

September 10, 2018

From the Principal...

New Parent Orientation—This Thursday at 7:00pm

A reminder that the new parent orientation is mandatory for all new families to attend. Both parents attending is ideal, but we do require one parent from each new family to attend the orientation this Thursday at 7:00 in the music room. It will be only one hour and we will try hard to wrap-up by 8:00pm.

Update on your child settling in at TCS:

Attention all families who are new to TCS... please either email early this week or bring a typed/hand-written 5 line update on how the first week of school went for your child at TCS. We hope to hear from all our new parents by this Friday, September 14th.

Pastor Appreciation Day/Thanksgiving Chapel—Oct. 3

Parents, we have changed the Pastor Appreciation chapel from April to part of the Thanksgiving chapel on October 3rd. Why October 3rd? We have heard that most pastors have either the Monday or the Friday off so... we will have our Thanksgiving/Pastor Appreciation chapel on Wednesday, October 3rd to accommodate as many of the pastors as we can for our Thanksgiving chapel.

Please note that your child will be coming home with personal invitations for their pastors in the next week to remind the pastors of the change to October from April.

From the Office...

Change in Contact Information?

The office is working hard to finalize this year's Phone Directory. If you have any changes in your contact information or address that you haven't already informed the office of, please email tcsген@timothychristianschool.ca ASAP! Thank you!



SEPTEMBER

- 10-12 Grade 8 Trip to Medeba
- 11 Cross Country Practice @ Lunch Recess
Soccer Practice after school
- 13 **New Parent Orientation (7:00-8:00pm)**
Soccer Practice after school
- 18 Soccer Practice after school
- 19 Picture Day
- 20 **TCS Community BBQ Social**
Soccer Practice after school
- 25 Soccer Practice after school
- 27 Soccer Practice after school
- 28 Terry Fox Run

OCTOBER

- 2 Soccer Practice after school
- 3 **Pastor Appreciation Day & Thanksgiving Chapel**
- 3 Soccer Tournament

Paperless Newsletter

We are considering cutting back on our paper usage, by refraining from PRINTING the weekly newsletter. It will still be available on the website & emailed to the TCS Community. Forms that need to be returned to the office would still be sent home with your child. However, we would like your feedback! If you would prefer to keep having a physical copy sent home with your children, please let Leanna know in the office!

Media Consent Forms

We will need all new families to fill out a Media Consent Form for their children. This is in case we have photos to go in our newsletters, or on our website, Instagram, or Facebook pages. Please return these to the school as soon as possible. Thank you! If you haven't already done so, please like us on Facebook & follow us on Instagram @tcs_barrie! This is a great way to get the TCS name out in the community!

Police Checks

A reminder to parents—if you ever 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, Miss Van Loenen can send you a letter from the TCS Office to bring.

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

Bus Routes

Thank you for your patience with the busses as the "beginning of the year kinks" get worked out. If you have any concerns, please contact tcsngen@timothychristianschool.ca and Leanna will pass them on to the Transportation Committee. The Committee will meet to review any requests (along with Sinton's input) and make any changes to be implemented in the 3rd or beginning of 4th week of school.

Head Lice

With back to school and fall comes... **head lice**. We have had our first report of a TCS student having head lice reported by a parent. Just because one of our TCS parents has found head lice on a student, does not mean it is in the school, but we always make parents aware when one of our parents have found it to keep it on our radar. Parents please:

- Check your child's head on a regular basis and treat when found
- If you find head lice, you need to inform the school office. We never report who or what family or what grade, but we do always make our TCS parents aware that it is 'out there' and it has been found in one of our students (to remind all of us to look and be aware)
- Your child must be treated and all the eggs removed BEFORE they can be allowed to return to school. As to not infect other students.
- Teachers & parents, remember to not share hats, scarves, etc. at any time during head lice season

From the Library!

It's a **Forest of Fantastic Tales** in our Library this year! Come and take a walk through the shelves and discover something new to help your imagination grow. We'd also like to invite families to help us decorate our 'Reading Tree' by bringing in photos of your children reading in their favourite places (inside or outside). To aid in building up our collection, we'll also be hosting a **Scholastic Book Fair** on the TCS BBQ night, Sept. 20 and on the morning of Sept. 21. If you would be able to help supervise shoppers on the evening of the 20th, please let Miss Duff know and we can help you bank some PITCH hours!



