



Towering Oaks Christian School

News in a Nutshell

(423)639-0791

September 19, 2023

Special points of interest:

- *Mon., Sept. 18 & Tues., Sept. 19 Walk-A-Thon*
- *Tues., Sept. 19 ms/hs tone chime practice 3:20—4 in choir room; ms & hs cross country at Panther Creek State Park*
- *Thurs., Sept. 21 fall pictures*
- *Fri., Sept. 22 fall pictures: pizza due for October; Walk-A-Thon \$ due*
- *Tues., Sept. 26 ms/hs tone chimes practice 3:20—4 in choir room; K/1st to Bright's Zoo*
- *Fri., Sept. 29 PTF pops 2 p.m.*
- *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! AND scan your Box Tops receipts!*
- *Pick-up absentee assignments after 2 p.m. from the office cart—please call if you are coming to pick up work!*
- *Foul weather information 1340 AM, 1450 AM, 103.1 FM, tocsweb.com, & Facebook*

A Word from Mrs. Biebel—

Dear TOCS Families,

I'm grateful that our Lord provides seasonal changes. The beautiful fall mornings and evenings are certainly upon us, and as it cools off, please remind your student to wear solid colored hoodies/sweaters or TOCS Warrior wear apparel only to comply with dress code expectations.

The T.O.C.S. Trap team will be having an informational meeting to discuss the minimum program requirements, equipment needs, and costs on October 4 at 3:30 in the library for any interested students ages 10-18. Please make every effort to attend if you plan on participating.

Two years ago, we were blessed with Sara Claibourne joining us as a theater coach of the T.O.C.S. Showcasers. She will be starting practices with our 1st-5th grades beginning October 17 and grades 6th-12th on October 19 for the remainder of the school year, and I have attached details for those who are interested in joining this fun and creative group.

With constantly rising food costs, we will unfortunately need to raise the cost of hot lunch on Thursday only for the Chick-fil-a bagged lunch; please note the upcoming change in the next Chick-fil-a lunch order form two weeks from now.

Please know that each of your families is prayed for daily and that we are here to support you and yours spiritually and academically. Please call the office if you have a prayer request that you would like added to the "School Family Prayer Concerns" section of the News in a Nutshell. I know that I speak on behalf of the TOCS faculty, staff, and other families when I say that we appreciate your prayers as well.

In His Precious and Holy Name,

Amy Pfaff-Biebel
T.O.C.S. Administrator

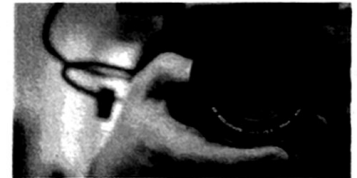
Fall School Pictures are THIS Week:

Fall pictures will be made **THIS** Thurs., Sept. 21, and Fri., Sept. 22. These are the pictures for the yearbook; preschool is included in our yearbook. **K-11 students are required to wear the standardized clothing for this picture.**

Kindergarten—8th grade classes and the **Tues./Thurs. and 5 day 4's & Fall 5's preschool** classes will be made on **Thursday.**

Friday will be **high school and M/W/F preschool classes** **AND anyone there was not time for on Thursday.**

If you know your child will be absent on their assigned picture day, please call the school office so we can make sure to get their picture on the other day. There will be 1 make-up day which will be scheduled after we receive the proofs from these pictures.



Pizza Order - High School Mission Trip Fundraiser



To raise money for their mission trip, the high school students will be selling pizza and drinks on Fridays. We will be taking orders on a staggered schedule with Hot Lunch. Please send your money (preferably a check) in an envelope, labeled correctly, along with the completed form. One check may be sent if you have more than one child, but please turn in an order form to each child's teacher. The cost is \$2 per slice and drinks can be purchased on Fridays in the pizza line for \$1 each. **Money and orders are due by Friday, Sept. 22. There is a \$5 per student charge for ALL late orders.**

Student's Name _____ Grade or Preschool Teacher _____

DATE	# OF SLICES			
	Cheese pizza	Pepperoni pizza	Cheesy bread	Chocolate Chip pizzert
October 6				
October 13				
October 20				
October 27				
total				

← only week available

Total # of slices _____ x \$2 each = _____

Total enclosed _____ cash _____ check _____

Pizza Inn
this year!

*****If we are out of school due to inclement weather on the day lunch orders are due, they will be due on the next day we return to school!*****

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Showcases Intro Letter 9/13/23

Greetings!

My name is Sara Claiborne, and I am pleased to be introducing myself as the current Director of Showcasers at TOCS. I would like to use this time to give my background and explain the purpose and goals of Showcasers Drama Club, so that you may gain an understanding of how time will be spent this year.

I was raised attending church regularly and came to know Jesus as my Lord and Savior at the young age of ten. My parents moved a lot due to my father's job, so I spent all of my schooling years as a homeschool student. My husband and I happily decided to continue in that world by homeschooling our own children. I am married to Dr. Al Claiborne and we have two beautiful boy/girl twins (Willard and Katy Beth) who are currently in third grade.

I attended Bryan College in Dayton, TN where I majored in Christian Education with a focus in Youth Ministry. I also received my minors in Biblical Studies and Christian Leadership. After getting married and graduating, I went on to work at day camp and after school care with The Y in Knoxville. Eventually, I went back to school at Tennessee School of Beauty where I trained to become a Licensed Esthetician. I worked in the beauty industry for seven years before making the change to staying at home with my children.

