



TIMBERLAKE

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

SEPTEMBER 2023

Greetings!

The academic year is off to a great start! As with each year, this academic year has introduced changes. We've welcomed over 500 students again this school year. We thank God for this growth. In light of the growth we are seeking to expand our facilities. I'd encourage you to scroll to the end of the newsletter to learn more about the build and how you can be involved. As always, our faculty and staff continue to work tirelessly to make our school a safe and effective place for learning. We are grateful for their dedication and faithfulness. We are also thankful for each of our TCS families that have entrusted their children to our care.

It is my continued prayer that God would help us advance our mission of coming alongside our parents to disciple and educate the young people at TCS. I pray that the education, that takes place in our school, would kindle a desire to glorify God and would equip our students to live lives consistent with a biblical worldview.

Administrator, Jeff Abbett

SCHOOL CALENDAR

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our Pre-K through 12th grade Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Tuesday, September 26th**. Please contact the TCS office (434-237-5943) to schedule conference(s) with your child's teacher(s). Parents of middle and high school students can choose which of their child's teachers they would like to meet with.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 4 – No School: School is closed for Pre-K through 12th grade on Labor Day.

SEPTEMBER 26 – No School: School is closed for Pre-K through 12th grade for Parent Teacher Conferences.

OCTOBER 12-13 – No School: School is closed for Half Day Pre-K through 12th grade for Fall Break.

NHS INDUCTION CEREMONY

Several high school students have been selected for membership in Timberlake Christian Schools' Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS). Their selection was based upon the students' scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

An induction ceremony is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 26th at 7:00pm** at Timberlake Christian School.



K-11 GRADE SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will take place during the school day for kindergarten through 11th grade on **Tuesday, September 12th**. Students must wear their uniform for photos. Parents can view and order photos by visiting mylifetouch.com.

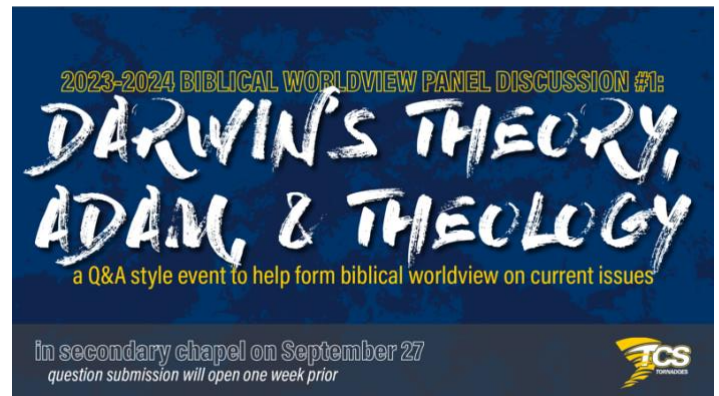
Note: Senior portraits are scheduled for October 31st.

PRE-K SCHOOL PICTURES

Pre-K students will have photos taken during the school day on **Wednesday, September 27th** and **Thursday, September 28th**.

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW PANEL DISCUSSION

Our first Biblical Worldview Panel Discussion of the 2023-2024 school year will be held in secondary chapel on **Wednesday, September 27th**. The subject of this question-and-answer style event will be "Darwin's Theory, Adam, & Theology;" we will be discussing the theological ramifications of holding to the theory of evolution in accordance with our secondary chapel series this year in Genesis 1-3. Paleontologist and geologist Dr. Marcus Ross will be joining us for this event along with other special guests.



GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents Day is **Friday, September 8th**. Please make special note of the time in which your child's grade will be having their Grandparent's Day celebration. You can see the schedule outlined below. **Note:** Grandparents that have children in both groups will be able to attend both group programs and classrooms and then take both grandchildren to the book fair.

