



News in a Nutshell

Towering Oaks Christian School and Preschool

a word from Mrs. Biebel—

Dear TOCS Families,

Making a Splash was definitely a wonderful Christ-honoring program last week, and I am very thankful for Mrs. Kimberly McGee, Dr. Debra Lewis, supportive teachers, students, and parents. We also had an amazing 1st commencement ceremony on Sunday, and I ask that you will join me in prayer for these 7 graduates to make a huge impact for His kingdom and to bless them as they begin this next exciting chapter of their lives.

I would like to thank Coach Lisa Ballast and the Powerful Runners who hosted a very successful fundraiser last night for the T.O.C.S. Cross Country Team. They raised \$1,204.07! **Mr. David Scott, with the help of Mr. Sam Helfrich, will be coaching MS/HS Cross**

Country for T.O.C.S. this fall, so they will be hosting an informational parent/athlete meeting **this Friday, May 12 at 5:30 in the choir room.** Food will be provided—please be sure to attend.

We will be partnering with the **Hope Center - May 15 to collect change to fill baby bottles through the “A little change makes a BIG difference” fundraiser.** Please dig through your car or go through your couch cushions to send a little that will go a long way to support God's creation within our community.

Baby bottles will be placed in each classroom for students to drop change in.

Thanks to your faithfulness and to generous contributors the grand total for **Read-a-thon**

was **over 35,000 minutes read and \$10,443.00 raised towards our playground resurfacing project!** We look forward to celebrating with the students who helped raise these funds on Thursday afternoon, and I would like to give **Dairy Queen a BIG thank you for donating the ice cream treats!**

In Christ,
Amy Pfaff-Biebel
T.O.C.S. Administrator

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May 9, 2023

Special points of interest:

- *May 8—12 last week of preschool*
- *Tues., May 9 HS to Doe River Gorge*
- *Wed., May 10 1st Grade to Brights Zoo*
- *Thurs., May 11 HS Spanish field trip*
- *Fri., May 12 8th to Pigeon Forge; HS PreACT testing; preschool 4's & 5's awards*
- *Mon., May 15 preschool staff in-service/work day*
- *Tues., May 16 MS Spanish trip; HS awards 7 p.m.*
- *Thurs., May 18 no school for 8th grade ONLY; 8th grade ceremony 6 p.m.*
- *Fri., May 19 K-8th Wacky Field Day*
- *Mon., May 22 Awards Day 3rd-5th 9 a.m.; 6th & 7th 1 p.m.*
- *Tues., May 23 K graduation 9 a.m.; Awards Day 1st & 2nd 1 p.m.*
- *Wed., May 24 school staff in-service/work day NO students; TOBC Summer Camp 4th—6th grades be at the Oaks 12 p.m.*
- *Thurs., May 25 abbreviated Day 8:15—10:15 a.m.; grade card pick-up in gym*
- *Remember to check your email for messages from TOCS and/or FACTS!*
- *Don't forget to link your savings cards at Food City and Ingles' to TOCS each year!*
- *Pick-up absentee assignments after 2 p.m. from the office cart*
- *Foul weather information 1340 AM, 1450 AM, 103.1 FM, tocsweb.com, & Facebook*

Basic Schedule for the next two weeks:

As we are approaching the end of this school year, please keep in mind the following schedule:

TOCS hosted our 1st ever Senior graduation this past Sunday, so they are now finished with their high school years. Congratulations, Seniors!

This is the last week of **preschool classes**; the last day for **Tues./Thurs.** classes is **THIS** Thursday, May 11 and for **Mon./Wed./Fri. or Mon.-Fri.** the last day is **THIS** Fri., May 12.

The last day for **9th—11th high school students** is **THIS** Friday, May 12.

The last day for **8th grade students** is Fri., May 19; they are exempt from school on Thurs., May 18, and will have graduation at 6:00 p.m.

The schedule for K-7th grade is printed on the top of the lunch order pages; please check the schedule on those pages.

Can you help sell peanuts?

We have been given the opportunity to fundraise for the security fund by selling Texas Roadhouse peanuts and water this summer during the hometown Cruise-Ins that are planned for the first Saturday night of each month from May—September. The event usually runs from 3:00 p.m.– 8-9 p.m. and we need volunteers to help with these sales each month. If you are able and would be interested in helping raise funds for our school, please contact the school office 639-0791 or Brittney Bernard (423) 823-8624.



School Family Prayer Requests:



Name	Relation	Request
Rick Bolton	Mrs. Sarah's (2's & 3's teacher) dad Cole (fall 5's), Kate (3's), & Cade (babies) Ware's Grandfather	illness
Canaan Buchanan and family	6th grade student	death of grandfather, Luke Buchanan
Tarah Campbell	former TOCS family	health
Carolyn Duwe	Clara (10th), Audrey (8th), & James (3rd) McGee's grandma & Mrs. McGee's (music) mother	cancer
Gary Feezell	Mrs. Jennie Reeves' (Aide) uncle	health
Allison & the family of Jackson Flanders	former TOCS student	recovering from wreck and death of Jackson
Roy Johnson	6th, 7th, & high school math teacher	recovering from back surgery
Raena Richards	7th grade student	Leukemia/currently back at St. Jude's for treatment
Jerry Wilkerson	Madison (5th) & Harper (1st B) Sizemore's grandfather	hearing