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# TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From the Office

Mr. Rod Berg

### Anticipating a Wonderful Year at TCS!

Welcome back to school! We hope all of our parents and students had a wonderful summer holiday and, as a staff, we are very excited to be back into routine. For those parents who joined us at our first chapel we took the time to explain the school theme for the year which is **'One Way—His Way'** based on Proverbs 3:5-6, *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."*

The theme for the school year reminds us that:

- All truth is connected to God. We need to have the context of Creation to understand the world
- We can't do life on our own. We need the Holy Spirit working in and through us to change us and shape us to...acknowledge Him.
- Redemption is a continuous journey and we are constantly correcting to line up our will with His will.

We look forward to this theme being processed more throughout the school year!

### Special Welcome to New Parents and Students...

We were very blessed this year to welcome 41 new students from 23 new families to TCS. If we include the new Kindergarten students who started at TCS last week there are actually 53 new students who started this year. What a blessing! This brings our total families to 109 and total students to 217.

### New Parent Orientation—for all parents new to TCS

We welcome all our new parents (both spouses if possible) to our new parent orientation on Thursday, September 17 from 7-8pm. This will be a time of explaining the culture of TCS to our new families.

### SEPTEMBER

- 14-16—Gr. 8 to Medeba
- 14—JK/SK Parent Orientation & Board Meeting
- 15—Gr. 7 to Rounds Ranch
- 17—New Parent Orientation (for all new families)
- 18—JK&SK Trip to Apple Orchard & Code Red Practise
- 23—Gr. 4 swimming begins (Wed's until Nov. 25)
- 24—TCS Community BBQ & Book Fair
- 25—Terry Fox Run & Pizza Day
- 30—Picture Day & Gr. 4 Swimming

### How are our New Students Settling in?

New parents please take 15 minutes this week to email the office (tcs@timothychristianschool.ca) a 3 or 4 line summary of how your child is settling into routine at TCS. If you don't have a chance to email it this week than feel free to bring a hard copy to the new parent orientation on Thursday evening and hand it to the principal.

We ask that every new family send in a 3 or 4 line summary to the office within the next week so we can carefully track how your child is doing. It is very important to us as your children are precious to us at TCS!!

### Code Red Lockdown—This Friday at 1:15pm

We will be doing a Code Red Lockdown practice on Friday at 1:15pm. Teachers will explain details to students, but primary parents please let your children know that it's just a practice and they are safe!

### Mentor Families for New Families to TCS

We have had several families step up willing to be mentors but with 23 new families we do need several more. A reminder that you can certainly use part of PITCH hours in the work of a mentor family. If you can help out and are open to being a "connection to a new family as a mentor family", we would be very grateful! Let the office know if you can help.

### Back to School BBQ & "Fall Into A Good Book" Fair—Sept. 24

The annual school BBQ is to be held Thursday, September 24th starting in the gym at 5:30pm. We would love to see you on this night for some food and fellowship! The library committee will also be running their "Seuss"tastic Book Fair during the BBQ! On Friday classes will have a chance during the day to visit the Book Fair as well during school hours!

### Finance

All Families should have completed and submitted their tuition forms and payment plans for the year. If you have not yet submitted, please do so immediately. Thanks!

One Way—His Way ~ Proverbs 3:5-6

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# What's Happening at TCS?

## From the Board

On behalf of the board at Timothy Christian School we would like to extend a warm welcome to all our families as we start another school year. The Lord has blessed us with a beautiful summer, a wonderful time of family, friends and fun. We pray your children are adjusting well to school starting up again and especially that all our new families and their children are settling in and feeling welcomed by our TCS community. We are thankful to have such gifted Christian teachers and staff nurturing, teaching and leading our children and pray for a wonderful blessed year for each of them. We look forward to meeting our new families at the New Parent Orientation later this week, as well as meeting up with everyone at our welcome BBQ coming later this month. We look forward to serving TCS together this year and driving our school even more towards the vision of **"delivering a dynamic, vibrant learning environment offering leading edge programs that inspire children to be alive in Christ!"** Have a wonderful week, month and school year!

## Nut Free Lunches

Just a reminder that we have some nut and seed allergies in the school and we try to be a peanut free environment. Please make sure students lunches do NOT contain any peanuts! Thank you!

