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TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Office

Mr. Rod Berg

New Parent Orientation - Thu. Sept. 15 at 7pm

A reminder to all of our new families that the New Parent Orientation will be this Thursday at the school in the Music room from 7:00 - 8:00. If possible we would appreciate if both parents can attend but understand if only one parent from each new family can make this orientation. This evening will be a time to become familiar with all the areas of TCS in a deeper way than the admissions interview. Unfortunately we do not have childcare available that evening.

Update from New Parents—How your children are settling in...

A reminder to all new families to send the principal and homeroom teacher (cc to both of us) a short 3 - 5 line email (rberg@timothychristianschool.ca) summary of how your child is settling in at TCS. Please include in the email who they are playing with, what they are enjoying and one thing that could help them settle in better.

New parents please make a point of sending the email by the middle of the week. We hope you can take 10 minutes or so to meet with your child and ask them the above questions early this week and send the email by mid week.

Thank you to Julie Eisses—Looking for New Lead Person for the TCS Bazaar

For the past six years we have had the wonderful blessing of Julie Eisses leading our TCS Bazaar in November. Over the years Julie has done this with passion and enthusiasm and we have appreciated how well she represented TCS in the community! Julie has recently informed TCS that this will be her last year leading the Bazaar. **Thank you Julie for all your hard work and commitment to this TCS fundraiser!**

Presently we are looking for one person or a team of people who will shadow Julie this fall as she leads for the last time and then take over leading the Bazaar next year. If this is something you would be interested in taking on for TCS we encourage you to contact the TCS office or talk to the principal. If you know someone who you think would do a good job - please pass their name on to us and we would be happy to start the conversation.

SEPTEMBER

- 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
- 7 **PD Day—NO SCHOOL**

Reminder of TCS BBQ & Book Fair Next Thu. Sept. 22

The school **BBQ** on September 22 will begin at 5:30 with a short opening prayer in the school gym followed by a time of fellowship and food in the back of the school. This is an entire family event for TCS families.



Our 2016 **Book Fair** is just around the corner and we want you to **Dive Into a Good Book!** Please plan to join us in the Rotunda and library on Thu. Sept. 22nd during the school BBQ. Come take a dive under the sea where you will find books as your treasure!

We would like to ask families to send us a picture of your child/ren doing something in or near the water. It could be diving into a pool or lake, jumping into the water, on the boat, in the pool, at the beach...any photo with your children enjoying the outdoor water. We will be using these pictures to make a bulletin board display, which you will want to check out at the Book Fair! Hard copies of photos are wonderful, but you can also email your pictures to Robin at tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca by MON. SEPT. 19. It's going to make a splash!

*Please remember that we will accept cash, cheques and VISA at the book fair—NO debit.



Diving Deeper by Faith

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

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.

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.

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!

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 ONLY (including all JK students)

New students to TCS, please fill in a Media Consent Form (attached to the emailed newsletter) 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!

Nut Free Lunches

Just a reminder that we have some nut allergies in the school and we try to be a nut free environment. Please make sure students lunches do NOT contain any peanuts! Thank you!

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.

Pizza Day Order Forms were attached to last weeks newsletter. This fundraiser is for the grade 8 trip to Ottawa in June. Pepperoni & 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 Wed. Sept. 14. Late orders may not be included.

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.

Grade 4

Thu. Sept. 15	Memory Work: Hebrews 11:1 (recite)
Fri. Sept. 16	Spelling Test: Unit 1
Thu. Sept. 22	MW: Hebrews 11:1 & 2 (recite) Math Test: Expression/Rounding/ Comparing
Fri. Sept. 23	Spelling Test: Unit 2
Wed. Sept. 28	Science Test: Birds
Thu. Sept. 29	MW: Hebrews 11:1-3 (written)
Fri. Sept. 30	Spelling Test: Unit 3

Grade 5

Wed. Sept. 21	Memory Work: Hebrews 11:1
Fri. Sept. 23	Math Test: Unit 1

Yearbook

Our year and yearbook journey begins! If you have any "first day/week" of school photos that you can send in, please email them to Mrs. Covert: tcovert@timothychristianschool.ca Thank you (P.S. we have seen you taking them, so don't be shy!)

