



TIMOTHY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal ...

Celebrating the Terry Fox Run and Indigenous Awareness this week

The Terry Fox Run on Wednesday

This Wednesday, TCS students will be remembering the Terry Fox story and his run for cancer awareness. Ms. Duff will be sharing with students the history of the run and what it did for cancer research. Funds can be donated online this year if parents/students choose to donate. Students will be running around the track throughout the day Wednesday at staggered times.

Indigenous Awareness Lessons on Friday

This Friday we ask that students (if possible) wear an orange shirt to represent awareness of indigenous issues. TCS teachers will take time this Friday to teach a lesson about awareness around the Indigenous people of Canada. Across Canada this day is on September 30th, but as a school we wanted our JK and SK students to participate so we moved it to Friday, October 1st.

Reminders to Parents

1. Reminder to send an extra mask with your child
A reminder for parents to include an extra mask for your child in their backpack each day as masks can easily be dropped or lost during the day.
2. Reminder to email/call the school office as early in the day as possible regarding student bus or pick up changes. The end of the day is often very busy and we don't want to miss any important instructions regarding buses or pick up. This would be greatly appreciated!
3. A reminder again that we are able to run both soccer and cross country for our students, but we cannot have parent spectators like in past years. Students and coaches only will be permitted to both practices and the tournaments. Sorry parents, but this is the best we can do this year working within the guidelines and protecting students.

TCS Hiring soon for a new Marketing/Development Director Position

Do you know someone who has a deep passion for marketing and would make a great fit at TCS? Someone who has a love for Education and a heart for TCS?

This week members of the admin team and a board member are meeting with several marketing experts to brainstorm new ideas how to best market Timothy Christian School in the Barrie area. We are hoping to glean some new ideas from these experts. Then the next step will be to hire a new person to replace Michelle Roberts who recently moved on



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Sept 29th Wed - Terry Fox Run ***donate online**
 OCT 1st Fri - Orange Shirt Day @ TCS
 - Cross Country permission forms to go home

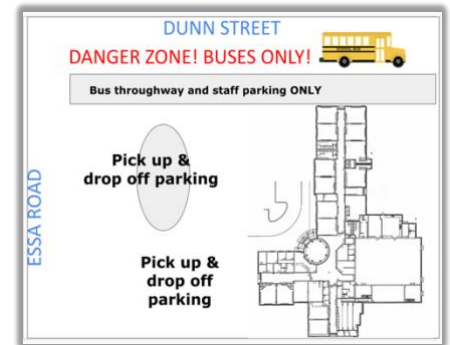
to a full-time position elsewhere. Our present TCS position is part time (50%) with potential to grow as the school grows. If you know of someone who may be interested in this position, please let them know as we will be advertising soon in the newsletter.

Reminder of two safety issues at TCS we need parent help with

(Note: A huge thank you to parents who have made this change!! It is so appreciated! On behalf of the bus drivers as well.)

1. Parents dropping students off at the front of the school only:

A reminder to all new and existing TCS parents, when dropping your children off at the school in the morning or picking them up, we ask that you park in the front of the school (in the parking lot west of the flagpole or on the gravel parking lot) and walk your children to the sidewalk. We have had several close calls when parents park in the staff only parking lot, across from the buses, and attempt to walk their children between the buses to the school sidewalk. This can easily lead to an accident in the future. The buses all arrive very quickly between 8:30 - 8:35am and the drivers have often told the school how worried they are of hitting a child of the families who cross over in front of the buses. It really is an accident waiting to happen and it can be easily avoided. You will notice signs up on pylons this week reminding you that there is no parking on the other side of the buses as this is staff only.



2. Keeping pets/dogs in the cars or at home:



We very politely and respectfully ask that you keep pets/dogs at home or in the car when dropping or picking your children up from school. Why? We have several children who are very afraid of dogs or had a bad experience/were bit before and will not come to school the next day if a large dog was on the property. It causes a significant amount of anxiety in some of our students. We have other students, who are significantly allergic to dogs. In addition to that, we do worry about a student being bit as well when dogs are on the school property. In addition, dogs do leave reminders of their visit behind at times which can lead to extensive clean ups after students have walked this through the hallways of the school (just imagine the extra work of staff in those clean up times...it has happened and the smell lingers for weeks). Add to all this the temptation of students to pet dogs who are on site, thereby becoming a COVID contact spreader which we are trying hard to avoid during these times. All this to politely ask, please keep all pets at home or in the cars during your visits to the school. For the above reasons, we greatly appreciate it.

