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From the Headmaster's Desk

The Bible declares in Psalm 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands." As the leaves begin to turn, we are reminded each fall of God's glory and majesty with the great array of colors that will be all around us. We encourage you to take time during your busy schedule to stop and take note of this spectacular display of God's goodness and blessing in our lives!

We want to thank all of the parents, staff and friends for your continued support of our school's mission and wish you a very blessed month of October!!

WALK WORTHY!

PSAT TESTING

Every October, approximately 2 million 8th through 11th graders take the Pre – SAT exam. This is a very important test for those students that are planning for college. The PSAT helps to prepare students for the Scholastic Aptitude Test that most colleges and universities require for admission.



This year's test is scheduled for October 19, 2016. Students will be tested in their homerooms. Parents of sophomores and juniors should look for the information that was sent home through your young person. As was discussed in their guidance meeting this summer, each student should prepare accordingly for the exam.

Please send in the payment of \$15 on or before the test date. All checks should be made payable to TSCA.

New and Improved Website

On Monday October 3rd, TSCA launched a new and improved website, www.tristatechristian.org. We are excited to reveal our new website! We trust you will agree that the information is streamlined making it more user-friendly for our current parents. The site is also easy to use on your phone, tablet and computer assuring you can access important information at all times.

We would love to update our "Testimonials" page. If you would like to be featured on this page, please send an e-mail to ascarbrot@tristatechristian.org with your review of TSCA, please include your name as you would like it posted on the website.

PTF News...

S P I R I T N I G H T

One of the ways that our parents and friends can support our school programs and mission is by taking part in the PTF sponsored “Spirit Nights”. These special nights are an opportunity for our TSCA family to meet and share a meal at a local restaurant and at the same time raise valuable funds for the things that the PTF is responsible for, such as the playground, grandparent’s day, teacher appreciation week and fun day.

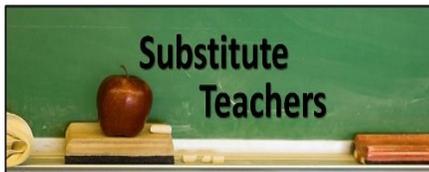
The first one was at the Chick Fil A in Elkton. This restaurant is operated by one of our Board of Directors, Harry Marcus. Mr. Marcus had two of his children graduate from the Elkton Christian School. The event was a tremendous success, the school raised over \$350.00.

The next Spirit Night is going to be at Baker’s Restaurant in Elkton on Route 213 as you travel toward Chesapeake City on Monday October 24th from 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm. The restaurant is owned by Rob Matthews, a TSCA Board member. Come for the food and fellowship with other TSCA families. Hope to see everybody there!

TSCA BOARD INITIATIVE

Last Spring, the Board of Directors initiated a program that would allow parents to report harassment and bullying of their child on our website. They believe that this will promote a safe way to directly access the Board with, in some cases, a sensitive subject.

Please feel free to check it out on our new and improved website at www.tristatechristian.org under the quick links menu.



At the beginning of each year, we make an effort to put together a list of potential substitute teachers for our school. The substitute teaching position is an important one to our administration and staff. We are always looking for qualified substitutes.

We encourage you or anyone that you may know that may be interested in being added to the substitute list to contact Karyn Price. Mrs. Price will provide you with the information and requirements to fill the position.

Email—kprice@tristatechristian.org

Dress Code Reminder: TSCA Hoodie Policy



As the mornings and days are getting colder, please be reminded of the TSCA hoodie policy. As stated in the student handbook, hoodies must be red, black or white zip-up style. Others may be worn, but must be put placed in their locker before the school day officially begins at 8:15 am.



In addition, no heavy coats should be worn at any time during class. Thank you for your support of this policy.

CLASS NEWS...

K4 has had an amazing start to the school year! We have learned all about apples! We tasted 4 different kinds and picked our favorites to make a pictograph! We ended the week with a trip to Milburn's Orchard to learn all about apple picking. K4 also learned about community helpers. Several even stopped by our classroom to visit us! We had visits from a vet, nurse, policeman, firefighter, pastor, and hairdresser. The students dressed up like their favorite community helper for Career Day! I think their favorite part was our trip to the grocery store and pet store to see community helpers in action!

The school year has gotten off to a wonderful start in **FIFTH GRADE**. Fifth grade is the first year that the students have a locker with a combination lock on it. This fifth grade class has mastered this new skill with ease. We have also worked on organizing and maintaining their binders which is a skill preparing them for middle school. The class has enjoyed using their higher level thinking skills and perseverance to solve a few logic puzzles too.

We are so pleased with our **first grade** class! They have adjusted so smoothly to our full day schedule as well as to our routine. We have settled in to our reading groups and just recently started spelling lists each week. We look forward to learning many wonderful things together this year!

The **second grade** has been very busy with the start of the new school year. We have enjoyed activities like, "Bear Day" when we learned about how President "Teddy" Roosevelt helped to bring about the teddy bear. We brought in our bears from home and also made "Prayer Bear" pockets that the class tucks little prayers in for each other. We made butterflies in Science and we will be going on our first field trip on Friday, October 14th to the Ashland Nature Center. When we return, we will have the opportunity to observe our stream water under the new TSCA microscopes! Yeah! Thank you to Mrs. Campbell for being the best 2nd grade aide ever! She makes 2nd grade really fun. Also, a big shout out to our parent helpers and classroom high school aide, Alexi Sanders! Thank you!