GRADE 6 & 7 SOCCER PRACTICE & TRY-OUTS (Grade 6 only): Tuesday, Sept. 11th from 3:30-5:00

Thank you very much to Nate Robertson and Monica Tankard for volunteering to coach our two soccer teams this year. There will be a practice for the grade 6 and 7 students who have shown an interest in being on one of the TCS soccer teams. Due to the overwhelming interest and limited number of players on each team, try-outs will continue for the grade 6 students at Tuesday's practice. The TCS teams will be posted on Wednesday, Sept. 12th.

ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 13, ALL SOCCER PLAYERS (from grades 6-8) NEED TO BE AT PRACTICE FOR 3:30-5:00. CLEATS AND SHIN GUARDS ARE A REQUIRED ITEM FOR ALL PLAYERS.

Please talk to Mrs. Goodnough if you are unable to be at practice. All practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:00. Tournament date is Thursday, October 4th.



YEARBOOK

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

Homework Highlights

Grade 4

Wed., Sept. 12
Friday, Sept. 14
Friday, Sept. 21
Friday, Sept. 28

MW (oral)—1 John 3:18
Spelling Unit 1
Spelling Unit 2
Spelling Unit 3

Grade 4/5

Wed., Sept. 12
Fri., Sept. 14
Fri., Sept. 21
Thurs., Sept. 27

MW (oral)—1 John 3:18-19
Bring in dried flowers for art project
Scholastic book orders due
Math test Grades 4 & 5 - Unit 1: Number Patterns

Grade 5

Friday, Sept. 7

Please return the parent survey
MW - 1 John 3:18

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. Today you will be receiving a 2018/19 PITCH form to fill out, and yes **we do need a new form from each family for each new school year.** Please send in your family's completed PITCH form to the TCS Office no later than Friday, Sept 21st. Also, please do start reporting any hours to the PITCH Committee by emailing timothypitch@gmail.com 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). Thank you and we look forward to serving alongside you this school year!

PITCH OPPORTUNITIES!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TCS BBQ

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

VOLUNTEERS FOR TERRY FOX RUN

The Terry Fox Run will take place on Friday, September 28th. 3 parent volunteers are needed to help during the event. Please let the office know if you are interested by Friday, September 21st. Thank you!

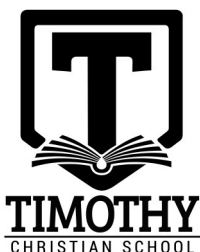
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

If you would be able to help supervise shoppers on the evening of the 20th, please let Miss Duff know and we can help you bank some PITCH hours! kduff@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!



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Find us on social media!





P.I.T.CH.

Participating in Timothy Christian

We are so glad you are a part of Timothy Christian School. It will take participation from each family, to continue to build our sense of community, contributing to a stronger more successful learning environment for our children. Each family is asked to contribute 25 volunteer hours a year. The opportunities are varied and endless! Thank you for every way you contribute and don't forget to report your hours!

Volunteer hours help us keep costs down. Every year (with your family's pre-registration) we collect 5 x \$100 post dated cheques, or you can provide a credit card number. If your family is unable to fill all 25 hours, we will contact you in June and collect a pro-rated amount (5 hours = \$100) to help cover the difference.

Thanks for your participation!

P.I.T.Ch Opportunities:

Hot lunches
Grass Cutting
Coaching
Christmas Bazaar
Classroom Helper
Field Trips
Electives

and many more

Watch for opportunities
in the school newsletter!

P.I.T.Ch Committee:

Jenn Claus

Jessica VanLoenen

Tanya Bailey

**Don't forget to let us
know how you've been
contributing!**

**Fill out a PITCH form in
the school office OR
email your hours to
timothypitch@gmail.com**

P.I.T.C.H.

Participating in Timothy Christian

FAMILY NAME:

Each family is asked to contribute 25 volunteer hours a year. Volunteer hours help us keep costs down. If your family is unable to fill all 25 hours, we will contact you in June and collect a pro-rated amount (5 hours = \$100) to help cover the difference.

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Attached are five, \$100 postdated (June 21, 2019) cheques, made out Timothy Christian School.

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I am providing my credit card number, to be charged a pro rated amount, a maximum of \$500 on June 21, 2019 if our family can not complete the 25 Pitch hours.

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We have a student registered at Unity or Toronto District Christian School, OR we have only one student enrolled at TCS and they are in a part time kindergarten class, or we are part-time paid staff at TCS and are requesting an exemption of 10 hours.