Terry Fox Run 2021

Wednesday, September 29 is our day to Run for Terry! Grade 1 will be hosting an all-school chapel outside and then running at staggered times around track throughout the day.

Two things to remember:

- everyone is asked to wear RED & WHITE coloured items to celebrate the day
- Donations can be placed by clicking on the following link to ensure that it goes towards our school goal of \$1,000: <http://www.terryfox.ca/TimothyCSBarrie>. As of today we're at \$75.00 so we've got a long way to go in order to meet our goal!



Thank you in advance for helping us to do our part in keeping HOPE alive for finding a cure for cancer!

2 “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” – Romans 15:13 NIV

Note to parents regarding team sports:

After our local North Toronto Sports meeting the following was decided:

For both soccer and cross country practices and tournaments, we can run them but with *students and TCS staff only this year*. If you wish to observe your students in soccer or cross country practice, we ask that you do it this year from your car or outside the fence on Dunn Street. Please wait for your child to come to the parking lot as you wait in your car or as you to wait off school property outside of the fence area. We cannot have parents on the field during these practices. Thank you parents for your understanding. I know that these restrictions might be hard to understand as we all love to see our children compete. However, *having these protocols in place also allows/enables your child to participate in sports this year, which is very exciting and so vital to their well-being.*

**Soccer for grades 6 - 8**

Soccer practices will be Mondays & Wednesdays with pick up at 5pm. No volunteers needed and no spectators permitted on school property at the practices or games.

**Cross Country News**

The cross country team will be made by the end of the week with permission letters to go home by Friday. Practices will take place on Tuesday and Thursdays each week at lunch hour starting October 5th. Thank you to all students who tried out this year! We have a great community of runners at TCS. If you didn't make it this year, keep running! We hope to see you again next year, Mrs. Gruber and Mrs. Regeling.

**The Bazaar team is looking for help!!**

Two of our bazaar team members are in their last year at Timothy so we are eager to find some enthusiastic people to learn the ropes this year! Below are some areas that might interest you:

- Shopping!! That's right! If you have a great eye for quality items at a deal we have a spot for you!
- Marketing and promotion! Is this your strength? We would love to hear from you!
- The ability to plan and organize with a team! Your opportunity could be here!

Please contact the office or Casey Heppleston -casey@lindaknight.ca

Re-Source Thrift Shop South needs our help!

We are closing in on our 6th year anniversary at the Thrift Shop! God has blessed us richly over these years and we have been able to give more than \$400,000 back into the community!! One of our biggest challenges is having enough volunteers to run in the shop. If you have a heart for giving back - we would love to have you. Jobs include: sorting, cleaning, pricing and cashier. We are in need of volunteers (all the time) but are in dire need at this time for Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons and we are also very short staffed on Saturdays. We provide training and a great community to work in! If you are interested in helping or learning more, please email the thrift shop at resource.barrie@outlook.com or Kathrin Veenstra at jkveen@rogers.com.

TCS School Family Directory

Our School Family Directory is online this year. Please login to your Sycamore School account via <https://app.sycamoreschool.com>. If you need assistance with this or need your password reset, please email the front office at tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca.





welcome baby

We have heard that congratulations are in order for a few of our families who have welcomed a new baby in the past few weeks. Welcome to these little ones in the Loveless family, Sureshkumar family and the Green family!

Student COVID Screening

Daily COVID-19
Self-Screening Tools



Please remember to screen your children for COVID 19 symptoms prior to sending them to school each day. Here is the link to the screening tool you are to use <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>. Please read over this link again and be aware of the symptoms of COVID-19 and check with your doctor, Telehealth, or the health department when in doubt. We understand that some of us suffer from allergies or even colds this time of year so please be sure to screen so we can be extra careful.

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