

## From the Office...

Mr. Rod Berg

### Celebrating 50 Years and Exploring 21<sup>ST</sup> Century Learning Skills at TCS

There are times in the history of a school when we look over our shoulders and reflect on God's amazing faithfulness and trust God for the future at the same time. This is one of those years.

As we launch into a new year we humbly understand that God has walked with TCS for the past 50 years and it is through His strength that we have been blessed thus far in the journey. We also look ahead with excitement to the future.

At TCS we want to be the kind of school that ensures our students are equipped with the kind of skills that are needed for this present culture. A current phrase that is being talked about a lot in the educational circles is 21<sup>st</sup>

Century Learning Skills. These are skills like:

- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Collaboration
- Agility and Adaptation
- Initiative and Entrepreneurialism
- Accessing and Analyzing Information
- Curiosity and Imagination

Skills that the workforce is asking of new employees over the next 10 years. Technology is also integrated into this skill set. Many of these approaches are already being implemented at TCS while others will be part of future discussions.

Over the next year your staff will be exploring and learning what it means to embrace these skills at TCS. On



November 8<sup>th</sup> several staff members will be visiting other schools and learning different approaches in education that move in the direction of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills. As a staff we want to be current and ensure our students are prepared to be the change agents in this world that we want them to be for the Kingdom of God.

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## Christmas Bazaar—November 17th, 2012

There are only 3 weeks left, the excitement is building, and we are getting ready for a fun-filled day for the entire family! Donations are coming in, volunteers are stepping up, and this is sure to be a great community event! Every year with God's grace the community's attendance for this day has increased.

On November 17, 2012 from 9am to 2pm we have so many exciting things for you to do and see. Come out and complete your Christmas shopping—we have gifts for the whole family. We will have the following:

**Gorgeous Christmas Garden** - Come and buy your arrangements to fill your home inside and out. Something for every home to put you in the mood for Christmas!

**Delicious Bakery** selling breads, cookies, preserves, jam, pies, boterkoek, and more—all made for your Christmas baking needs!

**Dutch Store** table will have your favourite European treats, croquettes,

cheese, sausages ~ pre-order to get exactly what you want on the form attached, or come early so you get what you want!

**Extended Games Room** with carnival games, Xbox Kinect, face painting, family fun activities. Prizes for all ages—EVEN COTTON CANDY!

**Live and Silent Auctions**—we have items coming in daily. "Like" us on Facebook to get your up to date list of items up for auction. Also check us out at [www.timothychristianschool.ca](http://www.timothychristianschool.ca).

**Walters Amazing Vegetable Stand** will be in the foyer so stock-up for the winter on fresh carrots, onions, leaks, potatoes, and lots more! Walter even has fresh flowers!

**Vendors** selling-one-of-a-kind hand crafted items. For those that have everything you will be sure to find the perfect gift, or guaranteed to be an original.

**Home Shopping**—New this year! Looking to order or pick up something from a Home Party company, we are

hoping to have one of each of the companies represented.

**Family Photography** is also new this year! Are all the photographers you know booked up already? Or maybe you were just too busy to have your family Christmas picture taken. No need to worry - come in your "photo ready" clothes and get your family photo taken!



**Help Still Needed:** We are looking for baked goods for our bakery, pies and soup for our cafeteria. There is nothing better than a great bowl of soup on a cold November day but we need your help! It is no secret that this day is made easier with donations of goods and services by friends of Timothy and our current families. If you are able to donate we would greatly appreciate it! Please drop your items off in the school office and we'll add them to the event. Vendor Tables are still available. Thank you ~ we'll see you there!