The elementary has been split into three groups:

- **Group 1:** Miss Burnette's, Mrs. Hunter's, Mrs. A. Seay's, Mrs. Reynolds's, Mrs. Ayers's, and Mrs. H. Seay's classes
- **Group 2:** Mrs. Hager's, Miss Arthur's, Mrs. Morrisette's, Miss. Burrill's, Mrs. Cummings's, and Mrs. Hyler's classes
- **Group 3:** Miss Stanley's, Mrs. Bobbey's, and Mrs. Dawson's kindergarten classes

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- 11:30-12:00 – Grandparents of Group 1 classes gather in the gymnasium for opening program
- 12:00-12:30 – Grandparents visit classrooms
- 12:30 – Visit the book fair with grandchild

Group 2: Mrs. Hager's, Miss Arthur's, Mrs. Morrisette's, Miss. Burrill's, Mrs. Cummings's, and Mrs. Hyler's classes

- 12:30-1:00 – Grandparents of group 2 classes gather in the gymnasium for opening program
- 1:00-1:30 – Grandparents visit classrooms
- 1:30 – Visit the book fair with grandchild.

Group 3: Miss Stanley's, Mrs. Bobbey's, Mrs. Dawson's classes

- 1:30-2:00 – Grandparents will **gather in their grandchild's kindergarten classroom** for a special program and activities
- 2:00 – Visit the book fair with grandchild



HIGH SCHOOL GUYS CAMPOUT

The high school guys will be going on a camp-out **Friday, September 29th** through **Saturday, September 30th**. Activities for the weekend will include fishing, a bb gun shooting competition, capture-the-flag, a bonfire, and more. There is no cost for this event. Students can sign-up for this event in their homerooms. The deadline to register is **Friday, September 15th**. For additional details contact Jacob Hunter at jhunter@tcs4u.org.

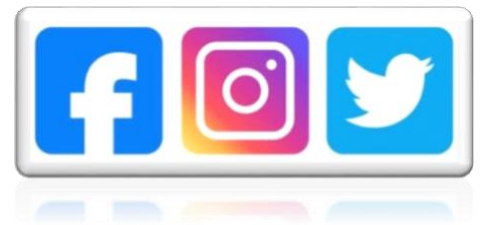
STAY CONNECTED

TCS PODCAST

Have you checked out our official school podcast? The Timberlake Christian School podcast features our secondary chapel messages, recordings of special events, and other fun, family-friendly resources. The podcast can be listened to on [Apple Podcasts](#) or [Spotify](#).

FOLLOW US

You can stay up to date with the latest information on both Instagram and Facebook. Like and follow TCS on Instagram at [@tctornadoes](#) and on Facebook at [Timberlake Christian Schools](#) for up to date information and photos. Follow our Pre-K on Facebook at [Timberlake Christian Pre-K](#) and on Instagram at [@tcsprek](#). Follow our TCS Athletics on Twitter at [Athletics TCS](#)



ACADEMICS

STUDENT ABSENCE

By way of reminder, please be sure to notify the school office if your child will be absent on a given day. You can do this by emailing Beth Mears (bmears@tcs4u.org) and Sharon Redlinger (sredlinger@tcs4u.org) or by calling the school office.

TEACHER ON CALL

We will once again offer the Teacher On Call program for students in K-12th grade. All teachers will be in their classrooms on **Wednesday** and **Thursday mornings** from **7:15-7:40am for secondary** and **7:45-8:10am for elementary**. These times are set aside for students needing extra teacher help with school work. Students should not enter classrooms before the teacher arrives.



FACTS ACCOUNTS

There is helpful student information for K-12th grade parents posted in FACTS. Access to classroom lesson plans (7-12 grade), homework assignments (7-12 grade), grades, attendance, report cards, and student schedules are available through a FACTS Parentsweb account. Parents can access FACTS through the Parent Portal button on the homepage of the website. Parents can create an account to locate relevant student information. FACTS is a great place to stay up

to date with student progress and is an excellent place to obtain work either before or after an absence from school. Students in grades 7-12 may request their own personal FACTS account from Mrs. Mears in the Student Services office.

