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TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Snow Days at TCS

Just a reminder of the process we use for calling snow days at TCS. Our bus company uses the Simcoe School Bus website: www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca See their website if you are ever wondering—our school is not listed; however, when the majority of zones are red - buses are cancelled and therefore TCS is closed.

An email goes out to all our TCS parents by 7:00 (in the rare time it may be a late call) informing them that buses are cancelled and school is closed.

As a school we have always taken the safe route to cancel school when buses are cancelled to ensure everyone (parents driving, staff and students on buses) are safe. We do inform Life 100.3 as well (they were called twice on Monday) but since it happens very early sometimes the message is missed when left at the newsroom answering machine. The Life 100.3 announcement is a secondary plan to the email notice you will get from TCS direct. As soon as the parent email is sent out we always post it on the TCS Facebook page as well.

If you did not get an email from the TCS office yesterday please call Robin to double check if we have your most current email.

Thank you for your support as we try to keep everyone safe on those mornings.

What about after school at 3:30? Will buses run if weather is harsh?

This is a bit more challenging of a call. Normally we do our very best to send the buses home at 3:30 with the concept in mind that it is usually safer to send students home on a large, safe bus than individually in cars. Having said that, if it is too dangerous, in very, very rare situations we would keep students at the school to wait out a storm. The challenge with waiting out a storm and keeping students at school past 3:30 is the first reaction of parents is to go pick up their children from school which puts more parents on the road and at risk in challenging weather.

In general, we usually never send buses home early as many parents meet students at stops so this would be unsafe. If you are ever concerned about weather

JANUARY

- 13—Hockey Practise
- 15—Pizza Day & SNOW VALLEY SKIING BEGINS
- 16—Strategic Planning Meeting
- 17—TCS Represents at Mapleview CC
- 20—Hockey Practise
- 22—Split Chapel, Pizza Day & Scrapday set-up
- 23—Scrapday Plus + Fundraiser**
- 27—Hockey Practise & Open House 9am-noon
- 28—Stouffville Hockey Tournament
- 29—Pizza Day

FEBRUARY

- 3—Hockey practise
- 4—Milk order forms due
- 5—Chapel, Founders Cup Hockey Tournament & Pizza Day
- 8—Open House 9am-12
- 12—Pizza Day
- 15—Family Day (NO SCHOOL)**

and wish to pick your children up early from school, you are welcome to do that. The plan is to send students home safely on the buses at 3:30.

We hope that helps, thank you for your continued support.

Rental Opportunity at TCS Beyond June 2017 (possibly earlier)

TCS learned this past weekend that Harvest Bible Chapel (the church that rents from TCS on the weekends) is in the exciting journey of moving into their own building. We wish Harvest blessings and have been blessed with them renting our school for church services for the past 10 years.

Going forward that means exciting opportunities for other churches or organizations when Harvest moves into their new building. **TCS is now beginning conversations** with churches or organizations about future rental opportunities regarding church services or Saturday rentals for sports groups in our building.

If you are aware of churches looking for rental space or know of other organizations looking for space, have them contact either Mr. Berg or Mrs. Nibourg over the next few months as there will be opportunities in the next year. **Spread the word** - rental opportunities coming up at TCS!

One Way—His Way ~ 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.”



Strategic Planning for 2016 for TCS

The Strategic Planning team is meeting this Saturday to unpack the priorities for next year for the school. If you have any input regarding areas to focus on please email them to Mr. Berg at rberg@timothychristianschool.ca. Feedback will be taken until Wednesday at the end of the day at which time a list will be passed on to the team process as they meet on Saturday.

We welcome Joel Faris and Jeremy Brooks new to the team this year. Every so many years we add a few new members to the Strategic Planning team to ensure we stay fresh and crisp with our ideas and we welcome Joel and Jeremy who will join the team this weekend as we unpack 2016. Since both Joel and Jeremy have children in the primary grades, they bring both the perspective of newer families as well as the primary grades.

Open House Dates

Our first two TCS open house dates for interested parents will be January 27 and February 8 both from 9am to 12pm. If you know of anyone interested in TCS for September 2016 please send them our way on those mornings.

Any interested family can also call the TCS office at 705-726-6621 and we can book a tour with the principal anytime.

Our next two church visits will this Sunday at Mapleview Community Church and on February 7 at Hiway Pentecostal Church. We will have our TCS information booth set up in the foyer of each church during both services on those dates talking with potential parents.

Parent Surveys

A reminder that the parent survey for the 2015/2016 school year will be done at the beginning of March this year to better reflect this past school year. For new parents we normally did the parent survey in October but changed it this year. Allowing for a March survey gives parents a chance to reflect on a greater part of the present school year. We very much look forward to your feedback on that March survey.

SPORTS

Basketball Practises This week on Tuesday & Thursday there will be Basketball for grades 7-8 from 3:30-5pm at TCS for those who want to tryout.

Hockey Practices Practices have started for the Hockey team (gr. 6-8) on Wednesday mornings at 7am at the Thornton Arena.

Skiing at Snow Valley—STARTS THIS FRIDAY!

Once again, Snow Valley is offering discounted rates for our school for the following dates: Fri. Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar. 4 & 11.



Tickets must be ORDERED IN ADVANCE (by Wed evening of the week you plan to ski) by emailing Ed Wright at wright_29@yahoo.ca. Send your name along with the # of lift tickets you need, the # of ski and/or snowboard rentals you need, as well as the age of all children participating. Tickets can be picked up in the main chalet, upper floor, the night of your ski starting at 4pm. You must have exact change in cash.

