

*“The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.” Psalm 126:3*

We are truly thankful for what the Lord is doing at Tri-State Christian School as we depend on Him daily to work in and through us to accomplish His will in the lives of our students. We have some exciting updates to share as well as urgent year-end needs. *The needs are at the end of the letter, so please be sure to read that section.* We are thankful for your friendship and support of Tri-State and are excited to share these updates with you!

Husky Run

On October 1, our students enjoyed running in our 2nd Annual Husky Run to benefit the Scholarship Fund. The weather was beautiful...and warm! The students walked and ran, many of them achieving 1-3 miles in their allotted time.



Older classes ran at the same time as younger classes, so the older students could come alongside the younger students to encourage them in their run.

Having sent out sponsorship letters, the students joyfully ran for their classmates who need financial assistance to attend Tri-State.

They were excited that the goal of raising \$8,000 was surpassed to a total of \$11,000! If you gave to scholarships through this event, **thank you!**



Second Campus Update

Last spring the Lord graciously led us to a second property! When we moved to Dubuque in 2018, we put temporary modulars on our campus to hold the Jr. high and High school classes. We are now tight on space with a growing student body and the permit for the modulars expiring in August 2023, so we have been prayerfully seeking the Lord's will for a more permanent place for half of our student body. He led us to a skating rink (formerly Skate Country), which is 0.4 miles down the road.

This 18,000 sq. ft. building will house a small gym and 10 classrooms, an ideal place for our elementary school. Once the renovation is complete, the current campus will house the secondary school.



This fall we added more space to our second campus with the purchase of a 1-acre plot of land that sits right behind it. This will serve as a great area for recess and school events. With the help of many TSCS friends and local churches, we raised the money needed for the down payments for both properties!

Renovation of the building will take place in two phases. Demolition is complete for the first phase, and we are getting ready to start construction to create the small gym.

We are thankful for God's faithfulness and clear direction for Tri-State. We are also grateful for the generous support of so many who contributed to the down payments last spring and summer. Would you please join us in praying for provision for this project? We need an additional \$150,000 for the first phase, which includes the unexpected need to replace one of the rooftop HVAC units right away. Please consider how the Lord would have you help with this need.

Beginnings of Demolition



After Demolition



Fall Celebration

Our annual fall event to raise money for student scholarships took place November 12. This event, which has traditionally been a banquet, was adjusted to allow us to gather and socially distance at the same time. It was a wonderful time together that included a building update, 30th anniversary video, a fabulous speaker, and dessert reception.

A special thanks to our local sponsors who helped make this event possible: Finest Branson Cabins, The Life Group Financial Services, MidWest One Bank, Signcraft Screenprint, New Eagle Insurance, and Althoff Real Estate Associates.



Nationally-known speaker and author Dr. Kathy Koch talked to our 7th-12th graders in the afternoon and to adults in the evening about who God has created us to be and how we should live in light of that as students, parents, and teachers.

Dr. Koch spoke again at our Saturday morning workshop on the topic, “Who Do Your Children Think They Are and Why Does It Matter?” It was packed full of excellent information, encouraging words, and biblically-based principles that gave us tools to help our children learn how to discover and grow into who God created them to be. As Dr. Kathy says often, “We were created *on* purpose, *with* purpose, *for* a purpose.”

Student Session



We know that God has established Tri-State Christian School on purpose, with purpose, and for a purpose. We believe this more than ever as we see the need for children of this generation to receive a biblically-based education. We are thankful that parents in our community have the option to partner with us so their children can receive an education that is *from a biblical worldview for excellence in life-long learning and Christ-like character*. We are in Dubuque “for such a time as this” to disciple and teach students in the truth of God’s word, helping them become Christian leaders who impact the world for Christ.

In order for us to fulfill our mission, funding is needed for student scholarships. Over 50% of our students receive financial aid, enabling them to receive a TSCS education. ***We still need to raise \$10,000 for the scholarship fund and \$40,000 for our STO scholarship before the end of the year.*** As you plan your year-end giving, would you please consider helping students in need attend our school? Your gift will make an eternal impact!

To give, send a check to Tri-State Christian School (5025 Saratoga Rd, Dubuque, IA 52002) or use a credit card online at www.tscs.org.

If you would like to contribute through the STO and are an Iowa resident, the form is enclosed. It can also be found on our website under the “Give” button.

(Donors can give to our STO, designating the funds to Tri-State. Those who are Iowa residents will receive an Iowa tax credit equaling 75% of their donation.)

Thank you for your prayers and support as we serve the Lord to accomplish the mission He has set before us. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas season as you celebrate the Savior!