# From the Board...

Mr. Steve Wood

The board is very excited about the start of another year at Timothy Christian School. This year represents Timothy's 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and we are grateful to those who listened to God's prompting of their heart 50 years ago to plant a Christian school in Barrie. We are thankful to those who have served God so faithfully over the years through their service at Timothy and ensuring we have the freedom and opportunity to provide Christ-centered

education for our children. The board of 10 is made up of such energized, committed servants looking to serve Him in any way we can and to continue to listen to Him for guidance and direction – as past Boards have done. We are at an exciting time at Timothy as we (through the leadership of our new principal Mr. Rod Berg) look to respect and honour our past heritage of 50 years while ensuring we recognize the needs of the future

through Strategic Planning and Vision. This is an in-depth process where we look to protect all things foundational at Timothy while meeting the needs for the future. We are planning a 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration in April and look forward to welcoming back many past Timothy Alumni and Supporters. We hope to see many of you then.

## Finance Update

Mrs. Cynthia Marchand

Your Finance Committee is presently reviewing the 2012-2013 budget to reflect the actual number of families enrolled for this year. In the Spring Society Meeting, our Society approved a budget that was



based on 127 families. We currently have 113 families enrolled. The Board and Finance Committee are currently strategizing the reality of this new budget and the potential for cost saving measures.

Further updates will be presented at our November 15th Society Meeting. Please continue to tell others about the wonderful benefits of Christian Education and invite new families to consider the enrollment of their children at TCS.

## S P O R T S



### Cross Country Team's Hard Work Pays Off

The cross country team trained and prepared for October's race and it showed. The team did an amazing job at this year's meet at Sunnidale Park in Barrie! Five of the teams placed 1st, and one team took home 2nd place! To top off their first success, Timothy won first place overall at the Provincial race in Dundas for the second time in four years. GO KNIGHTS GO!!

### Scholastic Book Fair

The annual Timothy Book Fair was held on September 20 and 21 in conjunction with the TCS BBQ. We also had the opportunity to have authors Bryan and Amanda Davis come and speak to students about their journey to becoming Christian authors. All in all, the whole event was a wonderful success! Parents, grandparents and students enjoyed selecting books to purchase for their own collections. Sales were spectacular! Based on the sales, we were able to purchase 98 books for the library and another 30 for various classrooms. Thanks to all who supported the Book Fair...you got books, we got books...what a win-win! Happy Reading!



**Grade 4 to Wye Marsh**

On September 26th, the Grade 4 class had the privilege of heading up to Midland to enjoy a day at the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre. God blessed us with incredible weather, an abundance of parent and grandparent chaperones, excellent behaviour from the students, and of course, a beautiful showing of His creation. In connection with our Science unit on Habitats & Communities, we had the chance to explore a variety of animal habitats, go dip-netting, hike in the wetland ecosystem, pet snakes, observe a graceful swan, play games, and learn about animal adaptations. Our class is thankful for these hands-on learning activities where we can experience God's creation outside of the classroom!



**Exploring our Creation**

The Grade 4 class was learning about decomposition for their Science unit on "Habitats & Communities." Jeremy Veenstra brought in some decaying logs and the students brought in their own tools to explore how the wood changes and what organisms are living inside. What a fun activity for a beautiful afternoon!

**Grade 8 Goes to Medeba**

The grade 8 class went to Medeba for a few days of team building. They had the opportunity to challenge themselves and encourage each other with high ropes activities and rock climbing. In the evenings students bonded over campfires to build community for their grade 8 year! Everyone had a great time although they were excited for their much needed sleep upon returning home!



**Grade 7 to Rounds Ranch**

The grade seven class went to Rounds Ranch to develop team skills and discover their potential gifts and talents both as leaders and team players. Students participated in an "Amazing Race" which found them herding goats, digging for gold, sack racing, seeking their way through a hay bale maze, and bouncing their way to victory. In the afternoon both the tree maze and the 'mine field' challenged the students to work together to complete some pretty challenging tasks.



It is an exciting time at Timothy and there is so much you can be a part of. Development is an action which is infinitely more successful with the participation of more, rather than through the efforts of few. By coming together as a society of believers who see the benefit of Christian education, we can truly make a difference not only in our families but in the surrounding community as well. Through mindful development taking in to account both the financial and spiritual growth of the school and our students, we can accomplish great things, and we sincerely hope you join us in continuing on the legacy that has been created for us. God is working at Timothy and it is evident in the growth of the Development Committee this year!

