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## Upcoming Events

Monday, December 5: Elementary Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 7: Early Childhood Picture Retakes

Friday, December 9: Fourth Grade Famous Hoosiers in the gym

Monday, December 12: Secondary Christmas Program

Monday, December 12: Threes Plus Christmas Program, 9:30 a.m. (The Zone, refreshments in The Pointe)

Monday, December 12: Fours Plus Christmas Program, 1:30 p.m. (The Zone, refreshments in The Pointe)

Tuesday, December 13: Threes 9:00 Class Program (Mrs. Lavender's Class), 9:30 a.m. (The Zone, refreshments in The Block)

Tuesday, December 13: Threes 8:30/12:30 Class Program (Mrs. Morris's Classes), 1:30

p.m. (The Zone, refreshments in The Block)

Wednesday, December 14: Twos Christmas Gathering, 10:45 a.m. (Twos classroom)

Wednesday, December 14: Fours 8:30/9:00 Class Program, 9:30 a.m. (The Zone, refreshments in The Pointe)

Wednesday, December 14: Fours 12:30 Class Program, 1:30 p.m. (The Zone, refreshments in The Pointe)

Wednesday, December 14: Third Grade Mini-Mall in Gym, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 15: Twos Christmas Gathering, 10:45 a.m. (Twos classroom)

Thursday, December 15: 2:15 p.m. (Twos classroom)

Friday, December 16: Happy Hall-idays at 8:45 a.m.

Monday, December 19: Christmas Break begins

Friday, February 17: Save the Date for Leadership Coffee at 8:45 a.m.

Saturday, February 18: ACSI Spelling Bee at Kingsway Christian

Wednesday, March 14: Save the Date for Pastor Appreciation Day

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## **Early Childhood Christmas Festivities**

We invite all of you to join us when you can. They will truly bless you!

Monday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>

Threes Plus Christmas Program, 9:30 a.m. (The Zone, refreshments in The Pointe)

Fours Plus Christmas Program, 1:30 p.m. (The Zone, refreshments in The Pointe)

Tuesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>

Threes 9:00 Class Program (Mrs. Lavender's Class), 9:30 a.m. (The Zone, refreshments in The Block)

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Fours 12:30 Class Program, 1:30 p.m. (The Zone, refreshments in The Pointe)

Thursday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>

Twos Christmas Gathering, 10:45 a.m. (Twos classroom), 2:15 p.m. (Twos classroom)

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## Attendance Q & A

### Is my child "late" if he/she arrives at the building at 8:00 for Middle/High School or at 8:30 for Elementary?

Yes, students will need to stop at the front desk for a tardy pass. You may excuse the tardy, but they still need a pass to give their teacher. Secondary students need to be in class when the 8:00 a.m. bell rings. Elementary students should be in class by 8:30 a.m.

### Should I call in if I know my student will be late?

Yes! Parents may excuse 6 tardies per semester by phone call or note.

### Who do I contact to let the school know my student is absent?

**Call** the front office or **email [attendance@tpcs.org](mailto:attendance@tpcs.org)**. Even if you have emailed your student's teacher, a call or email to the office is still needed.

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## Next Round of Encounter: TPCA Events

TPCA will host the next round of Encounter: TPCA information events in January – March. Just in case you are planning ahead or have friends who would want to attend, the dates are listed here. All events are held at the Academy. For more information, contact Mrs. Toni Kanzler, Director of Admissions.

Kindergarten Round-up (info about our KG program): Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Elementary: Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Middle School: Thursday, February 9, 2012

High School: Tuesday, March 6, 2012

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### Time Change: December Board Meeting

The December meeting of the TPCA Board of Directors will be on December 15 at 6:30 p.m. rather than the normal time of 6:00 p.m.

### Early Childhood Christmas

### Great Gift Idea Mike's Carwash Athletic Fundraiser

The Athletic Department launched a fundraiser this past Friday. Our winter athletes are selling Mike's Express Carwash tickets to raise money for new uniforms, equipment, and to attend various tournaments. Each ticket is \$8.00 and can be purchased directly from a basketball player you may know, or through Amy Berens at

## Giving Tree

The EC Giving Tree is available in the foyer. These are the wish list items for each class.

## January eBulletin

Due to Christmas Break, our next edition of the eBulletin will arrive one week later than usual. Have a Merry Christmas!

## Christmas Lunch Thursday, December 15

Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, Diced Pears with Craisins, Dinner Roll, and Peppermint Brownie!