Name as appears on credit card

Signature of Card Holder

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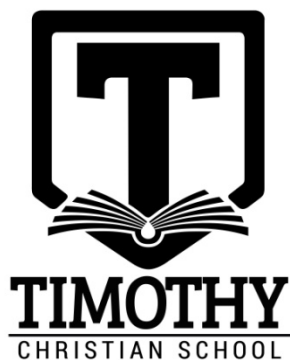
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Expiry

CVC # (3 digits on back of card)

Card type: Visa, MasterCard



APPENDIX A

***NEW - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

**New membership format as of 2017.*

If you were not a Society Member in 2017/2018, please complete to become a NEW MEMBER for the current 2018/2019 year, thank you.

Attention: Timothy Christian School – Barrie, Board of Directors,

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

- I desire to become a member of the Society of Timothy Christian School – Barrie.
- I am over 18 years of age.
- I am in agreement with the basis, principal guidelines, and purpose of the Corporation, as expressed in Articles II and III, in by-law No. 1, of the Constitution.
- I am a Christian and an active member or participant in good standing of _____ (Church).
- I agree to comply with the requirements pertaining to members set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation and in the approved policies of the society.

Member #1 Name (Print): _____ **Date** _____

Member #1 (Signature): _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Member #2 Name (Print): _____ **Date** _____

Member #2 (Signature): _____

Address: _____

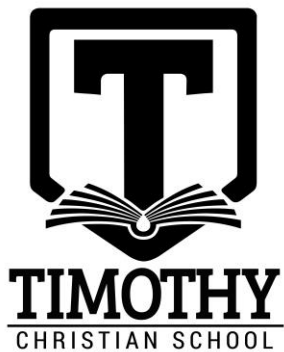
Telephone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

****The annual membership fee for the 2018/2019 year has been set at \$10.00 per person.***

Please enclose cash or a cheque for this amount when you return this completed form to the school.
Cheques payable to "Timothy Christian School Barrie" with "membership fee" written in the memo line.

All completed applications received by **October 31st of each year** will be considered for the current membership year at the November meeting of the Board of Directors.

****Applications received after this date will be considered for the next membership year.***



TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

MEDIA CONSENT FORM

Consent for interviews, photographs, video and/or audio recording.

This form is valid for the entire duration of my child(ren)'s enrollment at Timothy Christian School.

*****For changes, please contact the school at 705-726-6621.***

I, _____ consent to the following:
Parent(s) / Guardian(s)

Please initial your approval for the items below:

_____ Photographs

_____ Audio recording

_____ Video recording

_____ Interview

Name(s) of child(ren)

These items listed above may be used for the purpose of:

_____ media request

_____ staff/student achievement and/or activities

_____ event promotion

_____ school promotional literature

I understand I am entitled to refuse consent. I understand that Timothy Christian School (staff, principal, teachers or board members) cannot be held responsible for final stories and/or photographs used by news media.

Signature (Parent, Guardian, Foster Parent)

Relationship to Child

Witness Signature

Date

PROGRAM COM MANUAL	
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Internet Acceptable Use Policy & Guidelines

At TCS our mission is to “deliver a dynamic, vibrant learning environment offering leading edge programs that inspire children to be alive in Christ.” The Internet, while supporting the school’s curriculum, will help our students achieve the goals of Christian education as outlined in the TCS Handbook.

The Internet is the library of the new millennium. As with libraries as we currently know them, the Internet provides access to massive amounts of information. Much of this information is very good, but some of it is also harmful and detrimental to the health of our children.

At TCS we feel that, along with the home, it is our responsibility to teach the students discernment. They live in this world and every day they are bombarded with its value system through TV, newspapers, magazines and listening to the talk on the streets in their communities. Our children need to know the difference between God’s ways and the world’s ways and choose to serve God. At TCS, we believe that computer technology has God given uses and application and we need to educate students in the proper uses of this technology and in respectful use of the Internet for educational purposes and computer resources. To allow students to access the incredible wealth of information about God’s world using the internet, a net minder will be in place to protect our students from access to unsuitable sites. Along with this, students will also be taught that the World Wide Web contains unacceptable sites that they are not permitted to access. While our children are exposed to such technology, we must remain true in our commitment to ensure our Christian perspective permeates all areas of study.

Computer based learning is carried out by TCS staff, parent volunteers and/or the computer teacher, who will be present while the students are working on the computers. It is expected that this Internet Acceptable Use Policy (AUC) will be read and discussed with your children. The *Student Internet Agreement* is to be signed and returned to the school.

