



TIMOTHY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal ...

Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year!!

It is going to be a wonderful year!! This morning we ushered in the new school year with a full school chapel that included all 262 of our students and over 150 TCS parents joining us! We welcomed new parents, students and two new teachers, joined together in several praise and worship songs and opened in prayer asking God to bless this new school year! We also spent a fair bit of time talking about **vision!** This is a very special year as TCS is celebrating 60 years in the Barrie area! We will also be implementing our new Apologetics/Worldview curriculum program at TCS this year which fits perfectly with our 60th anniversary celebrations!

WELCOME
BACK
to
School

Our school theme this year is **'Transformed by Truth, Equipped to Stand (based on 2nd Timothy 3: 16&7)'** and it is a powerful reminder that the gospel we hold so dear to in our lives is both *transforming* us and *equipping* us in all we do at TCS!



Setting a Positive Tone

This morning at the chapel we also reminded each other how very important a positive school culture is to best support our vision statement. We talked about 'treating each other with the utmost care and respect' on the playground, on the buses and in the classrooms. We reminded each other that each of us are very precious and we need to be very careful with each other. We need to be very careful with each other as we connect and work with one another. That means standing up for each other, supporting each other and firmly reminding each of us to lift each other up and not put each other down. It is going to be a good year and we are off to a great start!

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Welcome to a few more families...

- Erwin & Rowena Bannink: Emma (SK) and Heather (2)
- Russell & Kristin Stouffer: Nathan (5) and Brandon (6)
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- Max & Tatiana Zhylin: Anna & Daryna (3), Misha (5), Stas (6), Petro (7) and Bohdan (8)

**TCS looking for an EA for a Kindergarten class from October to June**

TCS is now accepting resumes for an Educational Assistant position for the school year to support the *Tuesday and Thursday kindergarten class* (taught by Mrs. Mensinga). Applications will be received up to September 16 by 4:00pm with interviews being done the week of September 19 with the position starting on October 3rd and running to the end of June. Education and experience as an EA preferred. Please provide two educational references and one spiritual reference along with your resume when applying.

**Circle the dates in September!**

A few very important dates coming up in September:

- Board Member Orientation... Wednesday, September 14 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm
- All school family BBQ... next Thursday, September 15 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm (opening prayer in the gym at 5:30, enjoy a BBQ and then visiting classrooms between 6:30 and 7:00. Evening ends at 7:00)
- New Parent Orientation... Thursday, September 22 from 7:00pm - 8:00pm.

Terry Fox - September 23, 2022

We will be running our annual Terry Fox fundraiser on Friday, September 23, 2022! We're excited to gather to raise money for this important cause. Students are invited to wear their favourite red and white Canadian clothing that day. We will be needing some parent volunteers that day, so if you're interested in volunteering, please ensure you have an up-to-date Criminal Record Check (Vulnerable Sector Screening) in the office before that date. More information to come!

TCS Community News

- Our condolences to the Seborro family in the unexpected passing of Cleuza on June 30th. She was the mother of Caleb's, a former student at TCS.
- We join with Daniel & Lindsay Wilcox in praising the Lord for Oliver Charles who was born July 5th!
- The Jacob family also welcomed a new baby, another girl, Ezra Joy, to their family August 30th and we are so happy for them also!
- Thank You to our Summer Maintenance & Landscaping Volunteers! You take such good care of the TCS building equipment and grounds over the summer! We look good because of you!
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Reminder of Health and Safety items

A reminder that masks are optional and we will be respectful either way if students, parents or teachers choose to wear masks or not. Masks *are not mandatory* but those who feel comfortable are free to wear them if they choose. A reminder also that TCS will continue to practice handwashing and and extra mid-day cleaning to keep students safe and healthy. The province recently announced that there will no longer be a five-day isolation if someone gets COVID, but rather they can return to school once they no longer have symptoms.

We hope all our families will continue to screen for all flus or colds (or COVID) as part of normal routine in normal situations and keep children home if they are not well to protect both the student and others. The link to the recent COVID screening tool is on our TCS homepage (www.timothychristianschool.ca).

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Absences / Lates / Change in after school routine

For any days your child will be late to school or absent from school, or if there will be a change to his/her after school routine, please communicate with the office. Please remember to advise the office by:

- 9am for absences / lates ... *All late students (after 9am) must report to the office for a late slip.*
- 2pm for changes to the after school routine

We understand emergencies happen, but late changes to the after school routine can affect the rest of the students in a classroom at a time of day that some students struggle with transitions. Thank you in advance for your understanding in this process! The TCS office can be reached:

- By email: tcsген@timothychristianschool.ca
- By telephone: 705-726-6621 x221

Cleaning Volunteers Needed at TCS:

Are you looking to get a head start on your PITCh hours? We need a reliable and consistent team of parent volunteers to wipe the door handles and frequently used surfaces each weekday at 12:30pm for about 20-30 minutes. Please contact the office if you can help consistently.

**Classroom & Office Communication**

Parents, you should be receiving an email from your child(ren)'s teacher this week. Please be sure to look for it so we can confirm parent emails early and we can ensure clear communication for the year. If you don't see the email in your inbox, please check your junk folder. Remember to add the sender's contact info to your system so that future emails won't get lost in the junk folder (mark the emails as 'not spam'). Also, please remember to add tcsген@timothychristianschool.ca to your contacts for the same reason.

TCS School Directory and Important Info

Remember you have access to our TCS family and staff directories and other important information (TCS Constitution, Handbooks, recording PITCH hours, etc.) through our Sycamore database. Documents and directions on accessing information in Sycamore can be found on the Sycamore Homepage under the heading "NEWS" (top menu bar).

Congratulations to the 2021-2022 Fruit of the Spirit Award Recipients

At our last Chapel for last year, we presented the Fruit of the Spirit Awards to: Sophia MacAdam & Frank Piatek. Thanks for setting a great example for us to follow!

**Bradford Greenhouses Fundraising Program**

Please remember to mention TCS when you shop at Bradford Greenhouse.