



TIMOTHY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Rarely can a whole graduating class claim starting and ending its entire Timothy Christian career in one year, but this spring's group could do just that: both eighth graders who finished the year at TC also joined our school this past August. Warmly welcomed by the returning junior high students as well as faculty and staff, they were soon part of the TC family and carried out their roles as student body leaders with joy and confidence.

During commencement, graduates Kamie Helmke and Taylor Walvatne expressed sincere appreciation for their time at TC. Their parents were in full agreement. Reflecting on their children's experiences at Timothy, our graduates' moms shared the following:

It's truly a great joy to see your children growing in truth, delighting in it, and basing friendships around the foundation of God's Word. God answered my prayers above and beyond by giving Kamie a composite of staff members dedicated to influencing her life in truth. The cherry on top was seeing Kamie's response to this... She loved her year. She loved her teachers, classmates, and grew in love for her Jesus. Truly no greater joy for this mama (Edith Helmke).

Taylor's eighth-grade year at TCS far exceeded my hopes for him. More importantly than just helping him fill any learning gaps he had, he learned commitment, motivation, dedication; how to dig deeper into his Lord and Savior's precious Word; the joy of new wholesome friendships; and that he really can excel in his learning with the Lord's help, good friendships, and helpful teachers (Lorene Walvatne).

The eighth-grade class was a small but significant part of our 2023-2024 school community and will definitely be missed next year. We wish Kamie and Taylor well as they move on from Timothy Christian and pray God continues to bless them as they follow His leading, continuing to “Grow with Jesus” in high school and beyond.

From the mouths of some of our tiniest Tigers--and a recent TC alum, too:

- Kindergartener: “Fine Arts Fair is only a fortnight away!”
- 2nd Grader (covered in colorful splatters of paint): “I look way more like an artist than a Malachi!”
- 2019 TC alumna Olivia Onken, speaking in chapel about her recent experiences in foreign missions to Asia: “I don't really know too much what the Lord has in store. That is something I had to learn on outreach... to give up what I wanted and thinking I needed to figure everything out... I know that the Lord will just open the doors for what He wants me to do when that time is ready.”

Akkerman's
ANTICS

What runs but
cannot walk?

YOUR NOSE!

TRIVIA QUESTION:

Which Spanish-speaking country would most people choose to visit after learning about it from our junior high “travel agents”?

Scan the website code below find out--and learn more about what this engaging project entailed!

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Praises...

All glory to God for...

- Selfless **volunteers** who help make TC available and all the more excellent for our students – in particular, the caring **bus drivers** who have made it a priority to obtain a CDL and regularly give of their time to transport Timothy children to/from the Aplington–Parkersburg area; and the remarkable **library leaders** who pour much thought, time, and energy into planning and implementing an incredible program for our blossoming readers in Grades K–4.
- **Benefit Auction** – brought in new bidders and notable funds to help keep TC’s tuition affordable
- **Iowa State Science Fair** – valuable opportunity for students to put into practice all they had been learning. Real work, chosen by students’ interests, put on display. An awe–provoking experience where students really get to showcase and celebrate the work they had done all year long with real scientists and others. Although awards are not why we participate in science fair, it is a pretty amazing testimony to our students’ knowledge, poise, and hard work when nine of the 14 student projects received special recognition and awards out of over 400 projects on display this year; and a TC student was one of just eight selected (based on her written report) to present at a seminar to a panel of judges and other listeners. Science teacher Mrs. Steinmeyer, who helped guide our students throughout the process proclaimed, “I am so proud of these students for their perseverance throughout the year and am always encouraged to see them excitedly share what they’ve learned with others!” The students were grateful for Mrs. Steinmeyer’s leadership, organization, and encouragement along the way, as well as for Mrs. Stephenson’s guidance when writing the reports that accompanied their projects!
- **Grandparents’ Day, Fine Arts Fair, and Singing at Arlington Place** Assisted Living in Grundy Center – special occasions where our students enjoyed time with special people from generations ahead of them and embraced chances to share their God–given talents and abilities--practiced and polished--through music, art, writing, drama, and public speaking (including science fair projects). Guests were very blessed--and some even joined in singing a familiar hymn now and then!
- **Softball tournament** – fun on the field in Latimer; TC’s junior high team competed against three other Christian schools before heading *home* with the second place title. **Major thanks is due to coaches Amy Price and Angela Koch for all they did!**
- **Multiple field trips** – safe and engaging off–campus experiences tied to classroom learning; we are thankful for all who planned, hosted, and provided transportation! Visit our Timothy Christian School Facebook page to view more fantastic photos, beyond the ones included in this newsletter!
- **Community building faith–filled opportunities** – Partnering with Parents event; TC Ladies Pottery Night
- **Eighth Grade Graduation** – a testimony to God’s goodness and faithfulness
- **Junior High Retreat** – a time of team building and bonding in God’s beautiful creation at Village Creek Bible Camp near Lansing, Iowa. Some highlights included archery, a 55–foot tree climb, ziplining, bungee trampolining, glow–in–the–dark dodgeball, campfire devotions and s’mores, and just being together! A stormy forecast cut the trip short by a couple of hours, but the moments spent together created memories sure to last a lifetime for some!
- **Sports Day** – an enjoyable way to spend the final day of school, participating in a variety of events with Tiger Group members, encouraging teammates to do their best. Families joined in the festivities, cheering on our students and staying for a summery lunch generously provided by Green Belt Insurance Services.
- **All the prayers God graciously answered throughout the school year!**
- Timothy Moms Pray (TMP) invites you to join us in bringing TC’s students to the Lord. As we transition into summer, **please pray in particular for our children’s physical health, safety, and security. Pray, too, for their self-control, diligence, and self-discipline.**
- **Please earnestly ask the Lord to fill TC’s opening for a part-time to full-time kindergarten or special education teacher.** (This will allow Mrs. Bader to continue in one of her roles at our school while also devoting more time to her family.) May God soon bring forth a top-notch applicant who loves Christ as well as children, someone who is highly qualified to teach. **In the meantime, please help us spread the word about these incredible job opportunities!**
- Also **pray that our list of super substitute teachers expands.**
- As we look forward to participating in a number of **area parades** this summer, join us in petitioning our God for **safety.**
- We are excited about a new opportunity to reach out into the local community as we **serve beef burgers and more during Wellsburg Daze!** Please pray this new endeavor goes well.
- Our **2024–2025 fundraisers**, kicking off with the annual **Benefit Golf Outing on August 24.** May God bless the planning and preparation that goes into each event as we at TCS seek to raise up the next generation of Kingdom workers!

