



Smells Like School Spirit

Ethan Hastings and Daletyn Harris

Red, yellow, blue: merely primary colors or radiant declarations of the 2014 school spirit teams? As elementary and secondary gathered together in the Sanctuary, 6th grade teacher Miss Tomasen and 2nd grade teacher Miss Abrahamsen divided the school into three sections. Each of these sections is divided into three sub-sections. The Yellow team is comprised of the Yellow, Gray, and Orange sub-teams. The Red has Red, Pink, and Purple. Finally, the Blue team includes the Blue, Teal, and Green teams. Once these teams were divided up, the first spirit events of the year began.

TCS is in the process of accreditation from the Middle States Association. To achieve accreditation, the entire school needs to know the TCS vision statement: "To excel in preparing students, under the blessing of God, to know Christ and to live purposefully and intelligently in the service of God and man." Each sub-team was charged with creating mnemonic chants to help the whole school learn the

vision. The teams all delivered their chants after the fact, and the teams with the best chants earned points for their respective teams.

The second activity was designed to help all TCS students learn each other's names. Teams were split into girls and guys, and each side chose one team member to crouch down on either side of a blanket. When the blanket was dropped, the first student to say the other's name won a point for their team. This game was a wonderful success, encouraging camaraderie between older and younger students alike.

The third and final activity involved each team passing a ball down the grass as fast as possible to earn team points. Every member of the team had to touch the ball, and the fastest team received the most points for their team. Yellow came out on top in this event.

Several more School Spirit days will take place later on in the year, but if you want to help your team right now, there

are several things you can do. First, each new sponsor for the upcoming Jog-a-thon earns points! Also, collecting Box Tops now will mean more points later. The team with the most will earn 100 points. Finally, both elementary and secondary students can earn large amounts of points for participating in and winning the various ASCI competitions.

Each school year quarter will feature a School Spirit Day, including Pi Day, History Day, and Field Day. The next major school spirit event is the Science Fair. Student body: read below to find out how to earn more points. Regular school spirit updates will be posted on the wall outside room F, and the Trinity Times will update you on the team scores.

From left to right:

Riley and Jaylyn practice saying the school vision statement,

Blue team races to bring the ball down the field,

Samantha and Chloe become acquainted.

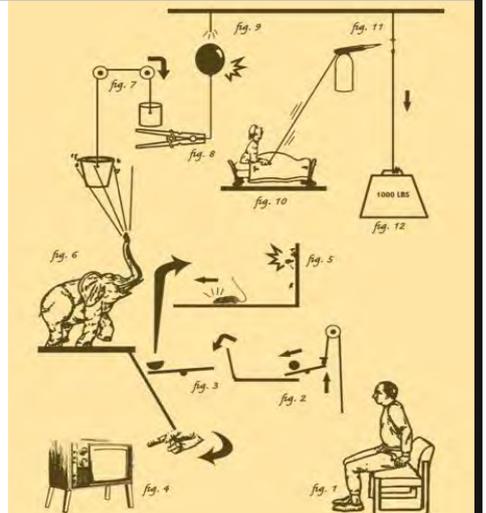


Scientific Parkour

Joseph Gustav Boch

Trinity Christian students: you have the opportunity to score vital points for your team. All you have to do is make an excellent, good-looking Rube Goldberg. A Rube Goldberg is a complex chain reaction that is either built for fun, or to complete a simple task (for example making yourself coffee in the morning). If you bring a Rube Goldberg into school on the night of the science fair, your creation will score points for your team (if your invention works, of course). For your project, there are certain requirements in order for the Rube Goldberg to qualify: it must have 5 steps, and it must be approved by Mr. Messer.

Make your project a good one, because Mr. Messer is a tough nut to crack. You may also be in a group of two. Each student in that group will get 20 points, no matter what team they represent. If you have absolutely no idea what to use in your Rube Goldberg, you can use string, pulleys, or marbles. You could also go all out and use something more complicated like a simple electrical circuit with a light bulb and a battery. There are so many possibilities out there to be explored, and go where no man has ever gone. So hop to it, secondary students! What will you do when your school spirit team needs you?



Accreditation

Samantha Yamasaki and Zoe Schafer

One of the many exciting things happening this year at TCS is the school's pursuit of accreditation. Some of you may not have the slightest idea of what accreditation is. We spoke to a few people on the Accreditation Committee to get the inside scoop. Basically, accreditation provides a school with a stamp of approval on its educational program from an outside source, which looks at all different types of schools and says, "This school is doing a good job in educating students."

