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TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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On Behalf of the TCS Staff...Have a Wonderful Holiday!

We want to wish all our families a wonderful and safe Christmas holiday and we look forward to seeing all of our students back at school on Monday, January 9th! Blessings as you reflect deeply on the incredible gift God gave us through His son Jesus during this Christmas season.

Blessings and Good-Bye to the Lane Family

We want to wish the Lane family blessings as they move to Dallas over the Christmas break. Marissa is in grade 3 and Elizabeth is in grade 1 at TCS. Blessings to Michael and Donna as you move over the break and settle in the Dallas area.

Christmas Chapel This Friday, December 23 at 9:00am

We welcome all who can make it to our TCS Christmas chapel which will be at 9:00 this Friday in the TCS gym. This is also when the grades 6 - 8 bands will be playing what they were suppose to play at the Christmas concert last week which was cancelled due to the snow storm.

Note: To make it easier to clean the floors for the church/Harvest Bible Chapel, which will already be set up in the gym for their Christmas Eve service Friday evening, please note **there will be designated areas for parents to sit in the gym.** Thanks parents for your help with this as you join us on Friday morning for the chapel.



Lost and Found on Display This Week

Please take a look through the lost and found which is displayed in the Rotunda at the school all week. After this week, it will be sent to the Thrift Shop.

DECEMBER

- 20 Grade 3 to Ferndale Greenhouse & **Crazy Christmas Sweater Day**
- 21 Hockey Tryout, **Visitor's Day**, & Pizza Day
- 22 **Candy Cane Day** & Gr. 8 Christmas Banquet
- 23 9am Chapel, Family Skating & **2pm Dismissal from Holly CC**

24-Jan. 8 Christmas Holidays

JANUARY

- 9 Back to School for 2017
- 11 Hockey Practice
- 13 Full Chapel & Pizza Day

All School Skate—Friday, Dec. 23 from 12:30-2pm

Just a reminder to all TCS parents of our annual all school family skate on December 23 at Holly Community Centre. **Students in JK—Grade 4 require hockey or bike helmets in order to participate. This is mandatory for JK—grade 4.** As well, all skates **must have skate guards on or come in a sports bag to protect from blades (not a plastic bag).** For safety reasons we have booked 2 rinks: One rink for students in JK-grade 3, and one rink for grades 4-8.



Here is the schedule for the last day, Dec. 23rd:
9:00—Christmas Chapel (All are welcome)
11:50—Early lunch for staff and students
12:15—Grades 5-8 bus leaves for skating
12:45—JK-Grade 4 bus leaves for skating
12:30-2:00—All school skate (**Hockey or bike helmets mandatory for all JK-4 students**)
2:00—Early dismissal from Holly Community Centre for home. Either parents pick up and check in with Mrs. Goodnough, or go home on the buses.

WE WILL BE DISMISSING BUSES AT 2:00PM FROM THE HOLLY ARENA. There are never very many students on the bus, so the routes go extra quick. PARENTS, PLEASE PLAN TO PICK UP CHILDREN 1.5-2 HOURS EARLY FROM THEIR BUS STOPS IF YOU AREN'T PICKING THEM UP AT THE ARENA.

Parents and teachers attending the skating event, please help us with reminding students to be safe re no sitting on the floor to put skates on, being careful with where we walk with our skates and helping those who are just learning to skate to be really careful re falls etc. We want a fun time and a safe time on the rinks on Friday afternoon.

THANK YOU!!

Thank you SO much to Shena Walker, Monica Tankard and Janis Van Dyke for braving the cold weather last Wednesday so the teachers could enjoy a Swiss Chalet lunch from Harvest Bible Chapel! It really was a treat to have all the staff together for lunch with no "duty".

Diving Deeper by Faith



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

SIGN OF THE BEAVER DVD

Grade 5 is looking to borrow "The Sign of the Beaver" movie. They would like to watch it this week if possible. If you have a copy please contact Mrs. Nibourg.

