



## Leaving a Lee-gacy

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Mr. Lee's departure brings sadness to students, parents, and teachers in our school. He has held a variety of responsibilities: athletic director, security advisor, teacher of numerous subjects, etc. However, from his seventh grade earth and life science class to his twelfth grade Western Thought class, Mr. Lee's primary duty has been imparting knowledge to students for their betterment. I briefly interviewed Mr. Lee a day before his departure, asking him several hard-hitting questions.

### Alright first off, what is one the most embarrassing moments you ever experienced teaching?

Well I'm definitely not going to tell you the most embarrassing moment. However one moment does come to mind. My first year teaching, I was doing homeroom, reading from the book of Genesis while pacing around the front of the room, and I tripped over a mat on the carpet and completely wiped out in front of all my students. I never heard the end of that one.

### Let's get introspective for a moment. What is one thing you learned about yourself during your years of teaching?

That's a tough one. I would have to say patience... lots and lots and lots of patience.

### What caused you to realize you wanted to become an officer of the law instead of a school teacher?

I always had an interest in law enforcement, but I had previously dismissed it as a childhood desire. Then a friend encouraged me to seriously look into it as a possible career, and I realized that it was what I always wanted to do.

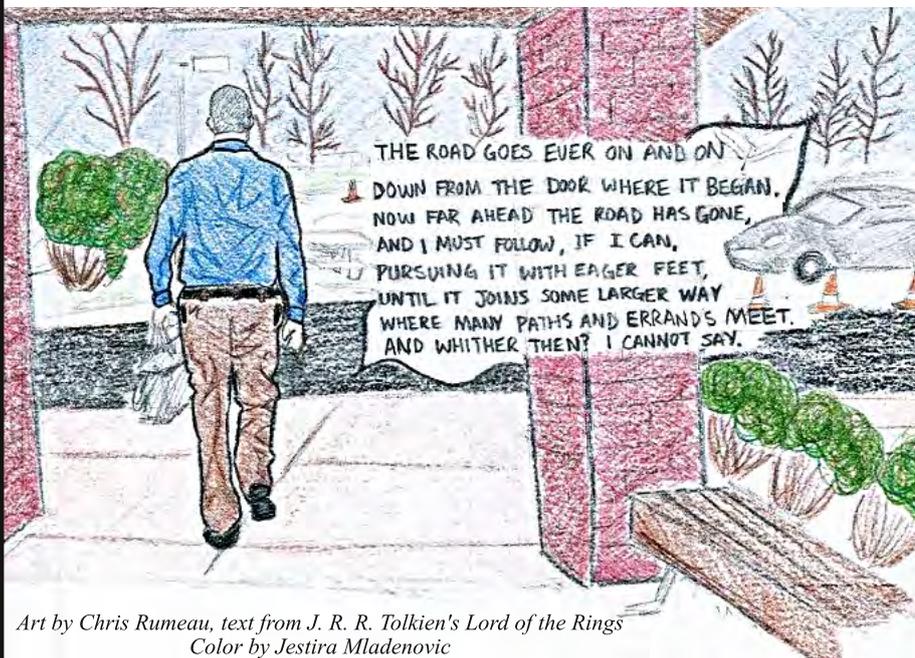
### So when are we officially going to be able to refer to you as Officer Lee?

I don't know the exact date, but hopefully by the end of November. I am currently still a regular civilian.

### So here's the question we've all been wanting to ask you. Which student(s) will you miss the most?

I can't answer that question. There's too many to sort through. However, I will say one thing. Zecca dominates.

*On behalf of the student body and entire TCS family, we want to thank Mr. Lee for all the time and energy he has poured into making our school a better place. He's worn many hats: from science teacher to track coach to technology administrator and more. He's touched many lives over the years and this school won't be the same without him. Our prayers are with him and his family as they start this new chapter in life.*



Art by Chris Rumeau, text from J. R. R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings  
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## Mr. Lee Anecdotes

*Joe Boch:* My mom thought it was a good idea after my tonsil removal surgery to give my tonsils to Mr. Lee. He lost my tonsils in the lab and no one has been able to find them since. So I'm putting out a reward for my tonsils for fifty cents. I will donate my tonsils to Mr. Lee and his family once they are found.

*Abby Harris:* I really enjoyed his story about the birds that got hit by the wind turbine.

*Matt Falciola:* Just recently he sold us Nerf guns in school, and we tried to smuggle them into our lockers.

*John Aitken:* One of Mr. Lee's favorite sayings was "I have the floor" or "\*student\* has the floor" back when my class was in 8th grade. One day I was walking around my house and noticed a tile from the floor. Inspiration struck. The next day in school I waited until he said "I have the floor now," and I handed him the tile and said "Yes, you do." And so it was that Mr. Lee officially had the floor.

*James Batista:* Last year, after field day, a visiting intern dumped a bucket of water on Mr. Lee's head and Mr. Lee went chasing him but couldn't catch up.

