



June 1, 2017

Dear TCS Community,

Can you believe that summer is upon us! As we begin winding down the school year, our thoughts turn to planning for 2017-2018. Before that can fully happen, we need to say “farewell” to our seniors:

**RYAN BOYD
BEN FULLER
BOBBY GRADY
CHARLES LAIRD
JANE MARQUIS
ANDREW NESTOR**

It has been a pleasure to work with this group of young people and we wish them only the best in their future endeavors. Please stay in touch with us and consider assisting us as we try to launch an active alumni group.

Staff News: I am sad to report to you that two of our staff members will not be returning in the fall. Mrs. Lynn Comly, our amazing art teacher, and Mrs. Jeanne Mulvanerty, English teacher extraordinaire, will be pursuing new opportunities. Mrs. Comly husband is retiring and they are moving to the Delaware beach area and Mrs. Mulvanerty is leaving for personal reasons. It goes without saying that I am very disappointed that we will be losing such wonderful teachers. I wish both Mrs. Comly and Mrs. Mulvanerty only the best in this new chapter of their lives. We will be hiring a new art teacher shortly and have begun the process to fill the English position. I will do everything possible to find outstanding individuals to join our TCS family.

Parent Survey: I have included a brief Parent Survey with this newsletter to learn about your opinions of The Concept School. I will closely study the results and incorporate your ideas into our programming next year. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts! On a related note, the Board is deciding how we will undertake a strategic planning process in the very near future. Your participation and input will be important parts of whatever process we choose and I will keep you posted of developments.

Car Wash: We will be holding our 2nd Annual Charity Car Wash on Tuesday, June 13, beginning around 9:30 a.m. Mark your calendars to visit school and get the best car wash of all time!

Summer Program: Please consider enrolling in our Summer program that begins June 27. I have attached a flier to this newsletter for your review. We will be supporting students in math, reading, and writing. We have recently added physical activities to the schedule to give students a break and to appeal to the whole child. Call me if you have any questions.

2017-2018 Student Contracts: Please make sure to sign and return the contract you received for next school year. Mrs. Funsten will be calling next week to remind you if we do not have yours yet.

End of Year Help: Take a moment to check the Sign-Up Genius link to volunteer to send in items for our Student Recognition Assembly and Graduation. Any help you can offer will be much appreciated!
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094ba4a728aa8-endofyear>

Field Trip to Longwood Gardens June 12, 2017: Ms. Tilmon has put together a trip to Longwood on June 12. I am attaching the permission slip to this newsletter.

Sincerely,
Bill

Important dates to mark on your family calendar:

June 2: Field trip to Museum of the American Revolution

June 12: Field trip to Longwood Gardens

June 13: Charity Car Wash and Field Day at TCS

June 14: End of Year Celebration Assembly, 10:00 a.m. (parents welcome)

Dismissal at 12:00 p.m. (seniors stay for lunch and graduation practice – pick up at 2:00 p.m.)

June 15: Graduation Ceremony, 10:00 a.m.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS

Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.

June 27: Summer Program begins, 9:00 a.m.





The Arts are alive and well at TCS !

On May 11, *The Give and Take Jugglers* visited TCS and presented *The Little Circus*. The entertaining self-contained 45-minute show featured aerial fabric, trapeze, juggling, and tight wire acts. The highly interactive, comedic show used traditions from vaudeville, circus arts, theater and music to create a wholesome performance that was fresh and contemporary. In addition to the exciting routines, the show infused warmth, humor and engaging audience participation.

The students were asked the performers questions about their backgrounds and training, as well as learn a little circus history. The assembly highlighted the importance of persistence, teamwork, a positive attitude, and the contributions of different cultures.

After the performance, our students were invited to try various circus acts: plate spinning, tight wire, juggling and feather balancing - with many of our students demonstrating great promise!

A great time was had by all, and there are rumors that a couple of our teachers and may "run off to the circus" for the summer!





Summer School Begins June 27

Consider enrolling your son or daughter to take part in TCS's Summer Academy.

