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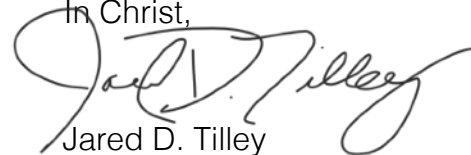
# from the Head



There are few people who have made more of an impact in the life of students at Tennessee Christian than Jessica Divel. Jessica has been with Tennessee Christian for fifteen years mentoring and teaching our students. During that time, she has seen students mature from preschool to seniors, while guiding students in their musical and performing art abilities. I have had the pleasure of seeing students craft a new sense of confidence from performing on stage, leading worship in chapel, and even receive musical scholarships to college due to the tender and attentive teaching they received from Jessica. As Director of the Arts, she has annually led a winter and spring musical production, directed multiple choirs, oversaw the implementation and daily instruction of The Academy, and taught music to all the students at Tennessee Christian. Jessica has built an arts program that everyone at Tennessee Christian can be immensely proud of and her joyful character will be missed as she pursues the next step God has for her and the Divel family.

Jessica and her family will be relocating to Sevierville, TN. We are incredibly proud of the work that Corey Divel, Jessica's husband, has done for the school. Corey's new opportunity will be Cleveland's loss and Sevierville's gain.

I am proud to have worked alongside Jessica Divel in helping advance the artistic abilities of our students and many of us at Tennessee Christian are blessed to count her and the Divel family amongst good friends. Thank you, Jessica!

In Christ,  
  
Jared D. Tilley



# Fire Safety

On Monday, October 2nd, the Cleveland City Fire Department brought their expertise to Tennessee Christian, providing a fire safety lesson to our Learning Cottage and our Lower School during Fire Safety Month. Engaging with students and faculty, firefighters covered essential topics such as smoke detector usage, evacuation procedures, fire safety in the kitchen and effective fire escape plans. The interactive session not only gave valuable knowledge to our students but also a good reminder of our shared responsibility for fire safety. Lower school students were treated to the unique experience of sitting in the fire truck, adding an element of excitement to the visit! Even some of our upper school student joined in on the fun.

We are very thankful for our Cleveland City Fire Department for their investment in educating our students on this

important topic. We especially loved the visit from our resident firefighter, Adam Dodson (better known as “Kennerly’s dad”). He even adorned the fire suit and demonstrated what it would look and sound like to have a fireman crawling through a building looking to help. Thank you, firemen!





A large photograph of a Peter Pan stage performance. Peter Pan is flying in the air, holding a small object. Below him, three children are dancing in a line. The background is a large, colorful, curved structure with many small lights.

# Peter Pan

## THE MUSICAL

J.M. Barrie's timeless narrative tells the story of Wendy, John, and Michael Darling's adventures in Neverland with the inimitable Peter Pan, "the boy who would not grow up." In **Neverland**, the Darlings are introduced to the Lost Boys, Peter's jealous fairy friend Tinker Bell, the infamous pirate Captain Hook, and the crocodile who swallowed Hook's hand. The action escalates when the Darlings are captured by Hook and, with Peter's help, escape, taking the Lost Boys home with them.

On a beautiful September evening, our theatre class students traveled to Chattanooga to witness the magic of a Peter Pan musical. Anticipation was in the air as the students took their seats in the theater, their faces lit with excitement. The production unfolded before them, bringing the timeless tale of Peter Pan and Neverland to life through a fantastic performance and captivating songs. The outing not only provided an escape into the world of theater but was also a source of inspiration for the budding actors and actresses. Experiencing the artistry and creativity of a live musical production hopefully fueled the students' passion for the performing arts and left them ideas to carry into their own theatrical pursuits.