**Please RSVP through the front office.**

## Early Childhood Picture Retakes

Don't forget EC Picture Retakes on December 7th.

[amberens@tpcs.org](mailto:amberens@tpcs.org). Please make payment with cash or check made payable to TPCA. Our sales goal is 1,500 tickets by January 1. If our goal is met, athletics will have earned a total of \$5,889.00, as we receive 50% (less printing fees) of every ticket sold. Thank you in advance for supporting us and helping us to reach our goal. With Christmas right around the corner, these make great stocking stuffers!

## Teacher Christmas Wish Lists

If you would like to thank your classroom teachers during the Christmas season for their great work, the PTF has posted the Teacher Wish Lists outside the front office. These lists include items each teacher would like to have in his/her classroom to aid instruction for our students. Please take a look at them when you are in the building over the next two weeks before Christmas break.

## Anti-Bullying Campus

In light of recent news events of instances of bullying occurring in schools or at school-sponsored events, we wanted to remind you that Traders Point Christian Academy upholds an anti-bullying policy, included below.

We have been and are taking proactive steps to address the social interactions and behaviors of our students through dialogues, discussions, and using a curriculum called *The Bully Proof Kit*, produced by Human Relations Media. Mrs. Harris, Guidance Counselor, and Mr. Schaffer, Elementary Principal, have worked through this curriculum in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades and a condensed version will be presented at Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades in the near future. Mrs. Harris and Mr. Lance, Secondary Principal, are currently working through this same curriculum with the 6th grade class and will present it to the 7th and 8th grades as well in the coming weeks. We also plan on offering in the near future a movie with discussion developed for use with high school students.

We encourage you to talk frequently with, and listen carefully to, your children about their lives at school, their friends, and their concerns. Open communication about the issues of

peer relationships and behaviors, including bullying, is the best way to keep a handle on what is going on in your child's life.

Questions parents can ask their children to help determine if they are being bullied and to help them include:

- 1) Did you use your words by telling the person how you feel and asking them to stop doing what they are doing? (However, if they are being physically harmed, they need to report this to an adult immediately.)
- 2) Is this the first time this has happened? Or has it been happening frequently? For example, if it is the first instance of name calling, then it isn't bullying. They need to use their words, tell the other child how they feel, and ask them to stop.
- 3) If they did get help from an adult, who was the adult? A parent can then follow up with that adult.
- 4) Did you do anything in retaliation? If the victim responds with name-calling or physical acts, both students have committed an offense.

### ***TPCA Policy on Bullying***

According to the Office of Code Revision, Indiana Legislative Services Agency, "bullying" is defined as "overt, repeated acts or gestures, including:

- (1) verbal or written communications transmitted;
  - (2) physical acts committed; or
  - (3) any other behaviors committed
- by a student or group of students against another student with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm the other student."  
(<http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title20/ar33/ch8.html>)

In accordance with Indiana Code **IC 20-33-8-13.5**, Traders Point Christian Academy prohibits bullying in any form by or towards any of its students when:

1. on school grounds immediately before or during school hours, immediately after school hours, or at any other time when the school is being used by a school group;
2. off school grounds at a school-sponsored activity or event,
3. traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event;
4. using property or equipment provided by the school.

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## **TPCA Athletics**

December, Indiana, and Basketball just seem to go hand and hand in my mind, and Golden Eagle basketball is off and running here at the Academy. I am so pleased with the start of our boys' and varsity girls' seasons and am looking forward to next week and the middle school girls' seasons starting. We have close to 100 of our students participating in nine different teams from 4th to 12th grade. I am also happy to report that we have several new coaches this season. Darin Grice, Brian Cook, Vern Clayton, and Alex Roell are our teacher coaches, which adds a great dimension to the rapport and accessibility with and for our student athletes. There are also several parent and one

grandparent volunteer on our coaching staff that are bringing a wealth of basketball knowledge to various teams.

We have travelled from Michigan to Greenwood and back again on our road games this year, and everywhere we go our athletes represent Traders Point very well. Being a class act and modeling our actions on Christ's example continues to be something I want our athletes to strive toward and we are heading in the right direction. Every team we have is super fun to watch and would love your support, especially at our home games! I promise we won't let you down where excitement is concerned, and our future Golden Eagles of the Academy would have a great experience seeing what they can become some day.

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## Student Registration for 2012 - 2013

Currently enrolled TPCA students will begin registering for 2012-2013 in January.

The week of **Monday, January 16, 2012, we will send home registration packets** with each student. You will have one info page to update, covenants to sign, and the tuition payment contract to complete and sign. Tuition rates for 2012-2013 will be included. For families new to TPCA this year, this is much simpler than the full application packet you submitted at initial enrollment.

**Forms and your tuition deposit (\$100 for preschoolers and \$200 for K-12) are due to us no later than March 1.** We will place new applicants in class openings on March 2. Current students registering after March 1 will be placed in class ONLY if openings are available. I encourage you to submit your registrations promptly. Our 2012-2013 grades 3, 4, 5, and 7 are projected to be at or near capacity before considering incoming applicants.

Applications for **tuition assistance are also due by March 1.** Families must re-apply for assistance every year, and may do so online at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com). We already have a number of new applicants for next year. I am really excited to see what God will do in the coming months! Contact Mrs. Kanzler at [tkanzler@tpcs.org](mailto:tkanzler@tpcs.org) if you have any questions.

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## Celebrating the 2011 Varsity Men's State Basketball Championship

Everyone plan to come join us on Friday, December 9th, as we celebrate the Varsity Men's Basketball Team's 2011 Christian School State Championship! The Lady Golden Eagles play at home against Providence Cristo Rey at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Varsity Men vs. Howe Academy at 7:30 p.m. Between the games, we will hang the championship banner in the Bostick Athletic Center and recognize the members of that team. Let's come cheer on our Golden Eagles Varsity Basketball and celebrate our state championship next Friday, December 9th, at around 7:00 p.m.

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## TPCA Shutterbug Challenge

### Win a Kindle™

Calling all shutterbugs! We need great photos for our website and promotional purposes, so we are holding the first TPCA Shutterbug Challenge! Any TPCA student, staff, or family member can take your best "shot" and enter it into our challenge. Here are the challenge rules.

- We want photos in the following categories: Athletics, Classroom, Faith, TPCA Friends.
- There will be three winners in each of these age categories: K-5, Middle School, High School, Adult
- Prizes awarded: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Kindle Keyboard™ for K-5, Kindle Fire™ for other age categories; 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$30 Visa gift card; 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$15 Visa gift card.
- All photos must depict TPCA students in action.
- All photos are the property of TPCA and submission grants TPCA permission to use the photos for promotional or marketing purposes.
- Entries must be received in the TPCA office addressed to "TPCA Shutterbug Challenge" no later than **Wednesday, February 15, 2012.**
- Winners will be announced by March 1, 2012.

So start clicking those cameras! If you have questions, contact Mrs. Kanzler at [tkanzler@tpcs.org](mailto:tkanzler@tpcs.org).

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## College Acceptances

So you know, our first official high school graduating class has been applying to colleges all over the country. It is awesome to report where they have been admitted...so far. There are a number of applications outstanding, so this list will grow. They are also racking up hundreds of thousands of dollars in merit scholarships. Colleges and universities our seniors have been accepted into as of today are: Valparaiso U, Taylor U, Grace College, Indiana Wesleyan U, Indiana U, Northwestern U, Fordham U, Bellarmine U, Ohio U, Hanover College, and Arizona Christian U. Congratulations seniors!

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## Join TPCA on Facebook

The TPCA FACEBOOK page has been up and running for a while now with few glitches, so we are ready to invite everyone who uses FACEBOOK to log in and "Like" TPCA. Just click [HERE](#) to get to our page and then click on "Like" to be part of our online community. Share TPCA news with all your friends, too! Please note that the official TPCA page has the school seal in color as the page photo. If that is missing, you are not on the real TPCA page. Thanks, and let the social networking begin!

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## TPCA Now Offering Text Messages To Keep You Informed

Keeping you informed is a top priority at TPCA, which is why the Academy adopted the AlertNow Notification System. We are excited to provide you with an additional way to be notified of special announcements and emergency matters!

TPCA parents, staff, and friends now have the option of receiving text messages from the Academy, which will include weekly reminders as well as emergency notifications. Recipients must opt-in to receive this text messaging service. NOTE: There may be additional charges for text messaging based on the contract you have with your individual phone company. The text message option is in addition to the e-mail and phone alerts that we will continue to use for school-wide communication.

To sign up to receive this new text service:

- 1) Visit the portal of the Traders Point Christian Academy's AlertNow text site at [www.alertnowsms.com](http://www.alertnowsms.com).
- 2) Enter Traders Point Christian Academy's six-digit PIN: **tp2450** and click Opt-In.
- 3) Provide a primary and an optional secondary cell phone number.
- 4) Agree to the text terms and conditions and then submit the information. Upon confirmation, Traders Point Christian Academy will be able to send reminders and emergency alerts to the designated cell phones, thus keeping parents, faculty/staff, and board members informed of the latest information.