## Telephone Directory

We are updating our TCS Telephone Directory. This will include the names, addresses, and phone numbers of Timothy families. Please be sure we are aware of any changes or updates **by this Friday**.

## Bus Routes

Thank you for your patience with the busses as the kinks get worked out. If you have any comments or concerns about the bussing, please contact Robin at [tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca) and she'll pass it along to the transportation committee.

**Pizza Day Order Forms** are attached to today's newsletter. This fundraiser is for the grade 8 end of year trip to Quebec. Pizza is supplied by Domino's. Forms are due by 3:30pm this Friday, Sept. 18.

## **PITCH OPPORTUNITIES**

### From the PITCH Committee

We are excited for a new school year filled with learning, fun and service within the TCS Community. At TCS we have a board mandated program called PITCH which requires all families to "pitch in" by committing to 25 hours of volunteer service each school year. Thank you to those families who have submitted their completed PITCH forms for this school year. A reminder to those families who still need to fill a form out to please send that into the office. Also, please do start reporting any hours to the PITCH Committee as soon as you complete them; that way we all stay on track for keeping record of hours completed. Each hour must be recorded including task and date completed. (This is to abide by guidelines set out for charities/nonprofits)

You may report your hours by email to [timothypitch@gmail.com](mailto:timothypitch@gmail.com) or by filling out the paper forms on the info table in the school office.

**New families:** If you have any questions you will be learning more about the PITCH Program this Thursday evening at the New Parent Orientation, and if you have not filled in a form yet, we will have them there for you. Thank you to all our TCS Families for their volunteer hours which help make Timothy the success that it is for our students.

### Family BBQ Help Needed

We do need some volunteers to help out the day of the BBQ in prepping condiments, veggies etc. If you would like to put in some PITCH hours we need 3 people from 3:30-5:30 on Sept. 24th to help set up for the BBQ. If you can help, please contact Jessica at [ajvanloenen@yahoo.ca](mailto:ajvanloenen@yahoo.ca). Thank you and hope to see you all there!

### Wanted: Soccer Coaches for Senior Teams

These are two teams with one staff supervisor in need of parent coaches. The tournament for our area is on Thursday, October 8. A great way to get PITCH hours and to get to know our intermediate students. The practices would be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:40-4:45. Taking Moms and Dads, even if you are a primary parent, but love soccer come and help out. Thank you. Please contact Mrs. Covert ASAP at [tcovert@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:tcovert@timothychristianschool.ca)

### Woodworkers—Help Needed

We are looking for someone to build a couple of benches for the hallways (similar to the other benches in the hallways) for in front of the grade 2 classroom. Due to the extra JK class, we are short for the grade 2 class! If you can help, please contact the office at [tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca)

## Homework Highlights

In an attempt to streamline and clarify homework expectations and review/study sheets for grades 4 - 8, the intermediate teachers have been working together with the administration on the following guidelines. Parents with students in grades 4 - 8 can expect the following:

### *Tests and Major Assignments:*

All tests, major quizzes and major assignments will be published in the weekly school newsletter under the grades 4 - 8 homework section by the classroom teacher **five school days** prior to the due date

Going forward, teacher emails or classroom newsletters will be a secondary way to publish tests, quizzes or major assignments, but **the school newsletter** will be the priority first line of communication with parents when publishing tests, quizzes or major assignment.

With no exception, no tests, major quizzes or major assignments will be given that are not published in the school newsletter **five days** before the due date

### *Review Sheets/Study Sheets:*

All grade 4 - 8 teachers will give out a review

sheet/study sheet summarizing the key areas of a test a minimum of **three days** before the test date. These will be generated by the teacher on the content being covered. Review sheets/study sheets will be taken up in class by the teacher a minimum of **two days** before the test so the students go home with the proper information.

Review sheets/study sheets will have a direct connection to what is being tested. More may be expected on a study sheet but a test will not have items that are not on a review/study sheet.

### **Grade 4**

Thu. Sept. 17 Memory Work: Prov. 3:5-6 (oral)  
Fri. Sept. 18 Unit 1 Spelling Test

### **Grade 5**

Fri. Sept. 18 Memory Work: Prov. 3:5-6 (oral)  
Please bring in your pressed/dried flowers for Art class

### **Grade 6**

Thu. Sept. 17 Memory Work: Prov. 3:5-6 (oral)  
Fri. Sept. 18 Unit 1 Spelling Test

**Grade 7 and 8** parents please note: All assignments, tests and homework related items for grade 7 and 8 will now be found on Schoology (online homework program for grade 7 and 8). The grade 7 and 8 teachers will be sending information to all grade 7 and 8 parents informing them how this will work for the upcoming year and how parents can check in.

this and all upcoming practices. If parents are able to help as coaches, please contact Mrs. Covert at [tcovert@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:tcovert@timothychristianschool.ca). This is a short season with the tournament on October 8th.

