



# TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Thanksgiving Chapel - This Thursday at 9:00am

Parents are welcome to join us in the school gym this Thursday at 9:00 for our Thanksgiving chapel hosted by our grade four class. We have much, much to be thankful for and it is important to reflect and ponder on the good gifts God gives us!

## Professional Development Day this Friday, Thanksgiving Monday—No School Friday or Monday

As stated in the yearly TCS calendar, there will be a professional development day for staff this Friday so there will be no classes.

Eight of our teachers will be attending a very high quality 'Teaching Math' workshop at Oakville Christian School while the remainder of our TCS staff will be visiting and observing other teachers (some public schools/some Christian Schools) learning and gleaning best teaching practices from them. For staff observing other professionals in action, they will focus on gleaning guided reading strategies and creative ways to implement effective projects.

All TCS staff members will be reflecting on the top areas they learned from other professionals, documenting it in a form and sharing what they learned at a fall staff meeting so we can all learn from each other.

A reminder that since it is Thanksgiving weekend, there will be no school on Monday.

### OCTOBER

- 4 Student Council Meeting, Cross Country & Soccer Practices
- 5 Cross Country Practice & Pizza Day
- 6 Soccer Tournament in Wasaga Beach
- 7 PD Day—NO SCHOOL**
- 10 Thanksgiving Day—NO SCHOOL**
- 12 Hotdog Day
- 14 Pizza Day
- 17 Hotdog Day
- 21 Split Chapel & Pizza Day
- 24 Hotdog Day
- 26 Pizza Day & Progress Reports go home
- 27&28 PD Day (Teachers Convention)—NO SCHOOL**
- 31 Hotdog Day

### NOVEMBER

- 3 Parent-Teacher Conferences

## MAPS Testing for grades 4 - 8 Starts this week

Some of you may remember for years the OACS schools (and many other schools across Canada) used the Canadian Test of Basic Skills (CTBS) for standardized testing.

After years of reviewing, the OACS (which we are members of) decided to move on to a new type of standardized testing system that we felt was more current and accurate called Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing system. This is a type of testing that is used world-wide in schools. This year is the first year TCS will be participating in this new format.

Since this is our first year we will be participating in the MAP testing. *We are calling this our pilot year.* This year we will learn to work with the system and next year we plan to go deeper in how we process all the areas.

One of the differences will be that all the testing for MAP will be in the computer lab.

## Support Needed from Parents for MAP Testing

Similar to any other standardized testing, we ask that parents remind their 4 - 8 students to get lots of rest for school over the next two weeks and be on time and at school as much as possible. We understand that there may be doctor and dentist appointments and students will have an opportunity to make up those times. We also ask students in 4 - 8 to focus and take the testing seriously as we wish to use the results to help us with curriculum.

## Primary Reading Testing in Grades 1 - 3

In addition to the grade 4 - 8 students going through the MAP testing this week, our grades 1 - 3 teachers will be testing students in reading called 'PM Benchmark' testing. This is the reading assessment that all schools in our area use to determine the reading level of students in primary grades. The level of students in grades 1 - 3 will be reported on with the Student Progress reports what will go out to parent on October 26 as well as the June report cards so parents can see the growth in a school year. SK will report the reading levels on the first report cards in January. If you hear about a supply teacher coming in your child's primary class this week, this PM Benchmark



## Diving Deeper by Faith

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

testing is the reason as teachers need a quiet 10 - 15 minutes with each student listening to them read various levels to determine the 'confident' level they land at.

Grade 1—3 teachers will be testing the reading of primary students this Tuesday and Wednesday.

### **Cross Country DRIVERS NEEDED for October 13 Meet**

Parents - we are looking for drivers for the October 13 cross country meet at Harrison Park in Owen Sound as we are unable to get a bus. Since there is such a shortage of drivers - this makes it very hard to book a bus outside of regular route hours. Unfortunately we will have to rely on TCS parent drivers for this event. If you are able to drive on October 13 please email Mr. Wilcox at [dwilcox@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:dwilcox@timothychristianschool.ca). Because of the distance of this event the school is happy to cover kms driven for this event.

**DRIVERS  
WANTED**

### **Looking for a Leader for the TCS Bazaar This Year**

A reminder from last week we are looking for a new person or team to work with Julie Eisses in her last year running the TCS bazaar. If you know of anyone or a team who would embrace this challenge - please encourage them to talk with Mr. Berg as we would like this person to shadow Julie this fall yet to learn the ropes.

### **Inspire Bursary Campaign Now Launched - TCS is Raising \$250,000 to help Future Families**

For those who missed the TCS BBQ last Thursday, Rudy Westerneng, a member of the campaign team, launched this campaign which is about the importance of raising these funds to help support families and further stabilize our school's finances. As a school we realize there are families who do require help at times and this bursary would be help in that very important journey.

There is a website made for this campaign at [www.inspiretimothy.ca](http://www.inspiretimothy.ca). Please pass the word on and stay tuned - we want to keep Christian elementary school accessible to families.

### **More Phone Directory Changes**

Nick & Isabel Back \*\*NEW NUMBER FROM WHAT WAS LISTED LAST WEEK\*\* (Phone: 705-279-7642)

### **Police Checks**

Emails went home last week to all families requiring updated police checks. Letters are available in the office if you need to get one done.

