

Lower School

Grades
K-6

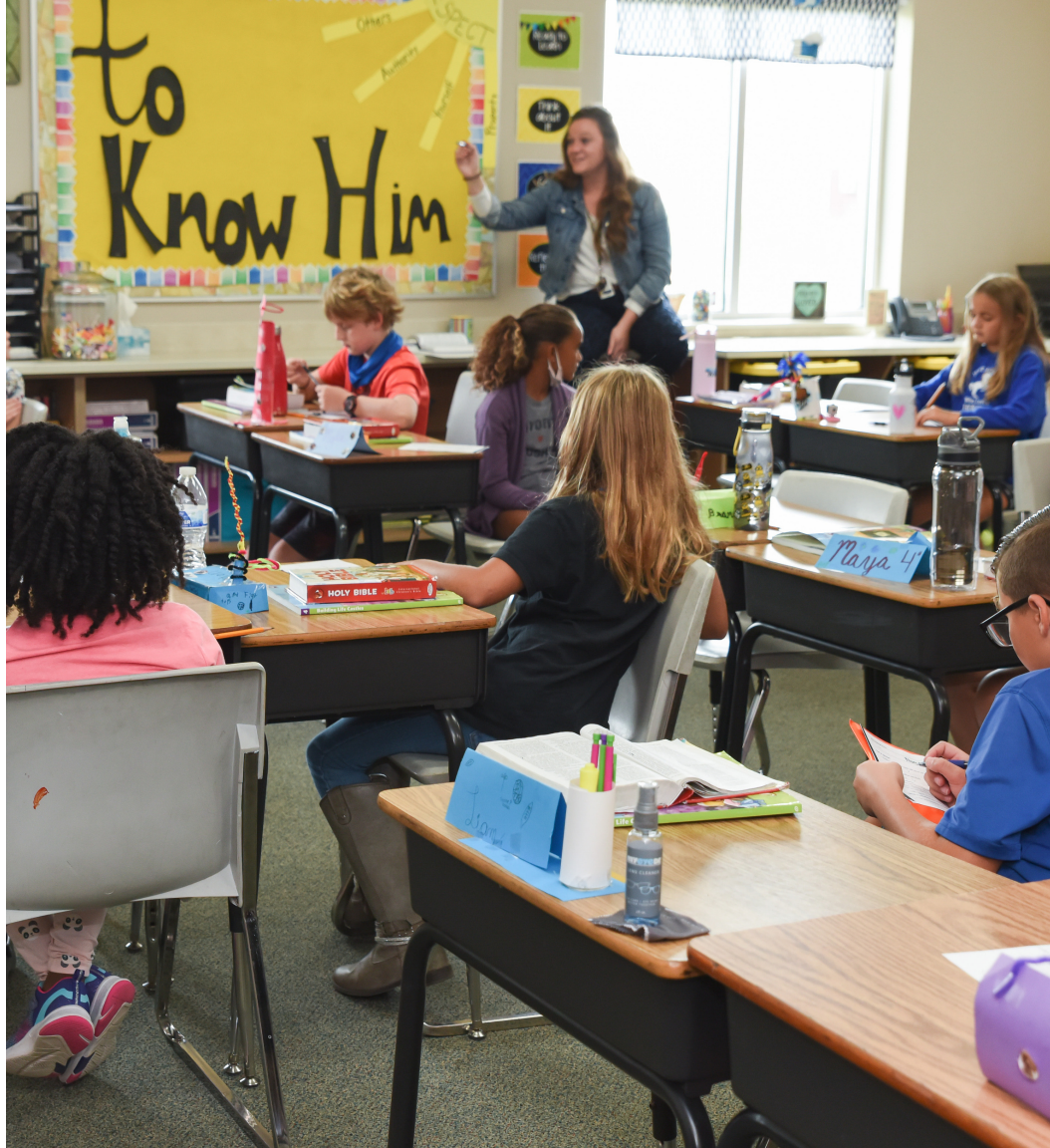


Welcome

The Lower School prepares students to succeed at a higher level through differentiated learning and a rigorous curriculum taught from a biblical worldview.

Onsite Reading and Math specialists work with students 1:1 as well as in small groups to help them reach their highest level of individual potential.

Here, students have the opportunity to explore and develop their passions in and out of the classroom through a rich student life that encourages fun, altruism, leadership, and a dedication to serving others as Christ has called.



Art

Students develop skills and creativity through visual art forms such as drawing, painting, ceramics, and 3D design.