FOCUS ON PRAYER

SEE YOU AT THE POLE

See You at the Pole Day is **Wednesday, September 27th**. For over 30 years, See You at the Pole has been about one simple act- prayer. On this date, students all around the globe will be gathering at their flagpoles and praying for their school, families, friends, churches, and communities. All 7th-12th grade students are encouraged to gather with us in the TCS parking lot by the flagpole by the outdoor basketball court to pray as a school from **7:00-7:40am**.

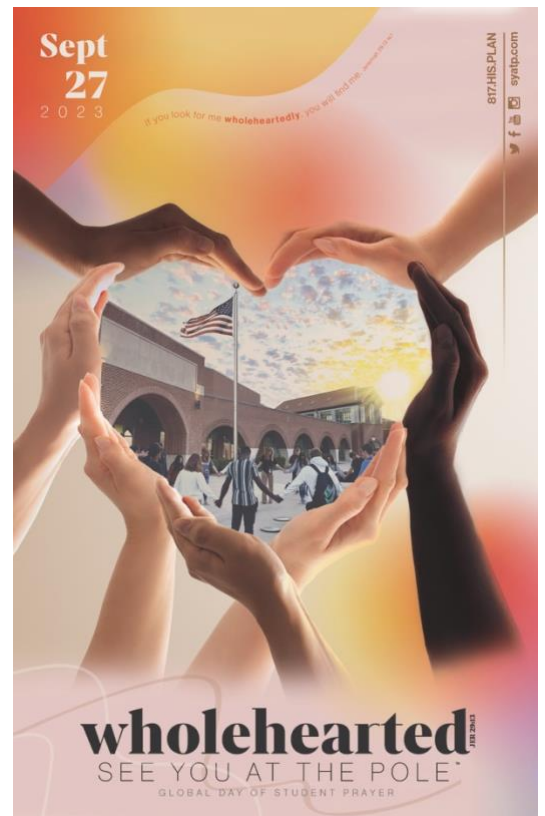
MOMS IN PRAYER

Moms-In-Prayer (MIP) is an international prayer organization active in over 140 countries. Their mission is to cover every school in the world with prayer. The TCS Moms in Prayer group has been in existence for nineteen years. This



year, TCS Moms in Prayer meetings will be held on Wednesdays in the elementary lunchroom. The MIP kickoff is **Wednesday, September 6th at 8:30am**. MIP welcomes mothers and grandmothers of students within the school who would like to pray for TCS. For more information and updates contact TCS mom, Ashley Tharpe (aahudson@liberty.edu)

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WELCOME NEW FACULTY

Many new faculty members joined our staff this school year. We are thankful to have them as a part of our team!

Madeline Becker – Pre-K

Madeline recently relocated from Washington State to Lynchburg. She has an Associate in Arts degree as well as preschool teaching certificates, all earned at Centralia College. Madeline has worked with children for the past ten years. She is excited to see each TCS class grow in knowledge and wisdom. She believes the most rewarding aspect of teaching is the opportunity to see where a child begins and how much they grow and learn each year.

Abbey Burrill – Elementary Faculty

Abbey is originally from the Lynchburg area. She attended Liberty University and has a degree in Elementary Education. She is a TCS alumna! This year she is looking forward to getting to know the students and helping them grow academically and spiritually.

Brea Boring - Elementary Faculty

Brea is originally from Rochester, Minnesota. She has a Bachelor's in Elementary Education and a minor in Middle School English Education from Liberty University. She is in her second year teaching and is looking forward to praying, and reading the Bible with her students and inspiring a love for learning.

Emma Cummings - Elementary Faculty

Emma has a degree in Elementary Education from Wheaton College and is in her first year teaching. She is originally from Taiwan and lived there until she was 19 years old. Emma is looking forward to the Fun Run at TCS this year!

