

# Warrior Express

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## Trinity Christian School is a Flourishing School



Mr. Charlie Atwood

In the last edition of the “Warrior Express,” I laid out a data-driven plan involving ACSI Flourishing School Culture Instrument, the Flourishing Faith Index, NWEA MAP Growth Testing, and The Marzano Institute’s High Reliability Schools Model.

Now, I am excited to share the early data with you.

1. **ACSI Flourishing School Culture Instrument:** The FSCI survey was distributed to students in grades 7-12, alumni, parents, Board members, and all employees. We received over 330 responses across the groups. The data showed that TCS is indeed flourishing and fulfilling our mission to honor Christ, strive for excellence, and educate for life. TCS’s greatest areas of strength were students’ belief that they are “being used by God to make a difference in their community”, intentionally integrating a Christian worldview “in every sphere and area of life,” and using data to create strategic improvement plans. TCS met or exceeded the Flourishing benchmark in 20 of the 34 constructs. (quoted sections are from the FCSI report)
2. **ACSI Flourishing Faith Index:** The FFI was distributed in the same survey as the FSCI. TCS greatest areas of strength were mentoring, distinctively Christian education, spiritual maturity of teachers, reverence for God, and parents’ desire for a Christian education and environment. TCS met or exceeded 28 of the 29 constructs!
3. **NWEA Map Growth Testing:** This norm-referenced growth testing was administered to students in grades 3-9 in math, reading, and language usage. Overall, TCS scored around the 75th percentile of all students nationwide!
4. **The Marzano Institute’s High Reliability Schools Model:** These surveys were distributed internally to cover gaps in the ACSI research models. While the data and constructs may be too technical and “education-ese” heavy for a general audience, the data is being used internally to improve processes and improve TCS’s academics. The headline takeaway was that while our academics are strong in individual strands, a more cohesive internal language about teaching strategies and expectations, and alignment are necessary.

Our leadership team is now in the process of prioritizing the insights from these data points to present the Board and TCS community with a strategic Roadmap to 2030!

Thank for your continued support of TCS, and we hope this data serves as an encouragement that your investment be it in time, money, and prayers, is well spent!

In His Service,

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Superintendent  
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# Arts Highlights

From marching in the Buckwheat Festival to performing Annie Jr., our Fine Arts department has had a productive fall!

This year we offer arts-related electives for secondary students in Concert Band, Digital Design, Drama, Novel to Film, Photography, Public Speaking, Studio Art I & II, and Yearbook. Our younger students have year-round age-appropriate classes and opportunities for self-expression through the arts. We are excited to provide our students with a variety of ways to develop their creativity in visual and performing arts.

***Photos (clockwise): Annie Jr. orphanage scene; Annie Jr. Daddy Warbucks' mansion; Warrior Band marches in Buckwheat Festival Parade; Warrior Band performs at Homecoming game.***



# Athletics Highlights

It was an extremely successful fall sports season, with our Warriors adding more stats to the record books. Here is a recap for each sport.

**High School Cross Country:** It was an historic season with a bright future ahead! The boys team earned the 1A/2A OVAC Championship and the girls team placed 1A/2A Runner-Up. All-Conference Selections: Miles Steptoe, Channing Baldwin, and Harper Jaquez. The girls captured their first-ever Regional Championship, and the boys team earned their 2nd Regional Championship. First Team All-Region: Miles Steptoe, Harper Jaquez, Jake Stephens, Channing Baldwin, Mason Melhon, and Logan Ryan, Bri Blake, Allie Ayers, Lauren Williams, Sephora Rhodes. Second Team All-Region: Faith Perry. At the WVSSAC Class A State Championships, the boys team finished as State Runner-Up, marking the first podium finish in school history for either team. Miles Steptoe earned a 6th-place finish (First Team All-State). Jake Stephens (13th), Mason Melohn (14th), Ben Hancox (15th), Harper Jaquez (18th), and Channing Baldwin(20) rounded out the Second Team All-State. The girls made school history as State Runner-Up and placed three athletes on the All-State team: Bri Blake made First Team (6th), followed by Lauren Williams (11th) and Sephora Rhodes (16th) - Second Team.

**Golf:** Our 2024 high school golf season was marked by hard work and growth. Each player showed up ready to work at every practice and match, and their commitment was evident in the results, with our total team score improving by over 10 strokes from last year. Senior Ryan McClurg was an outstanding example for our younger golfers. Ryan was always the first to arrive at practice so he could put in extra work on his short game, setting a standard of excellence for his teammates. This season's growth and improvement have set the stage for continued success, and we're excited about what's ahead for this program!

**Soccer:** The team had another successful season, with multiple postseason honors. OVAC Soccer All-Conference honorees: 1st Team All-Conference Parker Hopkins and Jakub Galik; 2nd Team All-Conference: Nathan Adams and Austin Porta. Jakub was the runner-up for the OVAC 1A-3A player of the year. Trinity also had a big representation on the All-State soccer teams: 1st Team All-State: Nathan Adams, Jakub Galik, and Austin Porta; 2nd Team All-State: Parker Hopkins and Brayden Clampffer. Parker was also a nominee for the Regional Player of the Year. Regional Coach of the Year: Dan Lohmann. Among the current A/AA schools across the last 4 years, Trinity's average end of season ranking was 2nd in the state, behind only St. Joe (this year's state champion).

**High School Volleyball:** Despite an underdog status before the season, the team competed hard in every match. Key Contributors & Team Leaders: Lainey Jackson (Jr., Libero/Defensive Specialist) Lainey led the team with 305 digs and 54 serving aces for the season — a true backbone in defense and serve receive. Addyson Dunn (So., Setter): Top assist leader with 223 assists on the year, providing setup and tempo for the offense. Marlo Flecker (Jr., Outside Hitter): Led the team in kills per set (3.3 K/S), serving as a primary offensive weapon. Jillian Conn (Sr., Right Side / RS): Team leader in total blocks (17), anchoring the front-row defense and net presence. The 2025-26 Warriors weren't defined by record alone — they built identity. They learned the value of resilience, embraced tough matchups, and leaned on each other when things got hard. Led by senior and junior leadership, and powered by dedicated underclassmen, the team proved that potential + heart = real results.



**Photos (Top to Bottom): Cross Country Team Leaves for States; 2025 Golf Team; Soccer Team Post-Win Celebration; Volleyball Team Celebrates at Game.**

# Fall Highlights



*Top Row (Left to Right): Homecoming Queen and King, Anna Lohmann and Austin Porta; Mentor and buddy pray over Operation Christmas Child shoebox during fall outreach; Students perform for annual Veterans Day program.*

*Bottom Left: Alumni and families visit school during Homecoming.*

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