### **Congratulations New Student Council Members!!**

Congratulations to the new TCS Student's Council Team:

Mary Grace Kloosterman, Christopher DeLenardo, Julia Smith, Hailey Villeneuve, Grace DeVries & Ava Rose DoRego

Our first meeting will be on Tuesday at lunch recess in the grade 1 classroom.

### **Terry Fox "FUN"d-raiser**

We had awesome weather for our "Fun Run" last week! All of us running around the school in our Canadian colours was quite a cool sight! We will continue to collect toonies and loonies until this coming **Thursday, October 6**. Once the coins are counted we will see which class has earned the recess reward!! Special thanks go out to Amy Ford, Krista Dykstra, Penny Coyle, Jessica VanLoenen, Monica Tankard, Kristen Woudenberg and Kathryn Cryer for being our border patrol, cheerleaders and stamper teams during our run.

### **TCS Soccer Update**

A fabulous soccer game was played last Thursday at KBS! Tremendous teamwork, laughter, fun, players and spectators huddling close to stay warm! Thank you to our amazing coaches. More games to be played this week. Please come out and cheer us on!

### **Tue., October 4 at TCS**

KBS comes to play TCS 3:30-5:00 (two 45 min. games)

Parents pick up at 5:00pm at TCS

### **PLAYERS ARE REMINDED TO HAVE THEIR TEAM SHIRT AT SCHOOL FOR TUESDAY'S GAME**

### **Thu., October 6—**

### **Christian Schools Soccer Tournament**

Students board bus at 8:00 am @TCS

Arrive at Barrie Sports Complex (2100 Nursery Road, Minesing, ON)

First game starts at 9:00 am

Tournament goes all day until 3 or 3:30 pm

Students return to TCS on bus by 4:00 pm

Please contact Mrs. Covert if you will be picking your child up at the tournament.

Any soccer questions? Contact Mrs. Covert at [tcovert@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:tcovert@timothychristianschool.ca)



### New Yearbook Format: Sponsors/Advertisers needed

We are excited about the new format for the TCS Yearbook. This year we will be working closely with Lifetouch Photography, the company that takes the student pictures. A team of students along with Mrs. Covert will work with a yearbook consultant who will guide them through a computer design program to publish this year's memories.

If you or your business would like to sponsor a page in the yearbook or place a sponsorship advertisement, please contact Mrs. Covert or Mrs. Roberts—various rates are available. This is an exciting opportunity!

Sponsorships and advertising are available now and will reduce the final overall cost.

Mrs. Covert: [tcovert@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:tcovert@timothychristianschool.ca) or  
Mrs. Roberts: [mroberts@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:mroberts@timothychristianschool.ca)

### Bus Patrol Program

Bus Patrollers have completed their training and are now on duty. Thank you to the overwhelming number of students who have volunteered to be bus patrollers this year. Please pray for and support these students as they serve the school supporting their drivers and fellow TCS students.

### 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](mailto:Isabel.back@gmail.com) and we will add your request to our prayer list.

### Open Dates for Rentals:

A reminder that Timothy Christian School is presently inviting discussions with long term renters starting in September 2017 to replace Harvest Bible Chapel as they plan to move into their new building by August 31st.

If you are aware of any churches that are looking for a long term rental agreement please direct them to the principal, Rod Berg, who can add them to the list of interested renters beyond September 2017.

We have been blessed with many new renters in the coming year but still have some evenings available for gym rentals in the upcoming year. Please contact Robin at the office if you are interested.

## PITCH OPPORTUNITIES

### Cross Country Meet—Drivers Needed

See newsletter section for more details.

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.

## Homework Highlights

### **Grade 4**

- Thu. Oct. 6 Leading Chapel - 9 AM  
Spelling Test - Unit 4
- Wed. Oct. 12 Memory Work: Ps. 135:3,4 (recitation)  
\*\*Note: Wed instead of Thurs due to change of library day
- Fri. Oct. 14 No Spelling Test (short week)
- Wed. Oct. 19 Bible Test: Creation to Joshua
- Fri. Oct. 21 Spelling Test - Unit 5
- Wed. Oct. 26 No Spelling Test (short week)  
Memory Work: Ps. 135: 13,14 (written)
- Wed. Nov. 5 Math Test: Addition/Subtraction

### **Grade 5**

- Wed. Oct. 5 Bible Test - Unit 1 - The Book of 1 Peter
- Thu. Oct. 6 French Review Test  
Reading around God's world due
- Fri. Oct. 14 Scholastic Book order due  
Math quiz on adding and subtracting  
Bring in pictures of family for art project
- Wed. Oct. 19 Memory Work - Jeremiah 17:7 (orally)  
Grammar test on Unit 1 - Vocabulary
- Fri., Oct. 21 Sign of the Beaver quiz: chapters 1-10

The logo for re-Source features the word "re-Source" in a black, sans-serif font. The letter "o" in "Source" is replaced by a green circular icon containing a white recycling symbol. The text is enclosed within a white oval shape.

# THRIFT SHOP

### Re-Source THRIFT SHOP—Sorting Nights/Days

Thank you so much to all those who helped at the progressive sale last week! It was a success!

If you have a spare hour or two **today**, drop in at the thrift shop (28 Commerce Park Drive, Unit B) to help get the store ready for Christmas and restock the shelves after their big sale last week!

**As well, we are offering 15% off your entire purchase if you bring in non-perishable food items or toiletries for the Barrie Food Bank (TUESDAY THRU SATURDAY THIS WEEK ONLY)**