*Ali Champagne:* When I was in 7th grade, he made an analogy between some concept we were learning with people at a baseball game doing the wave. One of the guys didn't know what the wave was, so we convinced Mr. Lee to let us demonstrate. He seemed reluctant, but finally agreed on the condition that we didn't tell anyone about this. So we all stood up and waved our arms with Mr. Lee conducting us until we got it down perfectly.

*Oliver Budd:* On the last day of the school year, we'd wait for him to say a phrase we knew he always said, and we'd use that phrase as the trigger to start throwing all our wrapped up book socks at him. Then for the rest of that class we just had a huge book sock war with him.

# Season Finale

*Daletyn Harris and Peter Yamasaki*

Full of promise and talent, the varsity boys' soccer team set out on a journey to the tournament this season. After a dismal start to the season, the boys were able to string together a six game winning streak.

An injured but intrepid boys' team reached the tournament as a third seed, and were able to pull off an upset in the first round with a 4-2 victory over Faith. After an arduous battle against Veritas, they finished bruised and battered in second place with a record of ten wins and six losses.



After last year's impressive season, the varsity girls' soccer team had high expectations to live up to, and they did not disappoint. The girls held their own against every opponent, whether private or public.

After entering the tournament as the first seed, they routed Parsippany in the first round. The next day, they hashed it out with Faith, emerging victorious with a score of 2-0 and ended the season with a record of twelve wins, three losses, and one tie.



The Junior High boys' and girls' soccer team had yet another strong season. They took home the gold, finishing the year with a record of 14 wins and 2 losses.

## Boys:

*Best Offense:* Marcus Prol  
*Best Defense:* Greg Tanis  
*Christian Testimony:* Everyone!  
*Coaches' Award:* Iain Martin  
*Most Improved:* John Aitken  
*MVP:* Daletyn Harris

## Girls:

*Best Offense:* Isabel Budd  
*Best Defense:* Caroline Chicola & Samantha Voltmer  
*Christian Testimony:* Samantha Yamasaki  
*Coaches' Award:* Victoria Holmes  
*Most Improved:* Lydia Harris  
*MVP:* Kate Carbone

## Junior High:

*Best Offense:* Nicholas Yamasaki  
*Best Defense:* Faith Carbone  
*Christian Testimony:* Matthew Zecca  
*Coaches' Award:* Kelly Reid  
*Most Improved:* Matt Borowski  
*MVP:* Nikita Sifonios

# Reformation Day

*Samantha Yamasaki*

Several weeks ago, families from TCS and the Trail Life Program packed into the Multi Purpose Room for a fun Reformation Day themed evening. The event, geared for K-6 graders, was a huge success as over a hundred people came out. Visitors were treated to a skit on Martin Luther performed by our very own Elementary Principal Nick Scotten and alumni Dan Larrazabal and Tabitha Harris.

Also, various booths were set up



around the room for the kids with Reformation Day activities such as "Pin the Beard on the Theologian," "Toss the Pennies to the Poor," and the "Bible Translation Table." Lots of fun was had,

especially with candy as the prize. Group Games such as "The Bible Smuggling Relay" were played as well.

The evening ended with a friendly family competition. Families divided into two teams: "The Courageous Calvinists" and "Luther's Loyalists." A fierce battle ensued as the teams competed in trivia, pictionary and charades. It was a close contest but the Courageous Calvinists ended up taking this one!

# Blazer Culture

## In the Spotlight: Leonardo da Vinci

*Jestira Mladenovic*



*Sketch of Hand*

Leonardo da Vinci is recognized as one of the greatest artists and inventors of all time. Even at a young age, his genius shone through. His father saw his potential as an artist when he saw a shield that da Vinci had painted. He was stunned by how life-like the images looked. Da Vinci was then apprenticed to Andrea del Verrocchio at age fifteen. His work was so subtle that his master vowed to never paint again. While da Vinci was a master of art, he often didn't complete his works. Instead, he consistently returned to the sciences, especially human anatomy, and drafted blueprints for inventions, such as the armoured tank and aerial screw.

He was well known and admired by many. The jobs he took varied from painting, sculpting, working for the Pope, and designing weaponry for the Duke of Milan. The opportunities he had for work seemed to be endless. Close to the end of his life, his right hand became paralyzed, but that never stopped him from doing what he loved.



*"Ginevra de' Benci"*

## Fondo Cultural

*Zoe Schafer*

As most of us know, one of the teachers here at Trinity has recently gone on a South American adventure. Miss Mendelsohn went to Brazil for her brother's wedding, and has brought back many tales of strange foods and beautiful scenery.

She went to a restaurant called a rodizio where the servers walk around with cuts of meat on skewers, and if you so desire, cut you some of it. You are constantly being offered new and possibly mysterious meats, such as chicken hearts.

Miss Mendelsohn learned that Brazilians do not have wedding receptions because nobody RSVPs. For the bride's sister's wedding, twice the number of invited guests showed up. She also learned the Portuguese phrase "Eu gosto de feijão," which means "I like beans," which she says she does, very much. Miss Mendelsohn also went shopping in a huge mall that had everything from parakeets to ice cream. Her parents, who love to cook, bought two soapstone pots, a copper pot, a clay pot, and a pizza stone! According to Miss Mendelsohn, their luggage was much heavier on the way back. It was a great trip, but she is happy to be home now.