During all of this time, acting, singing, dancing, and stage work was a big hobby of mine. I have grown up doing dance school, skits, plays, musicals, choirs, and all things theatre-arts related. I am heavily involved with our local community theatre groups: Greeneville Theatre Guild and Theatre-at-Tusculum. The most recent project I was involved with was Theatre-at-Tusculum's production of Company where I helped choreograph, sang in the ensemble, and worked as a Back Stage Crew Member. I also directed and music directed Showcaser's most recent production, The Rainbow Fish Musical.

From acting to makeup to costuming to set building to light design and more, there is knowledge and life-experience to be gained through participating in dramatic arts. It is truly a special experience to work hard on a project and see that work on display. It is a practical way to explore God-given talents, or to discover new ones. It is a way to have community with others while learning to cope with roadblocks, celebrate accomplishments, and encourage each other in the fun (and the maybe not-so-fun).

Through the TOCS Showcasers, your child can gain confidence and display creativity in unique ways. Your child can overcome nerves and gain new skills in communication. We serve a highly creative God, and He has instilled in us that inclination toward creativity. That is what we want to discover through Drama Club.

The Fall Workshops will be utilized to learn more about stage production and acting skills. It will include acting lessons and games, vocal projection exercises, and improvisation. There are so many ways to explore theatre arts, and it is my goal for each child to be exposed to all sides of production so they can discover what they might enjoy.

The Spring Semester will be used to prepare and put on a one act play at the end of the school year. We will hold auditions and have a full casting-process. But the goal is for everyone interested to have a way to participate (this includes back stage set crew, set construction, art pieces, and more). It is quite the commitment, but completely worth it!

There will be a fee of \$40 to participate in Showcasers at TOCS. This fee covers all production rights as well as any overage going toward our finds for materials for the show. Your student will receive a Showcasers T-shirt as well. It is my hope that you see this as an opportunity for your child to gain invaluable experience while simultaneously helping support the productions.

Thank you so much for your interest. I am grateful to be involved in theatre arts, and specifically with Showcasers for our THIRD year! I am looking forward to spending time instructing and learning about acting and production alongside your child!

For His Glory,
Sara

Please take note of the meeting schedule for the Fall Semester:
1st Grade through 5th Grade: Tuesdays — after school until 4:30pm
6th Grade and up: Thursdays — after school until 4:30pm

Times are subject to change and/or be extended for the Spring semester to accommodate the rehearsal schedule for the Spring Production — Date, Time, and Show TBA

Contact me:

Sara Claiborne
(423) 620-2765
swclaiborne@gmail.com

\$40 Payment due per child for all Showcasers

Child's Name: _____

Child's T-Shirt Size (please note if Youth or Adult): _____

If your child does not want a new shirt this year, just indicate that above.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Best Phone Number: _____

SHOWCASERS SCHEDULE:

Tuesdays — 3:30 to 4:30 for 1st through 5th

Thursdays — 3:30 to 4:30 for 6th through 12th

Schedule subject to being adjusted or extended to accommodate the spring rehearsal schedule.

If your child is unavailable this Fall due to a sport or other conflict, we will have signups again for the Spring Semester for those who decide to join at that time (those who participate in the Fall are automatically signed up for the Spring unless I am notified they cannot attend).

Powerful Runners Fall 2023, 14th Season

What: a running club with a threefold purpose: 1) grow as a runner 2) grow as a follower of Christ 3) serve our community

When: Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30pm September 11- November 27

Where: Tusculum Park

Who: kids 4th-12th grade who either love running or want to give it a try

Contact: PRGreenville@gmail.com or call Rachel Waddell at (423)620-2780 for more information

First meeting and brief parents meeting: Monday, September 11, 4:00pm at Tusculum Park

How the club works: Each meeting begins with our workout which includes a warmup, a run, some strength exercises and stretching. After the workout, we end with a devotional. The Bible time is meant to help runners grow in their relationships with God while the exercise time is meant to train runners to either run a 5k or improve their time. There will be opportunities to serve our local community throughout the season.

Communication: Scheduling will be shared through GroupMe. It is necessary to have the app. You will receive a link to join the Powerful Runners communication in GroupMe.

Expectations:

1. Do your best
2. Be prepared by bring **water, towel, notebook, pen and Bible** to every meeting
3. Be respectful
4. Have fun
5. Invite a friend

Special Meetings and Race Schedule

1. Monday, September 11. First meeting 4:00-5:30 at Tusculum Park. **Parents need to attend for the first 10 minutes** for a brief informational meeting.
2. Thursday, October 12 **Tusculum University Homecoming Glow Run** Start Times: 7:30 for 1 mile Fun Run; 8:00 for 5K. 209 Shiloh Road, Greeneville TN.
3. Saturday, November 11 **5k on the Runway** Start Time: 10:00 am. Greeneville Airport, Airport Road, Greeneville, TN
4. Thursday, November 23 **Greeneville Turkey Trot** Only Save the Date Information posted.
5. Volunteer schedule TBD



High School Formal Fundraiser

Original Glazed Dozen Doughnuts: \$14.50

Chocolate Iced / Raspberry Kreme Filled / Lemon Kreme Filled: \$16.50

BOGO Cards: \$30

***with the BOGO card, you receive 1 dozen free original glazed doughnuts with the purchase of 1 dozen - this card can be used 10 times / available for pick-up on Oct 6th at school**

Original Glazed Dozen Certificate: \$16

***each certificate is redeemable for 1 original glazed dozen doughnuts at any Krispy Kreme location**

***all doughnut order forms and cash/check written to "TOCS High School Activity Fund" due by Friday, Sep 29th**

***all orders will be available for pick-up at school on Friday, Oct 6 from 3:00-5:00**