



Tri-Cities Prep: Newsletter

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Board of Directors Update

On October 21st, we won our Homecoming game against Mabton! This football game turned out to be a fun event for many reasons. We recognized seniors who participated in football and cheerleading, and we announced our Homecoming Court during halftime. It was wonderful to see the students being acknowledged for these accomplishments as well as watching the proud parents. The other event that occurred during this time was the Alumni BBQ. For the first time, the BBQ was hosted by alumni. I would like to thank Makenna Richards who organized this event. Through her hard work, she was able to get the word out to alumni to come out and help. We had approximately 45 alumni show up for Homecoming! No small feat. Thank you to Makenna and her volunteers who offered a wonderful meal for our Prep community.

On our website we have an alumni page dedicated to keeping the Prep community informed about our former graduates. If you know of an alum, please encourage them to fill out the contact information to let us know what they are doing. In the coming months we hope to have events for Prep Alumni with the sole purpose of

just having fun and reconnecting.

On November 6th from 3:00 – 5:00 pm (the Seahawks won't be on) we are hosting a Prep Expo. This event is for families of 6th, 7th and 8th graders to come and learn about Tri-Cities Prep. Please help spread the word! This is a very informative event that gives potential students and families an opportunity to talk with faculty, coaches and students about our wonderful school.

And lastly, please continue to visit our website (www.tcprep.org) to stay current with all the upcoming events. Keep a lookout for Prep's first production of the year, "Jekyll & Hyde"—a musical— to be performed at the Uptown Theater in Richland, November 18th, 19th and 20th.

Go Jags!

Sincerely,

Lisa Jacobs
President

Principal's Message:

Each fall there comes a point, amid letters of recommendations, when we sadly realize that we are going to be saying good-bye to our seniors, and that June will be here before we know it.

Each senior has a story, some inspiring success or challenge in their past which has led them to the person they have become, and we are always so grateful for the part we have played in their formation and growth.

About this same time every year we also begin a quiet mental count which looks like this:

167-44=122 WE NEED MORE STUDENTS!!!!

It's an ongoing reality, in order to keep a school growing, each year we need to add more students than we graduate. The other lesser known reality is that an increase in enrollment equals an improvement in financial health, and that leads to better academic and extra-curricular programs. It is truly the case of a rising tide lifting all boats.

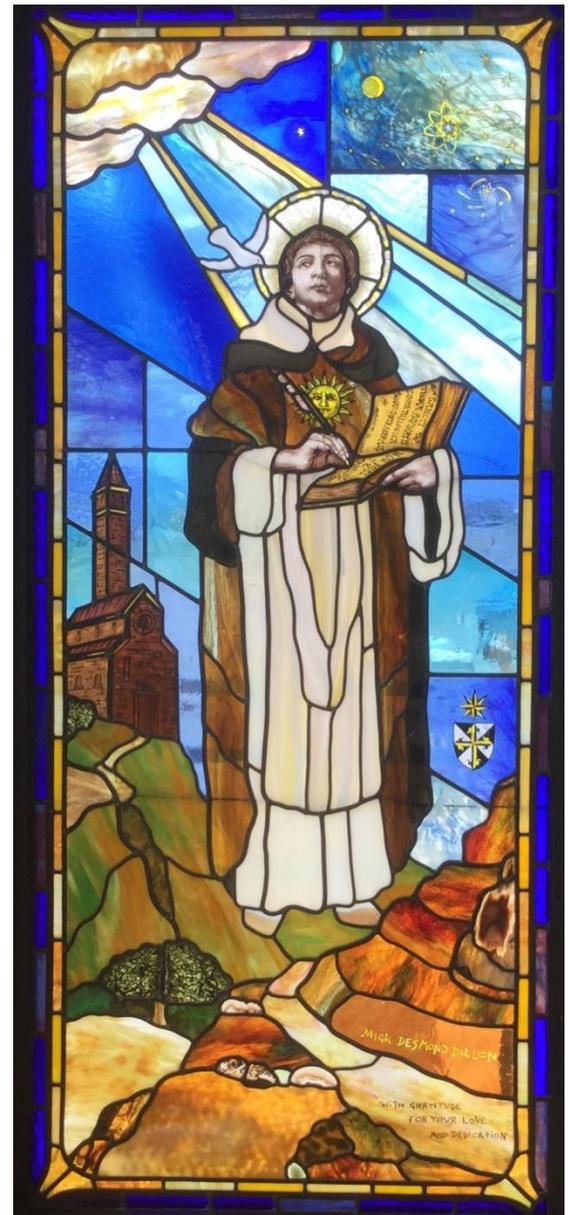
While many schools have more gyms and larger weight rooms, they are not open for all students to access. While many schools have beautiful theatres for performing arts productions, not all students are able to participate in plays. Schools with a large variety of elective courses offer them at the expense of academic courses which will better prepare students for success in college.

When considering high school options, we all know that we have a choice, and we all know that the choice does make a difference in our student's development and experience. A question, what is the value in

having great facilities and programs, if all students can't access them. At Prep, we believe in educating and forming ALL students. Our school serves each student as an individual and in doing so we become more than a school of facilities, but rather a school of benefits and more importantly a school of value.

