

Questions & Answers



- Q. What is Timothy Christian School (TCS) all about?**
A. TCS is an independent, interdenominational, parent operated school that strives to provide a well-rounded education that is based on God's Word and celebrates the Lordship of Jesus Christ over all of life.
- Q. What grades does Timothy provide?**
A. We offer programs from Junior Kindergarten through to Grade 8. The Junior and Senior Kindergarten programs run part-time on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- Q. What curriculum does TCS teach?**
A. We follow curriculum guidelines that meet the goals of Christian education. We strive to meet and surpass ministry and provincial requirements and follow much of the provincial curriculum. We supplement our course of instruction with curricular resources and textbooks that are written from a Christian perspective.
- Q. Is TCS part of a larger organization?**
A. Yes, Timothy Christian is a member of the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools, Christian Schools Canada and Christian Schools International. Each of these organizations provides guidance and direction in developing curricular resources, setting policies and lending concrete support.
- Q. What is the tuition cost?**
A. The tuition is based on a family rate, thus the number of children from one family does not impact the tuition amount. Some tax credits do apply to the tuition paid and can substantially help reduce the tuition amount. Families who have a single registrant in the part-time Junior or Senior Kindergarten program pay a lesser amount than the full tuition.
- Q. Who operates TCS?**
A. The Timothy Christian School society elects a Board of trustees from within its own parental support group. The Board then appoints others to serve on a variety of committees so that the various matters of school operation and goal setting are properly handled.
- Q. What is Timothy's Class Size Policy?**
A. We follow a class size guideline that ranges from low twenties in primary grades to upper twenties in intermediate grades. Class student make-up and exceptional needs can impact class size.
- Q. Does TCS provide bus transportation?**
A. Yes, TCS uses Sinton Landmark Transportation to serve a very broad geographic area within Simcoe County. The Transportation Committee works hard at ensuring that no bus route is longer than one hour for the first pick-up. Our buses run through Alliston, Angus, Innisfil, Orillia, through Springwater Township, Thornton, and the greater Barrie area.

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Q. What are the school hours?

A.	8:45am	Admission bell
	8:50am	Morning starts
	10:30-10:50am	Recess
	12:20-1:07pm	Lunch
	3:25pm	End of day
	3:35pm	Bus departures

Q. Does the school have uniforms?

A. Presently the school does not have uniforms, but it is a question that gets raised every few years. The school does have a dress code policy and senior students are expected to wear a school gym shirt. These are \$10 and available in the school office.

Q. Can parents get involved in the school?

A. Yes! We welcome and encourage parental involvement. Our PITCH-In Program encourages all full-time families to commit to 25 hours of service during the year. Part-time families are committed to 12 hours.

Q. What is your Student Code of Conduct?

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Our Relationship with God

- ~ We will speak of God in respectful ways.
- ~ We will encourage close relationship with God in others as well as ourselves through Bible reading, prayer, sharing etc.

Our Relationship With Those In Authority

- ~ We will be respectful in our speech and conduct.
- ~ We will be obedient to those in authority over us.
- ~ We will not condone the disrespect displayed by others to those in authority.

Our Relationship To Others

- ~ We will be respectful of others.
- ~ We will address each other properly and not resort to name calling, swearing or inappropriate language toward each other.
- ~ We will respect each other's property and encourage everyone to feel included.
- ~ We will respect each other's person and remember to use our bodies in a kind and caring way.
- ~ We will learn to apologize and ask for forgiveness when we fail and to seek God's strength to continue trying to live in fellowship.

Our Relationship To School Property

- ~ We will respect school property. This includes furniture, books, equipment, sporting equipment and building.
 - ~ We will report any damage done and volunteer to pay for damages if we are responsible.
- ~ We will accept responsibility for cleanliness of the school grounds and playing fields.

More questions?? Come pay us a visit or give us a call.

Programs & Academics



Curriculum

Timothy Christian School strives to provide a well-rounded program of study. Our curriculum meets or exceeds present Ministry of Education guidelines. The staff of Timothy Christian regularly reviews the educational program to ensure that the content is current and maintains high standards. All of our curriculum is taught from a Christian perspective.

Standardized Testing

Timothy students in grades 3–8 take part in the Canadian Tests of Basic Skills (CTBS) every second year. This battery of tests compares our students to other students within the province and across Canada. Our testing results consistently reflect a high level of achievement, which surpasses the national average.

Additional testing is administered when needs are identified. Students who have needs, which cannot be totally met in the regular classroom program, may be referred to the Resource Department for additional support or program accommodations.

All students new to Timothy will be required to do a general assessment review with the Resource teacher to help gain a clearer sense of their abilities in key subject areas.

Technology

Our school, houses a new computer lab, updated in the Spring of 2014 with 27 MacBook Pro Laptops. Students are taught keyboarding, programming and creative design skills so that they develop a greater comfort with this useful 'tool' of learning. Internet usage and access is controlled at all times.

In addition, classrooms have one to six computers available to reinforce drills and support the classroom curriculum.

Fine Arts

All of the students participate in art and music instruction. We have both a Primary and Junior Choir. Both choirs meet weekly and will have opportunities to perform, both within special school programs or out in the community. Drama opportunities generally centre around assemblies and musical productions.

Band

The band program is mandatory for all students in grades 6-8. Each of these grades practice twice a week. Again, annual performance opportunities are celebrated. Timothy bands have regularly received top honours at Kiwanis Music Festivals.

Athletics

Timothy Christian has a double sized gymnasium, which allows us to provide a well-rounded athletic program. We offer a full variety of team sport opportunities through our intramural program and our interschool sports league. Our teams are known for their successes and excellent sportsmanship.

Student Admission Policy



Conditions of Enrollment:

- Parents need to subscribe to the basis and aim of the Constitution and its principles. Parents who do not completely agree with the basis and purpose of the Constitution of the Society, but still wish to send their child(ren) to the school may do so only by special permission and arrangement of the Board.
- Parents will be expected to accept the basic instruction and discipline of the school.
- Parents shall assume financial obligations according to the current schedule of financial support.
- Junior Kindergarten children must be at least four (4) years of age by December 31st.
- Students entering Senior Kindergarten must be five (5) years old by December 31st.
- Grade placement is determined by the administration.
- Acceptance for enrollment will depend on space availability and the school's ability to adequately meet a particular child's needs.

To Begin the Enrollment Process:

- Call, or come visit the school for a tour, and pick up an information package!
- Read all school materials including "The Constitution."

Submit the following forms:

- Registration Form
- Pastor Reference Form
- Parental Agreement Form
- Family Statement of Faith (a paragraph about what you believe)
- Immunization Forms, or an Affidavit from the Health Unit
- A one time Entrance Fee of \$500 must accompany your application. Please note that you will receive a charitable donation receipt for 100% for this registration fee cost.
- A tour of the school can be requested at any time.

Once All Forms Have Been Received:

- An interview with the principal and administrative assistant will be scheduled
- All children in grades 2 through 8 will be assessed by the Resource Department to evaluate their academic standing and to determine appropriate grade placement.
- Decisions of acceptance will be made upon the interviewer's recommendation at the next scheduled Board meeting.
- The parents will be notified of the final decision.

TCS Vision Statement



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