

# Preschool News

-Ruth Baas, Preschool Director

## PRESCHOOL FAMILIES ENJOY "DAD & ME NIGHT"

From a preschool child's perspective, one of the most exciting things to do is to bring your dad (or uncle or grandpa) to preschool at night and enjoy some friendly team competition with him! On Thursday evening, March 15, fifty preschool children and their dads came together at our church building to enjoy Orland Park Christian Preschool's annual "Dad & Me Night."

As they came in, each child and dad were photographed together for the special event in our patriotic photo booth! Some of these photos accompany this article. After opening with prayer to thank our Father in heaven for our dads and our children, the fun and games began. There were eight teams of players and four different games where two teams played at a time. The traditional game of bean-bag toss provided opportunity for some fierce competition between child/adult family pairs. The Balloon Games station was well-liked with an under/over game of passing balloons from player to player either between the legs or over the heads. Then a rousing game of balloon volleyball kept everyone involved with home-made paper-plate paddles and many balloons to hit back and forth over the net set up in the church lobby.

The Scooter Race was lots of fun as first the dads pushed the children across the gym on scooters, and then the children switched places and gave their dads a ride by pushing them back across the gym on the scooters. Lots of giggles were shared as dads tried to keep from toppling over onto the floor!

The Obstacle Course was fun too, because each child could race against his or her dad by crawling through a tunnel, hop-scotching in a row of hula hoops, crawling under a rope, climbing up and down a ladder, and running zig-zag style around cones back to the starting line faster than Dad! Amazingly, each child successfully finished the obstacle course faster than his/her dad. Everyone showed great sportsmanship throughout the evening!

We ended the evening by enjoying make-your-own ice cream sundaes. While the energy level of the children did not slow down (they always enjoy running free in the gym), the dads seemed happy to sit back and visit, getting reacquainted with old friends and meeting new ones.

Most of the staff at Orland Park Christian Preschool (Ruth Baas, Lisa Cavanaugh, Brenda Harms, Cindy Schipma, and Barb Vree) enjoyed sharing such a fun night with the children and their dads. We are grateful to Julia Schipma for coming to share the evening with us, pitching in to help run games, serve ice cream and drinks, and clean up.

We thank God for the opportunity to work with the preschool children and their families. We pray that the ministry that is provided will be a blessing that helps the children grow in their love for learning and also grow in a faith that loves God.

## CHICAGO CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL 100 YEAR CELEBRATION FRIDAY, APRIL 20



The CCHS 100th Anniversary Celebration is quickly approaching. All alumni and friends of Chicago Christian High School are invited

to attend. We welcome you to celebrate this special occasion for the High School on Friday, April 20, at the Tinley Park Convention Center. A punch reception and check in starts at 6:00 pm, with dinner served at 7:00 pm. Please register by April 5 at [www.swchristian.org/new-website/100th-anniversary-registration](http://www.swchristian.org/new-website/100th-anniversary-registration).

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## "A SERVICE OF GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S FAITHFULNESS" MAY 20 | 6:00 PM

Back to God Ministries International and Trinity Christian College invite you to this special service on Sunday, May 20, 6:00 pm, at the Ozinga Chapel at Trinity Christian College. Dessert reception to follow.

Back to God Ministries International and Trinity Christian College both have strong ties to the Chicago area. As ownership of the Back to God Ministries International building in Palos Heights transfers this spring to Trinity, we invite the people and congregations of Chicagoland to a special worship service. Please join Trinity and Back to God for this time of giving thanks for God's faithfulness and looking forward to continuing our work for God's Kingdom.





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