You and I made the choice to send our kids here. Whatever the value we saw, it drew us in and continues to inspire us. This is the time to share that gift. Let your family and friends know that Prep is a great option for high school that we offer great benefits, and most importantly, we "Prep" all our students for the world and life ahead of them.

God Bless,



Blessings in a Water Bottle!

This fall the students received a gift of three special drinking fountains which are designed to easily fill water bottles. Since their installation we have been averaging over 100 bottles a day in consumption (there's a bottle counter so we know).

The faculty and students would like to thank Ferguson Enterprises and Campbell & Company for their assistance in obtaining and installing the new drinking fountains, and whoever the anonymous donor is, thank you for your generosity, you are a blessing to our community!

Guest Speaker: Jacob, One of the Lost Boys of the Sudan



We're here with Naidine Candol-Schmidt, a Prep Sophomore. Welcome, Naidine.

Hi! How are you?

Great! Thanks. So, you had a chance to see Jacob Aciea speak yesterday. For those in our audience, Jacob was one of the Lost Boys who was displaced from his African Dinka village during their Sudanese Civil War. Can you tell us a little bit about Jacob's speech?

Well to be honest, I was more confused than anything at first. When Jacob was telling his life's story and the terrible things he had to go through, he was smiling throughout. I think he's still smiling, to tell the truth.

Interesting. And what did he have to go through, for those who aren't in the know?

He went through a lot of war and I believe it was his village, his Dinka village, where there was a lot of chaos and people dying. Stuff that no eight year old child should have to go through. He had to spend days walking, running in fear from predators who

could have killed both himself and his friends. And then, after all that, he had to go through coming to an entirely new world when he came to America, and I feel as if that was a very hard transition for him.

I see. And even after all that, he managed to maintain an optimistic attitude?

Oh yes. Oh. I was absolutely amazed by how hopeful he seemed, and how positive his attitude was.

That sounds powerful. Was there anything you took away from his speech?

Well, what I took away was when he told me, told us how he was separated from his mom and then later found out she was nearby. It touched me because for most of my childhood, my dad was in the military, but my mom was always around, so to this day I can't imagine being away from her. I think Jacob was incredibly strong to have endured being away from his mom as long as he was.

Would you recommend his speech to other high schools?

Absolutely! Every high school student can learn something from this, and see things from a new perspective.

Thanks you very much, Nadine!

Thank you for having me.

Conferences

Fall conferences will occur on November 9th and 10th. If you are interested in scheduling a conference with your student's teachers, please contact the school office. Pre-scheduled conference times will be available in 30-minute appointments from Wednesday 11/9, 3:00-5:00, and Thursday 11/10, 8:00 am – 1:00.

On Wednesday, November 9th, from 6 pm – 7:30 pm we will have an open house style conference setting in the concession stand hallway for drop in conferences.



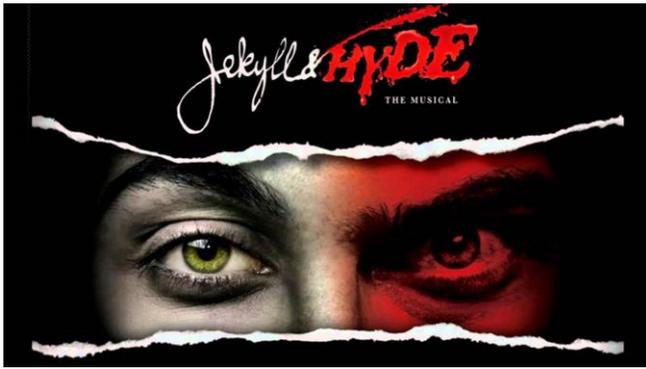
End of Season Sports Banquets

At the end of each sports season, teams meet to celebrate the year and recognize player contributions. This year's sports banquets will take place as follows:

November 9th Volleyball end of season Banquet 6:00 pm

November 10th Football end of season Banquet 6:00 pm

At the time of publication we did not have the Cross-Country banquet set.



PRESENTED BY TRI-CITIES PREP THEATRE

NOVEMBER 18TH & 19TH
CURTAIN 7PM

NOVEMBER 20TH CURTAIN 3PM

AT THE UPTOWN THEATRE

Jekyll and Hyde is Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale of good and evil, set to the haunting score of Frank Wildhorn. Simultaneously haunting and hopeful, Jekyll and Hyde demonstrates how far a man will go to separate evil from good.

Schedule Changes

In the near future there are some special days off, late starts and early releases you need to be aware of.

November 10th – Conferences

November 11th – Veteran's Day

November 23rd – Early Release for Thanksgiving Holiday

December 8th – Late Start, feast day of the Immaculate Conception

December 19 – Finals day one, school day ends at 1:30

December 20 – Finals day two, school day ends at 1:30

December 21 – Finals day three, Alumni Mass, school releases at 11:20 am



Some of our amazing Prep women at the Women Helping Women Luncheon

Winter Sports Meeting

All student athletes and parents are asked to attend the winter sports meeting November 8th at 6:30 pm. The Boys and Girls Basketball seasons will be discussed.



Next Issue: Santa Letters

Be on the lookout for the Tri-Cities Prep faculty Christmas wishes! This year we are going to provide our Prep Family with some of the items we need to make the school and classrooms a bit more special.

