

# the oak leaf

Spring 2011

Equipping future generations with wisdom,  
knowledge and character to impact their world for  
Christ with servants' hearts.



“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of  
your mouths, but only what is helpful for  
building others up according to their needs,  
that it may benefit those who listen.”

Ephesians 4:29 2010/2011 Year Verse

## Spring Calendar

**Junior High Lock-in**  
*May 27*

**Honors Convocation  
Formal Chapel**  
*June 1*

**Graduation**  
*June 2*

**Last Day**  
*June 3*

# leading the way

News from in & around our school and community

*Head of School*



Trinity Oak's vision is to equip the next generation with wisdom, knowledge, and character in order to impact the world for Christ with servants' hearts. We recognize that we are engaged in a fierce battle for the hearts and minds of the next generation. Our children are under attack from all areas of culture. It is becoming more and more critical that Christian schools such as Trinity Oaks are equipped and ready to partner with parents in providing their children with an education that will enable them to think and act from a biblical worldview.

As you look through this issue of the Oak Leaf you will see highlighted a few of the academic and service activities our students have been involved in. For me, one of the most exciting events over the past few months was the unveiling of our plan to add a high school to Trinity Oaks. We believe that God has richly blessed Trinity Oaks with a wonderful group of students and families and we would like to see that experience expand to be a k-12 education.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support of Trinity Oaks Christian Academy as we train the next generation of young people to be able to impact their world for Jesus Christ. We could not continue our ministry without you. Please continue to pray for our students and faculty as they strive to finish well the 2010-11 school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Deabbel".



*Girls Junior Varsity Team*



*Girls Varsity Team*

## The Ladies Makin' Us Proud!

The Lady Huskies finished their season strong. They faced Homewood and Medinah Christian on the first day of the ACSI Tournament. Both teams were tough but the Lady Huskies brought their best game and came out on top. The girls took second place in the championship game against Downers Grove. Following that, the girls competed in the FVAC end of season tournament. They lost to Harvest by one point in overtime. They then beat Faith Christian which put them in third place for the season. We are so proud of you girls!

# sports highlights



*Boys Junior Varsity Team*



*Boys Varsity Team*

## Boy Oh Boy, Boys!

What an exciting year for the boys' basketball team! Highlights include when the boys faced conference rivals from Harvest Christian Academy. The gym was roaring during the JV game as a 3 point shot tied up the game with 10 seconds remaining. Then with 3 seconds left in overtime, the ball was passed in from half court where Josiah Neudahl took control and scored the winning basket. The boys' varsity basketball team finished their conference season taking second place at the FVAC tournament. They then traveled to Kankakee in early February and played other teams at the ACSI Regional Junior Basketball Tournament where they took first place! The final score of the championship game was 43-39 in overtime. What an exciting finish to a great season! Great job boys!



## Stop Drop and Rumble!

All junior high girls are invited to join the cheerleading squad to cheer during home games of the boys' basketball team. The girls practice their routines and perform during half time and encourage the boys from the sidelines. This year's cheerleaders pictured in the back: Lexi Viegas, Rachel Simon, Madison Wolschlager, Kira Berndt, Kristin Bremer, Haley Meyer, Josie Wynsma. Middle row: Allie Arkell, Eden Renko, Dakota Bliler, Meagan Cuftr, Talia Duzey, Mackenzie O'Brien. Front row: Jory Wynsma, Mary Morrissey, Kataryna Lewyckyj.

# school activities



## A Snapshot of History

Sharing what they learned about presidents and their first ladies with their parents was a great learning experience and a lot of fun for the 2nd graders in Mrs. Bingham's class.

## Announcing High School at Trinity Oaks

Plans are well underway for the launching of the high school. The first of several informational meetings was held on March 21st to share the details about the upcoming new program. Nine interested families were present at the meeting and listened as the plan unfolded. In the fall of 2012, the first year of the college prep high school will begin. Each year after for three consecutive years, another class will be added until the four year high school is complete. The program will continue to be "vigorously academic, thoroughly Christian delivered in a caring and nurturing environment, just like the elementary and junior high," according to Dr. Wrobbel, Head of School. "It will be college prep and have a definite high school feel with special programs that the elementary and junior high do not have." One such program is a "Winterim" which is an innovative curricular feature modeled after the college term concept. "Winterim" is designed to increase learning opportunities during a two week period before the beginning of the winter quarter. Special classes will be offered and designed for students beyond the normal high school curriculum. Students will have the opportunity to literally travel around the world through a variety of educational and mission trips. In addition, students will have the rare opportunity to experience a profession first-hand to assist in deciding a major for college. Winterim is one of several exciting programs that are in the plans for the high school.

