

...and his name shall be



*Wonderful Counselor,*

*Mighty God,*

*Eternal Father,*

*Prince of Peace.*

*Isaiah 9:6*

*Merry Christmas from the Faculty and  
Staff of Tri-Cities Prep*

## Board of Directors Update

Throughout the season of Thanksgiving, we are often reminded of our countless blessings. Whenever I am asked what I am thankful for, what first comes to mind is my parents. My father and mother came to the United States from the Basque Country in northern Spain. They both grew up during World War II. My father has great stories about his life when the Germans occupied his home town. At age 12 he was part of the French Resistance. He grew up with no father, helping to support his mother and two sisters. My mother left school at an early age to help support her family and has worked hard ever since.

My mother had a 6<sup>th</sup> grade education at best. My father was able to complete college. When he graduated, jobs were hard to come by, but fortunately he had an uncle in Sunnyside who sponsored him to come to Washington. Two different educational experiences, but my parents agreed on this: a good education was vitally important. This belief was passed down to my brothers, sister and myself and it still holds true for me and my husband.

Education is very important and I am so grateful that my own children have Tri-Cities Prep as part of their educational experience. The formation that they have

received while at Prep has prepared them for college and beyond. Because of Prep, they know the importance of serving others, can advocate for their own education, manage their time well, and know how to have fun. They've been able to participate in sports, drama, mock trial and service organizations. They have been blessed.

During this season of thanksgiving, I hope you can count Tri-Cities Prep as one of the blessings you are thankful for. I know that I do!

With gratitude for our entire Prep community,

Lisa Jacobs  
President

**Principal's Message:**

Today the Associated Student Body (ASB) began its annual Christmas tradition of "Christmas Wishes". Each year students and faculty are presented with an opportunity to ask for a special "Christmas Wish" to be granted by the ASB.

Today seniors Trent Mercado (elf) and Sebastian Reyes-Spindola (Santa) donned footie "onesie" pajamas, and together with a plastic garbage bag began the process of distributing some of the gifts.

From a package of sour patch kids, to a pair of festive socks, and even a hug, different students from different grade levels were called forward to have their special Christmas Wish granted. It was a time of laughter and silliness, and a wonderful release from the academic work of the day.

Laughter, remembering each other, and just silliness; that is what this tradition is about. These simple school traditions become more than just something we do, they in many ways become a reflection of who we are as a school community. Our students work hard, but they also play hard; we trust that we can be ourselves, and that we will be celebrated for who we are.

Christmas season I am reminded of my Grandfather Louis. Each year, when we would visit him and my grandmother, he would welcome us at the door with a handshake. Not your typical handshake but one where he would shake his jowls back and forth and make a ridiculous noise. Try as we may, we never could replicated it. He would be wearing a red wool vest (his "best vest" he would say), and around his waist would be a belt made of two ties, one red and the other green. It was silly. It was his sign of Christmas.

During this season we see normal adults wearing Santa Hats, ugly sweaters, and dressing their homes and even cars to reflect the season. People sing aloud to Christmas songs, and in the privacy of the car, we've all thought we were one of the Three Tenors in a solo rendition of "The First Noel".

There is a preparation for the coming of Christ in this season, advent is meant for us to consider if we are ready for the promise his birth brings and the challenges we face in following him.

Sometimes these preparations, the gifts, the cookies, the celebrations, the universal silliness, are presented as distractions from the birth of Christ. But what if they are not a distraction. Consider this: in preparing for Christmas morning, the greatest challenge can be truly rising to our best possible selves. Making better cookies then the year before, decking the halls a bit more lavishly, not from a sense of personal ego, but in recognition of how amazing this season truly is; our human gift back.

Christ is coming, he is moving into the neighborhood, so make sure you're ready for him – lay out the best cookies and deck the halls!

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas, laugh with the saints, sing with the angels, "fall on your knees", and enjoy all the blessings of the season.