Here are some frequently asked questions about accreditation and the answers we learned:

Why are we seeking accreditation?

To achieve accreditation, a school must answer why it exists, have a vision for the future and set up objectives for reaching that vision. The MSA-CESS will be making sure "we are who we claim we are!"

What benefit does accreditation have for TCS and its students?

The information that we gather during the accreditation self study serves as a basis for accountability, strategic planning, and overall school development.

Accreditation verifies the integrity of a school's program to the public.

What major things are involved in the accreditation process?

In 2012, you may remember being asked to complete a survey. Your answers were used to form objectives the school would like to accomplish over the next 7 years. Also, action plans were formed to describe how we will achieve the objectives.

What role do TCS Students have in the accreditation process?

The TCS Students' results were used to see if there were any issues or areas that needed to be addressed or changed.

Several students were selected to serve on the Planning Team, making suggestions on our school's action plans and objectives. Some students may be pulled for a short interview by the visiting team.

What is the timetable for finishing accreditation? How long has TCS been working already?

Trinity has been working through the accreditation process for four years. TCS is very pleased to announce that the Validation Team will be at our school from December 2-5. They will be reviewing the work that we have done regarding our self-study and observing our classes to ensure that our school is "Designed for Excellence" Our efforts will be reviewed yearly to make sure our action plans are on track.

A special thanks to Mrs Eliason for all the answers she provided to our questions!

Sleepy Hollow Skits



Samantha Frank and Daniel Yany baked refreshments, and student performances included a rap battle, fake mustaches, and dramatic romantic rejections.



Senior Advance

Anita Witten

At this year's senior advance, the class talked over different ways in which we want to impact the school. We talked over ways to improve mentor-mento relationships. One classmate also suggested that the seniors lead some of the Spirit Days activities so that we can help more with the younger kids and be more involved in their lives.

For chapel, we came up with the idea to have teachers give their testimonies. We also want to have pastors talk about historical believers, how they dealt with being in non-Christian environments and how they shared their faith.

Autumnal Fellowship

Peter Yamasaki

A special thanks to Kelsea Fleck for organizing the Harvest Party



Blazer Culture

Jestira Mladenovic

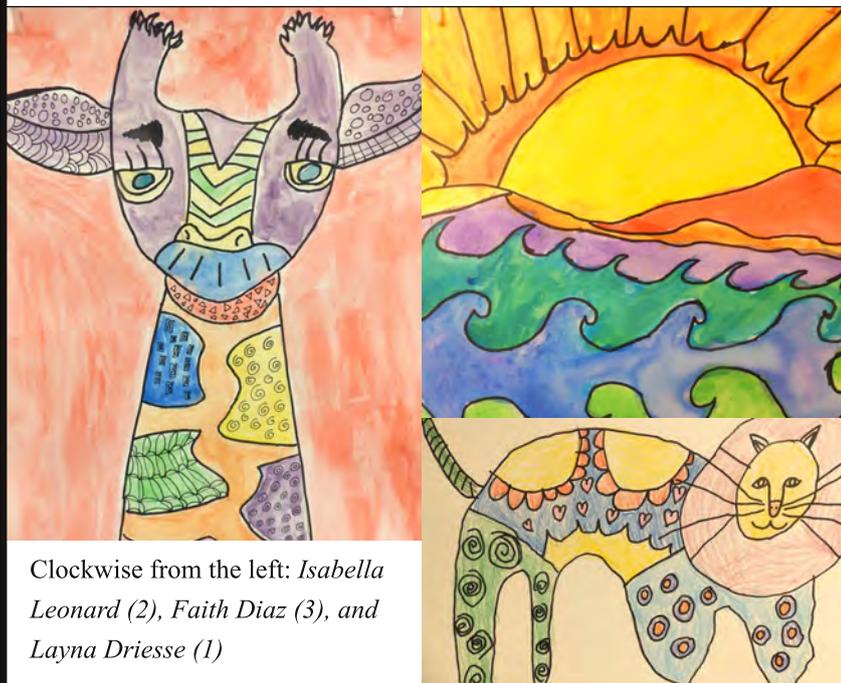
"Selling Indulgences"

Chris Rumeau



Visual Candy From Around the School

Announcements



Clockwise from the left: *Isabella Leonard (2), Faith Diaz (3), and Layna Driesse (1)*

- The Trinity Times has a new email address! If you have anything you would like to contribute, such as your own art or written works, please email it to newspaper.trinity@gmail.com.
- We will be having a poster contest starting October 20. What you need to do is to make a poster that exemplifies Trinity Christian School's vision statement. The contest will end on November 5. There will be prizes for first, second, and third place winners.

