

# How school helped change a boy's life

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(Photo: Provided photo)

My name is Darian Short. I am 13 years old and in seventh grade. I want to write and tell other kids how The Northern Tier Christian School (TNTCS) has impacted my life.

Next year will be my fifth year coming to this school. The school got a new name this year so everyone would know anyone in the area, kindergarten through eighth grade, is welcome to come to our school.

I'll be honest, my first three years here were a struggle, and I wasn't sure I really liked this school. I wanted to go back to North Penn-Mansfield because I wanted to play sports.

Sports are really my life. I play baseball, basketball and football. I love sports. I started to pray about it. Then I found out I can still play sports at Mansfield and go to TNTCS for school, so that is what I did.



Darian Short taps a maple tree during a field trip in March. (Photo: Provided photo)

OK, so I'm going to get a little personal now. I used to steal from stores, and I got kicked out of two of them. I regret it completely. If you are a kid like me and are reading this, please do not start stealing or anything else like that. Sadly, I also used to steal cigarettes and smoke. I regret that also. Please do not do what I did. Cigarettes are so bad for you. They cause lung cancer. My grandfather got lung cancer and died from it.

Back to school, I stopped doing all those things when I came back to TNTCS for this school year. I got more with the Lord. Toward the beginning of this year, I decided I wanted to give my life to the Lord and decided to be baptized. A couple of my friends at school decided to give their lives to God and be baptized, too. I got baptized on May 23.



**The Northern Tier Christian School students perform at the Wellsboro Ministerium's National Day of Prayer observance on May 7. Front row, from left: Zaidyn Sandlar, Mia Eva and Samson Short. Back row, from left: Marais Muhlenbeck, Dustin Eva, Darian Short and Brant Muhlenbeck. (Photo: Provided photo)**

My new teacher, his kids and his wife are a blessing. This school would not be here; it would have gotten closed down if they hadn't have come. I am so thankful to have Mr. Muhlenbeck as my teacher and Aimee Muhlenbeck as my music teacher. I am also having piano lessons from Aimee, so I can spread the Lord around in music as well! I love music so much. I would also like to thank my pastor, Pastor Marvin Humbert, and the Hillcrest and Blossburg Seventh-day Adventist churches for being there for me and for keeping this school open.

This is the impact TNTCS has had on my life. My friends and I would like to have other kids come to our school. If you are reading this and you are a kid in kindergarten through eighth grade, ask your parents to call Mr. Jim Muhlenbeck and talk to him. His e-mail is [tntchristianschool@gmail.com](mailto:tntchristianschool@gmail.com), or you could call him at (570) 404-7443. Our school's website is [tntchristianschool.com \(http://www.tntchristianschool.com/\)](http://www.tntchristianschool.com/). Anyone from Southern Tioga, Northern Tioga and Wellsboro school districts can ride the bus to come to our school. I hope I get to see you next year at TNTCS so you can experience what I have experienced.

Darian Short, of Covington, is a seventh-grade student at The Northern Tier Christian School in Wellsboro.

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