Kathy Dawson - Elementary Faculty

Kathy grew up in Fairfax County, Virginia and graduated from Liberty University with a degree in Special Education Integrated Studies. She is going into her ninth year of teaching. This is her first-year teaching at Timberlake Christian School and she is looking forward to watching her students learn and grow both academically and spiritually this year!

Emma Dieterle – Extended Care Manager

Emma is originally from Boca Raton in South Florida. She has a background in Family and Child Development and will be completing her degree at Liberty University this December. Emma is looking forward to cultivating a relationship with the children at TCS and seeing how the Lord sanctifies and grows each child in their knowledge!



Sarah DiLuccio – Pre-K

Sarah is originally from Fairfax, Virginia. She has a degree in Wildlife Biology and Psychology from Liberty University and is currently pursuing a Master of Teaching in Elementary Education. This is her first year teaching. Sarah is looking forward to developing relationships with my students and their families, as well as seeing them grow as the year progresses!

Anna Newcombe – Pre-K

Anna has an Associates of Arts in education which she received in 2016. She has been substituting for eight years and has taught aftercare, tutored, and worked with preschoolers for nearly a decade. She is a southern belle at heart and was born in South Carolina and raised in the Bedford/Moneta area. Anna has been blessed by the camaraderie and support of the other teachers and is looking forward to becoming a better teacher.

Lana Walker – Pre-K

Lana is originally from Alabama. She is a graduate of Liberty University with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (Communication and Biblical Studies). Lana is in her first year teaching. She is looking forward to teaching the kiddos more about Jesus and watching them grow in their knowledge of Him!

DRESS DOWN DAY

SPIRIT DAY

This month's **School Spirit Days** are **September 8th** and **September 22nd**. On Spirit Day, TCS students can show their school spirit by dressing down and wearing jeans along with a TCS spirit t-shirt. Students must follow the dress down guidelines outlined in the Parent Student Handbook. TCS spirit shirts are \$16 per shirt. If you're interested in ordering a shirt, you can do so in the school office.



ATHLETICS

FALL SPORTS

TCS boys soccer and girls volleyball seasons are underway. The full Athletic Calendar is posted on the school's website. Check it out for up-to-date game times and locations.

STAY SAFE

DROP OFF & PICK UP

We've had quite a few questions about drop off and pick up. Look at the information below for your student(s) based on their grade level.

In addition,

1. Please be vigilant when traveling on school grounds - be alert, reduce your speed, and be courteous.
2. Do not allow your student to walk unattended across the parking lot. Use the crosswalks.
3. Pull into a parking spot to drop off your student rather than along the front of the building.

Secondary (grades 7-12)

- The school day begins at 7:50am (students should be IN their homerooms by 7:50am).
- Students may be dropped off as early as 7:15am.
- Students should only be dropped off in the two designated drop off lanes (do not use the upper parking lot for drop off).
- Students with elementary siblings should be dropped off at approximately 7:40-7:45am
- The school day ends at 2:35pm.
- Students may be picked up as late as 3:00pm (3:30pm IF the student has elementary siblings).
- Secondary students are dropped off and picked up at the front/junior high end of the building.
- Students in 7th - 8th grade should go to extended care if not picked up by 3:00pm.
- TCS is not responsible for students still on campus after 3:00pm.

Elementary (grades K-6)

- The school day begins at 8:20am (students should be IN their classrooms by 8:20am).
- Students may be dropped off as early as 7:40am.
- Students in K-6 should be dropped off in the elementary playground area.
- The school day ends at 3:05pm.
- Students may be picked up as late as 3:30pm.
- Students not picked up by 3:30pm will be sent to extended care.
- Students in K-5 should be picked up in the elementary playground area.
- Students in grade 6 will be picked up on the jr. high. end of the building (traditional secondary pick-up area)
- 6th grade students with elementary siblings will retrieve their siblings from their classrooms for pick up in the 6th grade pick up area.

