

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6



TRI-STATE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

*“Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another.”
Romans 12:10*

Calendar of Events

October	30	Teacher-In-Service- No School
November	10	Parent/Teacher Conference – No School
	17	Picture Retake Day
	21	Grandparents Day
	22-24	Thanksgiving Break-No School
December	15	Christmas Concert
	22-31	Christmas Break-No School
January	1-2	Christmas Break-No School
	3	Teacher In-Service-No School
	11-12	High School Exams
	12	End of 2 nd Qtr/1 st Semester
	15	Teacher-In Service-No School
	19	National Honor Society Induction

A Word from the Principal by Dr. Nuce

Recent events at Tri-State brought Jeremiah 29:11 to mind: *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope"* (NKJV).

Just over three years ago, the Tri-State Board came to the conviction that the Lord was leading them to make a momentous decision: the relocation of our school to Dubuque, Iowa. The resulting challenges have been many and difficult - we have needed to sell our building in Galena, locate a suitable property in Dubuque, and juggle the timing of the sale and purchase/construction to minimize the disruption to our academic programs. Over the past three years, the Lord has closed a number of doors, but in the last three

months, we have seen Him opening doors on our behalf.

The Lord has provided a buyer for our Galena property - the Galena Arts and Recreational Committee - a non-profit that provides a number of services to the community. The closing with the Galena ARC is scheduled for March, though the contract allows us to use the building into June.

In addition, we recently entered a contract to purchase the property owned by Asbury Community Chapel on 5205 Saratoga Road in Asbury. The property consists of two acres and a 7,000 sq. ft. building. Our plan is to add an additional building, which will be completed in time for school next fall.

An immediate hurdle that we faced was the current zoning of the Asbury property. It was zoned R4 - special use for a church. We needed the Asbury Board of Adjustment to rezone it for R4 - special use for education, which they did last night at a special meeting - PTL!

The closing on the Asbury property is scheduled for November 3; at that time, Tri-State will own a school property in Iowa. The Lord has already provided several opportunities for us to immediately use our new location. The Great Adventure Church will begin leasing the property for their Sunday morning services in November. In addition, Asbury Community Chapel will continue using the building on Sunday nights for their youth ministry.

What's next? The building committee has been working for several months on potential plans for using the Asbury property. With the purchase quickly becoming a reality, they will increase the pace of planning for the project. At the same time, the TSCS Board will be making important decisions about the size of the project, fundraising, and financing. Please be in prayer for Tri-State and its leaders during this historic time in the life of our school.

Kindergarten



The kindergarteners have gotten off to a great start. We have been busy bees learning so many things already. We have

talked about how God created each one of us unique. Some have pretty, brown hair, and some have beautiful, blue eyes. Some are tall, and some are short. Some are good at art, and some are good with numbers. We can use the gifts God has given us to help each other work together for His glory! We have spent time examining what lives and grows on the farm. We used our unique footprints to create a farm tractor.

We have also been focusing on a letter of the alphabet each week, and we are already working on our seventh letter. With just seven letters, we have already begun to read and spell words! This is so exciting! But the most exciting skill we are learning is how to go from being babies to being young students who treat each other with love and kindness like Jesus. There are many more fun and educational adventures coming up in our year together. Please pray for our kindergarten class as we continue to learn and grow!



Spelling Bee News

The TSCS Annual School Spelling Bee will be held on Thursday, November 30, at 2:00 in the gym. The top spellers from grades 3-8 will be participating. The list of 450 words is provided by the Scripps National Spelling Bee organization. The first and second place winners will qualify to participate in the Dubuque Sectional Bee to be held at Clarke University in January. The date for that bee has yet to be

determined. Please be in prayer for our spellers.

