



So What Makes Finland good at Education?

One of the reasons this team of educational leaders visited Finland was because Finland dominated the PISA scores (International scores for Reading, Science and Math/out of 70 countries) for 12 years running, often coming in 1st or 2nd. That consistency quickly caused the rest of the world to stand up and take notice.

What we learned is that this little country of 6 million people does a very, very good job 'supporting' their educational system.

Teachers and Professional Development

It starts with teachers in Finland. Having over 10,000 applicants for under 50 teaching positions is not uncommon. Teachers are extremely well trained and well educated and it is such a high and respected calling in Finland that the schools can pick from the best of the very best. One thing I noticed is that all of the 15 or so teachers I observed in the schools were very, very good at classroom management. Better management of students allows for more space to learn resulting in deeper learning. This was clear in all the schools we visited. Teachers managed students well, consistently and carved out those boundaries of learning with joy and a smile, not with an edge.

A deep sense of professional development was also very clearly a part of the teaching culture. Teachers took professional development as a very serious part of being a teacher, were given lots of opportunity to grow (and expected to grow) and reflected deeply and often on best practices.

Healthy Bodies equal Sharper Minds

Built right into the educational law in Finland is an expectation that little bodies need to be active to learn best. There is an expectation that there will be recess times or physical education times strategically placed in and around instructional times to allow for better learning.

The above concepts are just a few of the areas that were noted on this professional development trip by the leaders that attended. I had the blessing of presenting a much longer list to our board members at our October board meeting last week and plan to share that same list of areas gleaned with the TCS staff later this month. I also plan to share highlights at the membership meeting in November.

A natural part of learning from other schools is comparing those highlights with TCS. Strong classroom management and a deep sense of Professional development are strong themes at TCS as well. The professional reading that TCS staff is discussing at our meetings throughout this year is 'Leaders of Their Own Learning' by Ron Berger. This book challenges teachers to further help students engage in deeper learning and the assessment that supports that.

News from Development

A letter addressing Membership will be mailed out this week. If you're unsure whether you have made your payment to become a TCS Member or not, feel free to call the school to ask. This new Membership policy & process has been adjusted to \$10 per person. This permits voting rights during our Society meetings, ability to Chair a committee, ability to apply for a Board position as well as gaining access to certain important school information & policies. We pray you will consider becoming a Member and walking with us as we lead this school into a great future!
Application Deadline: Tuesday, October 31, 2017

OCTOBER

- 13 Gr. 3-4 Swimming at Holly Community Centre
Pizza Day!
- 17 Cross Country Meet—Owen Sound
- 20 Split Chapel ; Pizza Day
Gr. 3-4 Swimming at Holly Community Centre
- 25 Pizza Day (Wednesday)
- 26&27 PD Day (Teachers Convention)—NO SCHOOL**

NOVEMBER

- 3 Photo Retake Day; Pizza Day
Gr. 3-4 Swimming at Holly Community Centre
- 8 Progress Reports go home
- 10 Remembrance Day Chapel—Grade 2
Gr. 3-4 Swimming at Holly Community Centre
Pizza Day
- 13 Parent—Teacher Conferences
- 14 Grade 7&8 Immunizations
- 15 Pizza Day (Wednesday)



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"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do **ALL** in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Col 3:17

Homework Highlights

Grade 3

Wed. Oct. 11	MW—Ephesians 4:29—32 (fill in the blank)
Fri. Oct. 13	Swimming
Wed. Oct. 18	Science Test—Trees

Grade 3/4

Wed. Oct. 11	Science Test: Habitats
Fri. Oct. 13	Spelling Test—Unit 5 Swimming
Thurs. Oct. 19	Math Test—Grade 4 Addition/Subtraction
Fri. Oct. 20	No Spelling Test (review week) Swimming

Grade 4

Wed. Oct. 11	Science Test: Habitats
Fri. Oct. 13	Spelling Test—Unit 5 Swimming
Wed. Oct. 18	Math Test
Thurs. Oct. 19	Bible Quiz
Fri. Oct. 20	No Spelling Test (review week) Swimming

Grade 5

Thurs. Oct. 12	Math Quiz—Adding & Subtracting
Fri. Oct. 13	Scholastic Book Order Due
Fri. Oct. 20	MW—1 Peter 1:3-4 (fill in the blank)
Tues. Oct. 24	Math Quiz—Multiplication

Calling all interested Church Liasons...

We have been running a program over the past few years where TCS families will be a representative at their church for any prospective families that may show interest in Christian Education. This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage & inform families on this journey. If you are interested in becoming a Church Liaison at your church, please contact Michelle Roberts for more details & some helpful resources. mroberts@timothychristianschool.ca

Soccer Tournament

Well done to all who participated in last Thursday's NTD Soccer Tournament. A special and HUGE thank you to our parent coaches: Mrs. Scholten-Purinton, Mrs. Graham and Mr. Stackhouse. Praise God for fine weather and fabulous games! Please remember to return your freshly laundered uniform to Mrs. Covert by the end of the week.

Cross Country

The Cross Country team continues to practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays during lunch recess. The Cross Country meet will be in Owen Sound on Tuesday, October 17. Please have your cross country runner at TCS by 7:30am, ready to leave at 7:45am. The bus will return to TCS by 4:30pm.

Bazaar Message!

It's that time of year again, the Timothy Christmas Bazaar and Auction is just around the corner. This event boasts of over 50 local vendors, a silent and live auction, a kid's area, Christmas greenery and décor, a bake sale, Dutch goods and much more! Please mark the date, **November 18th** on your calendars, and be sure to invite all your family and friends to attend this exciting event.

Your involvement is what makes this event great. Please consider donating a new item, service or experience such as: gift cards, sports tickets, power tools, window washing, limo ride, gourmet dinner for 10, week at a cottage etc. to our live or silent auction. Nothing is too big or small and we offer promotional advantages for businesses who donate. Please feel free to drop off items at the school or contact us at tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca with your ideas. We look forward to hearing from you!
The Bazaar Committee

Dutch Store order form

Just a reminder that you have one week to return Dutch Store order forms to TCS by **Monday, October 16, 2017**.

News from Marketing

A new logo design has been approved and will be showing up on more advertising from TCS over the next few months. We're excited to blend the Vision Statement with a fresh, visual branding for the school's future.

Apparel & merchandise will also be available to order later on in the Fall.



TIMOTHY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

This year's price: \$17.00, hardcover, more pages, more fun!

ADVERTISING: Did you enjoy last year's yearbook? Come, be a part of it again and purchase advertisement space in this year's yearbook or consider sponsoring a page from your family by purchasing a "tag line twenty" see the attached information for details and pricing.

NEEDED: Some of the first pages in this year's yearbook will be "May-June Recap Pages" SO, please send Mrs. Covert your May/June 2017 pictures including: SK Grad, class trips (Medieval Times, Ottawa, Aquarium, Science Centre), Track and Field, Fun Day and Gr. 8 Graduation...we will reflect, before we spring ahead into this year. Please also send "First Day Photos" for this current school year.

Current Grade Eights: Start submitting your baby photos to Mrs. Covert now.

Calling all parents of Grade 7 & 8 Students!

Are you wondering about educational options for your child when they enter high school? UNITY DAY IN BARRIE is the perfect opportunity for your child to check out Unity Christian High School. On **Tuesday, November 7, 2017** from **10am—2pm**, students in grades 7 & 8 are invited to the annual open house at the school (25 Burton Ave, Barrie, ON). Students will visit classrooms, meet teachers and be involved in interactive activities. There will be time for games, listening to music, and hearing our students talk about their experiences and opportunities in extra-curricular events. Lunch and snacks are provided. We look forward to seeing your children!

Unity Christian High School Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser—Saturday, October 14, 2017

There will be pancakes, sausages, fruit, juice; great food, great company! Free-will donations will be accepted, with proceeds going to STUDENT ACTIVITIES. Come join us. Breakfast is served from 8am—11am at Timothy Christian School in the gym (750 Essa Rd, just south of Mapleview).

*** See attachment for details

Message from the Board at resource Thrift Shop

After much prayer and deliberation, we have decided to hire a part-time position at the shop. The primary purpose of this hire is to help stream activity at the shop, providing consistent management and continuity within the store.

To be clear, it does not take away the importance of having volunteers working at the store. We still require at minimum 4 people covering daily shifts in order to run effectively.

We understand completely the busyness of life,

commitments to family, church and school. Adding more can be challenging. Working together as a community we can share the responsibility. When TCS families can commit to 4 hours each month (through sort nights, day shifts and Saturdays, work from home projects) the shop benefits and so does TCS.

We look forward to continuing to work together supporting Christian education.

Shift Coverage Requirements this week

Thursday: 11am—3pm; 3pm—6pm

Friday: 1:30pm—5:30pm

Saturday: 2pm—5pm

Regular Sort Nights Coming Up

Thurs. Oct. 26: 5pm—8pm

Mon. Nov. 13 : 6pm—9pm

Part—Time Retail Job Opportunity

reSource Thrift Shop Barrie South (28 Commerce Park Drive) is seeking a positive, experienced person to fill a need as a part-time (20 hr/week) Assistant Manager. This paid position, reporting to the Board of Directors, would ideally be available 5 afternoons per week, be required to perform closing duties at the store 5 days per week, assist in running the cash and the daily operation of the store. Applicants must be self motivated, be willing to work in a team environment alongside volunteers, and have minimum one year experience in a retail environment. Please email resumes to resource.barrie@outlook.com. Applications will be accepted until Friday, October 27 at 4pm. A full job description can be obtained by request by emailing resource.barrie@outlook.com. We thank all applicants, however, only those qualified will be called for an interview.

**Ads can be either horizontal or vertical based on your company logo or design.*

1/2 Page Advertising

Size: 8" x 5.395"

Price: \$125.00

1/4 Page Advertising

Size: 4.275" x 5"

Price: \$70.00

1/8 Page Advertising

Size: 3.685" x 2.5"

Price: \$50.00

Business Card Ad*

Size: 3.5" x 2"

Price: \$35.00

(*Provide your own business card)

"Tagline Twenty" Price: \$20.00

Running along the bottom of a printed page:
(*Lovingly sponsored by the _____ Family*)

Unity Annual Pancake Breakfast

Hosted by **UNITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL**



Saturday, October 14, 2017

Breakfast is served at Timothy Christian School in the gym
(750 Essa Road, just south of Maplevue)

There will be pancakes, sausages, fruit, juice; great food, great company!
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Come on down! Breakfast is served 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



Unity Christian High School

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