The mission at TCS is *to equip children to love, honour and serve the Lord through a sound Christ-centered education*. This education includes access to the Internet for educational purposes. While our children are exposed to such technology, we must remain in our commitment to ensure our Christian perspective permeates all areas of study. It is with this objective in mind that the guidelines for the Student Internet Policy be established.

Guidelines:

1. Student Safety:
 - a. Students shall not reveal personal contact information about themselves (full name, address, phone number) when using the Internet.
 - b. Students shall agree to not meet with anyone they have met online.
2. Student Access to the Internet:
 - a. Students shall not access material using the Internet system that has been deemed inappropriate for school use. Inappropriate material is defined as:
 - *Dangerous Information* – information that if acted upon could damage or presents a danger of disruption.
 - *Criminal language* – information that advocated or condones the commission of unlawful acts including instructions on breaking into computer systems, child pornography, drug dealing, gang activities, etc.

- *Inappropriate language* – obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, disrespectful, threatening, or inflammatory language; harassment; personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks; or false or defamatory material about a person or organization.
 - *Inappropriate information* that is inappropriate in an educational setting or violates school rules.
- b. Should students accidentally encounter inappropriate material or receive inappropriate e-mail or information that makes them feel uncomfortable, they shall immediately report it to their teacher.
 - c. Students shall not post inappropriate or illegal material to the Internet.
 - d. Students shall not use inappropriate language in e-mail messages.
 - e. Students shall not send “spam”. Spam is sending an annoying or unnecessary message to a large number of people, such as chain letters.
 - f. Students shall not download or install any commercial software, shareware, or freeware onto network drives or disks.
 - g. Students shall not deliberately attempt to disrupt the computer system performance or destroy data by spreading computer viruses or by any other means. These actions are illegal.
 - h. Students shall not read, copy, modify or erase other people’s files.
 - i. Students shall not violate privacy of others by sharing photos or text without permission.
3. Limitations on Non-Educational Activities:
Students shall not use the Internet system for the following non-educational activities:
- a. Students shall not use the Internet system for commercial purposes, defined as offering or providing products or services.
 - b. Students shall not use the Internet system for purchasing products or services.
 - c. Students shall not use the Internet system for political lobbying except to analyze legislative measures and communicate their opinion to elected officials via the Internet.
 - d. Students shall not use the Internet system to download and/or play games.
4. Student Privacy:
Students acknowledge that the routine maintenance and monitoring of the system may lead to discovery that they have violated the law or a school rules. Timothy Christian School reserves the right to search e-mail messages or Internet cache files.
5. Plagiarism and Copyright:
- a. Students shall not reproduce copyrighted material without explicit permission.
 - b. Students shall not plagiarize. Students shall stay within the bounds of the “fair use doctrine” of copyright law and must cite the source of information taken from the Internet.
6. Technical Services Provided Through the Internet:
Students have access to the following technical services:
- a. E-mail. Email will allow access to communicate with people throughout the world. Users will also be able to subscribe to mail lists to engage in group discussions related to educational subjects. Students in grades 6-8 will obtain a Google account and will use it to complete academic projects.
 - b. World Wide Web. The Web provides access to a wide range of information in the form of text, graphics, photographs, video, and sound, from throughout the world. The Web is a valuable research tool for students.

7. Discipline:

- a. Students will receive notification about an alleged violation and will be allowed to tell his or her side of the story.
- b. TCS may suspend access to the Internet system upon any violation of the AUP.
- c. Violation of the Moral Code of Conduct when using the Internet system will be handled in accord with the Discipline Policy of the school.
- d. Suspicion of illegal activity when using the Internet system or violation of the law will result in the appropriate legal authorities being contacted to handle the situation.

Parent or Guardian Section

I have read the Student Internet Acceptable Use Policy.

I hereby release TCS, its personnel, and any institutions with which is it affiliated, from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of, or inability to use, the Internet system, including, but not limited to claims that may arise from the unauthorized use of the system to purchase products or services.

I will instruct my child/ren regarding any restrictions against accessing material that are in addition to the restrictions set forth in the Student Internet Acceptable Use Policy.

I will emphasize to my child the importance of following the rules for personal safety.

I give permission to allow my child/ren to use the Internet according to the Student Internet Acceptable Use Policy.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student Section

I agree to follow the rules obtained in the Student Internet Acceptable Use Policy (IAP). I understand that if I violate the rules my account may be terminated and I may face disciplinary action in accordance with the IAP.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____