



TIMOTHY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal ...

TCS All School BBQ & Book Fair THIS Thursday

We welcome all our TCS parents and students to our all school BBQ!

- 5:30pm - Opening prayer in the gym
- 5:30 - 6:30pm BBQ /Book Fair in the library/greet new parents
- 6:30 - 7:00pm Parents & students visit classrooms/meet teachers
- 7:00pm Evening ends

Each of our new parents will have on a name tag in the form of a star (they are the stars of the evening!!) so they stand out. This will make it easier for us to make a point of greeting each of them and welcoming them to TCS.

**New parents* please come through the front doors of the school to get your star name tag from the welcome table before you enter the gym.

There will be two tables in the gym at the BBQ:

- 1. A table for the TCS Bazaar** (to sign up volunteers): Our TCS bazaar is on *November 19th (Saturday)*, and it raises up to 45 thousand dollars each year for our school and requires a small army of TCS volunteers to pull it off. Please consider signing up to help (this is an opportunity to build your PITCH hours).
- 2. Unity Christian High School:** Unity is the Christian high school in Barrie where about 50 - 60% of our TCS graduates attend after they leave TCS. The Unity staff is eager to share information about the school and answer your questions. Please stop by and say "hello!"

Book Fair is Back!

We're so excited to have a Book Fair return to our BBQ evening! This year we will be introducing a new company, PARASOURCE, who will be bringing quality Christian items for you and your children to purchase. The Book Fair will be set up inside and outside of the TCS Library and will be open from 5-7pm. There will be no Friday shopping this year, so everyone is encouraged to visit the Fair on BBQ night. A part of the sales will help TCS purchase new books for our Library. Please come visit us on Thursday evening and help your children to discover how **'Books Take You Places'**!

Circle the dates in September!

- Board Member Orientation... Wednesday, September 14 from 7:00 to 9:00pm
- New Parent Orientation...Thursday, September 22 from 7:00 - 8:00pm. New families, please be sure that one parent (both is great!) is in attendance that evening. We will spend one hour going over TCS history and routines. We want you to feel very much part of the TCS community so please be sure to come!



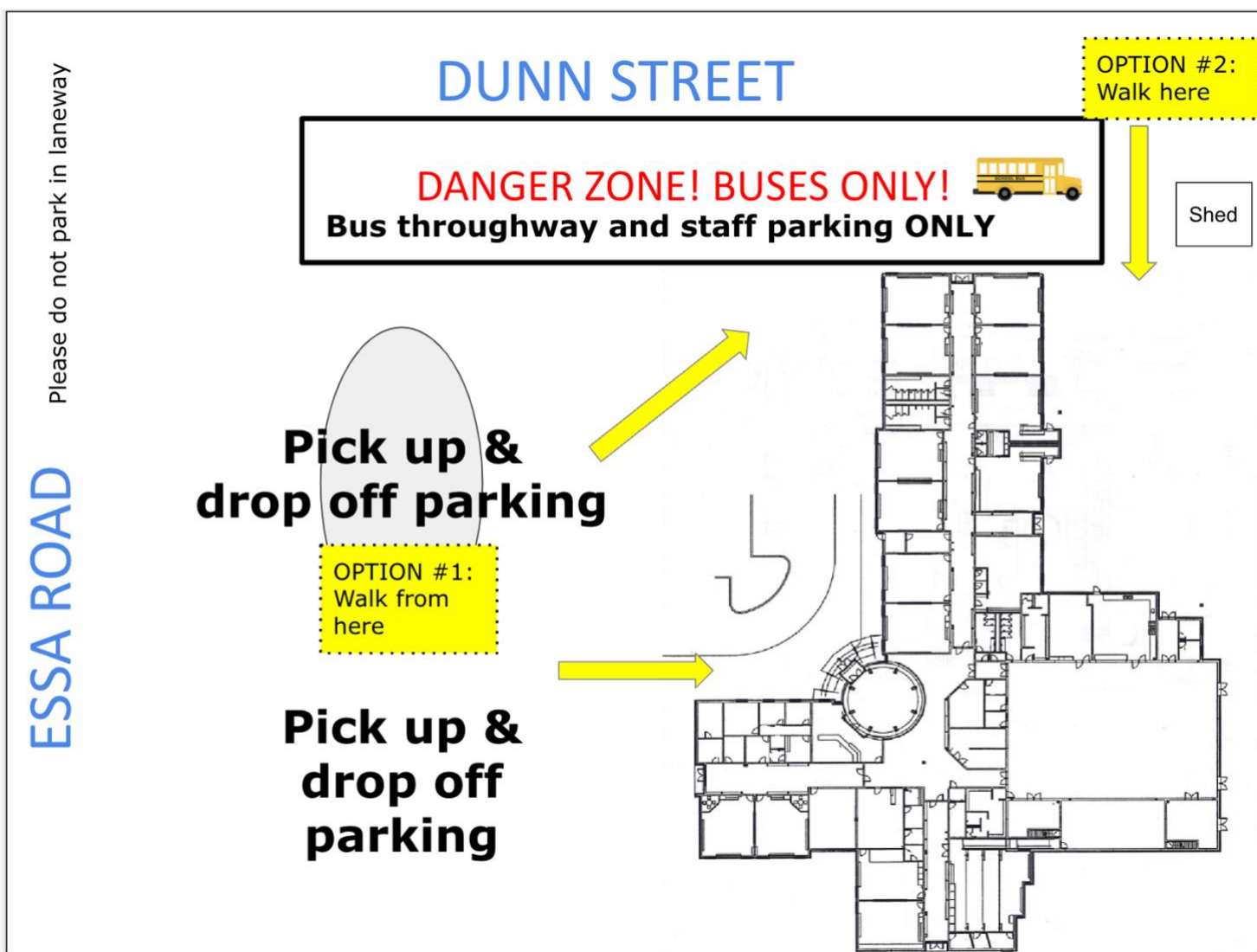
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Keeping Safe with the School Buses at TCS (morning and evening)

