

# HONORABLE MENTION

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



## 11/12 Grade Mission Trip 2023

The 11/12th grade students spent their first full week after Christmas serving families in the Appalachia area. Appalachia Service Project (ASP) has a goal to make homes Warmer, Safer, and Drier. These students worked on many homes drywalling, mudding, taping, insulation, siding, deck repair, and roofing. Houses were secured, relationships were built, and students grew in their faith as they were the Hands and Feet of Jesus during this week. It was an experience they will never forget! We are so thankful for the opportunity to live out our mission to impact the world for Christ with Servant's Hearts.



## WINTER CARNIVAL 2023

From young to old, the Winter Carnival is always a TOCA family favorite!



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### Our Mission:

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.

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### HUSKY NIGHT!

The TOCA family gathered to show off their school spirit by dressing in their best spirit wear, playing basketball games, and competing in half time games make for a perfect TOCA family fun night!



### Spring Calendar

**Race for Education**  
May 5

**Spring Golf Classic**  
May 12

**High School Banquet**  
May 20

**Honors Convocation**  
May 24

**Graduation**  
May 25

*"Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."*

Hebrews 12:28 & 29 – 2022/23 Year Verse



# LEADING THE WAY



Dr. Paul Wrobbel  
Head of School

As I think about Christian education I can think of many benefits to a Christian education including: an excellent, vigorously academic curriculum; Christian teachers and families; and a caring and nurturing Christian environment. These are all important, but I believe that the primary reason to send your children to a Christian school is to immerse them in a biblical worldview, to train them to think "Christianly" and biblically, and for them to be taught how to love the Lord their God with all of their heart, mind, soul and strength. When we train our children's minds, we affect how they think and thus how they live. J. C. Ryle said: "The heart is unquestionably the main point. But we must never forget that the Holy Spirit generally reaches the heart through the mind."

Christian education has been criticized as sheltering children and teens from the "real" world, but that is just not the case. Rather, it provides training for young minds to make wise choices in their lives. It also provides a biblical perspective so students learn how to understand and analyze the world through the lens of God's Word, which is ultimate Truth. This is becoming more and more important as this is now being called the post-truth-era. Our hope and prayer is that our students will grow in their love of the Lord and will gain the mind of Christ. In so doing, they will be equipped to impact the world for Christ with servants' hearts. Christian education is an eternal investment.

Thank you again for partnering with us in the exciting and challenging work of equipping the next generation, with wisdom, knowledge and character in order to impact the world for Christ with servants' hearts.

## SPRING MUSICAL!

'OH JONAH!!!'

It was a 'Whale of a Tale' as the Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd grade students turned in an excellent performance retelling the story of Jonah at their musical, "Oh Jonah!"



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## SPECTACULAR SCIENTISTS!

Our student scientists displayed excellent presentations at the annual Trinity Oaks Science Fair. 11 of our students advanced to the Illinois Junior Academy of Science Regional Science Fair as well!

**Front Row:** Avery Brown, Addie Marrano, Sadie Erk, Lucas Michalios, Brayden Bicknese **Back Row:** Taylor Sanford, Jocelyn Etten, Kingston Fraser, Judah Rowe, Aleks Kulans, Charlie Towns



## RHETORIC RECITAL

Students from grades 3-12 delivered a variety of selections of dramatic poetry, Bible prose, personal narratives, and persuasive essays. One student per class are then chosen to deliver their selection for the entire school at the Annual Rhetoric Recital. We love seeing our students strive to be excellent Communicators at TOCA!

**Front Row:** Ellie Opie (6th), Henry Warfel (3rd), Maks Kulans (3rd), Colton Erwin (5th), Mahri Ritchie (4th) **Back Row:** Aidan Cook (11th), Kingston Fraser (7th), Makayla Kennett (11th), Madelyn Turman (8th), Abygale Green (10th)



## 5/6 BOYS BASKETBALL

The 5/6 basketball season was such an exciting time with so much anticipation for the players and the season ahead. The first few games there was some disappointment, frustration, and even had some thinking "I can't." But through teamwork, dedication, and consistency the season began to turn around and the boys began to thrive. They began to unify and strengthen as a group. The transformation of each player getting wiser in the game and stronger in their confidence is beautiful parallel to this year's team verse Phillipians 4:13.

**Back Row:** Karter Kulans, Asst. Coach Eric Hahn, Roman Garcia, Connor White, Kaleb Holman, Coach Kendra Kulans **Front Row:** Lune Riniker, Simon White, Noah Horstman, Evan Hahn, Troy Brooke, Timothy Michalios, Isaac Etten



## 7/8 BOYS BASKETBALL

The 7th and 8th grade boys team had an amazing season this year. Each player grew tremendously in their individual skills and as a team everyone made important contributions. The highlight of our basketball season was winning the ACSI Tournament in Kankakee as clear underdogs. More importantly, through the season, these young men grew closer as a team and closer to their Savior. They managed the physical rigor, the emotional stress, and the immense time commitment of the season with determination.

**Back Row:** Coach Tim Fraser, Darryl Worrall, Josh Barak, Judah Rowe, Asst. Coach, Eric Rowe **Front Row:** Dominick Nocchi, Michael Towns, Aleks Kulans, Oliver Ebel, Kingston Fraser, Lucas Michalios, Mason Klimek, Collin Kitchen, Charlie Towns



## 5/6 GIRLS BASKETBALL

It was a great year for the 5th/6th grade team. They were undefeated in regular season and their only loss at the SS Peter and Paul tournament, which they came in second place.

**Back Row:** Asst. Coach Danielle Snare, Larkin Fraser, Jordyn Nielsen, Jordyn Johnson, Lydia Apostal, Lyla Turman, Coach Heidi Junge **Front Row:** Elisa Hahn, Quinn Snare, Emma Petrovich, Mia Wager, Sophia Apostal, Caroline Petraglia



## 7/8 GIRLS BASKETBALL

The 7th and 8th grade team had a good season. There was lots of growth as a team and individually as they played many older teams, yet battled, and never gave up!

**Left to Right:** Asst. Coach Danielle Snare, Joslin Etten, Maddie Wager, Avery Brown, Jordyn Nielsen, Larkin Fraser, Mia Wager, Maddie Victor, Jordyn Johnson, Natalie Freeman, Reagan Horstman, Coach Heidi Junge



## HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TEAM

**Back Row:** Nathan Apostal, Zach Christensen, Andrew Barak, Micaiah Apostal, Coach Eddie Brooke **Front Row:** EJ Obien, James Towns, Sean Mork, Reagan Turman

This season was a restart year for the program that had taken a few years off. From the first "go", the players were determined to succeed and worked tirelessly to improve their skills to build a strong team.

As the season progressed, they faced many challenges and obstacles, with some tough losses and injuries. However, the team never let those setbacks define them. There were, of course, some truly unforgettable moments: taking second place in tournament play, overcoming a ten-point deficit to our first victory, and winning three straight games against match-ups that we previously lost to in the second half of our season. These are all great moments to cherish.

It's an incredible feeling to see the work and effort that these boys put in. They developed new skills, honed their existing ones, and learned how to work together as a team. It goes without saying that we are excited for our Huskies in the 2023/2024 season!