### **Thank you Grass Cutters!**

We would like to thank all of those who helped (and continue to help out) with grass cutting this season! This is a PITCH opportunity that is available every year and saves the school a lot of money by not having to contract this out! Thank you SO much!

### **TCS Baseball Team**

This was our first year that TCS had a Baseball team on the roster and it was a blast! It was another great way to get the "BIG T" of Timothy logo to be front and centre in the community. We rallied together, had lots of fun and played strong, it was a great season! We're already looking forward to next Spring :)

### **Terry Fox Run**

The Annual Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research will be run after chapel on Friday, Sept. 25th (weather permitting). All students are encouraged to dress in their proud Canadian colours for this event. Start saving those loonies and toonies for these two awesome events that help to build up our library and support an excellent cause!

### **Cross Country Helpers Needed**

If you are available to help with cross country training, please contact Mrs. Goodnough or Mrs. Berg at [bgoodnough@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:bgoodnough@timothychristianschool.ca) or [rberg@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:rberg@timothychristianschool.ca)

### **Soccer**

This Thursday all students from grades 6-8 who signed up for soccer tryouts have their first practice from 3:40-4:45. CLEATS and SHIN GUARDS are a definite must for

### **Thank you to all the Barrie Fair Volunteers!**

It was a great fundraising event for TCS where we ran the parking, greeted people at the gate, provided information, ran the admission booth and much, much more! We worked hard and it paid off—way to go volunteers!! The organizers of the Fair were thrilled and mentioned that we had gone above and beyond their expectations! We look forward to Fundraising events like this that help us connect with our local community and share our excitement about our great school! We'll work on making next year bigger and better for the Fair!

### **VIP Gift Card Program**

VIP is a fundraising program that allows you to raise money for the school and/or tuition by buying gift certificates through the school each week. The school purchases these cards at a discounted price, allowing the difference to go towards personal tuition reduction and/or the school.

To begin using the VIP Program, simply fill out the Family Registration Form attached to the Newsletter and return it to the school as soon as possible. Be sure to fill out each section, sign and date the form. Once we have received your form, you can go ahead and place your first order. Cards may be paid for by cheque or cash on the date of purchase.

VIP Store and VIP Weekly orders began today. VIP Store will be set up in the foyer at 8:45am to about 9:30am every Monday (Tuesday if Monday is a holiday). VIP Weekly Orders will be accepted until 12pm on Mondays. They will be processed by 12:30pm— so late orders will not be processed until the following week. Please send in your orders through backpack mail and labeled "VIP" or place them in the mailbox outside the office. Weekly orders are sent home one week after payment is received.

Attached with today's newsletter are the VIP Order Form and Family Registration Form.

On the bottom of the Order Form it lets you know when orders are due, when cheques need to be dated and when the cards will go home. If you are doing post-dated cheques, **PLEASE do them only up to December 2015.**

If you have any questions please e-mail [vip@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:vip@timothychristianschool.ca). Thanks so much.

### **Great Wolf Lodge, 2015**

It's that time of year again! A block of rooms has once again been reserved during the annual Fall PA days for our Christian schools. Discounted rates are available for the dates of Oct. 29th, 30th and 31st. Room rates start at \$174.99/night. Our group booking code is: 1510CHRI\_001

To book your room go to: [www.greatwolf.com/niagara](http://www.greatwolf.com/niagara) or call: [1-888-878-1818](tel:1-888-878-1818). Booking deadline is Sept. 29, so reserve early to avoid disappointment. For further information, please contact Tammy Veld - [rtveld96@gmail.com](mailto:rtveld96@gmail.com) or call/text: [905.745.5609](tel:905.745.5609)

### **Attachments**

There are a number of attachments to today's newsletter...

- Internet Use Form (to be signed and returned)
- Pizza Form—due Friday, September 18th
- VIP Registration & Order Forms
- Student Insurance Forms (optional)