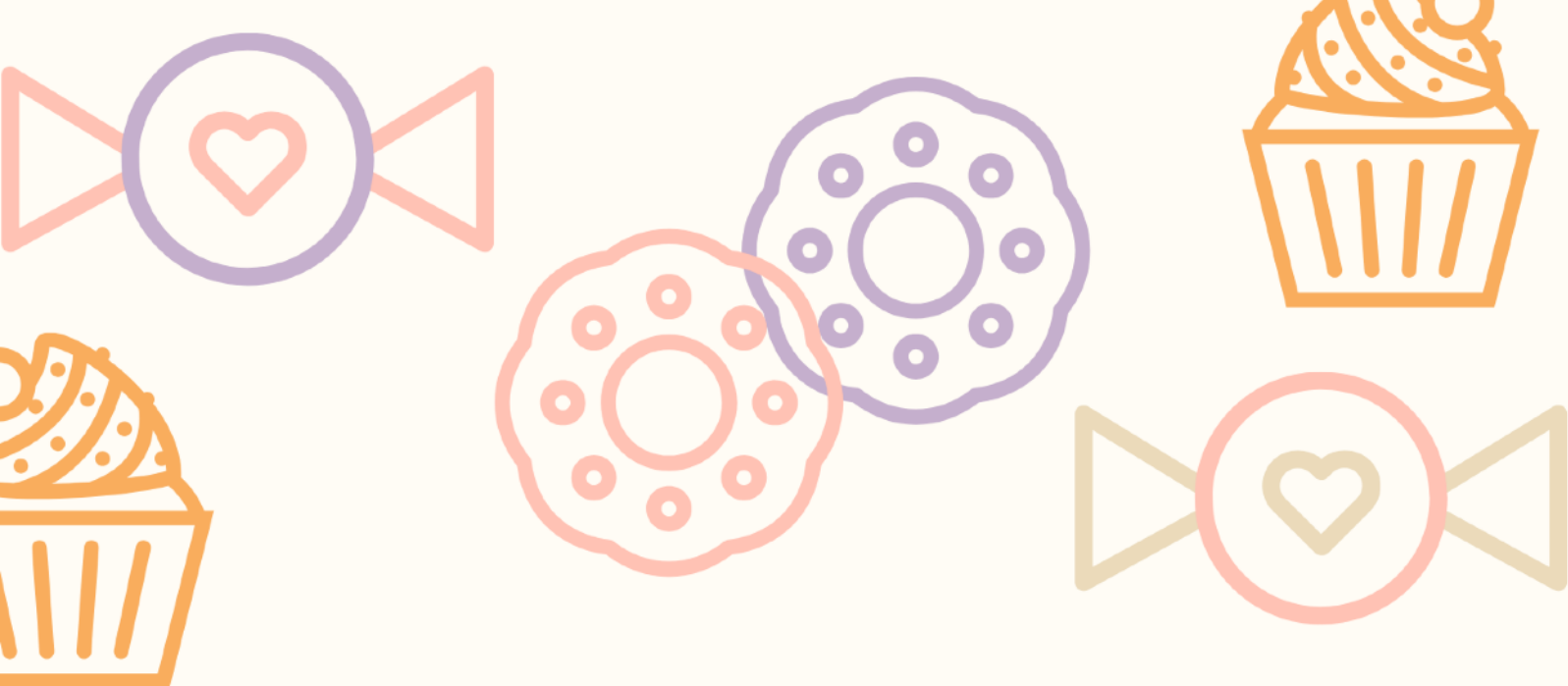
Bonjour! In preparation for our trip to Rome, Italy and Athens, Greece in March of 2024, I had the opportunity to attend a training tour to Paris, France over Fall Break. This trip simulated what our Italy and Greece trip will be like except instead of students attending, I was with whole heap of educators from all over the Southeast region of the US. In addition to experiencing Paris in the fall, indulging in the four delicious Cs (crêpes, croissants, café au lait, and creme brûlée) and making new friends, this trip renewed my sense of passion for student travel; especially for students who are followers of Christ. I believe that students benefit tremendously from traveling and immersing themselves in different cultures. These experiences go hand in hand with the core values of our faith by emphasizing love, understanding, and acceptance. I've seen first hand with my own children, where traveling has encouraged tolerance and broken down cultural barriers and bias. Ultimately, these experiences contribute to the holistic development of Christian students with the prayer that it further shapes them into compassionate, open-minded lifelong learners who are better equipped to navigate this big world. I whole heartedly believe there is no better teacher than travel.

If you see a crêpe griddle in the PrinciGals' office soon, grab a plate or just look away! Au revoir!



Written by: Lindsay Sluder





# KINDERGARTEN BAKE SALE

*Help support our students on*

**Wednesday, October 18th**

7:30-8:30 AM & 12:00-12:30 PM

**Thursday, October 19th**

7:30-8:00 AM & 12:00-12:30 PM

**Friday, October 20th**

7:30-8:00 AM & 12:00-12:30 PM

We will have lots of goodies **all priced at \$1.00!**



# NOW SHOWING

## THIS SATURDAY



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st**  
Dinner, 5:00 PM/Show, 6:30 PM

**\$25 DINNER AND THE SHOW**  
**\$10 GENERAL ADMISSION**  
(Arrive @ 6pm)

Contact the Tennessee Christian Main Office to purchase tickets: (423) 567-8277





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