Preschool

- The school day begins at 8:20am.
- Students may be dropped off as early as 7:45am.
- Students arriving before 8:00am should be dropped off in the early rooms (rooms 215 & 216).
- Parents must park and walk their child in and out of preschool each day.
- The school day ends at 12:00pm for half day students and 3:15pm for full day students.



TCS EXPANSION

BUILDING FOR TODAY, INVESTING IN TOMORROW

Few would argue that our society is not just in a downward spiral, it has fallen off the cliff. We have gone from lawlessness and gender dysphoria, becoming a society where feelings trump science and common sense. Truth has become whatever one wants to make of it.

As early as 9 years old and certainly by the age of 13, basic assumptions about life, about what is right and wrong, the origins of life, and one's identity are firmly established. Long before a young person sets foot on a college campus, or leaves home to join the work force, one's worldview is fully formed and set. The world knows this, directly targeting children, sowing seeds of doubt and confusion while they are still vulnerable and very impressionable.

For the past 57 years, Timberlake Christian School has played a key role in assisting parents in shaping young lives with a biblical worldview. Our mission has always been to educate with a biblical worldview with a purpose towards Christlikeness. This task has only become more critical as we fight the confusion and darkness of today's society with the clarity and the light of God's Word.

While we are not called, or able, to answer every need, there is more we can and should do. In the past few years, we have had to turn away hundreds of students for lack of space. Not only that, but our elementary classes are completely full. This organic growth is pushing us to expand our middle school. We have a two-fold need to accommodate our current student body and construct space to welcome new students. Driven by these needs, we have decided to step out on faith and expand our facilities. Building today is not just about new facilities, it is about pouring into and investing in the next generation so they would have the biblical foundation needed to face the world.

Why Build?

- Increased enrollment in the past five years has strained our existing facilities.
- Elementary is full and organic growth is pushing us to expand our middle school.
- Music and art programs have been temporarily removed from their rooms and need to be relocated and given the resources to develop their programs.
- Traffic patterns need to be modified and additional parking is a necessity.

What to Build?

- 10,620 sq/ft expansion, over two floors, to the right of the existing building
- Three new middle school classrooms
- One special education classroom
- One music / choir classroom
- One art classroom
- One tutoring classroom
- Increase lower parking lot by 60+ parking spaces
- Improve upper & lower lot traffic flow

When to Build?

- Anticipated site work beginning November 2023.
- Construction will be completed as quickly as logistics and finances allow with a desire to move into the new facility in the fall of 2024.
- Construction is broken into five phases:

Phase 1	Site Work & Parking	\$431,000
Phase 2	Building Foundation	\$409,000
Phase 3	Building Envelope	\$519,000
Phase 4	Interior Building Systems	\$487,000
Phase 5	Interior Building Finishes	\$429,000
Total Cost		\$2,275,000

How can you help?

- Be prayerful.
 - The first way to help in this project is to join us in prayer. Pray as we navigate the many challenges of building: for His protection, for His provision, for His purposes to be fulfilled in His time, and according to His will.
- Be supportive.
 - Consider the challenges and inconveniences of building during the school year. Thank you for your patience and understanding.
 - Consider volunteering your time and talents. From bus drivers and kitchen volunteers, to concessions and events. TCS cannot function without volunteers.
 - Consider partnering financially with TCS to not only help meet the current buildout need, but to build a long-term foundation for generations to come.

Follow the Progress!

- Fundraising progress for the current buildout
- Photo gallery
- Opportunities to partner with TCS both in meeting short-term needs as well as long-term investments through business sponsorships, legacy (estate) giving, non-cash asset gifts (real-estate, gifts of IRA, stock gifts), or text the keyword “build” to (434) 252-3877.
- Check out the website (tcs4u.org), email us (give@tcs4u.org), or give us a call (434.237.5943) We would love to sit down and answer your questions!

Our Mission: To assist Christian parents in **educating** their children to think and live consistently with a biblical world-and-life view and **discipling** them in love and truth toward Christlikeness and a lifelong passion for glorifying God.