Our current members are: Lisa Miller (Development Director), Mark Stegeman (Board Representative), Donna Danyluk (Media Relations Consultant), Kathrin Veenstra, Nicole Gordon & Dana Young.

We strive to improve the overall strength and awareness of the school through pro-active media relations pieces, as well as by increasing our financial stability with fundraising &

grants. The following key areas are three from our list that we have been tasked with and will be updating you on throughout the year:

### 50th Anniversary

It is no secret that we are 50 and very excited to honour those who came before us! A strong committee has come together and will welcome back alumni, current Timothy families, and members on April 26 & 27, 2013.

It will be a weekend to reunite with fellow classmates, get involved in alumni events, and honour the effort & dedication made by those who responded to a need and came together in 1962 to build a school for the glory of God and his children.

Information and event details will be coming soon, and we encourage you to stay in touch so you don't miss a thing! Mark your calendars now and join us next spring. Stay tuned!

### Annual Drive

A school that receives mindful financial support from its members is a school that can plan and invest in the programs it offers its students

today, as well as those for the future. On November 29th, we will present, "Growing Our Legacy", our fall drive to raise needed funds for the school and our students. Join us at the fall society meeting for the kick off and learn how your financial support can make a difference now!

### Technology Support

As we all know, nothing is impervious to aging.☺ We at Timothy are in the situation where technology has progressed far enough ahead that we are having difficulties with the outdated computers our students, teachers and administration staff are using. The Technology Committee is investing a significant amount of time and resources in coming up with a plan that will satisfy our needs now, as well as sustain us through the next phase of our growth. If you have a heart for technology and would be interested in being a part of this plan through financial support, please contact Lisa Miller or Rod Berg for more information.



There is a lot more we are doing and we will keep you updated throughout the year! Please contact Lisa Miller at the school or by e-mail: [lmiller@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:lmiller@timothychristianschool.ca) if you have any questions, ideas or if you are interested in donating to one of our fundraising needs.



Visit us online, or watch for updates on facebook, in our weekly newsletters and through special updates. Together we can make a difference ~ Thank You in advance for your support and prayers. See you soon!

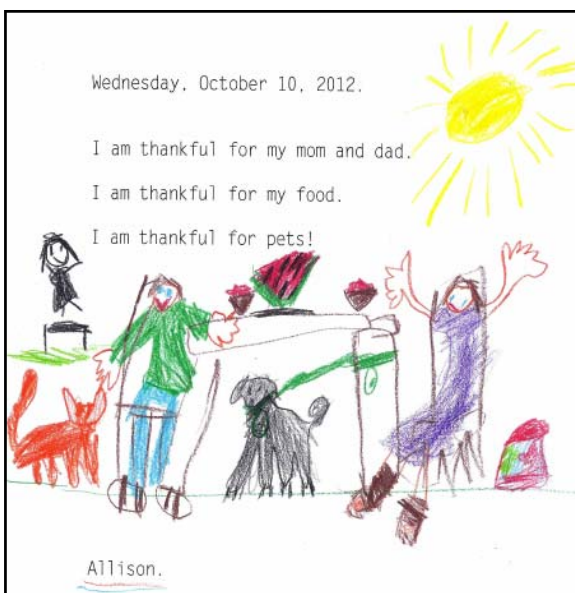


### Chapel with Ken Johnston

We were so fortunate to have Ken Johnston, Director of Sunday Morning Children's Ministries at Emmanuel Baptist Church, visit with us for Chapel! He spoke to students about journeying through life with or without God. He talked about how without God we will stumble over obstacles, but with God, he will help us to face those obstacles and walk through them from the beginning of life to the end of life! He was such a blessing to the TCS students!



# Grade 1 Is Thankful For...



What  
Are  
YOU  
Thankful  
For??