Prices are: Lift Ticket and Lesson \$16.25
Ski Rental \$12
Snowboard Rental \$18

PITCH OPPORTUNITIES

SCRAPDAY

Hey, you! Yes, YOU! We could really use your strength and talent to help with the various jobs to make Scrapday a success. We still need volunteers for the following:

- Kitchen shifts Jan. 23: 3 people from 8am-2pm and 1 more person from 4-8pm.
- Helping on the floor of the event on Jan. 23 (registration, tidying, raffle ticket sales, etc.)
- Take down of event on January 23 from 7—9pm (WE NEED THE MOST HELP HERE AS THE COMMITTEE IS EXHAUSTED AFTER THE EVENT. Please...strong arms are needed...any amount of time you can spare is appreciated.

People rave each year about the delicious food we have at Scrapday. The homemade soups, chili and baked goods are our hallmark! We can't do this without you! We still need:

- Soup—10 large batches
- Chili—5 large batches
- Baked goods—Squares, muffins (especially minis!), cookies, loaves—still need a lot!
- Fruit and veggies—either platters or loose

If you can help, please contact:

Christina Fairchild – (705) 733-1056,
cadmin@rogers.com

Catherine DeLenardo – (705) 792-9637,
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Kiersta Hazlett – (705) 835-2871,
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Meagan Devries – mmdevries@sympatico.ca

You may report your hours by filling out the forms in the school office, or by sending an email to timothypitch@gmail.com. THANK YOU!!

Scrapday

The countdown to Scrapday continues and we are getting excited about hosting this annual event for the 8th time! All tickets have officially been sold!

We are still in need of several volunteers who can lend a hand to make this day a success once again! See the PITCH section for how you can help make this the best scrapbooking event in the area which helps raise money for our Student Fund!

We also need donations for raffle prizes...examples of great prizes include scrapbooking supplies, Michael's gift certificates, etc. If you have any business contacts that would be willing to donate door or raffle prizes, or sponsor a prize please let us know! Also, any extra or unused scrapbooking items you may have lying around your homes that you are willing to donate can also go to good use. Any donations can be left with Robin at the office.

We also will gratefully accept cash donations that will be used to purchase any of the above needed items we do not receive by donation.

Board Highlights from January Meeting

- Thanks to those who attended the Fall Society Meeting. Minutes will be going out soon by email.
- Strategic Planning Meeting (Year 4) coming up
- TCS Constitution
 - Continuing to go thru the Constitution and finish up the work on that with OACS.
- TCS Staff
 - Please keep the TCS staff in your prayers for all their hard work.

Parent Workshop Ideas Wanted

We would love to host workshops for families on various topics and are looking for feedback from you in regards to what topics you would be interested in attending a workshop about, for example: Finances, Parenting, Children and Technology...etc. If you have suggestions, please let Robin know in the office!

Milk Orders—DUE FEB. 4

Attached to today's newsletter is the new milk order form. The new milk term to begin Feb. 16th.

IEP and Student Profiles

Anyone who had an IEP or Student Profile sent home, please return those signed to the school by this Friday. Thanks!

Homework Highlights

Grades 4-8 Speech Deadlines

Fri. Jan. 8	Speech topic selected
Mon. Feb. 8	Speech memorized
Feb. 8-12	Speech presentations in classrooms
Fri. Feb. 26	TCS Jr & Sr Speech Fest
Wed. Mar. 2	<i>Snow Date for TCS Speech Fest</i>
Wed. Mar. 9	Speech Fest at Unity Christian HS
Thu. Mar. 10	<i>Snow Date for Speech Fest at Unity</i>

Grade 4 (see speech deadlines above)

Fri. Jan. 8	Spelling Unit 13
Thu. Jan. 14	Memory Work—Ruth 1:16-17a (written)

Grade 5 (see speech deadlines above)

Devotions:	Wed—Rachel, Thu—Aren, Fri—Mya
Thu. Jan. 14	Speech outlines due
Fri. Jan. 15	Scholastic book orders due
Jan. 15-25	Students work on speech rough copy
Mon. Jan. 18	Science Quiz: Periodic Table & Formulas
Fri. Jan. 22	Reading Around God's World goal due
	Speech rough copy due
Mon. Jan. 25	Speech rough copy due
Wed. Jan. 27	Math Test—decimals
Mon. Feb. 1	Speech good copy due

Grade 6 (see speech deadlines above)

Fri. Jan. 8	Spelling Test Unit 12
Thurs. Jan 14	Memory Work - Matthew 6:25-26

Grade 7 & 8 parents please note that all assignments will now be found online on Schoology.

Re-Source THRIFT SHOP

Saturday volunteers are needed for Shop! We had several people willing to start volunteering in the New Year and we are in need of some extra volunteers to help out with Saturdays! If you are able to help some hours on Saturdays, please contact Amanda at amandajoysmith@outlook.com or call 705-735-0444.

Our next sorting night is scheduled for January 18 at the store from 7-9 pm. This work bee is a fantastic support to the store and helps us keep fresh inventory going out consistently.

Thrift Shop hours are Mon-Sat 10am-5pm.

Unity Christian High School invites you to book a private tour to have all your questions answered. Come see the school in action, learn about our unique program features, and see the difference Christian Education can make in the life of your child. Book a tour today at info@unitychristianhigh.ca or by phone at 705-792-6915!

Join us for an Open House at **TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**



- January 27: 9am-noon
- February 8: 9am-noon
- March 7: 9am-noon
- April 11: 9am-noon, 7-8:30pm
- May 9: 9am-noon, 7-8:30pm
- June 13: 9am-noon

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