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# *from the* **Head**

The Christmas spirit was alive and thriving Saturday night at Tennessee Christian, where the Windsor Society—a group of young men from the Upper School—hosted their annual Christmas Gala. This special event invited all Upper School ladies to join in an evening of celebration, centered on enjoying each other's company through food, gift-giving, and dancing, all while welcoming the Christmas season.

As students arrived dressed to impress—ladies in elegant dresses and gentlemen in ties—the festive atmosphere quickly took hold. The evening began with a delicious Italian dinner, setting the tone for the joyous events to follow.

After dinner, students participated in a lively gift exchange, where presents ranged from a golf club to straight cash. By the end of the exchange, students left with candy, gift cards, free dress passes, and a variety of fun surprises. A mysterious individual took off with the Amazon gift card. The sneaky gift-game player is still at large!

The night culminated in dancing, with everyone gathering on the floor for group dances led by Chloe Hinchcliff. These dances, designed for numerous people and frequent partner changes, kept the energy high and the spirit of community strong.



Perhaps the most impressive part of the evening came after the dancing. Students, still buzzing from the festivities, pitched in to clean up the gym, stacking chairs and folding tables. Their willingness to lend a hand after a night dedicated to their enjoyment speaks volumes about the character of our students. I am deeply grateful for their joyful hearts and helpful spirits—proof that we truly have an incredible group of young people.

In Christ,  
*Jared D. Tilley*  
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# THE SECRET OF SNOWFLAKE COUNTY



Last Friday, our students graced the stage with their performances of The Secret of Snowflake County, filling the hearts of everyone in attendance with joy. Their dedication, enthusiasm, and God-given talents were on full display as they brought this production to life. Every song, line, and moment reflected the hard work and passion they have poured into this project.



As Psalm 148:12-13 reminds us, “Young men and women alike, old and young together. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.” Through their performance, the students offered a beautiful act of praise, sharing God’s light in a truly memorable way.

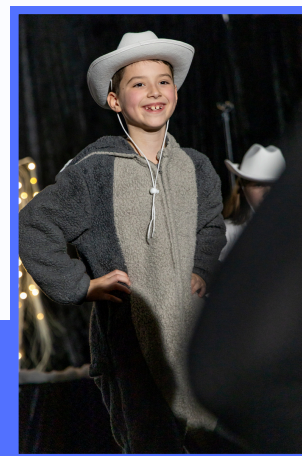


This production would not have been possible without the incredible support of our school community. From parents and families who contributed behind the scenes early on in the school year to those who stayed after to help clean up, every act of service played a vital role. It’s a testament to the strong partnership we share in creating meaningful experiences for our children.

Witnessing the growth of these students—not only in their skills but in their faith—is a gift we all cherish. Thank you for being part of this journey and for helping foster a community where their talents can thrive.



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## DECEMBER'S FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

# kindness



**Sutton Dysart (PreK)**

"Sutton is always there to help a friend in need. If someone falls down, he is the first to help them up and dust them off. He is always willing and trying to help his little sister, even when she doesn't want him to. He greets peers and adults with kindness, a loving smile, and has a warm hug on deck for anyone in need". -Megan Naquin



**Charlotte Sanders (1st)**

"2 Timothy 2:24 says, "A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with others." Charlotte is kind to her classmates, offering words of encouragement and positive affirmations. She holds her classmates to a high standard by giving kind and gentle reminders. I am proud of Charlotte for her kindness to others and know this will continue to serve her and those around her well." -Amanda Osborne



**Madeleine Naquin (3rd)**

"Madeleine consistently demonstrates a caring and compassionate attitude towards everyone around her. She is always willing to lend a helping hand, offer a kind word, or include others in activities without seeking recognition or praise for her actions. If Madeleine sees someone struggling, she is quick to comfort, encourage, and remind them how much they are loved. Her kind spirit has spread love and joy through not only our class, but the whole school! Madeleine exemplifies the true spirit of kindness, and her actions reflect a heart that genuinely seeks to uplift and encourage others." -Audry Paul



## DECEMBER'S FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

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### **Greyson Laws (5th)**

"Greyson is a great fit in our class. He happily works with anyone he is paired or grouped with and willingly helps his classmates with their end-of-the-day jobs if/when they ask. He is his friends' biggest cheerleader! Greyson is a shining example of a Kind TCPS student."

-Sarah Van Dyke



### **Zac Evans (MS)**

"Zac is one of the kindest young men that I have ever taught, and I have taught for 36 years. He is kind to his teachers, students, and staff. He goes out of his way to help other people and make everyone feel good about themselves. He is a bright light in my day."

-Kelly Owens



### **Alice Tumlin (US)**

"Alice has a sweet, calming spirit and is one of the kindest students at TCPS. With her gentle smile towards everyone, you can always count on her to treat people with kindness, making her a deserving choice for this award!" -Jonathan Adams







# HAWK HIGHLIGHTS

It was an exciting week for TCPS basketball, highlighted by thrilling game-winners and strong performances across all teams.

## **Varsity High School Girls**

The Lady Hawks fought hard in an SCAA conference game at Christ Legacy but came up short, losing 49-39. Ashlyn Henry and Morgan Armstrong once again led the way for the Lady Hawks, who now hold a 3-1 overall record (2-1 in SCAA conference play).