## Terry Fox Run

TCS hosted the Terry Fox Run on September 24th. Students had a great time running together—some of the older students ran with their reading buddies to make for a more enjoyable event for everyone! The school raised \$555.44 for the



*Terry Fox Foundation.* Our school, along with many people around the world, have donated over \$600 million dollars to date for Cancer Research! To think that this all started with one man's dream of raising \$1 per Canadian!! What an example of how every little bit counts!

## Calendar of Events

### October

25-26 Teachers Convention

### November

3 Strategic Planning Meeting

15 TCS Society Meeting

16 PA Day

17 TCS Christmas Bazaar

22-24 Strategic Planning Meetings

19 Fall Drive Information Night

### December

13 TCS Christmas Program

21 TCS Family Skate

22-Jan 6 Christmas Holidays



### Grade 6 ~ My Psalm of Praise to God

God, by your word the heavens were made.  
The skies proclaim the work of Your hands.  
You determine the number of the stars and  
call them by name.

From the lips of children and infants  
You have ordained praise.

O God, You are so awesome!  
~Kate



Mighty Saviour,  
He determines the number of the stars and  
calls them by name.

Praise Him all His angels, sun and moon and shining stars.  
He created our earth, the moon, the sun and all the planets.

He created the fish of the sea and the birds of the air.

O Lord our Lord how majestic is Your name.  
~Mark

Alpha and Omega, the earth talks of Your beauty.

Praise the Lord from the earth,

You great sea creatures and all ocean depths.

Praise Him sun and moon

Praise Him all of His angels

Lord You are perfect.

~Laura



Lord, Your heavens declare the glory of God.

The sun, moon, and stars praise You.

You have set Your glory above the heavens.

You call each star by name.

O majestic God, we will praise You!

~Nichola

### TCS MISSION

Timothy Christian School is an interdenominational Christ-centered educational environment, which provides academic, spiritual, physical and social development of children.

### TCS VISION

Timothy Christian School provides a sound, Christ-centered education, which develops the gifts of God's children and equips them to love and serve God and all His creation.



### Kindergarten Nursery Rhyme Olympics

The Olympics kicked off with the lighting of the Olympic Cauldron! Students were split into teams and participated in 9 different events which were related to the nursery rhymes that they learned about.

Each activity completed earned them a medal! Many parents came in to help with leading

events and the Olympics were a great success!



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# CHRISTMAS AT TIMOTHY

NOVEMBER 17, 2012

PRE-ORDER FORM FOR EUROPEAN DELICACIES

FAMILY NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	PRICE	QUANTITY	\$TOTAL
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## *BAKED GOODS*

Almond Rings – 8 inch diameter	\$12.00		
Almond Bars – 12 inch long	\$7.00		
Raisin Buns – Pkg. of 6	\$4.00		

## *GOUDA CHEESES*

¼ is approx. 1kg.

Whole wheel is approx. 4.2 – 4.4kg.

¼ Mild	\$24.00		
¼ Medium	\$25.00		
¼ Spiced	\$26.00		
¼ Aged	\$29.00		
Mild Wheel	\$92.00		
Medium Wheel	\$100.00		
Spiced Wheel	\$104.00		
Aged Wheel	\$116.00		

## *MEATS*

Croquettes are freshly frozen ready to be deep-fried

Sausages are fresh smoked pork (Gelderse Worst) and can be frozen

Box of 100 Croquettes	\$85.00		
Pkg. of 10 Croquettes	\$13.00		
Single Sausage	\$5.00		
Pkg. of 3 Sausages	\$13.00		

Please note that Croquettes will be available through Pre-Order only!

<b><i>YOUR TOTAL ORDER</i></b>	<b>\$</b>
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Please ensure your orders are in by November 2 and make your cheque payable to **TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**. Orders will be ready for pick-up in the school's front foyer on the day of the bazaar, Saturday, November 17, 2012 between 9am and 2pm.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU  
WITH A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON!