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Upcoming Events

Monday, November 7: Encounter: High School at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 10: Third Grade (2:30 p.m.) and 7th/8th Grade Band (1:30 p.m.) performs at Christmas Gift & Hobby Show

Thursday, November 10: Bostick Service Day

Thursday, November 10: Picture Retake Day from LifeTouch

Friday, November 11: Veteran's Day Chapel at 8:45 a.m.

Friday, November 11: Annual PTF Auction at Eagle Church at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, November 14: Leadership Coffee at 6:30 p.m. in TPCA Cafe

Tuesday, November 15: Dad's Club Monthly Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Media Center

Thursday, November 17: Board of Directors Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Media Center

Week of November 21 - 23: EC Parent-Teacher Conferences (No EC Classes)

Wednesday, November 23: Fall Fine Arts Festival

Thursday, November 24: Thanksgiving Break begins. School resumes Monday, November 28.

Monday, December 5: Secondary Christmas Program

Monday, December 12: Elementary Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 14: Third Grade Mini-Mall in Gym, 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

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

Auction Action

We can't wait for 11/11/11! A night of fellowship, entertainment, and bidding will be here soon. The night of the auction, doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for the "Early Bird Preview" with bidding set to start at 6:00 p.m. Check out the updated auction website at www.tpcs.org/auction.asp to see items up for auction.



A few of the exciting items awaiting your bid:

- Luxury Vacation – Bid on a one-week vacation at luxurious vacation homes in La Quinta, California. The 4-bedroom vacation property is a TPCA-family-owned vacation home, is located on the Greg Norman Golf Course, is 20 minutes from Palm Springs, and overlooks the mountains. Right next door is a 3-bedroom home (also TPCA-family-owned) that is also up for auction. Both homes feature golf carts to get you to the greens, cars to drive during your stay, and private heated swimming pools and hot tubs.
- Dinner Party for 12 at the Governor's Residence - Enjoy a 4-course dinner catered by Epicureans Catering. This is unavailable to the public, creating a once in a lifetime experience!
- Child's Dream Bed/Playhouse - Bid and buy your son or daughter the bedroom of his or her dreams with this custom made bunk bed! Select from three designs: space shuttle, dollhouse, or Canterbury castle. The bed will be constructed and painted after the auction so you can choose your design and colors.
- Appealing Apprentice Adventures – Does your child love animals? Want to be a doctor? Enjoy serving others? Let him or her spend the day shadowing as an

- equestrian, veterinarian, newscaster, doctor, or sheriff.
- Think Get-Away - Enjoy Pinecove Family Camp in Texas; Disney World tickets; or destinations close to home in Indiana for your next family travel vacation.
 - High School Service Projects - Check out the wonderful services that our very own high school students are offering to guests, parents, or younger TPCA students! Choose for your student to play spots in a one-on-one volleyball clinic, 4-on-4 basketball game, or soccer or football with Milos. Someone will enjoy a Princess/American Girl tea party, "It's All Chinese to Me" party, piano lessons, mulching, or mowing! There are more to come...keep checking the website!
 - GRANITE KITCHEN REMODEL (sink/faucet, granite countertops, plans and plumbing) for a standard sized kitchen, valued at up to \$5,000!!

To be sure all items are in our BidPal system, any additional donations should be received in the school office by Friday, November 4. Don't forget to complete the Donation Intake Form available in the office or online at www.tpcs.org/auction.asp.

BidPal makes it easier! Want to bid but can't be at the auction? Have a friend bid for you with a BidPal device. BidPal will also make checkout and pick-up easier and quicker. At checkout, consider paying by check or cash. This will be the quick pick-up line, and you'll be saving the academy from paying the 1.9% credit card fee!

It's never too late to join the festivities! Tickets will be sold at the door for \$30.

There's a great deal of set-up and coordination to take place the day before and the day of the auction. Please attend the volunteer training on 11/7 at 6:00 p.m. where volunteers will learn how the evening's logistics will work. If you can't make it to this meeting and still want to volunteer, please e-mail Melita Davis melitadavis@comcast.net and she will get you plugged into volunteering.

Many thanks to everyone who has given time, auction items, and prayers!

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"He must become greater, we must become less." John 3:30

"Courageous" Dad's Club Movie Event

Two hundred eighty people packed a sold-out Traders Point AMC Showplace on October 1st as the TPCA Dad's Club sponsored a private showing of the new movie "Courageous" by Sherwood Productions (makers of the movie "Fireproof"). The movie had some serious messages to Christian men and their families.

Gentlemen, the movie easily moved us to reconsider our responsibilities as a father and husband. It's easy to puff up our chests and take our sword up and fight for our family, justice, and the LORD. But we need to be reminded again about what the pastor said to those courageous men in the movie when they made a pact before God and their families. When there are no arguments and stresses, it's easy to keep your resolution [to lead your

family and take responsibility for training your children to love our LORD]. When times are good, we do not waver, and decisions and actions seem so clear and easy to make. But when you're facing real work commitments, requirements, pressures, temptations...will you stand up? Without a support system it is far too easy to fall. It is critical to find a men's support group to challenge you and stand behind you during the good and the not-so-good times.