Media

Digital citizenship, media literacy, and keyboarding are just a few of the important skills students learn here. There is also the opportunity to borrow books from our library.

Academics

All classes at TPCS are taught with biblical integration, recognition of God's character, nature, and intentional design related to the area of subject. In addition to the core subjects of Language Arts, Bible, Science, Social Studies/Humanities, and Math, students also participate in a daily co-curricular.

We understand that it's important for students to have the opportunity to learn through experience. Through our Project Lead the Way Curriculum (PLTW), students build in-demand skills through inspiring activities that aren't typical in a traditional classroom.

Students experience integrated learning that blends computer science, engineering, biomedical science, and more.

P.E.

Physical education develops gross motor skills that promote a healthy lifestyle through sports, games, and recreational activities.

Worship Arts

Designed to provide a hands-on opportunity for students to develop skills in voice, worship band instruments, and leading others in corporate praise.

Outdoor Education

Through hands on experiences, students gain a greater understanding and appreciation of God's creation of the world. Areas of study include plants, animals, and other ecology.





**Training Scholars.
Making Disciples.
Graduating Leaders.**

Language Arts

- Direction of print
- Upper and lower case letters- recognition & sounds
- Long and short sounds of 5 major vowels
- Orally pronounce, blend and segment words into syllables
- Identify and produce rhyming words
- Blend consonant-vowel-consonant sounds to read words

- Read common high frequency and "tricky words" by sight 109 of the 220 Dolch Words
- Identify the beginning, middle and final sounds in words with 2-3 phonemes
- Add, delete or substitute sounds to change one-syllable words
- Orally read emergent-reader texts, maintaining an appropriate pace and self-correcting strategies

Writing

- Use words and pictures to relay story or information
- Develop a main idea and provide some information about a topic
- Capitalization, Punctuation and Spacing
- Write most uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet, correctly shaping and spacing the letters of the words
- Apply the writing process with support to revise writing by adding simple details and correcting errors: opinion, personal narrative, and nonfiction writing
- Nouns and Verbs
- Different kinds of sentences: . ?!
- Beginning Writing
- Opinion Writing
- Informative Writing
- How To Writing
- Personal Narrative Writing



Reading Skills

- Author and Illustrator
- Main Topic and Key Details
- Retell
- Character, Settings or Events
- Compare and Contrast stories/characters/etc.

Literature

- Ox and Man by Matt Davis
- Kit by Matt Davis and Julianne K. Munson
- Sam by Matt Davis
- Zach and Ann by Matt Davis
- Scott by Matt Davis



Mathematics

- Counting by 1's, 10's, 5's, and 2's & also counting on
- Read and write numbers to 20, read number words 1-10
- Cardinality
- Compare numerals
- Identify combinations that equal 5 and 10
- Sort objects by a variety of attributes
- Discuss measurable attributes of an object- length, weight, volume, etc.
- 2D and 3D shapes-identify, sort, describe attributes, model, draw
- Use positional words to describe location
- Solve addition and subtraction problems with numbers 1-10
- Represent and solve addition and subtraction story problems
- Decompose numbers into pairs in more than one way, record each decomposition (number tree, unifix cubes, tens frame,etc.)

Art

- Drawing: Caves
- Painting: Color Wheel, Sun/Moon/Stars, Self Portrait with Warm and Cool Colors
- Paper Arts: Grayscale Collage
- Ceramics: Hand Building Animals
- 3-D: Weaving



Science

PLTW Themes:

- Human Body
- Pushes and Pulls
- Explore and Design
- Plants
- Birds
- The Five Senses
- Farms
- Recycling
- Seasons/weather



Humanities

- Nursery Rhymes and Fables
- Stories
- Native Americans
- Kings and Queens
- Columbus and Pilgrims
- Colonial Towns and Townspeople
- Presidents and American Symbols
- Character traits taught through the Bible
- US and World Map



Mathematics

- Numbers All Around Us
- Strategies with Dice and Dominoes
- Adding
- Subtracting
- Counting and Comparing
- Utilizing a Number Line
- Geometry
- Facts and Measurement
- One Hundred and Beyond
- Time, Measurement and Data

Language Arts

- Strong Content Knowledge
- Explicit, Systematic Approach to Phonics
- Writing in Response to Reading
- Spelling

Literature

- Sleeping Beauty
- Rumpelstiltskin
- Rapunzel

1st Grade

Humanities

- Early World Civilizations - Egypt and Mesopotamia
- Early American Civilizations
- American Independence
- Frontier Explorers
- Me on the Map

