



# News in a Nutshell



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## A Word from Mrs. Biebel-

Dear TOCS Families,

I thank God for each of your families, and I ask that you continue to join me in prayer for the health of our school families, faculty, staff, and each other.

Our annual School Store fundraiser is being sent home today. It is completely online, and all of the profits go directly to support classroom teachers to purchase extra learning supplements. Please participate if you're able and share this convenient link with family and friends.

Officer Wilhoit and Boomer are always on the lookout to keep us safe, and I thank God for them daily. In addition to this, he is always looking for ways to keep students safe off the premises as well. We have attached an important S.M.A.R.T. visual that he would like you all to seriously consider and keep in mind as most of our students have some time spent on digital outlets.

Reminder, hot lunch will begin for preschool students on Tuesday, September 3rd (the day we return from the Labor Day break), so for those of you who didn't turn in a form, remember to just send it in with the \$5 late fee by this Thursday.

Students in middle school and high school, please join us for TOCS Tone Chime Choir in the music room on Mondays after school if you have interest.

The Towering Oaks TSA chapter is hosting TSA days on September 20-21. This will be our major fundraising opportunity for the year. We will be having a massive "yard" sale in the gym, hosting vendors, bringing in food trucks and hopefully having live Christian music. Funds raised from this event will be used to send our students to regional, state, and national competitions, as well as grow our STEM program here at TOCS. Please scan the code for more details.



Please pray that this is a beneficial endeavor both for our TSA chapter as well as an opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the community.

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

## Special points of interest:

- Thurs., Aug. 29 Warrior Wear orders due
- Fri., Aug. 30 ALL staff professional learning day—NO School OR Preschool STUDENTS
- Mon., Sept. 2 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY—No school OR preschool
- Preschool school lunches begin when we return from the Labor Day holiday
- Fri., Sept. 6 interim reports
- Sept. 9–13 1st semester parent/teacher conferences
- See attached September calendar for other important upcoming dates to remember!
- 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
- Foul weather information 1340 AM, 1450 AM, 103.1 FM, tocsweb.com, & Facebook

**Just a Reminder—NO school or preschool THIS Friday or Monday!**

There is NO SCHOOL OR PRESCHOOL THIS Friday, August 30, and Monday, September 2, due to in-service and the Labor Day holiday!



## “FACTS” program reminder:



Please remember that it is your responsibility to keep our FACTS system up-to-date. Any basic information, such as address or phone number changes or pick-up permissions, as well as financial information and current CORRECT email addresses can all be accessed through your family portal account. Please check on your account occasionally, if you don't already, to make sure things are up-to-date. You should also check in the financial section for billings that may be due; this is

also where you can find statements of what has been paid to the school—especially useful at tax season! Just make sure to choose the correct school year you need to check on any time you log-on!

There are still a few families who have not completed their child's enrollment. Please understand that it is very important to complete the enrollment; students cannot be loaded into classes and teachers cannot enter grades into the gradebook or enter attendance.

2023-2024 final billing for extended care was posted and emailed in June. If you used this service, please log-in to your family portal. All accounts from last school year should be taken care of immediately. Students are not allowed to carry over a balance from the previous school year.

## School Picture reminder!



**Fall pictures** will be made on **Thurs., Sept. 19,** and **Fri., Sept. 20.** 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. Senior pictures will be

made during this time, as well.

**T/TH and 5 day preschool classes** will have pictures made on **Thursday, Sept. 19.**

**M/W/F preschool classes** will have pictures made on **Friday, Sept. 20.**

**K-5th classes** will have pictures made on **Thursday, Sept. 19.**

**Middle School and High School** will have pictures made on **Fri., Sept. 20.**

## School Family Prayer Concerns:

Name	Relation	Request
Eli Cutshall	Mrs. Velvet's (secretary) brother	recovering from kidney surgery
Carolyn Duwe	Grandma of Clara (12th), Audrey (10th), and James (5th) McGee ; mother of Mrs. Kim McGee music teacher	cancer—continuing treatments
Barbara Justice	former TOBC financial secretary	recovering from back surgery
Robin Morrison	Diane Morrison's (former TOBC secretary) daughter	cancer
John Ray	Mrs. Velvet's (secretary) brother-in-law	health
Raena Richards	high school student	Leukemia



# S.M.A.R.T.

PARENTING TIPS FOR ONLINE SAFETY

**S**et-up: Devices/Accounts/Passwords

**M**onitor: Online Use/Connections

**A**pprove: Apps/Games

**R**estrict: Content/Permissions

**T**alk: #StartTheConversation/Teach

**exploitation**

**scam**

**sextortion**

**risky behavior**

**sexting**

**grooming**

**financial sextortion**

**generative ai**

**privacy**

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