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TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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TCS School BBQ & Book Fair this Thursday at 5:30pm

A reminder that the TCS BBQ is this Thursday at 5:30 in the gym. Like last year, this event will start in the gym at 5:30 with opening prayer then move to the back of the school for food and fellowship at 5:45.

Mentor families for our new families please make a point to connect with your new family before the BBQ and make a point at this event to introduce them to other families.

Dive Into a Good Book!



Please plan to join us for our Scholastic Book Fair **this Thursday** September 22 during the school BBQ. Come take a dive under the sea where you will find books as your treasure! We will have guessing contests and our poster colouring draw, as well as a family draw to win

\$25 in books. Swim over during the BBQ and see what waits under the sea!

Please continue to send in any **pictures of your children jumping, diving, splashing, or just enjoying the water.** We will use these photos to make a display in the library for our book fair. You may email pictures to the office (tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca) or send in a hard copy of your photo (but you will not be getting it back).

Any student wishing to purchase something from the Book Fair on Friday will have a chance to visit **Friday morning after Chapel.** Only children with money will be accompanied to the book fair on Friday.

Scholastic Canada is not a Christian organization, but it does give back to our school. We do receive about half of the dollar amount we sell back in product for our library. While we do, as teachers and staff, try to have the best possible selection of books for our students, we are not able to read all books or know the content of each book. **Please monitor your child's purchases.** Thank you for your understanding.

SEPTEMBER

- 19 Cross Country Tryouts
- 20 Soccer Practice
- 21 Cross Country Tryouts & **Milk Orders Due**
- 22 Soccer Practice, School BBQ & Book Fair
- 23 Cross Country Tryouts, 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**
- 10 **Thanksgiving Day—NO SCHOOL**
- 14 Pizza Day

Congratulations to Dan & Robin Nibourg (our TCS office Admin Assistant)!

Last week we found out that Mrs. Nibourg is due with her first child in April! We are excited for both her and her husband and we wish both of you blessings as you anticipate this wonderful arrival. We will **begin advertising for this one year maternity leave December 1st and interview and hire by February 1st.** We anticipate an overlap in training to start before March Break.

Congratulations to Dave & Stephanie Geertsema (our French teacher who is on maternity leave)

This past week we also heard the wonderful news that our French teacher had a baby girl on September 15 at 3:10am! Mommy and baby Emma Charis are both doing well. Emma weighed 7lbs 4oz and she is 52 cm tall. Congratulations to both Dave and Stephanie on their new arrival.!

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.



Diving Deeper by Faith

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

Milk Order Forms

Forms are attached to today's newsletter. **These forms are DUE THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, so make sure you get your forms in ASAP!** Proceeds from this fundraiser go to the grade 7 class.

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.

It's Laces and Loonies Time!

Our Annual Terry Fox Run for cancer will be on Friday, September 30 right after lunch recess. We'll meet in the gym and then head out for an all-school run. Students are asked to collect loonies and toonies for their class donation to the Terry Fox Foundation. The class that raises the largest amount will get to select a new game to use at recess! Everyone is also invited to wear **Canadian Colours** as we work together to raise funds for Cancer Research. If you would be interested in helping out to support our school, please let Miss Duff know as soon as possible. "If every Canadian gave \$1, we'd have millions for cancer research!" Terry Fox.

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".

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.

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. 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
Mon. Sept. 26 Provinces & Capitals of Canada Quiz

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.

Cross Country

Tryouts begin today! There will be tryouts for the team on Monday, Wednesday and Friday AT LUNCH this week for those who are interested!

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.

PITCH OPPORTUNITIES

Hotdog Days are coming back!

We are hoping to offer hotdogs once again on Mondays starting in October, but we need your help to make this happen! We need 2-3 volunteers to help cook and serve the hotdogs from 11:30-1:00. 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 at tkhorlings@hotmail.com or at (289) 338-1579. **Please note the correction to my email address. I'm sorry for any confusion this has caused.** This has been a very successful fundraiser in the past; all money raised will go toward the Student Fund. Thank you!

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.

Newsletter Attachments to be Returned

- Internet Use Form (to be signed and returned)
- Milk Form—due Wed. Sept. 21
- 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. 26

Mon. Oct. 10

Mon. Nov. 7

Mon. Dec. 5

Thu. Oct. 27

Thu. Nov. 24

~ re-Source Thrift Shop Barrie South Board