Sophomores Visit Colonial Williamsburg

The sophomore class will take their annual trip to Colonial Williamsburg over the weekend of October 28—29. This year's trip will consist of students, parents and Mr. Wilson as staff chaperone. On Friday, the class will spend time visiting the historic colonial town. We will be able to go in and out of the various buildings and explore how colonists and their families lived and made their living.

On Friday night, the class will take the "original" ghosts of Williamsburg tour. It is a neat adventure hearing tales of times past.

After a wonderful breakfast, the second day will be spent at Busch Gardens, one of America's friendliest amusement parks. Students and parents are looking forward to a great time!!

CLASS NEWS...

Seniors Say “Thank You” WWII Vets

On Wednesday October 5th, the TSCA Class of 2017 had the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. to thank World War II veterans. Honor Flight, a national organization, whose mission is to bring all living WWII veterans to visit their World War II Memorial before they die. As part of their program, they ask schools, churches and other civic groups to come to honor and say “thank you” to them.



It has become an annual trip for senior classes of TSCA. It is a tremendous blessing for our students to be able to interact with these veterans who some have called the “greatest generation.” Seniors shared that the experience would be one that they will never forget. We would like to thank the parents and teachers that chaperoned this year’s trip.



Free Application for Federal Student Aid for Class of 2016

Senior parents, please be advised that the 2017 – 18 FAFSA may be filed beginning on October 1, 2016. This is the beginning of the process that may provide your graduating senior funds to attend the college or university of their choosing. The date has been moved up to give colleges and universities more flexibility to hand out financial awards. Even if you are not eligible for federal funding, college admission directors will have a better understanding of your financial situation to offer you scholarship or grant money to reduce the cost of your young person’s post high school education.

There is no cost in applying. You may use the financial information from your 2015 tax filing to answer the questions on the application. The sooner the application is filed the better chance that you have to receive a grant. In addition, if you are initially turned down for funding, you may always go back and make adjustments throughout the school year when you file your 2016 taxes. The website address is www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Please make a note of your username and password when you file. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wilson.

TSCA CELEBRATES SPIRIT WEEK AND 'HOMECOMING' 2016

The week of October 3rd—7th is one of the students' favorites of the year. It was Spirit Week! During the week, students were allowed to wear theme attire, Monday was Jersey day, Tuesday Hero Day, Wacky Wednesday and Twin day was next, Thursday was "Color" wars and Friday was Red, White and Black day. Spirit Week culminated in the Homecoming games for the volleyball and soccer teams against the Faith Baptist Church School from Pennsylvania. Both teams played great and won their matches.

After the soccer match, everyone was invited to go to the gymnasium for the announcement of this year's Homecoming Court including the King and Queen. This year's King, as selected by the student body, was Danny Donnelly and the Queen was Jordie Talley. Both are outstanding representatives of the Class of 2017.

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as Class Representative:

6th Grade—Ella Epley and Noah Palumbo

7th Grade—Grace Morris and Jonathan McAndrews

8th Grade—Alexcia Scarbro and Andrew Silva

9th Grade—Alexis Calderon and Benjamin Morris

10th Grade—Olivia Boas, Ryan Wilson, Tristan McMillan, and James Cunningham

11th Grade—Caroline Ford, Thomas Keiser, Merissa Price, and Luke Silva

12th Grade—Kayleigh Henry, Abigail Menei, Katelyn McQuerrey, Jordan Talley

Daniel Donnelly, Paul Giesing, Timothy Walton, Ethan Wolfe



October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Happy Birthday Mrs. Honaker & Mrs. Scarbro
2	3 Fall Fundraiser Deadline	4 Make-up Picture Day	5 ELEM CHAPEL Honor Flight— 12th Grade	6 Pep Rally 2:15 Homecoming Game 7pm	7 Abbreviated Day Prof. Dev. Boys HS Basket- ball Tryouts 12- 2pm	8 Homecoming Dance 6-10pm
9 Happy Birthday Mrs. Earlston	10 No School	11	12 ELEM CHAPEL <i>K3 Field Trip</i>	13 <i>K5 Field Trip</i>	14 MS/HS CHAPEL SOM <i>2nd Grade Field Trip</i>	15
16	17 Ring Meeting 10th-12th 1pm <i>3rd Grade Field Trip</i>	18 PTF Meeting 3:30	19 ELEM CHAPEL PSAT 8th-11th	20 <i>NHS Event— Habitat for Humanity</i>	21 MS/HS CHAPEL Yearbook Ad Trip	22
23	24 Spirit Night Bakers 4:30-7:30	25	26 ELEM CHAPEL SOM	27	28 Abbreviated Day End of Q1	29
30	31	1	2 ELEM CHAPEL Q1 Grades Due	3	4 MS/HS CHAPEL	5 PTF Hayride