Art

- Drawing: Landscape (Outdoors)
- Painting: Monochromatic
- Paper Arts: Mosaics
- Ceramics: Hand Building Pinch Pots
- 3-D: Found Object Creature Heads



Science

- The Human Body
- Observing the Sun, Moon, Stars
- Geology/Paleontology
- Animal Adaptations
- Light and Sound
- Animated Storytelling (Coding)



Language Arts/Literature

- Decoding and encoding CVC, CVr, V, VV, VCe, Cle syllable types
- Paragraph development
- Reading decodable text
- Fairy Tales and Folktales
- Intro to Persuasive Writing
- Guided Research Writing
- Personal Narratives
- Book Reports
- Spelling

Mathematics

- Place Value
- Addition/Subtraction within 1000
- Money and Change
- Measurement
- Geometry
- Reading time to the nearest 5 minutes

Humanities

- Early Asian Civilization
- Early Greek Civilization
- War of 1812
- Westward Expansion
- Maps
- Roles of Citizens
- Immigration
- Local Economics
- Local History
- Civil War
- Greek Myths



Literature

- "The Indus River Valley"
- "China's Great Wall"
- "Confucius"
- "The Ancient Greeks"
- "Mount Olympus"
- "Athens and the Olive Tree"



Science

- Science of Nature
- Insects
- Human Body, Building Blocks, and Nutrition
- Grids and Games with Two Button Control
- Form and Function, How God's creation influences our inventions
- Properties of Matter
- The Changing Earth



Bible

- The Life of Moses
- Adornment Book - 12 names of Jesus
- Weekly Chapel
- Scripture memorization: The Lord's Prayer, the Armor of God (Eph 6:10-19), (1 Cor 13:4-8, 13) Christmas Story (Luke 2:7-20)

Art

- Drawing: Caves
- Painting: Color Wheel, Sun/Moon, Self Portrait with Warm and Cool Colors
- Paper Arts: Grayscale Collage
- Ceramics: Hand Building Animals
- 3-D Design: Weaving



Language Arts / Writing

- Parts of Speech
- Writing with increased stamina
- Personal Narratives
- Opinion Based Writing
- Expository Writing
- Compare and Contrast Essays
- Poetry and Novels



Literature

- Charlotte's Web
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- The Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe
- Flora & Ulysses
- Stella Diaz Has Something to Say

Humanities

- Colonial History
- Pioneer Life and the Oregon Trail
- Major Landforms
- Economics
- Communities Through Time
- Current Events

Art

- Drawing: Cultural Pattern with Charcoal
- Painting: Portrait Painting with Tempera
- Paper Arts: Mosaic Art in One Color
- Ceramics: Hand Building Imaginative Creatures
- 3-D Design: Nature Sculptures



Bible

- Abraham and Sarah
- Isaac
- Jacob
- Joseph
- Ruth
- Daniel
- Weekly Chapel
- Scripture Memorization

Mathematics

- Developing an understanding of multiplication and division and strategies for multiplication and division within 100
- Developing an understanding of fractions, especially unit fractions (fractions with numerator 1)
- Area and Perimeter
- Fact Families
- Interpret and Present Data
- Describing and analyzing two-dimensional shapes
- Time, Capacity, and Mass
- Two Step Word Problems

Science

- Indiana Mammals
- Weather
- Computer Programming
- Plant Life Cycle
- Astronomy
- Simple Machines



Mathematics

- Addition and Subtract Strategies
- Long Multiplication and Division Strategies
- Factors and Multiples
- Fractions: Comparing, Common Denominators, Simplifying, Converting Mixed Numbers to Improper, Ordering
- Identifying Shapes and Attributes, Beg Geometry
- Area and Perimeter
- March Madness Project (data analysis, fractions, decimals, and percentages)
- Data and Line Plot, Graphing

Language Arts

- Character and Plot Development Through Novels
- Narrative Writing
- Poetry - Analyzing and Creating
- Fables
- Types of Sentences
- Parts of Speech
- Paragraph Writing
- Informative Writing
- Persuasive Writing

Bible

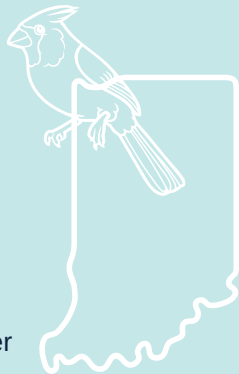
- The Life of Jesus
- How the Holy Spirit Works in Us
- Life of Paul
- Weekly Chapel
- Scripture Memorization

