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TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Office

Mr. Rod Berg

Welcome Back to School!

This morning we met as an entire school for our first chapel of the school year at 9:30 to welcome new students and new parents to Timothy Christian School. We also took the time to welcome Ms Bethany Winger (teaching grade 5 for the first few weeks of September for Mrs. Goodnough until she comes back on September 19) as well as Mrs. Tamara Kloosterman—back in grade 3 from her year away.

We also took time to talk about our theme for the school year as well as the TCS vision statement. We are trusting God for a great year at TCS and look forward to how He will use staff, parents and students to advance His Kingdom. This morning in chapel we asked for God to be with us and lead us – right from the very first day.

A very special welcome to our new families! We hope you have a great start at TCS and please keep both the *Sept. 15 New Parent Orientation (7-8pm)* as well as the mid-September check-in via email from the principal on your radar. On September 19 there will be a reminder for all the new parents to check-in with your children to ask them how they are settling in to TCS and to *send a 3 – 5 line email summary to the principal by the end of September* on how they are doing. *We care...we really care about your children* and want to track how things are going and need your feedback to help with that.

New parents please note that the principal will be checking in with new students in grades 1 – 8 this Friday morning as well to ensure and track how they are doing after their first week. We focus a lot on the grade 1 – 8 new students (buddies/meetings etc.) because there are so many new students in JK and SK that most of them are already well supported in the settling in journey.

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!

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Soccer Practice
- 12-14 Grade 8 to Medeba
- 13 Soccer Practice
- 14 **Pizza Forms Due**
- 15 Soccer Practice & New Parent Orientation
- 20 Soccer Practice
- 22 Soccer Practice, School BBQ & Book Fair
- 23 Full Chapel & Pizza Day
- 27 Soccer Practice
- 28 School Photo Day
- 29 Soccer Practice
- 30 Terry Fox Run & Pizza Day

OCTOBER

- 4 Soccer Practice
- 5 Pizza Day
- 6 Soccer Tournament in Wasaga Beach

PITCH

All families should have submitted a PITCH form for this school year. If you haven't done so yet, they are on the TCS website under "Admissions".

Media Consent Forms

New students to TCS have received a form today—to be filled out—in case we have photos to go in our newsletters or on our website, instagram, or facebook page. Please return these to the school as soon as possible. Thank you!



If you haven't already done so, like us on facebook and follow us on Instagram @tcs_barrie! This is a great way to get the TCS name out in the community!



Peanut 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!



Bus Routes

Thank you for your patience with the busses as the kinks get worked out. If you have any concerns please contact tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca and she'll pass it along to the bus committee.



Diving Deeper by Faith

"Now **faith** is **confidence** in what we hope for and **assurance** about what we do not see." ~ Hebrews 11:1

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.**

Pizza Day Order Forms are attached to today's newsletter. This fundraiser is for the grade 8 end of year trip to Quebec. Pepperoni and cheese pizza is supplied by Domino's. Please be sure to write the dates on your calendar at home so students are not left without a lunch on non-pizza days! Forms are due by 3:30pm Wednesday, Sept. 14. Late orders may not be included.

Terry Fox Run

The Annual Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research will be run on Friday, Sept. 30th (weather permitting). All students are encouraged to dress in their proud Canadian colours for this event. Start saving those loonies and toonies for this awesome event! More details to come...

Homework Highlights

Tests and Major Assignments: Grades 4-8

All tests, major quizzes and major assignments will be published in the weekly school newsletter under the grades 4 & 5 homework section by the classroom teacher **five school days** prior to the due date and on Schoology for grades 6-8.

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.

For Grade 6—8 Parents: All assignments, tests and homework related items will now be found on **Schoology (an online homework program)**. The grades 6-8 teachers will be sending information with their students to inform parents how this will work for the upcoming year and how parents can check in.

NOTE: Information for JK—Grade 3 will be sent home by the homeroom teachers via classroom newsletters or email.

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!

Police Checks

A reminder to parents—if ever you would like to help in the school at all during the year, or drive for class trips, you are required to have an updated police check on file with the school (within the past 3 years). If you require a police check form (so it doesn't cost you anything) Mrs. Nibourg can send you a letter home from the TCS office.

Coffee and Prayer Time—Monday Mornings

Please feel free to join us, any week that you can, for a coffee/tea and a time of prayer on Monday mornings from 9-10am in the staff room. Babies and pre-schoolers welcome! If you are unable to join us but have a prayer request, please email Isabel.back@gmail.com and we will add your request to our prayer list.

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)

New families: If you have any questions you will be learning more about the PITCH Program on Sept. 15 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.

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

Kids Plus Accident Insurance If you are interested in purchasing insurance for your child, please contact the office and I will send home the forms for you.

Soccer—Grades 6-8

Soccer practices will be Tuesdays and Thursdays starting THIS THURSDAY, Sept. 6 after school from 3:35-5:00pm. Cleats and shin guards are required...there's an exception for the first practice. The tournament will be on October 6 at the Wasaga Beach soccer fields.

Attachments

- Internet Use Form (to be signed and returned)
- Pizza Form—due Friday, September 18th
- Media Consent Forms (**new students only**)
- PITCH Form available on TCS website under "Admissions"

Re-Source THRIFT SHOP—Update

A huge thank-you to the families, staff and TCS board members that stepped up over the summer to cover shifts and sort nights. We greatly appreciate your help.

If you are on Facebook, we have regular updates of shifts that still need to be covered - you can find our community page here - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/132845753765136/> (re-Source Thrift Shop Community)

Alternatively you can be added to our email distribution list if you are not on Facebook by contacting - passion4realestate@hotmail.com

We look forward to a successful season working together and wish you a blessed School Year!

Sorting Nights

Below is a list of the upcoming sorting nights! Feel free to join us on any of the nights below, from 7-9pm to help get done whatever needs to be done around the shop!

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| Mon. Sept. 12 | Thu. Sept. 29 |
| Mon. Oct. 10 | Thu. Oct. 27 |
| Mon. Nov. 7 | Thu. Nov. 24 |
| Mon. Dec. 5 | |

~ re-Source Thrift Shop Barrie South Board

The image is a promotional graphic for the re-Source Thrift Shop. It features a yellow background with a white oval containing the text "re-Source" in a green and black font. Below this, the words "THRIFT SHOP" are written in large, bold, black capital letters. A green horizontal bar separates this from the address and hours information. The address is "28 Commerce Park Drive, Unit B". The hours are listed as "Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 10am-5pm" and "Thu 10am-9pm". The contact information includes "Tel: 705-735-0444" and "Email: resource.barrie@outlook.com". At the bottom, a green bar contains the text "ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND LOCAL CHARITIES" in white capital letters.