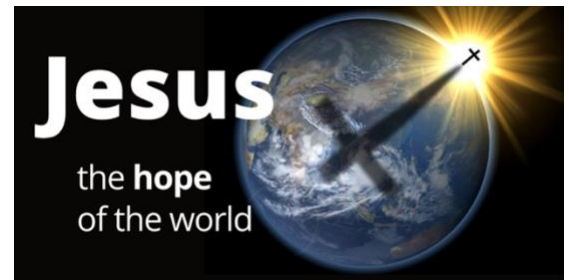




TIMOTHY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal ...

Restrictions lifted in Schools

We are thankful for the new lifting of restrictions and hope the following guidelines will help:



- **Masks are optional for all JK – 8 students:** Masks for students and staff are no longer mandatory and will remain optional for those who choose to wear them. We understand that many students, parents and teachers may choose to keep masks on at school and we trust all of us will fully respect this personal choice. Thank you in advance for respecting this choice. Parents, please reinforce this mutual respect on the home front as teachers have talked with students about supporting each other's choices in this area.
- **Pre-screening before school:** Although we fully expect our parents to continue to pre-screen for all student illnesses, you will no longer see this formal request from the TCS office each morning. Thank you parents in advance to being diligent and careful in this area.
- **All cohorting will be dropped** on the playground and in the school. Students will be able to mix both outside and inside the school with fellow grades as they were before any of the restrictions.
- **Library:** We are presently preparing and updating the library and the computer system and hope to have this all running soon.
- **Band:** We hope to start band up again over the next few weeks.
- **Chapels:** We hope to start chapels sometime in April as we have several new projectors (for the gym and music room) that are on order that we hope to have in place by early to mid-April. We will have a few in-house chapels first to get into routine again before we move into full chapels with parents later.

What will remain:

- **Students and staff only in the educational wings:** For the comfort zone of parents and staff, we will be keeping the educational wings to students and staff only during school hours. We have found this has significantly helped with security and health reasons and it will remain in place. Staff will be able to schedule parent meetings (in advance) after school hours in classrooms once students have left for the day.
- **Isolation times:** We are still receiving information about isolation times for those who have COVID and those who are exposed to a family member with COVID. For now, check with public health direct on this issue.

As we walk through the next few months as a school community, we look forward to *staying deeply united and supportive of each other* as we put COVID restrictions in our rear-view mirror. Please note there is still some anxiety among parents to stay safe and careful and so we ask our community to be as understanding as possible in this journey. Thank you TCS parents in advance for this deep care for one another.

MARCH

- 21 Gr 8 GRAD Photo last day to order
- 23 Pizza Day
- 25 PD Day – NO SCHOOL

Reminder: PD Day THIS Friday, March 25th

Our teachers will be participating in educational sessions.

No School!

**Congratulations to our Grade 5 Class
& Ms. Gonfors!**

The grade 5 class won the class category in the annual "I love Barrie" contest. Their picture of fireworks over the bay was wonderful! We featured it in our January 31st Newsletter email. [See the full article here.](#)



Transportation Reminder

For our TCS Bus Families, please have your child(ren) standing at your bus stop 10 minutes before the scheduled pick up to ensure the bus driver does not have to wait for your child(ren) to get out of the car and onto the bus. This will help our drivers stay on schedule and help our new drivers. As you can understand, the routes are set with as short a stop as possible and adding a few moments for this extra movement can add to the overall length of the drive, and in some cases, students are sitting for a long time already. Remember, students are outside for recess twice during the day (approximately 15-30 minutes) and need to be dressed appropriately for the weather anyway. Thank you on behalf of Landmark Bus Lines and your fellow bus families.



Lost & Found

Parents, please drop by to look through our Lost & Found box as it is overflowing with coats, hats, water bottles, etc. Spring is almost here and we don't want you to forget about these lost items. Please come take a look.



Spread the word... TCS is accepting applications for September 2022!



February and March were full of tours for potential new families. It is exciting to walk new families through the school and share what TCS has to offer. Please spread the word that we are accepting applications for September enrollment, and we have four times available for April. Now is the time to apply to help us plan and avoid class wait lists.

Pizza Days

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming Pizza Days:

Wed March 23

Fri April 1

Fri April 8

Wed April 13

Fri April 22

Fri April 29



SPRING INTO READING

TCS Library Open for Business!

Starting after March Break our Library will begin operations again after a long closure due to COVID. We will only have one main librarian at this time so class visits will be happening on Wednesday and Thursday until June. Reminder slips about missing/overdue books were sent home. We realize that not all books can be found, but we'd appreciate you taking a quick look around for them just in case. Any books that are 'forever lost' will be deleted from our collection and everyone gets a fresh start. We're looking forward to getting back into action and helping the students begin their next reading adventure!



From the PITCH Committee

We have received some questions regarding the PITCH program for this school year, and so wanted to provide some communication to the TCS Family. 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 within the next couple of months. With the anticipation of regulations lifting there may be opportunities for families to get involved and complete their pitch hours this school year. The Board will continue to monitor this situation and will soon determine if it is necessary to defer PITCH for another year. In the meantime, if you are looking for pitch hour opportunities, the Fundraising Committee, Policy Committee and Finance Committee are all looking for members. If you would like to be involved on one of these committees, please contact the office for more information. Please remember to report your hours through our Sycamore portal for the pitch committee to track. Thank you!

Kindergarten

Our SK & JK Classes did a unit on penguins. One activity involved taking home their 'penguin egg' for the weekend to take care of it just like a Daddy penguin... as you can see not all the eggs came back in one piece!



Yearbook Advertising and Sponsor Opportunities**YEARBOOK**

As we put together our 2021-2022 yearbook, we are looking for page sponsors! The cost per purchasing a yearbook will decrease based on the amount of sponsors. This ad will run along the bottom edge of a yearbook page stating, "This page is sponsored by the _____ family or your business name." If you'd like to be a part of this opportunity, please email agronfors@timothychristianschool.ca indicating who is sponsoring the page and make your cheque payable to Timothy Christian School indicating it is a yearbook page sponsor. The price for a per page sponsor is \$30. If you would like to donate toward the yearbook production (without a page sponsorship), gifts \$25 or more may be eligible as a charitable donation. Deadline is Friday March 25. The more sponsorships and donations received means a lower cost per book! Thanks for your generosity and we can't wait to show you our 2021-2022 Yearbook!

YEARBOOK

SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY

- \$30 per page sponsor
- Contact Ms. Gronfors (agronfors@timothychristianschool.ca) with your sponsor request so it can be properly noted in the yearbook
- If you would like to make a donation toward the yearbook production (without a page sponsorship), gifts \$25 or more may be eligible as a charitable donation
- Cheques Payable to Timothy Christian School
- Friday, March 25 deadline



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

