



The Eagle Experience

Dear TC Family,

When our children look back on their years at Turlock Christian, we hope they will remember far more than what they learned in the classroom. We hope they will remember the people who walked alongside them, the friendships they made, and the moments that helped them discover who God created them to be. That is the *Eagle Experience*.

Strong classroom learning will always be at the heart of who we are. Some of the most lasting lessons, though, come when students have the chance to live out what they are learning. A field trip can bring a lesson to life. A club can uncover a gift a child didn't know they had. Athletics can teach a student to persevere, to encourage a teammate, and to handle both success and disappointment with grace. Music can build the confidence to step onto a stage and the discipline to practice something until it is ready to share. Serving others can help a child notice a need and realize they have something meaningful to offer.

Behind each of these opportunities are people who care deeply about our students. At the elementary level, our teachers pour time and creativity into the special days and activities that make school memorable. In junior high and high school, our ASB students work alongside our administration and teachers to plan spirit days, rallies, and events for their classmates. All of it is done with the hope that every student at TC will feel known and feel that they belong. I see the time, prayer, and heart that go into this work, and I am truly grateful for it.

Most importantly, the Eagle Experience is something our students receive most fully when they are part of it. A spirit day grows more fun as more of the campus joins in. A game, a concert, or a school event comes to life when classmates are there for one another. Each student who takes part adds something for everyone else, and gains something for themselves along the way: confidence, lasting friendships, and a deeper sense that they belong here.

These shared moments are also where faith is lived out. As students pray together, serve together, and learn to treat one another with kindness, they begin to see how following Jesus shapes their everyday choices. I am reminded of the words of [Colossians 3:23](#):

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men."

Whether they are studying, competing, performing, serving, or cheering on a friend, our students have the opportunity to honor the Lord in all of it.

We also know there is a great deal competing for our children's attention. Phones and social media can easily fill time that might otherwise hold a conversation, a new discovery, or an afternoon with friends. As parents and as a school, we can help by making room for what is worthwhile and encouraging our children to be present for it. Sometimes a little encouragement from home is all a child needs to take that first step.

I would invite you to talk with your child about what is happening at TC and what might spark their interest. It may be trying out for a team, joining a club, singing or playing in a concert, dressing up for spirit day, or simply coming out to cheer on a friend. *Homecoming on Friday, November 6*, is a wonderful place to start, and we would love to see our TC family there together. And when your child does commit to something, help them follow through, because their presence matters to the people alongside them.

Every family's circumstances are different, and no one expects every student to do everything. The invitation is simply to take part in a way that fits your family, with an open heart and a willingness to grow.

Together, we can help our children make the most of these years, and leave Turlock Christian with knowledge they can use, friendships they treasure, and a deeper understanding of the gifts God has given them. There is a place in the Eagle Experience for every one of them. Because, truly, we are a family.

In Faith, Family, and Future,

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