A Writing Prompt for You

The phone rings. It's your mother and she's upset. "What's wrong?" you ask. "It's your father. A spell has been cast upon him and he's been frozen solid." You pause, knowing two things that your mother doesn't: 1) This is your fault and 2) you're the only one who can fix it. "Don't worry, Mom. I'll take care of it." Write this scene.

In the Spotlight: Jan Vermeer



"*Girl with a Pearl Earring*", 1665

Johannes Vermeer was a Dutch painter who became well known for making a small amount of paintings at a time and giving them to a group of patrons in Delft, a neighboring region. His works were mostly kept in the regions of Delft, Hague, and several others. This was one of the reasons why he was initially not well known in the art world. His style of art mainly focuses on the behavior of light, colour, attention to detail, and even the way the paint has been applied to a canvas. His subjects were mostly women to which he would pay attention to their posture and behavior. Even though at first many had not heard of him, he soon became one of the most famous

Dutch artists that we know today.



"*The Little Street*", c.1657

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Gym in a Jiffy

Jürgen Lipps

The TCS gymnasium project is well on its way to a potential March 2015 completion, according to Mr. Holcomb, the school's Administrative Director. Since the start of the school year, construction workers have completed the cement block walls and initial plumbing of the gym. The school has secured a line of credit with the bank to enable us to move forward to completion. However, the school still needs an additional \$700,000 to pay off our loan and become debt free. Please continue to pray for a safe and speedy completion of the project, as well as provision of finances.



The Five Solae

John Aitken

Every year features October, and every October features Reformation Day on the 31st of the month. This is an important day in the history of Christianity. On the 31st of October in 1517 Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg, essentially launching the Protestant Reformation. This important document sparked a huge revolution in the church. Along with this revolution came the concepts of the Five Solae: Sola Fide, Sola Scriptura, Solus Christus, Sola Gratia, and Soli Deo Gloria. The following excerpts are taken from theopedia.com.

Sola Fide - Faith Alone

Justification is by grace alone through faith alone because of Christ alone. In justification Christ's righteousness is imputed to us as the only possible satisfaction of God's perfect justice.

Sola Scriptura - Scripture Alone

The inerrant Scripture is the sole source of written divine revelation, which alone can bind the conscience. The Bible alone teaches all that is necessary for our salvation from sin and is the standard by which all Christian behavior must be measured.

Solus Christus - Christ Alone

Our salvation is accomplished by the mediatorial work of the historical Christ alone. His sinless life and substitutionary atonement alone are sufficient for our justification and reconciliation to the Father. It is denied that the gospel is preached if Christ's substitutionary work is not declared and faith in Christ and his work is not solicited.

Sola Gratia - Grace Alone

In salvation we are rescued from God's wrath by his grace alone. It is the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit that brings us to Christ by releasing us from our bondage to sin and raising us from spiritual death to spiritual life. Faith is not produced by our unregenerated human nature.

Soli Deo Gloria - Glory to God Alone

It is affirmed that because salvation is of God and has been accomplished by God, it is for God's glory and that we must glorify him always. We must live our entire lives before the face of God, under the authority of God and for his glory alone.

Bringin' It to Blaze

Ali Champagne

It's time for another year of Bringin' It to Blaze! This is basically the advice column of the newspaper. Before every issue, a survey is posted on the school website where we take prayer requests, ask questions, and give you the opportunity to ask questions of your own. So keep on asking questions and we'll keep on answering!

What is accreditation?

We received a lot of interesting answers to this question! Accreditation "is the academic world's way of ensuring quality educational programs and is awarded based on the quality of academic programs, teacher support, and student services." Our school is right now in this process.

Can you identify our school's mission statement?

Only 20% of you correctly identified our school's mission statement. Our school's vision statement was the other option (which is also what we made chants for during the school spirit activities). Make sure you learn these to help out with the accreditation process!

Why don't we have math club?

Good question! Talk to your math teachers about starting something for those who like working out their minds as much as their bodies. Look out Trinity, here come the mathletes!

When are we getting vending machines?

This question has been asked a few times before, but we will visit it again. As of right now our school is not planning on getting vending machines, but if you really have a desire, maybe you should talk to the Student Council.

Prayer Requests:

- For the Martin family
- For the Lee family
- For the Chicola family
- For Kelly's grandfather who is getting a hip replacement
- For the seniors with their college work

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Thank you!**