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"Our times are in Your hands."



Travel Journal: Mr. Prol

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As many of you have probably have heard, Mr. Prol went to a Christian school conference in Hong Kong. He said in an article for the LINK (which you can visit at tcsnj.org on the Family page) "Some of you who were present at the TCS banquet last month heard my prayer request pertaining to the exceptional opportunity granted to me over the Spring Break, March 28-31, in Hong Kong, China. I am grateful to report that God answered prayer and blessed the ministry of his Word to this gathering of 160+ educators from over twenty-five widely-scattered cities in their vast country. The trip also revealed encouraging evidence that our God is at work in a wonderful way in the Far East. In the midst of very challenging political circumstances, there is a thriving Christian church, and a growing Christian educational movement.

"It was my privilege to bring lectures in Christian educational philosophy to this group of relatively young Christians who have never heard such things, having been reared in an atheistic society and materialistic culture. These teachers and principals demonstrate great self-sacrifice as they do their best, without government support or approval, to provide a Bible-centered education. It was rewarding to observe these Christian brothers and



Skyline of Hong Kong, taken by Mr. Prol on a nature hike

sisters eager and willing to sit through their long days of conference so hungry and full of questions.

"This visit also provided a humbling reminder of the privileges of living in a free society here in the United States, as well as the embarrassingly-rich supply of Christian education resources so readily available to us. It reminded me that to whom much is given, much will be required. It stirred up a burden to see what, if anything, can be done to make some basic curriculum materials available to these Christian brothers and sisters who are seeking to develop their school programs in a God-honoring and Bible-centered way, under much persecution. I believe I left some of my heart behind.

Please pray that God will bless this young and growing Christian educational movement in China. Pray that many more schools will open to serve a growing number of children from the families in the Christian church there."

After his article, we met up with Mr. Prol and asked him some probing questions about his expedition:

What, if any, exotic foods did you eat?

Mr. Prol said that the Chinese people encouraged him to try interesting things like lotus root, and joints from animal fingers (hooves).

How does this trip affect the students of Trinity Christian School?

He replied that God has given us an opportunity; a contact with the high school students in China. These students who need schooling also need people to offer them support, and we should accept them into our school if necessary. God is introducing us to the students who need to be recognized and helped.

Let us learn from the troubles of others in the world, and be thankful for our freedom of Christian education. Our gifts are so great, and we must not take something like education for granted, especially when we see the effects of secular government across the globe.

A Man, a Plan, a Canal, Pandemonium

Jurgen Lipps

On April 3, 2016, news reports began popping up regarding the greatest data leak in history containing information on world leaders, politicians, celebrities, and more. The leak contained 2.6 TB of data regarding tax evasion and other illegal activity carried out by several world leaders and prominent world figures.

To put the magnitude of this moment in perspective, the Wikileaks Cablegate leak of 2010 included 1.7GB of data, the 2013 Offshore leaks contained 260 GB, and the 2014 Lux leaks contained 4GB. This is by far the greatest data leak ever and its ramifications are even more significant.

The files show how the clients of the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca have, for years, dodged taxes and

sanctions by keeping their money in offshore tax havens such as Panama, the British Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, and other remote locations.

Between the several million documents included in the leak, there is information regarding Vladimir Putin, the prime ministers of Iceland, Pakistan, and the UK, and many other world leaders. The documents reveal how thousands of companies and wealthy individuals have hidden their wealth illegally over seas. Over 500 banks registering over 15,600 shell companies with Mossack Fonseca have been mentioned in the files as well. These shell companies do nothing but manage money and hide information about their owners.

Perhaps the most notable consequence

of the release of the Panama Papers thus far has been the stepping down of the prime minister of Iceland, Sigmundur Davíð Gunnlaugsson. He is also the chairman of the Progressive Party in Iceland which tries to uphold fair, liberal values. So when it was revealed that Gunnlaugsson had been involved in major tax evasion scandals, his reputation as a progressive, anti-establishment politician was forever tarnished.

Given that the Panama Papers held so much important information, it will take quite some time to sift through all of the documents. This will forever be regarded as one of the most significant data leaks of all time. We will surely hear more about the files in the future as more information makes itself known.