## **Middle School Boys**

Coach Hammond's Hawks had back-to-back road games last week. On Thursday, Elliot Tilley's clutch game-winning shot, following Ashton's Murray's key steal, lifted the team to a 21-18 victory at Belvoir Christian. The following night, the Hawks started strong at OLPH but couldn't sustain the momentum, falling to a tough home team. The middle school are now 1-2 and face a busy week with three games ahead before the Christmas break.

## **Junior Varsity Boys**

The JV Hawks earned an impressive win over Christ Legacy, powered by three-point shooting from Aaron Roberts and Jonathon Adams. Contributions from Judah Machacek, Joey Meir, Boston Morrow, Elijah Smith, and Clint Campbell helped seal the victory, showcasing the team's depth.

## **Varsity Boys**

The Varsity Hawks had a stellar week, picking up two critical SCAA conference road wins. On Tuesday, Caleb Cigliano's game winning three pointer, assisted by Tucker Myers, secured a thrilling 34-31 victory at Christ Legacy. Myers and Eli Ahlers led in scoring with 14 and 10 points, respectively. On Friday, the Hawks played perhaps their most complete game of the year in defeating Cleveland Christian 62-41, with freshman Thomas Nicolas scoring a game-high 24 points. Tucker Myers added 16 points with excellent three-point shooting, while Eli Ahlers contributed 12 points and solid rebounding. The Hawks now stand at 6-2 overall and 3-2 in the SCAA.





## IT'S ALMOST TIME TO RE-ENROLL!

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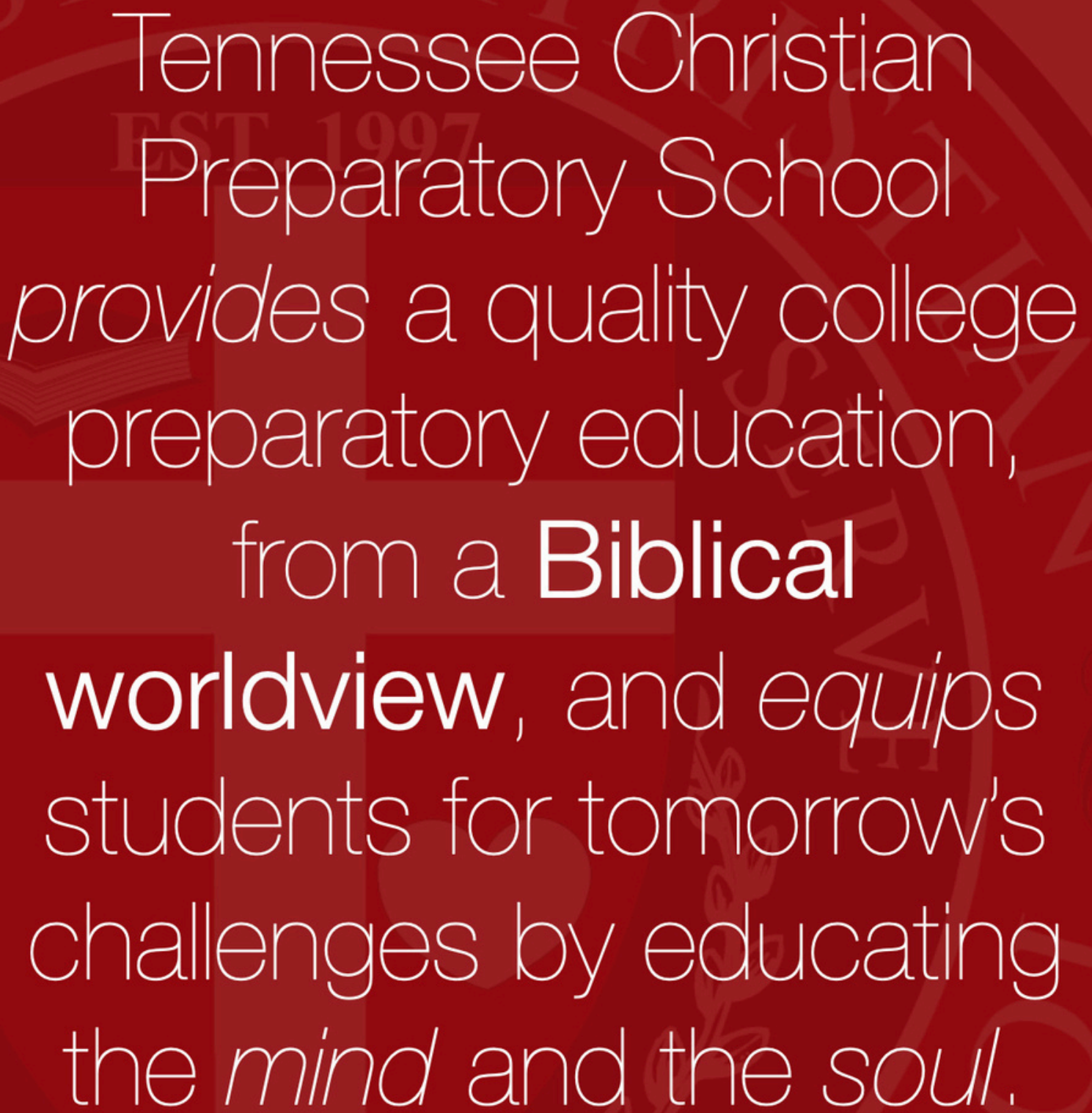




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