PITCH OPPORTUNITIES

Hotdog Days are coming back!

We are hoping to offer hotdogs for lunch once again starting in October, but we need your help to make this happen! We need 2-3 volunteers each Monday to help cook and serve the hotdog from 11:30-1. You do not need to commit to every week; we are hoping to have enough volunteers so that we can have a rotation of helpers that will see us through until Christmas Break. If you are able to help, please contact Karen Oosterhuis at ftkhorlings@hotmail.com or (289) 338-1579. This has been a very successful fundraiser in the past; all money raised will go toward the Student Fund. Thank you!

Back to School BBQ—Help Needed

We are looking for 3 volunteers to help cut up veggies at 2:00 on Sept. 22 for 1-2 hours! If you can help, please contact Mrs. Nibourg in the office.

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.

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...

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.

Soccer—Grades 6-8

Soccer practices will be Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 3:35-5:00pm. Cleats and shin guards are required. The tournament will be on October 6 at the Wasaga Beach soccer fields.

UPDATE from Development & Marketing - Sept 2016



Welcome back to another year at TCS! We look forward to seeing how the Lord will shape the year for each student and family represented here. We are developing an exciting Marketing plan for the school year. We're looking for a few individuals to join our Marketing Committee for the 2016-2017 term. There are many great things on the horizon!

If you have an interest in marketing, media, community events and how to enhance the awareness of TCS within our local communities - please contact Michelle Roberts to get involved at mroberts@timothychristianschool.ca or call Michelle at the school: 705-726-6621 ext 228.

Attachments From Last Week to be Returned

- Internet Use Form (to be signed and returned)
- Pizza Form—due Friday, September 18th
- Code of Conduct (to be signed and returned)
- Media Consent Forms (**NEW STUDENTS ONLY**)
- PITCH Form available on TCS website under "Admissions"

Report Card Changes in the 2016/17 School Year
Authentic Assessment Supporting Deeper Learning at
TCS (Why the change to a two report card system)

Background

If you attended some of the TCS membership meetings over the past few years and have been following the newsletters, you will have heard and read several staff presentations on "Deeper Learning" at TCS as connected to our TCS vision statement.

We updated our vision statement four years ago and have been very focused on the words "dynamic, vibrant...leading edge programs" that land us firmly on the last phrase in our vision statement which explains the reason for good education - to "inspire children to be alive in Christ."

Over the past few years we have been working hard as staff, Program Committee, Board and Administration to line up with and stay focused on the new vision through quality education. Part of this process has been the TCS staff learning from other schools and including the use of quality projects in the curriculum units.

Moving from a Three Term to a Progress Report and Two Term Report Card System at TCS

As you review the TCS 2016/2017 calendar you will see a change from a three term report card system to a two term report card system at TCS.

Please note: The TCS Program Committee, working with the staff, approved this change in May, and the TCS Board of Directors also approved this recommendation at their June meeting:

Please note the following reasons for the report card change.

- Allows TCS staff to go deeper in the curriculum in the fall rather than the push for quick grades for the November report cards (traditionally this has been a challenge for all teachers to have authentic marks so early in the school year). Two formal reports allow room to assess students thoroughly.
- Gives our school vision statement of "dynamic, vibrant...leading edge" room and time to take root in the fall without the pressure of trying to get quick marks from pen and paper work. Allows time to go deeper in the curriculum. This approach supports the move to deeper learning at TCS to allow authentic project time in the classroom while still giving parents a clear update in October..
- Allows TCS to be consistent with local public schools and other Christian schools (which have already moved to two terms for the same reasons over the past few years).

Overall there will still be three reporting periods to parents in a year but spaced out with the two formal/ two terms and one progress report in October. There will also still be two opportunities for parent/teacher interviews as well, with one just after the progress report in October and one after the first report cards in February.

Thank you in advance for your support with this change. The Program Committee, Board and staff all felt this allowed for deeper curriculum work, more authentic assessment and an overall better support for the vision we are working hard to implement at TCS.



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!

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