



TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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TCS Christmas Program, "A Night Like No Other"

Join us NEXT Thursday, December 15 at 7pm. We welcome our TCS community to celebrate the Christmas story with students and staff!



Please Note the TCS Christmas Program will be on December 15th (Not December 8 as wrongly published)

Please inform any family that we are back to our normal time of the 2nd Thursday before the Christmas break - which is where the TCS Christmas concert has been for years.

All School Skate—Dec. 23 from 12:30-2pm

Just a reminder to all TCS parents of our annual all school family skate on December 23 at Holly Community Centre. **Students in JK—Grade 4 require hockey or bike helmets in order to participate.** For safety reasons we have booked 2 rinks—1 for JK-grade 3, and 1 for grades 4-8.

All skates are to have skate guards on them, or come in a sports bag to protect others from the blades (NOT a plastic bag)

December 23 we will be dismissing buses at 2:00pm from the Holly Arena. Parents, please plan to pick up children 1.5—2 hours early from their bus stops if you aren't picking them up at the arena.

DECEMBER

- 6 INSPIRE campaign meeting—all welcome!
- 9 Pizza Day
- 12 Hotdog Day
- 14 Hockey Tryout & **Pizza Forms Due**
- 15 Christmas Musical ****NOTE DATE CHANGE****
- 16 Pizza Day
- 19 Hotdog Day
- 21 Hockey Practice & Pizza Day
- 22 Grade 8 Christmas Banquet
- 23 Family Skating & **2pm Dismissal from Holly CC**
- 24-Jan. 8 Christmas Holidays

JANUARY

- 9 Back to School & Hotdog Day

Guidelines for Snow Fun at TCS

A reminder of the following guidelines for enjoying the snow at school:

- Parents, please remember to send snow pants to keep clothes dry.
- No snowballs on TCS property (too many students not looking that could get hurt/too many ability levels)
- No tunneling in the snow hills (parents, we know you understand the importance of this guideline and how very critical it is to hold to this)
- Hockey sticks: Mini-sticks in grades JK—2, grades 3-4 can use bigger mini sticks and grades 5-8 can use the full size hockey sticks.
- Toboggans or crazy carpets: we as staff ask that these very fun toys **be kept at home**. When the hills get larger students quickly get hurt when they race down the hills and hit other students in their paths.

Parents, thank you so much for your support on the above guidelines. We try hard to keep the fun in the process and keep safety at the very highest level in all areas. Thus, a few reminders and guidelines go a long way to safety.

Baby News—It's a BOY!

Josh and Brooke Smith welcomed Sawyer William to their family on November 25th at 10:36am. Sawyer was 9lbs 7oz. Congratulations to the whole Smith clan, including Lily in SK!



Divining Deeper by Faith

"Now **faith** is **confidence** in what we hope for and **assurance** about what we do not see." ~ Hebrews 11:1

Leftover Bazaar Items for Sale—by Donation

There are a number of Christmas arrangements and flowers for sale at the school. If you are interested, please come in and make us an offer! We would love to get rid of these plants before Christmas holidays! Make an offer! Poinsettias, Christmas Cactus & Cyclamin are still available.

Pizza Forms Attached Today (Due Dec. 14)

Forms are attached to today's newsletter. **These forms are due on Wed. Dec. 14th.**

Before School Supervision

A reminder to parents that supervision for students is provided outside the school (around the back in the fenced area) from 8:30-8:45am before school starts, but not inside the school.

There will always be three or more TCS staff on outside duty in the morning to meet the students coming off the buses and the drop-off students but because teachers are often in meetings, using the computer lab, or photocopying before school starts, we ask that students not come directly into the school but instead to go around the back of the school where they can be monitored.

Thank you for your support with this. Student monitoring and supervision for safety is of our highest concern and we want to make sure your students are in the right areas to ensure safety. We want to avoid a student coming to an empty classroom when the intended supervision is outside. On the school front, we will remind students of this should they forget and enter the school in the mornings.

Snow Day Clarification

As we enter into the winter months, occasionally inclement weather in our area necessitates bus cancellations and school closures. Since student safety is of utmost concern, we defer to the Simcoe County bus lines to determine the safety of the roads and driving conditions as they have procedures in place to assess all areas of our bussing routes. They typically make their decision between 6–6:30am. The company we contract with - Sinton Landmark - then makes their call to cancel our buses based on the Simcoe county buses.

We use the website www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca for Simcoe County School bus information.

Note: When the Sinton Landmark cancels their buses, for safety reasons we also cancel school for the day. Our approach has been that if it is not safe to have the school buses on the road, then we feel it is not safe to have anyone on the road including parents in vans.