Fifth Grade News

The fifth graders had a wonderful time at their high English tea party on October 19. The party was held in my home as a closing activity for our novel, *Star of Light*. They were asked to dress up for the occasion, and went all out, as evidenced in the picture. They received lessons in tea party etiquette, and a brief history of the origins of the English tea. They were served English breakfast tea, finger sandwiches, and delicious cupcakes. What I have always found unexpected each year, is that the boys end up appreciating the tea more than the girls!



First Grade News

My three *amigos*, as I affectionately refer to my first graders, have won the elementary spirit stick! They enthusiastically dressed up for all three days of the festivities. Then our Norah Fullan took first place in the rock, paper, scissors contest earning her class top points for the week and winning the spirit stick for her class. I am so proud of my three *amigos*!



Elementary Art

“Every artist dips his brush in his own soul, and paints his own nature” (Henry Ward Beecher).



This year I have the privilege of teaching elementary art. I am enjoying the students as they bring fresh energy and creativity into the classroom. I have found Henry Ward Beecher’s quote to be true of the students, that as they look at a project, even one with strict parameters, they bring a piece of themselves to the page. They have encouraged my heart, and I am thankful for their sweet spirits. Students began the year with a self-portrait, and it was captivating to see their different perspectives on how they see themselves.

We worked on some classic artists this quarter, such as Van Gogh and Seurat. Seurat is famous for making a name of Pointillism—painting using a series of dots. Students discussed his famous quote – “Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.” We considered this in art and in our spiritual lives as well. The students are learning to focus on each task placed before them in order to bring a larger project to completion.



This year we are pleased to again offer to parents the Original Works program to order your children’s art. This is a fundraiser for our Art Program at TSCS. During parent teacher conferences, your child’s art work will be available in the front foyer for your review. You can choose to order any selected pieces. Orders will be processed and returned ready for Christmas. Many items are priced under \$10.00, and all orders will financially benefit TSCS. What a great way to buy a personalized present for Christmas! Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks.

It has been my delight to come along side parents in the education of their children at TSCS.

Husky Invitational

The TSCS high school volleyball team hosted its 11th annual Husky Invitational. This year Unity Christian, Rock County Christian, Oakhill Christian, Galesburg Christian, and Rockford FIRE participated in our tournament. TSCS finished in second place in their pool. The lady huskies beat Rock County 2-0 to advance to the semifinals. In the semifinals TSCS lost to Galesburg 2-0 but then beat Unity 2-0 to finish in 3rd place. Senior captain Leela Fernandes received All-Tournament Team recognition.



NICC Tournament

The TSCS volleyball team entered its conference tournament as a #5 seed. The lady huskies battled Galesburg in the first round but fell short 2-1. The girls then beat Unity 2-0 in the consolation game to finish in 5th place. Senior Leela Fernandes received 2nd Team All-Conference recognition. Freshman Nancy Taylor and eighth grader Jillian Fisher received All-Conference Honorable Mention.

Due to the stormy weather, the soccer tournament ended up being spread out over four days. The soccer team came into the tournament as a #4 seed. The soccer team beat Faith 2-1 to advance to the semi-finals. TSCS then lost a hard fought game to Quad Cities 2-0. In the third place game, TSCS beat Galesburg on a late

penalty shot to win 2-1. Senior Alex Chung received All-Conference Honorable Mention recognition. Seniors Dae-Gwang Kang and Kris Stuart received 1st Team All-Conference recognition and junior Josiah Taylor was named the Most Valuable Player of our conference! Congrats on a good season everyone!

All-School Praise and Worship

On Friday, September 15, we had our annual All-School Praise and Worship Service. This year the Unity Christian volleyball team came up to worship with us. This is the second year they have worshipped with us, and it is quickly becoming a fun tradition. This year senior captain Kris Stuart of the soccer team challenged us to love and serve one another. There is always something we can do to go out of our way to help those around us. Senior captain Leela Fernandes of the volleyball team challenged us to give glory to God. That has been the volleyball theme for a few years now, but Leela reminded us that it is because of God's steadfast love and faithfulness that we are able to bring glory to His name.