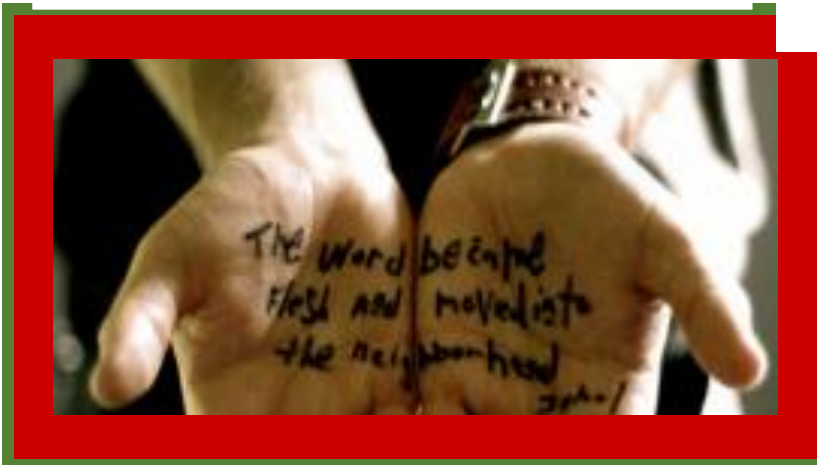
In His service,

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*Join the Club!!!*





This year we decided to check with teachers to see what special gifts they might like for the school or their classrooms.

Recognizing that this is the Christmas season, and we are nearing that sacred time of year “Tax Season”, we thought it would be a great gift to our families to provide them an opportunity for a tax deductible donation.

So here are a few of the items the faculty thought would be nice:

New Whiteboards for rooms 102 & 108

Whiteboard markers for all the classrooms

New desks for room 108

New LCD Projector to use in the Multi-purpose room

Remote “clicker” to use when presenting – this would be great in every room actually.


Special computer programming cards for programming class.


Math bits subscription

A large flat screened computer monitor

Pens and pencils 

For all the classrooms and faculty room (10 total):

Staplers with staples 

3-hole punches 

Rulers

Scissors

Performing arts in always in need of sound and lighting equipment

The basketball teams would benefit from new racks for the basketballs

Subscription to Spanish Language Magazines

In true Christmas fashion we have one faculty member who would like a complete theatre facility

We have another who would like a football field

Larger paved parking lot

Lab supplies (such as pigs and other dissection elements)

Compasses

Protractors

Sheet music for the choir

Funds to establish a Faculty Awarded Scholarship

These are a few of my favorite things!

Santa gifts can be left at the school office, or brought to the teachers directly, however the spirit moves you.

If you have any questions or ideas, please give us a call at the school, we'd be happy to help.

Thanks so much for all your support of Tri-Cities Prep.

From all of us,

*Mrs. Hohl, Mrs. Axel, Ms. McCarty, Mrs. Powers, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Spets, Mrs. Arcia, Dr. Arcia, Mr. Speegle, Mrs. Kruschke, Mr. Potter, Mr. Powers, Mr. Whitsett, Mrs. Beecher, & Mrs. Jones*

Upcoming Sports Events, check website for times, locations, and possible schedule changes:

- Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> –Girls team only vs. Riverview
- Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> – Girls Basketball Tournament in Pendleton, OR
- Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> – Boys Basketball Tournament in Yakima
- Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Basketball @ Riverside, OR
- Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – Basketball vs. Dayton
- Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> – Basketball vs. Mabton
- Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> – Basketball vs. DeSales
- Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> – Basketball @ Kittitas
- Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> – Basketball vs. Liberty Christian
- Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> – Basketball Boys C team @ Kahlotus
- Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – Basketball @ DeSales
- Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – Basketball vs. White Swan
- Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Basketball Boys C team vs. WWVA
- Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – Basketball @ Dayton
- Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – Basketball @ Mabton
- Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> – Basketball vs. WWVA
- Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Basketball vs. Kittitas
- Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> – Basketball @ Liberty Christian

There are times during the season when changes to the sports schedule might need to occur. Coach Whitsett sends e-mail updates to all athlete’s parents when the changes happen.

If you are the parent of a basketball player, and have not received these updates, please let us know so we can make sure you are kept in the loop.

Coach Whitsett’s e-mail address is [dwhitsett@tcprep.org](mailto:dwhitsett@tcprep.org)



“Whoa! Whoa! Whoa! Timeout!!”

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