Old iPhones

We are looking for old generation iPhones that can be used as iPods for in class learning and research. This is an on going collection in hopes we can facilitate a whole class learning environment. If you have the charger for them too that is very helpful. Any passwords also need to be disengaged so that we can access and refresh the programs on the phone. Please bring them to the office and leave with Robin. Thanks so much.

Open Dates for Rentals at TCS September 2017:

As you may be aware, Harvest Bible Chapel is in their last year with us and they plan to move into their new building by August 31, 2017. **This means there will be a rental opportunity for a new church at TCS starting September of 2017.**

Hotdog Day Make-Up Day—JAN. 16, 2017

There will be a make-up hotdog day for yesterday's missed day on MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017. This is the SECOND Monday back to school after Christmas holidays. Thanks!

New Yearbook Format: Sponsors/Advertisers needed

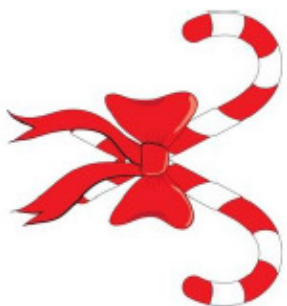


This year we will be working closely with Lifetouch Photography. Mrs. Covert and a team of students will work with Lifetouch to publish this year's memories.

Sponsorships and advertising are available now and will reduce the final overall cost. Please contact Mrs. Covert or Mrs. Roberts if interested.

Collecting Resumes until January 7th for a One Year Administrative Assistant Position at TCS Starting in March 2017

Our plan is to hire for this one year maternity leave position by February 1st with overlap training being done in February. Please address your resume to Rod Berg before December 31st and hand in at the TCS office (tcsge@timothychristianschool.ca). This is a full time one year maternity leave.



 <p><i>Thursday, December 22</i></p>	 <p><i>Wednesday, December 21</i></p>	 <p><i>Tuesday, December 20</i></p>
<p><i>Candy Cane Day</i></p>	<p><i>Visitor's Day</i></p>	<p><i>Crazy Christmas Sweater Day</i></p>
<p>Wear red, white, or green to dress up like a candy cane with us!</p>	<p>Dress up as one of the people or animals that might have visited baby Jesus in Bethlehem! There are so many options!</p>	<p>Time to grab your crazy Christmas sweaters and wear them like you've never worn them before!</p>

Countdown to Christmas

Homework Highlights

Grade 4

Tue. Dec. 20 Skeletal System Quiz (Health)
Thu. Dec. 22 Christmas Spelling Quiz (10 words)

Grades 6-8 Homework info is available on Schoology.

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.

Bazaar Cheese Has Arrived!

The orders have been sorted into a few groups. If you attend First CRC or Covenant CRC, your cheese will be at your church. Tollendale residents cheese was delivered on the weekend and the rest of the cheese orders are at the school. If you have questions, please call Mel at 705-719-6190. Thank you for your patience with this!



Our supplier for our cheese and other dutch goodies is the owner of "Continental Specialties—A Touch of Dutch" store on Dunlop Street. The owner, Jeff, drove from Woodstock to Barrie through Thursday's snowstorm to get our cheese delivered! This is the third year he has helped us out with the bazaar, and he does excellent work to support TCS! Thanks for your support with this fundraiser, and enjoy a cheesy, Merry Christmas!

Re-Source THRIFT SHOP Hours

Regular hours for the store are as follows:

Sunday & Monday—CLOSED	The store will be CLOSED at 1:30pm on Friday, Dec. 23 until Monday, January 3rd and will reopen Tuesday, January 3rd.
Tuesday—10am-5pm	
Wednesday—10am-5pm	
Thursday—10am-7pm	
Friday—10am-5pm	
Saturday—10am-5pm	

Scrapday is SOLD OUT

Scrapday is officially SOLD OUT!
Thank you for your support of this event!