Diane and Tony Rzany attended the meeting as a part of their investigation of options for high school for their daughter Samantha who will be graduating 8th grade at the end of next year. When asked what she thought about the meeting Diane reported "I was surprised by how different the high school program will be from the elementary and junior high. My daughter has been hesitant about the high school because she thought it was going to be similar to junior high. I can reassure her that it will be completely different."

Kim Renko was pleased to learn that students will have the opportunity to study subjects beyond the traditional core classes. "I like that the high school will give us some flexibility by having a creative curriculum. It will allow my child freedom to explore areas of interest. Dr. Wrobbel gave the example of a child who was interested in pursuing photography. That child could find a photography class outside of school and earn credit for taking it."

Brian McCarthy also shared his impressions about the meeting. "My wife and I were energized by the clear vision and direction Dr. Wrobbel shared with us at the meeting. The TOCA family is so truly blessed to have Paul leading us at this time, given his successes in developing Christian high school programs twice before. We are ready to help make this dream into a reality for the edification of generations of young Christians to follow, and all to the ultimate glory of our great GOD!"

We are looking for families with the pioneer spirit to embrace the exciting vision that the Lord has given us and join in on launching the high school.

We invite you to attend the next meeting in the fall for more information.

# school activities

## One Hundred Days of Learning

Morning kindergarteners Anna Brubacher and Ella Brown celebrated the 100th day of school by collecting boxes of cereal for the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. Morning and full-day kindergarteners took a field trip together to deliver the cereal and take a tour of the food pantry.



## Spectacular Science Fair Projects

The displays and presentations made by our student scientists at the Science Fair were beyond impressive. Both at the elementary and junior high level students wowed the judges with the effort they put into their projects and the knowledge they gained and shared. 6th through 8th graders received a science grade for their projects. Participation in 1st-5th grade is voluntary. Pictured: First grader Hannah Vehrs who used the scientific method to compare the amounts of water used in a bath and a shower.

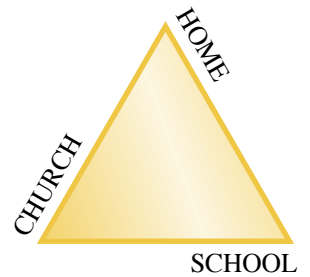


## Where in the World?

Congratulations to Jonathan March (6th) for placing first and to Chris Klockenga (8th) as runner up National Geographic Geography Bee. To qualify, students in grades 5 through 8 took a written test. Classroom winners advanced to the school level Geography Bee. Participants pictured in the back row: Alec Haglund, Daniel Klockenga, Kristin Bremer, Thaddeus Kaszuba, Matthew Panek. Front row: Jonathan March, Kataryna Lewyckyj, Sophia Crawford, Alex Kempa and Christopher Klockenga.

# school activities

News from in & around the school



## Our Mission: A Community of Believers

The mission of Trinity Oaks Christian Academy is to partner with the Christian home and church in the training of children, maximizing their potential to lead Christian lives according to biblical standards.



## Rain Rain Go Away

Tommy Renko, Matthew Paquette, Andrew Murdock and Daniel Khoury are waiting for the April showers to break in order to go outside for recess. Indoor recess isn't so bad, is it boys?

## Growing Our Hearts for Jesus in Gro' Zone

Every Wednesday is Gro' Zone day, which is the TOCA name for chapel time. Students gather to worship the Lord with songs and learn from God's Word. Pre-kindergarteners through 2nd grade meet together, and students in 3rd through 8th grades sing together and break into developmentally appropriate groups for the teaching time.



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## Nuestros Amigos

Letters were written by 7th graders to pen pals in Guatemala in January. When the pen pals wrote back it was a very exciting day for the class! The students interpreted their individual letters and learned about life as a junior high student in Guatemala.