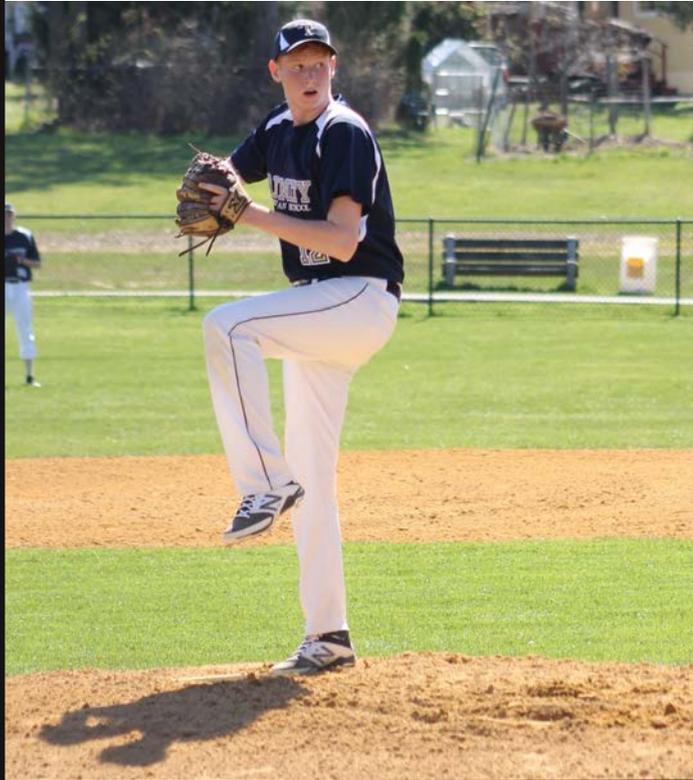
Smorgasbord

One page for the knowledge of a good amount of things

Kyle J. Eliassen Esq., Joseph Gustav V Boch, Alison Champagne, Ethan Hastings, and Grace Markowicz

Baseball

So far in the first baseball season in Trinity history, the team is 4-5 overall, with wins over Abundant Life Whippany, Veritas, and Harmony. which is the first time any Trinity boys team has beaten Veritas. Ollie Boch, one of the captains, told the Trinity Times in an exclusive interview, "The key to being successful in a baseball game isn't about skill, but about heart, which our team has exhibited. I am proud of all the players and the coaches for making this team what it is." Our first conference game against Abundant Life was one of our best batting performances with a final score of 15 to 1. Kyle Eliassen obtained 4 RBIs which was the most on the team. Both Boch brothers ended the game with the most hits of 2 each, and Ethan Hastings and Joe Boch ended the day with a .500 AVG. Ollie Boch set the pace for pitching with 10 strikeouts.



Kindergarten Play



Staying on Track

3:11 pm, April 27, 2016. The clouds overhead cast a suspense over the varsity team as they watched Michaela's final attempt at the discus from across the field. If she scored two points, the girls would win. Michaela went above and beyond and earned 6 points, causing the girls to beat out Meadowbrook 102-99. Lead scorers for the girls were Lydia Harris and Ali Champagne.

The Varsity boys pulled off an impressive 3rd place with only six athletes. Some of the highlights of the day included a win in the shot put by Jurgen Lipps. Ian Stempert was the lead scorer with 15 points.

As for the junior high, the girls finished 2nd, while the boys were 8th. Riley Como and Lloyd Suh were the top scorers. Kendall Larrier summed up the team's emotions regarding the day well: it was "nerve-wracking but fun!"



Shakespeare

The Shakespearean Drama class once again attended the annual Shakespearean festival at Drew University. If you didn't come to said festival, you really missed out. Many an impressive play was seen, and Trinity was awarded several recognitions for especially impressive performances. Ian Stempert won the Richard Burbage award for great stagework. Jurgen Lipps was awarded the "Tennis Balls of Fury" award for his electric portrayal of Henry V. Hannah Genberg was awarded the Lend us your Ears award for her superb supporting role. Iain Morrison, Joe Boch, Nikita Sifonios, Charles Mills, Mark Bova, and Erick Justnes were knighted the "Coining Chorus" by the judges. And our superlative performer, Jojo Chung, was deemed to be the greatest player of the day, earning the excellence in acting award. Verily, 'twas a jovial time. Much to our misfortune, drama next year shall not be Shakespearean. 'Twas a great run indeed.