Literature

- The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate Dicamillo
- Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson
- The Tale of Despereaux by Kate Dicamillo
- The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Spears
- The Wild Robot by Peter Brown
- The Season of Styx Malone by Kekla Magoon
- Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly

Humanities

- Indiana History
 - Geography
 - Government
 - Early People
- Hispanic Heritage
- Black History
- Women's History
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Famous Hoosiers



Art

- Sketchbook: Process Documentation and Nature Studies
- Drawing: Self-Portrait with Ratio and Proportion
- Painting: Color Wheel Painting (Increased Fidelity) with Color Theory and Artist's Choice using Technique and Composition
- Paper Arts: Symmetry Art
- Ceramics: Architectural Building with Slab Forms
- 3-D: Nature Sculptures

Science

- Adaptations
- Physical Science: Energy Collisions and Conversions
- Engineering Process
- Engineering: Input/Output of the Human Brain
- Energy, Heat, and Light
- Weathering and Erosion



Language Arts / Writing

- Personal Narratives
- Early American Civilizations
- (Research Project)
- Poetry
- Adventures of Don Quixote
- The Renaissance
- The Reformation
- Native Americans
- Chemical Matter
- Author's Compare and Contrast
- Autobiography
- Informative Writing
- State Reports
- Memoirs
- Detective Perspective
- President Reports
- Constructive Response
- Bible Persuasive
- Symbolism Essay

Literature

- Science of Breakable Things by Tae Keller
- You Don't Know Everything, Jilly P! by Alex Gino

Bible

- God's care for Abraham and his family
- The journey of the Israelites from Egypt through the wilderness
- The early kings of Israel, the division of the kingdom, and the Babylonian Exile
- God's wisdom and righteousness, as revealed in the Poetic and Prophetic books
- Weekly Chapel
- Scripture Memorization

Mathematics

- Multiplication and Volume
- Expressions
- Multiplication Division and Fractions
- Place Value and Decimals
- Multiplying and Dividing Whole Numbers, Decimals, and Fractions
- Graphing, Geometry, and Volume
- Solar Design
- Measurement Conversions
- Algebraic Expressions
- Patterns

Science

- Property and Structure of Matter
- Matter Properties and Reactions
- Astronomy
- Patterns in the Universe
- Infection
- Ecosystems: The Flow of Energy



Art

- Sketchbook: Process Documentation and Nature Studies
- Drawing: Cityscape with Perspective
- Painting: Experimental Acrylic, Artist's Choice
- Paper Arts: Printmaking and Symmetry
- Ceramics: Ancient Relief Sculpture
- 3-D: Weaving (Increased Fidelity)

Humanities

- Ways of Life Before and After the Arrival of Europeans to 1610
- Colonization and Settlements: 1607 to 1763
- The American Revolution: 1763 to 1783
- JA Biztown
- Making the United States Constitution and Establishing the Federal Republic: 1763 to 1800
- Chronological Thinking, Historical Comparison, Analysis, and Interpretation, Research
- Civics and Government

Language Arts / Writing

- Small Moment Stories
- Argumentative
- Informative Writing
- Literary Essays
- Narrative and Persuasive Writing



Literature

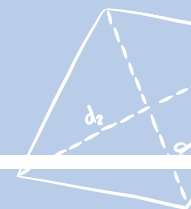
- Tales of Childhood by Roald Dahl
- Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson
- The Secret of the Yellow Death by Suzanne Jurmain
- The Candy Bomber by Michale O. Tunnell
- The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien
- Excerpts from The Titanic
- Excerpts from Prometheus, Odysseus, and Arachne

Humanities

- Mesopotamia
- Ancient Egypt, Persia, Greece, and Rome
- Ancient Africa and Japan

Mathematics

- Numerical Expressions and Factors
- Fractions and Decimals
- Algebraic Expressions and Properties
- Areas of Polygons
- Ratios and Rates
- Integers and the Coordinate Plane
- Equations and Inequalities
- Surface Area and Volume
- Statistical Measures
- Data Displays



Science

- Cells and Classifications
- Animal and Plant Classifications
- Atoms and Molecules
- Electricity and Magnetism
- Motion and Machines
- Solar System
- Plant and Animal Reproduction
- Hereditary and Genetics
- Nervous and Immune System
- Earthquakes and Volcanoes
- Weathering and Erosion
- Natural Resources