...& Prayers

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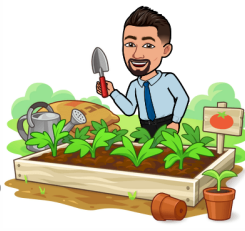
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HOELSCHER'S Happenings



As we wrap up the school year and head for summer break, I am reminded of Paul's letter to the Philippians, encouraging them to press on toward the goal God has for them. I know during the last few weeks of school it was the prayer of many that we would finish the school year well. All of our staff, students, and families are wonderful, and that is part of what makes Timothy Christian School such an amazing place. Our theme this year was "Grow with Jesus", and as the school year ends and summer begins, I want to encourage us all to continue to grow with Jesus. Let us continue to read the Word, pray, fellowship with brothers and sisters, and worship God. I also want to echo our closing chapel message to remain with Jesus. In John 15, Jesus tells us, "I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing." Let us continue to grow with Jesus and remain with Jesus. Have a great summer!

-Tyler Hoelscher,
Administrator



JR. HIGH EXPERIENCES

Above (left to right): 7th-8th Graders at 2024 Iowa State Science Fair in Ames; 7th grader Ainsley Worries presenting at State Science Fair Seminar on which mixing time takes the cake



Annual junior high retreat

From the mouth of a 6th Grade Tiger: "The track meet was canceled, and now the sun is shining. Come on, Iowa--get it together!"

SNIPPETS FROM STUDENTS

STUDENT ARTICLE EXCERPT: The Most Important TC Privileges

...We also have amazing, strong-in-faith teachers to talk to whenever we need someone to talk to. We also have the privilege of having pastors and missionaries come and preach and talk about the gospel to us. Another important privilege is that we all have Bible class. The JH class really likes Bible class because we get to talk about things we never could in public school. We also get to memorize Bible verses throughout the week. This helps us because you can apply memory verses to your life and have them memorized in your heart so you can back things up with what you learn from God's word.

Significant Learning

Another thing a junior high student mentioned that they enjoy about Timothy is that, "I love how Timothy is such a loving community and family. I also love how if I am struggling with something I know that my classmates will be there to back me up." Many important things have been learned at Timothy Christian. One of the Jr. High students said something that will stick with him throughout high school and his life is, "To try hard and do your best at everything and give all of your successes and failures to God's glory."

-written by Emaleigh Onken & Lisbeth Meester, 7th Grade, for class newspaper interview assignment

GRADUATES' DEEP HOPES

Written by Kamie Helmke and Taylor Walvatne, respectively, in Junior High Bible; transferred onto canvases in art class

My deep hope is that I will continue to grow in grace, patience, love and in Jesus through my faith. I hope that no matter the situation, I will bring it to God with prayer and petition, and find peace and joy in His company and that TC, friends, family, and my church will continue to support me with prayer and fellowship throughout high school and the rest of my life.

My deep hope for when I leave Timothy Christian is that I would not cease to marvel at the intricacies and order of both God's creation and the different things that I learn in high school. As well, I will continue to strengthen my faith in Christ, as I learn more of His word. I hope, too, that I will be able to share God's love and the gospel with others.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 11:** TC Wellsburg Daze Food Stand, beginning at 3 PM
United Reformed Church
(608 S. Adams St.)
- July 15-19:** K-6 Jamboree Art & Music Camp, 9 AM-12 PM at school
(Early bird sign-up reduced fee until July 1; registrations accepted through July 10.)
- Aug 21:** School Picnic at school
- Aug 23:** First Day of 2024-2025 school year
- Aug 24:** Benefit Golf Outing at Aplington Recreational Complex
(Get in on the golf or just join us for lunch in the clubhouse!)



FIELD TRIPS

K-2nd graders declaring a bit of rain cannot put a damper on their Blank Park Zoo trip! ↓



← Kindergarteners enjoying trips to Phelps Youth Pavilion in Waterloo and the local Nederhoff Farm: terrific tie-ins to social studies about children around the world, as well as science studies of animals

3rd-4th students soaking in a lot of important information on Grundy County ISU Extension Ag Safety Day... which just might come in handy on the next field trip, if an older boy accidentally gets his ear pricked by a thorn bush ↓



"God gives us all things richly to enjoy (1 Timothy 6:17)."



5th-8th taking "learning on the road" to Des Moines: Terrace Hill, the State Capitol, and the State Historical Museum →



All-school field trip to Mrs. Smith's Farm ↓