



# From the Principal...

#### Week Four of Online Learning...Staying Strong and Staying the Course!

As we launch into week four of learning online, I just want to encourage our parents, grandparents, students and teachers to stay strong and stay the course! It is easy to stay with things when it is new and exciting just out of the gate...gets a bit hard to stay the course of online learning as we move into weeks four, five and on. As a staff we will do our very best to stay creative and keep students focused. Parents, we hope you can keep up the good work and positive tone on the home front as well.

Psalm 84:10...is a wonderful gem hidden in the middle of the Psalms that states...

## "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere".

It reminds us that we would take our situation/burden/challenge... following and trusting God and living in His community...walking authentically before the face of God...than a thousand days outside of His Will! Not that the road is easy...rather, we know who walks with us and who gives us the strength we need to press on!

Parents, I pray we will have the strength to push through and keep the learning strong and focussed to keep the gap small and ultimately get us to a good place when we land on our feet at school again soon! There is a prize at the end of this all and that is to land secure and strong...skills in place... in the next grade in September! So...so many good things are happening each day with the TCS online program and we encourage you to stay strong and engaged!

## Primary Student Learning Package pick up...this Friday from 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Attention JK - 4 parents this Friday, May 14 is another package pick up. Note the following details:

- This time...to make it easier...in order of last names: If your last name starts with an "A", please come closer to 3pm. If your last name starts with a Z... closer to 4pm
- You can come one time for all your JK 4 students...one stop shopping!
- Help us out by rolling down your passenger window and just shouting out your last name (it gets really
  hard to see who the parent is with tinted windows and masks on...the guesswork is challenging so just
  to hear your last name really helps the process)
- Please line up by the grade 3 and 4 classroom doors where the buses normally line up and exit by the school shed back on the road (Mr. Berg will be there to wave you in and out)
- Note: If you can't make the time on Friday, you can either ask another parent to pick it up or any leftover packages will be put in the office and can be picked up on Monday (as much as possible the office is open on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays but call first to make sure)

# Taking Technology/Learning at TCS to another Level...Chromebooks starting in grade six next year!

The Board, senior teaching staff and the administration have been working together over the past few months processing ways to take technology to the next level at TCS. The Board recently approved this plan at the May board meeting. Starting next year in grade six (and every grade six year going forward), parents will be asked to purchase a Chromebook for their grade six student in August. Parents will have two payment plans available and will be able to take advantage of the school's bulk buying prices. The purpose is for each grade six student to purchase their own Chromebook which they will use in grades 6 - 8 at TCS. The school will take care of both a virus protector and a parental control program for the duration of their time at TCS. As we will roll out this program over the next few years, it will eventually allow all students in grades 6 - 8 to own their own Chromebooks. This will both increase accessibility for our senior students to create, type, research and work on Coding skills (Coding is now mandatory in the Ontario Math curriculum). By having our grade 6 (eventually 6 - 8) students own their own devices, we then free up the present mobile carts to be used more by the other classes. We wish to stay with the Chromebooks because we can manage them to cover the licences much easier than different varieties of devices. The result is a higher level of accessibility for all students in the school. There will be more information coming out over the next few months, but we are excited about this plan and are presently working on the best bulk buying price/care plan we can for our grade six students.

## Promoting TCS to new families using the TCS Virtual School Tour link

Please continue to invite prospective TCS parents to our school website and to forward them the email with the link to view our TCS Virtual School Tour! If you know of anyone interested in attending TCS this September, email their name and number to the office. We will follow up to book a time with Mr. Berg to have a talk, or face-to-face zoom meeting, and link them up with our virtual school tour. We are eager to share what God is doing here at TCS as we learn and grow together! All new parent interviews in the coming weeks are being completed via zoom meetings. *Please encourage any potential families to register soon* to avoid wait lists in classes. At this time, we have wait lists for ONLY two of our classes for September. We have room for new students in 8 of our 10 classes for next year.

#### **Highlights from the May 3rd Board Meeting**

- The Board and Finance Committee are working closely to prepare and present the 2021/2022 budget at the May 27 Spring Society meeting
- The Board approved three nominees to be voted at the May meeting to replace retiring board members (please see the Society package that is coming out soon)
- We invite you to attend the Spring Society Meeting. The Meeting Report will be sent out this week to Society Members. Please RSVP and submit any questions via the form that will be attached to the Report. The Zoom link will be sent to those that RSVP.
- The Board recognizes the importance of fundraising in the coming years and the need to think creatively about possibilities through the COVID guidelines (like the Bazaar going online last November)
- The Board updated the Tuition Arrears and Complaint Resolution Policy at the May Board meeting

#### TCS Spring Society Zoom meeting on Thursday, May 27 at 7:00 pm

A reminder, similar to last Spring, we are planning to run a Zoom meeting for our membership on Thursday, May 27 at 7:00 pm. Look for the Report to be emailed soon.



## Mrs. Gruber Full-time in Grade three next year / Mrs. Berg Retiring

After 13 years of teaching at Timothy Christian School, Mrs. Berg will be retiring when she completes her leave in August. We are grateful for her many years of teaching in both Kindergarten and grade three over the years in our school community. Mrs. Berg was very much appreciated by students, staff and parents during her 13 years at TCS.





The TCS board approved the offer of a full-time position in grade three to Brijette Gruber (who was already team teaching in grade three with Mrs. Berg) before the break and we are pleased to announce that Mrs. Gruber has accepted this position. Starting in September, Mrs. Gruber will be the full-time permanent teacher in grade three.

# The re-Source Thrift Shop Barrie - South

The re-Source Thrift Shop is in need of gently used donations! The Shop is closed but they are accepting donations Mondays and Fridays 10am to 1pm, and also on Saturdays 9am to 12noon. Be sure to follow them on Facebook as they are posting items for online shopping and curbside pick up.



#### Bradford Greenhouses Fundraising Program

The Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery fundraising season is here! Please tell the cashier (at either location in Barrie or Bradford) that you would like your purchase to support Timothy Christian School. A percentage of our combined sales is put on a gift card for the school to purchase products from the greenhouse for our Bazaar. Thanks in advance for shopping to benefit TCS!

#### This week we celebrate



Tuesday • Micah Burton (4)
Wednesday • Isabel Faris (6)
Thursday • Mrs. Vanderboon (SK)
& Mrs. Berg
Friday • Kayla Grant (2) &
& Sophia Bailey (4)

# TCS Spring Drive is now accessible online!

Our Spring Drive is now underway & we've opened more options online for your convenience. Would you consider supporting Timothy Christian School through our Spring Drive this year? Through your support, you will help to ensure that our students continue to receive dynamic and quality Christian education. The investment made to the Annual drive program would have a lasting impact on the families and students that God has entrusted us with.



Check out our Annual Drive page on our website:

https://www.timothychristianschool.ca/support-tcs/annual-drive