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (you choose one, two, or three days)
- June 27 – July 27 (nothing the week of July 3-7)
- 3 hours per day, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Tutoring will be in **reading, writing, math, and physical activity**
- Objectives:
 - o Review of current skills
 - o Post-secondary reading readiness
 - o Vocabulary development through word study
 - o Effective use of the writing process
 - o Effective research process and skills development
 - o Continued work on math work from the school year
 - o Development of the neuromuscular system and teamwork skills

Complete and return the Summer Program Registration Form found at the end of this newsletter.

Help Support the Concept School!! (At no cost to YOU!!!)

Our PTO continues to support our school by managing many areas that, with your support, provide monetary benefits to The Concept School. Please sign up for these opportunities!!!



Please continue to clip Box Tops! **Thank you to Ms. Spencer for heading up this project!** You can find Box Tops on many of the products you will be using for dinners and parties. For a list of participating products, go to **BTFE.com**. Thanks for your support.

Giant: Go to Giant's website and register your savings card to recognize The Concept School. You still earn all discounts and points, and TCS gets some cash! **TCS is school number 40184.** **This program is closed until September! Thanks for your support.**

Amazon's Smile.amazon program: This program allows you to shop on Amazon and when you do, a portion of your purchase comes back to The Concept School. All you do is log on to smile.amazon.com and fill in "The Concept School" as your organization of choice. A link to explain this program is attached. <https://smile.amazon.com/about>



TCS Summer Program Registration Form

Name of Student: _____

The Concept School is pleased to offer our students the opportunity to brush up on their skills and perhaps learn something new. The goals of the program are as follows:

Reading Comprehension - Cross Curricular

- review of current skills learned
- post-secondary reading readiness
- vocabulary development through word study

Writing Skills Enrichment

- Effective use of the writing process
- Effective research process and skills development
- Writing a research paper

Mathematics

- practice previously learned skills
- continued instruction in a current course

I understand the hours of the summer program are 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

I agree that I will provide transportation for my child.

I understand the dates of the program are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays of the following weeks:

June 27-29, July 11-13, July 18-20, and July 25-27.

I understand the cost of the program is \$500 per week and payment is due each Tuesday for the coming week.

I am enclosing a deposit of \$250 to hold my child's spot and that amount will be deducted from the cost of the first week.

Parent Signature

Date



Field Trip Release Form

Dear Families of Concept School Students,

Students will be taking a field trip to: **Longwood Gardens**

on **Monday, June 12, 2017**

We will be leaving school at approximately **8:45 a.m.** and returning by **2:00 p.m.**

Means of Transportation: **School Bus**

Relaxed dress that is comfortable is the dress for the day.

Students will need to bring a **bagged lunch**. There is no opportunity to heat food. All lunch materials must be disposable.

Cost of trip **\$15**

Please sign the form below and return it to Ms. Tilmon as soon as possible (no later than Thursday, June 8, please).

Thank you.

I give my permission for my son/daughter _____ to take the field trip to
(name)

_____. I also release from liability any school representative who chooses to assist the school by driving to and from the field trip location. In the case of an emergency, I give my permission for my child to be admitted and treated at the nearest hospital. I can be reached during the field trip at this number:

(phone number)

(NOTE: Teachers will make immediate attempts to reach parents by phone in case of an emergency.)

Signed: _____
(Parent of Guardian Signature)

(Date)



**Parent Year-End Survey
2016-2017**

Thank you for entrusting your child to us this school year. Your feedback will play an important role on the continued improvement of our school. Please complete the following survey and return it to Mr. Bennett.

My child is a: _____ male _____ female

My child was first enrolled at TCS:
 _____ this school year
 _____ before this school year

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable
TCS provides a safe environment for my son or daughter.					
My child feels supported by the adults at TCS.					
My child's teachers are responsive to my questions/concerns.					
The school communicates important information with parents.					
Mr. Bennett is accessible to parents.					
The staff at TCS cares about my child.					
TCS provides an appropriate number of field trip experiences.					
TCS provides the right amount of information to new families.					
TCS should provide more after-school/evening activities for students.					
TCS is a good value for the cost of tuition.					
I use the TCS website to get information					

I would be interested in attending evening presentations on the following topics:

- learning disabilities
- anxiety
- depression
- available resources for life after TCS
- the dangers of social media

Other topics: _____

What are the strengths of TCS? _____

What are areas needing growth at TCS? _____

OPTIONAL

Name: _____

PLEASE RETURN TO TCS BY JUNE 15, 2017!