*Miss Mendelsohn's picture of a hibiscus, a flower that flourishes in Brazil.*



## A Scientific Celebration

*John Aitken*

Every year a collection of great minds comes together to flood our multipurpose room with a tide of scientific achievements. This year proved no different. From the planets of third graders to the complex experiments of the sixth graders, the elementary students WOW'd us all. Special guest appearances were made by the Anatomy & Physiology class, Montville Physical Therapy, and Dr. Napoli's oral surgery presentation. Marcus and Greg also presented their rube goldberg, which fired a delicious starburst at the end. The little kids engaged in a game of "form a ribonucleic acid," which, while chaotic in the extreme, proved a wild success.



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# Show Me the Gym Fax

By Mr. Jeff Holcomb; edited by Joseph Gustav Boch V

Since our September update, tremendous progress has been made on the new TCS gymnasium. In a little over a month's time, we've installed windows, erected the attractive front overhang, completed the connection with Horseneck Road, and begun plumbing and heating installation. Many are beginning to relish the great opportunities that will be ours as a school when the gym is finished. Having come this far, we want to thank and praise God for the competent and skillful way in which Gerry Driesse is coordinating the project. We also want to thank God for the safety that's been granted to all the men who have worked on this job, some spending a lot of time performing their tasks at considerable heights. One accident could turn joy into sorrow and slacken or even bring to a halt the pace of the project.

The one outstanding need that we face at this time is that of finances. We have an amazing "matching opportunity" still in place, with a donor who is ready to write a check for \$50,000 as soon as we reach that same amount. We also have money coming in from a recent event--you guessed it--the jogathon. We successfully raised a little over \$20,000. Please keep our school in your prayers.

## Don't Waste Your Life

Chapel by Mr. Chris Lee; edited by Ethan Hastings

It is common for grownups to emphasize personal responsibility, diligence, and the natural success associated with these character traits, however the overarching narrative of your life that motivates and influences that outward behavior is even more important. Your pursuits, goals, your vocation, and other life choices will flow from this narrative.

There are many times in our lives where we pause to reflect on our lives. New Year's, birthdays, and other moments of life change remind us to take a step back and survey the direction our life is going, to ask "big questions." I have been asking a variety of these big questions over the past few years, especially over the past several months. I encourage you to ask yourself these questions. What do you want to be when you grow up? What do you hope for in the next thirty years? The next five years? This school year? The rest of 2014? This week? Do you want athletic success? Academic growth? A responsible life and a good family? Do NOT waste your life. You should use every moment God has given you to his glory.

Many people in the world are unhappy: not just disappointed, struggling, or suffering, but inherently unhappy. Many of the temptations of the world help drown out this unhappiness, but they are ultimately lacking. Any earthly passion pales in comparison with the rich joy and love we can feel through a relationship with our Creator. In Mark 8:36 (ESV), Jesus exhorts his disciples to not give in to empty pursuits with the question, "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?" Similarly, Jesus tells a parable in Luke 12 calling a man a fool for laying up treasure for himself but not being rich toward God.

There are several ways to waste your life. You can waste the individual moments God has given you, you can lack overall direction, or you could even be headed in the wrong direction. If you are a believer in Christ, you have assurance that God will allow you to complete the work you have been made to do. Strive to seek His will. Only then will your life have true meaning and purpose.

## Bringin' It to Blaze

Ali Champagne and John Aitken

**Have you ever considered that unicorns may very well be real?**

As all of us have learned from the rules of logic, one cannot prove a universal negative. So I guess we can't say for sure that unicorns don't exist. As some have conjectured, unicorns have been hiding from humans because they are afraid we will steal their magical rainbow powers, while others, like me, still hold onto the belief that unicorns are, in fact, fictitious. That's just a guess though.

**The schedules keep falling off the wall. Will they ever be glued?**

The problem with gluing the schedules to the walls is that the schedule very often changes. This would simply cause too much grief and too much glue to be viable. We asked Mrs. Eliassen for her take on the situation, and she responded that alternative methods of adhesion will be explored.

**Do you purposely try to put the most embarrassing pictures of people in the paper?**

The purpose of this newspaper is both to instruct and to entertain. The pictures are the part meant to entertain.

**Is there a set number of spirit days each quarter?**

Ms. Abrahamsen said that there is one actual spirit day per quarter. There are other days with school spirit activities, but there is only one day designated to major school spirit events.

**Prayer requests:**

- For the gym
- For the Christmas concert
- For traveling mercies over the holiday season
- For the end of rioting in Ferguson, MO
- For the Lee family
- For Iain Martin's father who has cancer
- For Joy Tan who is performing in a concert soon

**A special thank you to Mr. Lee for all of the help he gave in solving our technical difficulties with the newspaper!**

**He will be missed.**

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**Thank you!**