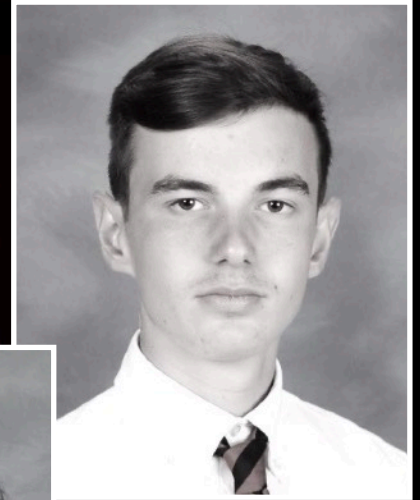
Greyson Laws (4th grade)

"Greyson exhibits patience by calmly waiting his turn and not insisting on being first. He is patient with his friends and models how to treat others." -Donna McKee

Madeleine Naquin (2nd grade)

"She is patient with others, offering grace again and again. Ephesians 4:2 says, "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

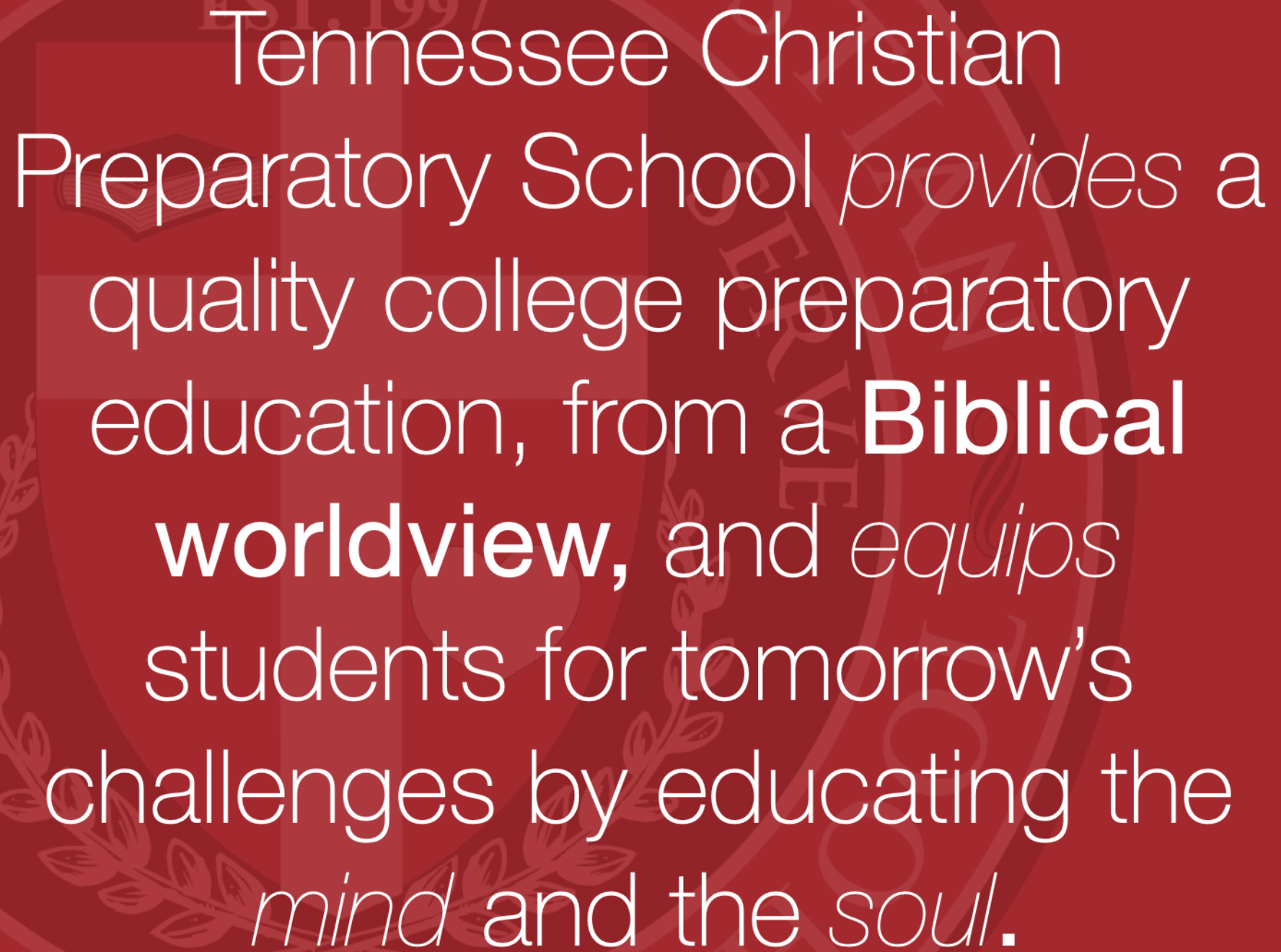
Madeleine exemplifies this verse everyday in our classroom." -Amanda Osborne





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