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Bible

- Seeking and Listening
- Designed for His glory and purpose,
- Righteousness, Honor, and Obedience, To Help or Rebel, A Heart for God, A Life of Dedication, Courage to Stand
- Foolishness, Greed and Envy, Enemies of God, How We Sin, Overcoming Temptation, Conformed to His Image, The Church in the World
- The Lamb of God, The Miracles of Jesus, A New Life in Christ, The Sermon on the Mount, The Crucifixion, The Resurrection, The Power of the Spirit
- Revealing the Future, Messages from the Son, The Church in Heaven, Judging the World, The Reign of Christ, The Final Victory
- Weekly Chapel
- Weekly Scripture Memory

Art

- Sketchbook: Process Documentation & Nature Studies
- Drawing: Still Life
- Painting: Self-portrait Painting with Acrylic
- Paper Arts: Bookbinding/Making
- Ceramics: Hand Building Ancient Vessels
- 3-D Design: Mobile Art





tradition



tra•di•tion

a time honored practice

the passing down of a culture from generation to generation

an inherited or customary pattern of thought, action, or event

Lower School Traditions and Special Events

- Back to School Bash
- PTF Tailgate
- Homecoming Week
- STEM Pumpkin Drop
- Fall Harvest Party / Hayride Days
- Mini Mall
- Gymnasty Christmas
- Famous Hoosiers Wax Museum
- Marengo Cave Trip
- Pioneer Days
- JA Biztown
- Donuts with Dad
- Kings Ball
- A Night for a Knight
- Spring Carnival
- Mornings with Mom
- Spirit Days
- Field Day

ATHLETICS

A successful athletics program is one that is Christ centered, comprehensive and competitive. Our championship contending program offers a variety of middle school, junior high and varsity sports, allowing a unique opportunity for students to be a witness for Christ and develop strong leadership skills through sports. Students often participate in TPCS recreation leagues before joining an official team middle school team in 5th grade.

By participating in sports at an early age, students develop the foundational skills needed to be a successful varsity athlete as they progress to the Upper School. Many of our students go on to play at a collegiate level and even receive scholarships to D1 universities.



BOYS

- Football
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Baseball
- Cross Country
- Track and Field

GIRLS

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Cheer
- Softball
- Soccer
- Cross Country
- Track and Field



Spiritual Growth

We're intentional about cultivating spiritual growth across all age levels at TPCS. Every day students are provided with various opportunities to learn more about who God is, His gift of salvation through His Son, and how we can live a life that honors and glorifies him through humility, love, and servant leadership.

Chapel

A special time of corporate praise for all grade levels. Students lead us in worship, and a special guest visitor delivers a message in alignment with our spiritual theme for the year. Parents and families are invited to join us for this special gathering each week.

Bible as a
Core Subject

Scripture
Memorization

Mentor Groups & Discipleship

Weekly
Chapel

Service
Opportunities



Student Life

- Athletics
- Robotics
- Theatre/Spring Musical
- The Summer Experience
- Seasonal Clubs
- Before / After Care

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the hours of the Lower School?

The school day for grades K-6 is 8:10 am - 3:10 pm. Students may be dropped off as early as 8 am, with the tardy bell ringing at 8:10 am. Before Care is available for an additional fee from 7 - 8:10 am and After Care from 3:10 - 6:00 pm.

Are hot lunches available for purchase?

Yes, hot lunches are available for \$3.75 per day, drink included. Lunches are billed to your FACTS account at the end of each month. Free and Reduced Priced Meals may also be available based on eligibility.

Are visitors welcome on campus?

Parents are encouraged to take advantage of the many opportunities throughout the year to visit campus. These include attending weekly chapel, having lunch with your child, volunteering in the classroom, chaperoning field trips, or fulfilling family engagement hours.

What is the application process?

We aim to make the application process as enjoyable as possible for our families. If you haven't already done so, please visit tpcs.org/admissions. From here, you can submit an inquiry. Our Director of Lower School Admissions will then work with you to schedule a time to visit campus, meet our principal, and complete any needed assessments. You can then apply online at tpcs.org/apply.

Is Christian education affordable?

A variety of scholarships and financial assistance is available to families who desire a Christian education at Traders Point Christian Schools. Visit tpcs.org or contact our Admissions team at 317.769.2450 to learn more.



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Inquire

We'd love to learn more about you and your family. Visit us at tpcs.org/admissions to inquire today.

Visit

There are several ways to tour our beautiful campus including private appointments, open houses, shadow days and virtual tours. Schedule today at tpcs.org/visit

Apply

We do our best to make the application process as easy as possible for our families. Contact us today or visit tpcs.org/apply to learn more.

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