Creative Writing Edition

Kelly Reid and Chanelle Spivak

Congratulations to all who received awards in the ACSI writing contest. The following are excerpts of pieces by TCS students who achieved the recognition of "Superior."

"A Day on the Sand" by Joey Falciola (Grade 4)

To the beach we go one day,
Shore! Shells! Gulls! Hurray! Hurray!
Waves of shimmering, sparkling blue,
So much sand and sunshine, too!

How I love beneath the waves,
I can find forgotten caves,
Look at whales and schools of fish,
They could make a tasty dish!

Gobbling lunch upon the sand,
"Ahhhh," I sigh, "this day is grand!"
"Diving in the deep again,
"Look!" I cry, "a circling fin!"

Dimness fades the happy day,
Cool car seat, so tired I lay,
Driving home, the house in sight,
"May we go again?" "We might!"

"Snow Day" Nate Snyder (Grade 4)

Snow is falling on the ground,
Doesn't even make a sound,
Winds are blowing, roaring loud,
Trucks are rumbling, roads get plowed.

Children laughing, having fun,
Snowman building has begun,
Frosty fingers, frozen toes,
Rosy cheeks and tingling nose.

Fireplace is burning hot,
Cocoa steaming from a pot,
PJ's on and up to bed,
Time to rest my sleepy head.

"Snowflakes" by Elizabeth Canales (Grade 6)

Snowflakes are a lovely sight,
Now glittering in the beautiful light.
On chilly days they come to play,
With beautiful colors of white and gray
Falling gracefully on a cold day.
Little, but together they make up the snow,
Again and again they give a wonderful show
Kindly displaying their beautiful glow.
Every snowflake is meant to be awed.
Snowflakes are truly a gift from God

An excerpt from "Political Correctness" by Jurgen Lipps (Grade 11)

To fabricate lies and falsehood is such a central principle in the philosophy of political correctness that to accurately and honestly expose these lies would hopefully decelerate the alarming increasing popularity of the political correctness movement and anti-partisan hyperreactivity. One must not be afraid to be labelled a bigot in any way, for if you are truly honest with your factual claims and you have evidence to support all of your assertions, you will have the benefit of knowing that whatever your intellectually dishonest opponents say about you, you are being true to yourself, true to your movement, true to your rights as an individual, and true to others. The greatest strength and weakness of extreme political correctness and intellectual dishonesty is that it is built upon lies. These lies seem appealing to many, but all they are or ever will be are lies which in the face of truth and factual evidence, can never succeed. The honest opinions of the youth are being silenced by the lies of the oversensitive. This problem will always exist on some level, and we can only ever hope to defeat it in its entirety, but each of us as individuals must acknowledge our right and obligation to tear down falsities and fabrications and to exalt and esteem the honesty and factuality of the frank, sincere, controversial, and upfront youth, however rare they may be. **to read the rest go to the TCS website.*

"Rebirth" by Ethan Hastings (Grade 12)

Inundation. The pressure bears down, equilibrium lost.
Directions, bearings, all lost under the pulsing waves.
Up is down. Vice-versa. Motion is relative.
Only wet, wet is constant.
Atlantis is spinning, spinning, or I am spinning.
Geodesic ideals melting; the moments drag on.
The sun charges by, centripetally,
never ceasing in his course.

Time must be passing quickly.
Gradually deceleration sets in. I am aware
of my descent into a non-metaphorical abyss.
Something like liquid lead
fills my soul, my mouth, my throat, my lungs.
Fate has found me: a sinking realization.
Somehow content to sink into oblivion.

Liquid lead is hot.
My lungs cry out in torrid dissent.
Adrenal glands screaming, begging
For at least a semblance of protest, of struggle.
This is only a reflex, an atavistic cry of confusion.
Apollo recedes as I meld into darkness.
Struggle is futile. The somatic alarm ceases.
My gills percolate.

There were so many superiors we could not fit them all, but go to the TCS website and check out Danny Champagne's poem "New York" and Anna Falciola's short story "Anger Management."