Homework Highlights

Grade 4

Mon. Dec. 5 Fall Book Reports Due
Tue. Dec. 6 Bible Test (The Judges)
Wed. Dec. 7 MW - Ruth 1:16 (oral)
Fri. Dec. 8 No spelling test (review week)
Wed. Dec. 14 MW - Ruth 1: 16, 17 (written)
Fri. Dec. 16 No spelling test
Tue. Dec. 20 Skeletal System Quiz (Health)
Thu. Dec. 22 Christmas Spelling Quiz (10 words)

Grade 5

Thu. Dec. 1 Class Newsletter
Fri. Dec. 2 Reading Around God's World goal due
Tue. Dec. 6 Math Test on Geometry
Wed. Dec. 7 & Thu. Dec. 8 French pizza presentations
Thu. Dec. 8 Science vocab quiz: Lesson 1
Fri. Dec. 9 Present "Animal Research" to reading buddies.
Tue. Dec. 13 Literature test "The Sign of the Beaver"
Wed. Dec. 14 Grammar test on Unit 2

Grades 6-8 Homework info is available on Schoology.

Once we receive the call from Sinton, we email all our TCS parents within minutes of hearing from them.

Please ensure that Robin in the front office has a current email for you to accurately inform you when/if that should happen over the winter months. If you are not receiving the newsletter by email, you will not receive the snow day email either.

In very, very rare situations there may be one bus cancelled when there is a storm or freezing rain in a very specific area.

There are three weather zones for Simcoe County, with TCS being located in the Central Zone. **If busses are cancelled in the CENTRAL ZONE, TCS is closed and there are no classes.** Notification of the school's closure will be communicated to Life 100.3fm and posted to the TCS Facebook page.

For families not located in the Barrie area please remember that weather patterns can differ greatly from where you are—please check the TCS Facebook page or www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca website to determine if busses are running.

Open Dates for Rentals at TCS September 2017:

As you may be aware, Harvest Bible Chapel is in their last year with us and they plan to move into their new building by August 31, 2017. **This means there will be a rental opportunity for a new church at TCS starting September of 2017.**

PITCH

Scrapday—January 21, 2017

Hey you.....yes, you....we need YOU! We need volunteers to help set up for Scrapday on Friday January 20 in the evening, and work in the kitchen and out on the event floor on Saturday January 21, and clean up after the event on Saturday evening! We have a variety of time slots so even if you can only dedicate part of your day we can find a place for you! We will also need donations of soup, chili and baked goods. Watch for more information in the New Year but in the meantime, please contact Catherine Delenardo, Kiersta Hazlett or Christina Fairchild if you are able to help! You can also reach us through our Scrapday email at scrapday@timothychristianschool.ca

You may report your hours by email to timothypitch@gmail.com or by filling out the paper forms on the info table in the school office.

New Yearbook Format: Sponsors/Advertisers needed

This year we will be working closely with Lifetouch Photography. Mrs. Covert and a team of students will work with Lifetouch to publish this year's memories.

Sponsorships and advertising are available now and will reduce the final overall cost. Please contact Mrs. Covert or Mrs. Roberts if interested.

Collecting Resumes until January 7th for a One Year Administrative Assistant Position at TCS Starting in March 2017

Our plan is to hire for this one year maternity leave position by February 1st with overlap training being done in February. Please address your resume to Rod Berg before December 31st and hand in at the TCS office. (tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca) This is a full time one year maternity leave.

Coffee and Prayer Time—Monday Mornings

Please feel free to join us, any week that you can, for a coffee/tea and a time of prayer on Monday mornings from 9-10am in the staff room. Babies and pre-schoolers welcome! If you are unable to join us but have a prayer request, please email Isabel.back@gmail.com and we will add your request to our prayer list.

Unity Christian High Presents "Breath of Heaven" Join us for our annual Christmas concert featuring Unity's choir, concert band, and praise team on Wednesday, December 14 at 7:30pm. Senior choir students will be selling bracelets from www.bigvillage.ca to raise funds for their Senior trip to PEI in the spring.

SCRAPDAY

Saturday, January 21

This popular event draws in Scrappers from Barrie area and beyond and people come back again and again to enjoy this fun day! We will have the same vendors as last year as well as a new addition. The garage sale table was a big hit last year and will be up and running again this year. This is your chance to stock up on new or gently used paper crafting tools and embellishments. This successful fundraiser only happens because of the help from our school community. We will be calling on YOU again this year in order to help make it happen for our Student Fund. Continue to watch the newsletter for ways you can help make Scrapday a success! **Tickets are on sale in the TCS office or by emailing scrapday@timothychristianschool.ca** This event runs from 9am-8pm. **Tickets are \$45.**

INSPIRE Campaign Meeting

As was mentioned at the Society meeting last week, the next INSPIRE meeting is on Tuesday, December 6th at 5pm at TCS. All are welcome to join!



INSPIRE

BURSARY CAMPAIGN

Our goal is \$250,000 - join us!



Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact, you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

NEWS UPDATES

Check out inspiretimothy.ca for details.