

**Welcome Back to School!!**

Thank you to the well over 200 parents who joined us for the opening chapel on Tuesday morning as we set the tone for the school year!

We are super excited about the 12 new families and over 30 new students (including JK and SK students) at TCS this year. We officially had 117 families at TCS on the first day of school with 226 students. We are so very thankful!!

A very, very special welcome to our new students and parents as they settle into our TCS community. We appreciate you and are so glad you are here!



Our school theme this year is **Love in ACTion** based on 1 John 3:18 which calls us to "...love with actions and truth". Our challenge to our students this year will be to live out our faith with such integrity that it shines through our very 'default responses' in everyday life. What does this look like:

- For parents, when driving down the 400...does your Christian faith shine through your response when someone cuts you off? Can we forgive and let it go?
  - For students, when you are about to score a goal in soccer and someone steals the ball away from you...what is your response? Is it one of grace...or anger and bitterness?
  - How about when someone on the bus or the playground decides it is funny to poke fun at someone...are you/we strong enough to stand up for what is right? To protect those who need protection?
- Our new school theme will push and challenge us to live out our faith with honesty and authenticity. Welcome back and have a great first week!!

**From the Board**

The Board of Directors meets once a month and publishes a short summary of highlights of meetings throughout the year:

Board of Directors (2018-2019) and their roles:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Mike Eisses             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* President</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mr. Greg VanLoenen             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Vice President</li> <li>* Contract Partnership Committee</li> <li>* Policy Review Committee</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mr. John Tjeerdsma             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Treasurer</li> <li>* Finance Committee</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mrs. Krista Westerneng             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Secretary</li> <li>* Membership Committee</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mr. Rod Berg             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Ex Officio</li> <li>* Human Resources</li> <li>* Program Committee</li> <li>* Strategic Planning Committee</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mr. Jason Eisses             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Facility Committee</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. John Green             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Contract Partnerships Committee</li> <li>* Fundraising Committee</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mr. Paul Kapteyn             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Transportation Committee</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mr. Ed Loveless             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Facility Committee</li> <li>* Policy Review Committee</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mr. Will McFadden             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Human Resources</li> <li>* Program Committee</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mrs. Stephanie Papail             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Finance Committee</li> <li>* PITCH Committee</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mrs. Heather Steeves             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Marketing Committee</li> <li>* Strategic Planning Committee</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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All five new board members, our new chair (Mike Eisses) and the principal attended a Board Member Orientation training session with Ray Hendriks from the OACS (OACS has now changed their name to Edvance). This orientation was 1.5 hours long and included priorities and duties of a quality school board keeping the board at the big picture level and proper board governance.

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*"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." - 1 John 3:18*

- The board also discussed a continued focus in the upcoming year on policy review and updating several of the school policies throughout this school year.
- The board members were led on a school walk - through by the principal viewing several of the completed projects (computer lab and security system) as well as reviewed our school vision statement that is on the wall in the school front area.
- The principal reported to the board about the start of the new school year which included student numbers and families as well as several completed maintenance projects that included: new carpet in the music room, upgrading the electrical outlets in the computer lab, and the new security system (buzz -in system) that was completed this past summer to enhance the security of the school
- The board is thankful for a great start to the school year, the blessings of new families and continues to remain diligent and focused on our school vision (quality Christian Education), and being financially wise and responsible.

### **New Parent Orientation—September 13**

Just a heads up for new parents:

We are expecting you at the New Parent Orientation next week September 13 from 7:00-8:00pm in the music room. We are hoping for both parents, but at least one of the new parents are expected to attend this evening.

- New parents please email the principal (and cc: the classroom teacher) a two - three line update on how the first two weeks of school went for your child. We hope to hear from all our new parents by next Friday, September 14th.
- Mr. Rod Berg, Principal  
(rberg@timothychristianschool.ca)

### **YEARBOOK**

We begin again! Please forward any "first day" photos to Mrs. Covert at

[tcovert@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:tcovert@timothychristianschool.ca)

### **TCS MEMBERSHIP forms due by October 31st**

Please complete and return your TCS Membership forms if you haven't already done so. This will give you access to voting rights at our Fall and Spring Society meetings, policy information and providing the school with the Membership support needed.

Forms were mailed out in June, however, if you no longer have your form for the 2018/2019 school year Membership, please email the office for a copy of the generic form. Thank you for your ongoing support!

## **PITCH OPPORTUNITIES**

### **SOCCER COACHES NEEDED TO COACH THE TCS SOCCER TEAMS**

We are in need of a few parents to help coach the TCS soccer teams on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:00. If you are interested in working with the grades 6-8 students and getting some extra PITCH hours, please contact Mrs. Brenda Goodnough as soon as possible at

[bgoodnough@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:bgoodnough@timothychristianschool.ca).

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TCS BBQ**

We are in need of 3 volunteers to assist with preparing food for the TCS BBQ on Thursday, September 20, 2018 from 1-3:30pm. Please email [tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca) if you are able to help.

## **Homework Highlights**

### **Grade 3**

Please send in a "reading buddy", a clipboard and a 4X6 photo of your grade 3 student this week sometime.

Friday, Sept. 14	Spelling #1
Tuesday, Sept. 18	Mem. Work (oral) 1 John 3:18
Friday, Sept. 21	Spelling #2
Friday, Sept. 28	Spelling #3

### **Grade 4**

Friday, Sept. 7	Practice Test Spelling (Unit 0)
Wed., Sept. 12	MW (oral) 1 John 3:18
Friday, Sept. 14	Spelling Unit 1
Friday, Sept. 21	Spelling Unit 2
Friday, Sept. 28	Spelling Unit 3

### **Grade 4/5**

Wed., Sept. 12	Memory Work 1 John 3:18-19 (orally)
Fri., Sept. 14	Bring in dried flowers for art project
Fri., Sept. 21	Scholastic book orders due
Thurs., Sept. 27	Math test Grades 4 & 5 - Unit 1: Number Patterns

### **Grade 5**

Friday, Sept. 7	Please return the parent survey Memory Work - 1 John 3:18
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