The Traders Point Christian Academy Dad's Club and the Traders Point Christian Church Men's Fraternity exist to challenge, love, and support men in their work as fathers and seekers of Christ. If you are looking for a group that wants to do exactly that, please reach out to either group.

To all the men who attended the movie or who take the opportunity to see it, thank you for making the commitment to be Courageous. We hope it will spark a fire in your commitment to your spouse and children. TPCA Dad's Club leaders are available any day, any time to help dads get plugged in to a Christian-based support system. Don't hesitate to reach out.

Mark Kowal, TPCA Dad's Club president, has a few **Resolution** books and copies of **The Resolution** (for fathers to sign) available if you want one. The book further develops the themes in the movie calling men to lead, and is available for both men and their spouses. Just contact him at dadsclub@tpcs.org. May God bless you, your family, and your resolution to be a man of Christ in dedicating your household to serving the LORD.

*edited from comments by Mark Kowal, Dad's Club president

TPCA Book Fair a Success!!!

We sold **over \$13,100** in books and merchandise! Half of this amount comes directly back to the school as credit to buy new books for our library from Scholastic!

The students in the 20 participating classes donated nearly **\$800 towards the One4Books program** which teachers were able to use to buy books for their classrooms, and Scholastic will match our amount and buy books for the underprivileged. Great job!!!

Students were able to learn a lot about making good choices when making purchases. I love it that the students got to bring their parents in and explain things like "**good fit books,**" the "**Five Finger Rule,**" and **have a discussion about junk food books and nutritious books** and how a balance of each makes us grow healthy and strong minds.

My volunteers were remarkable and a special thanks goes out to **Kelly Wassner** for all of the time and energy she expends helping me get organized each year.

We will be looking forward to a book fair in the spring, which will be a BOGO (Buy one, Get one FREE). This second fair is a thank-you for helping with the fall fundraising book fair and allows students to stock up on reading material for the summer. Spring dates: 05/04/2012 - 05/11/2012

Encounter: TPCA

You Really Do Need To Attend Encounter: TPCA

What is this and why do you want to be there? Encounter is TPCA's version of an open house for **current and prospective families**. Sit down in a smaller, intimate setting to hear our teachers share about what goes on in their classrooms, how we teach, what we teach, and why. Get to know them. See our intentionality and how each year builds for the next. Talk to parents and students at various grade levels. Ask your questions. **Bring your friends** (get that referral credit when they apply and are admitted). Come every year – information is always different. You will leave energized about your child's present and future at TPCA. Here is what one TPCA parent has to say about **Encounter**:

"I have attended at least one encounter at every grade level due to the age span of my kids the past couple of years. I have probably attended 5 or more encounters total. One may ask, why do you keep going? After the first couple of meetings, I realized different information is presented at different grade levels. I also realized that these presentations are not just a cookie cutter presentation with repeat information. While some of the information is repetitive each year, the meetings have been extremely beneficial to our family as we learn what is currently going on academically within each grade area, what impact state standards and testing have on our curriculum, and how the teachers are addressing those standards. It has been overwhelming to hear from each teacher as they share their heart for our children and how they integrate their Christian faith into the curriculum. As our school program grows and changes it has been reassuring to see how strategically intentional our administration and staff have been to make the right decisions for the TPCA constituency. These meetings then, in turn, help us to guide our kids." Nancy, students in grades 1, 6, and 8

Remaining Fall Encounter date is:

Monday, November 7 @ 6:30 p.m.

High School

Christmas Gift & Hobby Show

The third grade classes and the seventh and eighth grade band students are going to perform at the Christmas Gift and Hobby Show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds the afternoon of Thursday, November 10. The band will perform at 1:30 and the third grade will sing at 2:30. We would love to have anyone from the TPCA family come and support us.

Absence Reminder

If your child will be absent from school for any reason, please remember to **call the office** or **email** attendance@tpcs.org . Feel free to let your student's teacher know also, but don't forget to call or email the office to make sure your student's attendance records are accurate.

Thanksgiving Lunch

Thursday, November 17

We will continue the TPCA Thanksgiving Lunch tradition by preparing and serving fabulous, juicy and tender turkey, steamy mashed potatoes with gravy, tasty green beans with craisins, warm dinner roll, healthy applesauce and the infamous Pumpkin Pie Bar on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17th!!!!

Spread the word and invite others to our annual incredible fulfilling feast (for just \$3.10 – I BET you NOBODY sells that kind of lunch that CHEAP!!!) and to give thanks!

Please RSVP through the front office.

Blessings, Chef Matt

Spirit Wear

We will be sending home a Holiday Spirit Wear order form soon. Consider a TPCA tote bag with personalization or pajama bottoms, for example, when completing your Christmas shopping.

We still have some of our Fall spirit wear available for purchase - cash & carry. For more information, contact lkowal@tpcs.org.

Leadership Coffee

Please plan to attend our first **evening** Leadership Coffee on Monday, November 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the TPCA Cafe. School leaders will update us on the current and upcoming happenings at TPCA, as well as answer questions.

High School News

Our high school continues to grow and experience new and exciting things each month, including our first senior receiving a college admission offer and scholarship! Our seniors have applied to over 15 different colleges and universities throughout Indiana and the mid-west, and we look forward to many more acceptance offers. We also have had core courses approved by the NCAA for the initial-eligibility determination process for our student athletes who want to play Division I or II sports at the college level. We are thankful for all God has done and continues to do in the high school at TPCA!

Class Rings and Graduation Announcements

TPCA has chosen Jostens to provide not only our school yearbook but also high school class rings and all graduation needs for our seniors!

Our Jostens representative will be on campus Thursday, November 3 during service time to meet with students interested in ordering a class ring. He will also meet with all seniors to give them a package regarding cap and gown rental, announcements, etc., for their

graduation ceremony this May!

Jostens will return on Tuesday, November 15 from 3:30—5:00 p.m. to meet with parents and take all graduation orders (including cap and gown rental) as well as ring orders from any interested students. Please mark this date and plan to attend at some point during the evening, especially if you have a child who is a senior. If you have any questions, you may email Mrs. Harris at jlharris@tpcs.org.

Learn Chinese

Chinese Language Introduction Classes

When: November 19, December 3, and December 10 (All three are Saturdays)

Time: 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

Where: Traders Point Christian Academy, in the High School Building

What will be taught: Students will be learning some basic SPEAKING, WRITING, SONGS, and CULTURE.

Cost: \$15 for the three classes (or \$5 per class)

This is open to students from second grade through high school and students will be broken up into groups based upon age and will go through each of the four classes.

If you have any questions or want any further information about the classes, the teachers, or the curriculum, please feel free to email me at dmueller@tpcs.org. It would also be great to be able to know a close estimate of how many people would be there, so if you are interested in coming please also email me of your interest and the age(s) of your child(ren).

Second Grade On-Campus Field Trip

Mrs. Byely's second grade class took an "on-campus fieldtrip" to Mrs. Kelley's High School Botany class on October 14. They were able to share what they had been learning about pumpkin plants while the high school students displayed the fall wreaths they had assembled. For the second grade, the highlight of the trip was helping the high school students divide and transplant their Tickle Plants. These plants curl their leaves when touched. The older students even gave the younger students their own Tickle Plants to take back to their classroom. The two classes hope to collaborate again in the spring to grow flowers or vegetables!



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!

ACSI Spelling Bee

Traders Point Christian Academy will be participating in the district ACSI spelling bee on Saturday, February 18, 2012, at Kingsway Christian School. One speller and one alternate will be selected from each homeroom in grades one through five to represent TPCA in this event. Spelling bee trials will be held the week of November 28 in each homeroom. For more information, or if you wish for your child to participate in the Spelling Bee trials, please contact Mrs. Sally Teachout ([_steachout@tpcs.org](mailto:steachout@tpcs.org)) TPCA Spelling Bee coordinator by Friday, November 11, 2011.

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.
- 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.

Professional Development

We are committed to providing our teachers the training they need to provide the best education for the students at TPCA. On September 12, the elementary staff participated in Professional Development training on the following topics:

- AED (Automated External Defibrillators). Special thanks to Dr. Heniff on helping us with this.
 - Words Their Way (a supplemental program for Language Arts to be piloted by a couple of teachers)
 - Curriculum Review and Revision on Bible and Co-curricular subjects
 - McGraw-Hill Science Training - A McGraw-Hill Representative trained our teachers on how to incorporate technology into the Science Curriculum. If parents have not received information from their child's teacher as to how to access an electronic copy of the student textbook, they should ask (via email) the teacher for that information.
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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](#).

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

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

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 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.

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.
- Pray for the volunteers who are very busy organizing the PTF Fall Auction and for His provision and guidance throughout.
- Pray for Mrs. Marcia Hinchman (1st grade teacher) and her family for the loss of her father.
- Pray for Kaiden DeHaan (1st grade), William Powell (EC) and family for the loss of their grandfather/great-grandfather.
- Pray for Abby Vance (EC) and family for the unexpected loss of her paternal grandmother.
- Pray for Gary Hoffeditz, grandfather of Grant (1st grade), for his health and healing of his knee.
- Pray for healing for Mark Kowal, father of Sydney (6th grade), Makenna (3rd grade), and Ryan (Kindergarten) as he recovers from reconstructive knee surgery.
- 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](#).