As a recipient of TPCA text messages, you will see the number 63079. You may want to program this number into your phones so that the texts show up as being from the Academy. Please note that you cannot reply to these texts.

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## Extracurricular Opportunities

We are pleased to offer additional extracurricular opportunities for students in grades K-6. The clubs occur at various times of the day. Some clubs have already begun (i.e., "K" Club and Classics Club) and others won't begin until January. If you have any questions about the clubs or would like to sign your child up, please contact the appropriate staff member via email. There is a limit to how many students can sign up per club. Please have your child choose only one at a time to allow others to participate. These opportunities are for TPCA students only. For a complete listing and descriptions of each club, visit our website [here](#).

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## Every Child Needs a Praying Mom

### Moms In Touch

Do you worry about your children? Replace your anxiety and fear with peace and hope by praying with other moms. **Moms In Touch International** gathers moms together to pray specifically and scripturally for our children and school.

Our TPCA group meets every Wednesday at 8:30 at Traders Point Christian Church. We would love to see you this Wednesday!

Please contact Claire Shelton with questions: [cshelton6@indy.rr.com](mailto:cshelton6@indy.rr.com)

Won't you join us in prayer for this next generation?

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## SURF TPCA

### Serve Using Resources For TPCA

*SURF TPCA* highlights quick and easy opportunities to help our school. Through updates like this, we hope to raise awareness, provide details, and share tips on how to make each work in your home. Involve the whole family! Let's SURF!

**Box Tops & Campbell's Labels** - Last year TPCA families redeemed over \$1100 for new equipment and supplies in Box Tops alone. With increased enrollment this year, it should be easy to exceed last year's total. Keep collecting your box tops and labels! Keep a small cup or baggie in your pantry for convenience. Periodically send them in your child's backpack or deposit them into the receptacle in the foyer at TPCA.



**NEW! Reward Your School** - In addition, the Box Tops program has added another easy way to help TPCA earn points. Simply visit the [Reward Your School](#) website and sign up. This site allows you to link your shopping cards, such as Kroger and Marsh, to your Box Tops account/school and earns you additional special promotions while you shop. Plus right now, each user gets bonus points if enough families sign up. The special promotions add up quickly. One parent's account has over 250 box tops points, which is \$25 direct to the school with no clipping required. Remember, this is in addition to clipping your Box Tops. We can still redeem the actual Box Tops from the products for more points. What an easy way to double, or even more than double, your Box Tops earnings!

**Marsh Fresh Idea Card** - Register your card to benefit TPCA at any Marsh store or on the Marsh [website](#). Our school ID is 28886. Each time you make a purchase at Marsh, you will

be helping TPCA earn points toward equipment and supplies!

**Target stores VISA REDcard** - Target's rewards program for K-12 schools is called "Take Charge of Education" and is linked to their VISA REDcard. Register your Target VISA REDcard on their [website](#) or in the stores. Let's add TPCA to the list of schools receiving big bucks at each Target checkout line.

**GoodSearch** - An online philanthropic search engine that utilizes Google. Specify TPCA as your donor organization, and the Academy gets one cent for every search you make through the site, plus a percentage of any purchases you make online through the site.

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## Prayer Corner

- Praise God for the way He has and is providing for the needs of TPCA and pray for His continued provision for the Academy.
- Praise for the success of the *Building Foundations* fund and those who have supported TPCA through this annual giving opportunity.
- Pray for healing and comfort for former TPCA parent Jay Shultz, who had a very serious injury while serving in Haiti. Please also pray for his wife, Amy, and for their children.
- Praise for the success of the PTF Fall Auction and for God's provision and guidance throughout.
- Pray for Mrs. Carol Evans (Elementary Music teacher) and her family for the passing of Maxine Evans (Carol's mother-in-law).
- Pray for the health of Gary Hoffeditz, grandfather of Grant (1st grade).
- Pray for the upcoming move and new position for former TPCA Headmaster and grandparents of Simon Gross (2nd grade) and Lindsey Gross (5th grade), JK Stevens and his wife, Edna Mae. Mrs. Stevens has also been a valuable part of our EC program and we will dearly miss her.
- Pray that the students and families new to TPCA this year will continue to feel welcomed.

If you would like to submit prayer or praise items, please contact [Leslie Kowal](#).