We do still need help in a number of areas—see the PITCH section for more details!

PITCH

Scrapday—January 21, 2017

Scrapday will be just around the corner once school starts up again on January 9th, so please consider volunteering your time to help set up, run, and take down this event. **We still need:**

- Set-up Friday evening: 1-2 more people**
- Kitchen on Saturday: 1 more person**
- Garage sale on Saturday: 1-2 people for a part day**
- Take down Saturday night: 1-2 more people**

And while you're getting ready for Christmas, why not make a little extra food for Scrapday?! Baked goods keep especially well in the freezer. **We are looking for mini muffins, loaves, cookies, squares, as well as soups and chili for lunch. Don't forget about donations to the garage sale and any raffle prizes!** Questions can be sent to scrapday@timothychristianschool.ca or to Christina Fairchild, Catherine DeLenardo, Kiersta Hazlett Or Megan Devries.

If you are looking for a consistent way to earn all of your PITCH hours, and want a fun way to help support the school's student fund, consider joining the Scrapday Committee! Contact the any committee member listed above for details! We'd love to have you join us!

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.



INSPIRE BURSARY CAMPAIGN

Our goal is \$250,000 - join us!



NEWS UPDATES

Check out inspiretimothy.ca for details.

Parent Survey Results from Spring TCS Parent Survey and Parent Exit Surveys

November 2016

Below you will find a summary of the results from both the May TCS parent survey and results from our parent exit surveys that TCS does in late September and October.

Thank you parents for your feedback as your input is appreciated. All the comments are read. The direct comments are reviewed by a committee of the board and the administration. The themes are then compiled and we look for consistent comments that are mentioned several times for the final summary. Then the board and the staff review a summary of the results and learn from the themes that come out.

We appreciate your feedback and learn every year from the main theme areas how to improve at TCS. Our heart is to continue to improve and get closer to the school God longs for us to be.

TCS Vision statement... "Timothy Christian School delivers a dynamic vibrant learning environment offering leading edge programs that inspire children to be alive in Christ.

Survey Question - How did we, at TCS, do this past year in reaching our vision?

Parent Feedback:

- 19 out of the 23 who commented on this section rated us either excellent or very good (10 stating excellent).

Survey questions: Where have you seen evidence of us meeting our vision statement?

Parent Feedback:

- Parents stated school chapels, positive student environment and TCS community. These examples were mentioned multiple times in the survey as evidence of reaching our vision.
- Other examples included service projects, working hard on Christian worldview and challenging students in their faith as other examples of evidence.

Survey question: What are the top two areas that TCS is shining bright in?

Parent Feedback:

- Clear and good communication between staff and parents and the improved communication between board and membership this year.
- Positive student atmosphere/positive parent community connections at TCS (mentioned multiple times by parents).
- The teachers at TCS (mentioned multiple times by parents) and especially how TCS staff pursue Christ-centered learning and lead by example.
- Projects teachers are doing with students, the discussions on growth mindset and the move in this direction of deeper learning.

Survey question: What are two areas that TCS could work on to improve the school?

Parent Feedback:

- A continued focus on the French program and to continue the journey to improve it and keep it fun and hands on.
- A request for no student tests on Monday (this change to no Monday tests across the grades was made by TCS staff at the start of this school year).
- Some feedback that student homework could be a bit much at times.
- A focus on smaller classes when possible.
- Continued momentum to improve technology at TCS (appreciation for what has been done thus far and a focus to continue).

Survey question: Are there any areas that the board/administration should have on their radar?

Parent Feedback:

- Email response time could improve in certain areas (student issues are dealt with promptly but in other areas there was delay at times).
- A parent suggestion box could be added at the school for ideas and input on an ongoing basis.
- Keep security in mind regarding the monitoring of visitors as they enter the school (Consideration of a front door buzz-in process that some other schools have adopted. Note: This is being considered for future)

