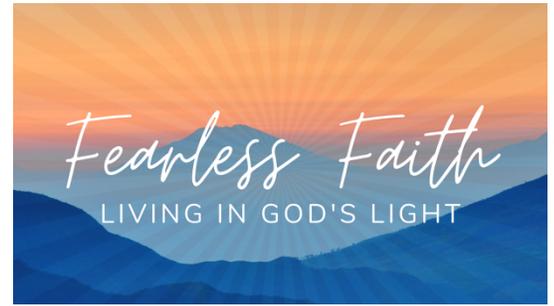




TIMOTHY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal...

Welcome!

Welcome Mrs. Tait to the TCS Front Office!

Last Thursday we sent out a memo to our TCS community announcing that Kate Tait will be starting in the front office this week. Kate will be training with Leanna over the next few weeks. We are super excited about having Kate join us at TCS in the front office and look forward to her settling into this position. Our thoughts are also with Leanna as she plans for her upcoming wedding and prepares to move to Strathroy in May. We are very thankful for the good work Leanna has done in the office over the past few years. Her last day at TCS will be on April 9. If you see Leanna over the next few weeks, make sure and thank her for her time at TCS.

Danger Zone... Walking between the Buses

We had a potentially very dangerous situation with the buses recently which prompted this reminder to both TCS parents and students. Last week one of the buses emergency brakes failed and one of the buses rolled back into another bus. Occasionally there have been students and parents who cut through (between) the buses to their cars and we are very thankful no one was cutting between the buses this time.

- **Parking on the other side of the buses:** One of the reasons for walking between buses is because parents park on the other side of the buses which, really is a dangerous situation. All of our parents who drop off and pick students from school are asked to park in the front parent area which will avoid the temptation to part of the other side of the buses.
- **Walking between the buses:** Starting Tuesday, we ask that nobody walk between the buses. If parents who pick up park in the front, then all pick up students can walk down the sidewalk to go to their parents' cars in the front. Regardless, we really want to keep everyone safe, so we ask that students and parents walk around the buses to avoid any potential of getting hurt.

Playing by the Front Hills after School

We have noticed families allowing students to play together by the front of the school again. We totally understand that spring is in the air and students want to play outside again. However, the potential for contact spreading is still very high at this time. Parents, please remember that we are not allowed to mix classes on the school property (this is something the health unit would frown upon if noticed). With all the COVID-19 variant spreading potential in the next few weeks, we really need our TCS families to stay safe and careful for a bit longer. Thank you, TCS families, for your help with this after school. We all want to avoid an outbreak and want to keep our school open and avoiding the mixing of the classes is a huge part of this.

MARCH

26 PD Day (no school)

APRIL

2 Good Friday (no school)

5 Easter Monday (no school)

12-16 Spring Break

1 "...As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light." – 1 Peter 2:9 NLT

TCS Advertising on Life 100.3 & Virtual School Tour

You should hear a lot of TCS advertisements on our Christian radio station, Life 100.3, over the next 8 weeks as we advertise TCS for September 2021. We are in *full new family registration mode* over the next few weeks interviewing new families. If you know of any families who might be considering TCS in the fall, remind them that *now is the time to register* for September 2021. A recording crew was at TCS making a virtual school tour promotional package for our website on Friday. As soon as we have it ready, we will be asking each of our existing TCS families to send the link to two potential families. Word of mouth is the best promotion, and we look forward to your help with that in the coming weeks.

FROM THE PITCH COMMITTEE

For families that are worried about completing the required 25 hours, please know this is an area that the TCS Board is mindful of and will be making final determinations about PITCH hour obligations very soon. It is not the Board's intention for extenuating circumstances (such as the limitations/struggles put on all of us in some areas of volunteering for this year) to negatively impact the overall TCS community and is discussing options.

The TCS Board has requested us to have an updated view of where all families stand at PITCH hours completed for this 2020/21 school year. Currently we have about 12 families that have completed their required 25 volunteer hours. Many families have reported some completed volunteer PITCH hours, but about half have not reported any to us for this school year. Some of this may be that you have just forgotten to report your hours to us. We encourage you to please send your hours in to timothypitch@gmail.com, detailing the type of activity you volunteered in as well as the date. **REMINDER:** You may report 2.5 hours per family (not per person) for attending the November Fall Society Meeting. Thank you to all those families who are doing their best this year to contribute to the overall success of Timothy during this different school year!

SMDHU COVID-19 Screening Updates

Note to TCS parents: The SMDHU website content for Families has been updated, with all revised content indicated with **UPDATED** marked beside it. <https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/COVID-19/reopening-schools/Families>.

Thank you, parents, for your detailed at-home screening and support in this recommendation.

- [Ontario COVID-19 school and childcare screening](#)
- [COVID-19 Return to School or Child Care Protocol for Employees/Visitors](#)
- <https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/docs/default-source/COVID-/Return-to-school/my-child-did-not-pass-the-covid-19-daily-screening--now-what.pdf?sfvrsn=8>



**Timothy Christian School
REGISTRATION
OPEN NOW
for September 2021.**

Certain classes are filling up fast. To avoid a wait list, please contact the school now for more information.

A Virtual Tour will soon be available on the TCS website!
Stay tuned for more details over the next few weeks.