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NHS Update

Charlie Mills

A few months ago, nine of our upperclassmen were inducted into the National Honor Society. As part of their commitment, these young men and women promised to be servants, scholars, and leaders in their community. They have been helping out in the church and school in many ways since the inductment ceremony. Just before Easter, the members of the Society made and presented a dinner to the seniors citizens of Trinity Baptist Church, showing their gratitude toward the elderly of the community. Then, in April, the Kindergarteners were preparing for their play, and the Trinity Chapter helped by making props and serving as stage hands throughout the performance. These juniors and seniors have demonstrated their worthiness of being in the National Honor Society, and have been great helpers all throughout their long careers in Trinity Christian School. For any aspiring students wishing to join the TCS Chapter of the NHS, you must be a junior or senior, display the character traits of leadership, servanthood, and scholarship, and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher. These conditions must be kept up during the school year. Remember, sacrifice and selflessness are at the core of what it takes to be in the NHS.

Faith and Science

Pastor Carlson

Is God trustworthy? In various ways, all your classes at TCS highlight God's faithfulness, even science. Maybe you've thought, "Science isn't about God." Maybe you've read some atheists who say science has disproved the existence of God. How does science teach the faithfulness of God?

Psalm 119:89-91—*Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations; You established the earth, and it stands. They stand this day according to Your ordinances, For all things are Your servants.*

The Psalmist explains that the earth's stable existence constantly displays God's faithfulness. Think about how the world hangs in space on nothing and remains perfectly situated to sustain life (Job 26:7; Psalm 93:1; 104:5). Notice how the earth, with all its variations, maintains regular cycles as God promised: "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease." (Gen. 8:22). The weather follows His command (Psalm 148:8; cp. Mark 4:41). In fact, God's will governs the entire universe (Psalm 8:3; Judges 5:20). Everything acts as God's servant with the exception of man. Thus every sight of the universe and every step taken on terra firma declares God's faithfulness.

The Psalmist goes further. By His word, God created the universe, and by His word, He orders it. The trustworthiness of God's creative word should encourage our faith in all of God's words. God's word never fails! The words of world leaders often fail. How empty is the ancient saying that the "law of the Medes and Persians, which may not be revoked." Those laws vanished with their nations. While the earthly promises of earthly leaders are vaporous, God's word stands above the earth; it is settled in heaven! It remains as certain as God's heavenly throne!

Science speaks of the laws that govern nature. I ask, "Whose laws?" Science speaks of constants. I challenge, "Who fixed them?" The Psalmist states, creation's orderly existence declares, God is faithful. Are you listening? What has your study of science done for your faith in God and His word?

Bringin' It to Blaze

Alison Champagne

Welcome back to Bringin' It to Blaze, where impossible questions are answered with ease! But this time, the questions are ours and the answers are yours. Do you remember those Pi-Day math puzzles from last month's edition? In case you've forgotten them, you can still have a chance to solve them before you read the answers. Look on the bulletin board by the secondary locker hallway for a copy of last month's Bringin' It to Blaze. Below are the solutions:

Question 1:

Clearly, since the two numbers are consecutive, one of them is even and the other is odd. Let's say the two numbers were 5 and 6. This would mean the secret number was not divisible by 5 nor by 6. It would also mean the number could NOT be divisible by 10, 15, 20, 25 or by 12, 18, 24 or 30. Thus the students who said it was divisible by 10, by 15, etc. would also have spoken wrong. So, the two numbers cannot be 5 and 6.

Similarly, the two numbers cannot be, say, 8 and 9, because then also the students who said it was divisible by 16, 24, 18, and 27 would have been in the wrong.

So we can conclude that these two consecutive numbers cannot have multiples that are less than 31. This eliminates a lot of numbers: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15.

Could it be, say 20 and 21? That will not work, because if this secret number IS divisible by 2 and 10, then it is also divisible by 20. Similarly, since we know the number IS divisible by all the whole numbers from 2 through 15, it must also be divisible by 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30.

This leaves the following number pair: 16 & 17.

Question 2:

9. The number at the center of each triangle equals the sum of the lower two numbers minus the top number.

If you are wondering where our comic was this edition, we had to leave it out due to an overwhelming amount of other topics to write on, such as the speech and writing contests, Shakespeare, and athletics. Our next paper will include plenty of art.

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Thank you!**