A reminder to all our TCS parents (especially our new parents who are still learning the routine) to please ONLY park at the front of the school, or the gravel parking lot, and walk your children to the sidewalk when you drop them off or pick them up. Another option would be to park on Dunn street past the school and walk your children along the sidewalk in front of the shed and around to the gate (but not crossing the buses). What is very dangerous is parking where TCS staff park and students crossing over in between/over the line the buses drive in. We have had too many close calls over the years and we want to avoid an accident between a bus and a student.

Starting on Wednesday we will have signs up (pylons and a little green plastic man with a sign) reminding all parents to not park in the bus area and to not cross over between the buses. This not only comes from the TCS staff, but also from the bus drivers who are very concerned about a potential accident from students crossing over the bus lines and someone getting hit. The drivers mention it to the principal all the time and it does worry them.

Thanks so much TCS parents for your help with this as we all wish to avoid an accident between a student and a bus. There are over 330 students (which includes the Unity students changing buses) now converging on that school sidewalk each morning and after school and we want to ensure everyone is safe and staying out of the bus lane.



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Community News

Our prayers and condolences go out this week to the Kooy family in the passing of Margaret Kooy (Wife of Bill). Emily and Will (son of Margaret) have Caleb (gr. 5) and Mason (gr. 4) at TCS. Margaret was a TCS grandparent involved in many school activities over the years. She passed away last Friday at 62 years of age. Visitation will be at Sovereign Grace Church this Tuesday, September 13 from 2 – 4pm and 7 – 9pm. Her funeral will be at the same location this Wednesday at 1:00pm.

We are rejoicing with Mrs. Warren (team taught in grade 5 last year) and her family at the birth of Zachary Edward Miles Warren yesterday morning. Mom and baby are doing great and are looking forward to getting some rest!

Terry Fox - September 23, 2022: Loonies and Toonies for Terry!

We will be running our annual Terry Fox fundraiser for Cancer Research on Friday, September 23, 2022! Terry's dream was that each Canadian would donate \$1 for the cause, so each student is asked to bring in a loonie or a toonie to help us meet our school goal of \$1000. The class that raises the largest amount of donations will get their choice of some sports equipment for their class to use at recess! Be sure to dress in Canadian colours and be ready to run on September 23rd!

***If you are available to volunteer the morning of September 23rd, please let Mrs. Mensinga know as soon as possible. You will need to have an updated criminal record check completed in the office prior to that day.*

Pizza Days

Pizza Days are organized by the Grade 8 Class as a fundraiser for their year-end graduation trip to Ottawa. Friday, September 30th is our first pizza day this year!

Please click on [THIS LINK](#) to take you to the Google Form to order pizza for September to December.

Orders are DUE by Wednesday, September 21!

To be certain your child(ren)'s pizza order is complete be sure you:

1. Complete the google order form (link above)
2. SEND IN PAYMENT (you may send in one payment for your family... not combined with any other payment)
3. Payment must be in a LABELLED in a Ziplock / envelope with last name
4. All the above must be completed and received in the office by **Wednesday, September 21st** to ensure the order is placed for your child(ren).

**Celebrating Birthdays at School**

As a staff we ask that *all birthday treats be kept at home*. The reasons include too much sugar at school and starting unrealistic expectations. With some classes having 25 or more students, teachers could have the challenge of cupcakes and sugary treats coming to school several times a week. It is easier to keep the treats at home and not have them come to school. This not only avoids all that sugar coming to school (which is very challenging before a math class), it also avoids any expectations that everyone must do it and have enough for everyone. As staff, we appreciate you keeping treats at home.

Please be careful how you invite students to a birthday party. Birthdays can be a very tender area. Please be as inclusive as possible and very careful in this area. In terms of invitations, the school's preference is that invitations are emailed to families and not handed out at school. When planning the party, you might consider inviting the entire class if possible, or maybe inviting all the boys or girls. This helps to create an event that everyone can share in and facilitates building relationships. We thank you in advance for your care in attempting to not hurt anyone's feelings.

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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. The position will start on October 3rd and run to the end of June. EA education and experience preferred. Please provide two educational references and one spiritual reference along with your resume when applying.

**Cleaning Volunteers Needed at TCS:**

Are you looking to get a head start on your PITCH hours? Our lunchtime cleaning crew is looking for a reliable parent for Fridays to wipe the door handles and frequently used surfaces. You are needed to clean Fridays at 12:30pm for about 20-30 minutes. Please contact the office if you can help consistently.

**Soccer Coaches Needed**

Please contact Andrew Atkinson at aatkinson@timothychristianschool.ca if you are interested in helping to coach the grade 6-8 soccer team(s) this season. The final tournament is on October 6th and practices will be 2x / week after school until 5pm.

Cross Country Running Tryouts

Calling all runners to join Mrs. Gruber and Mrs. Regeling in a 'warm up run' at lunch recess on Thursday & Friday this week to help prepare for our Cross Country Team tryouts next week.

The tryouts will be held over lunch recess on the soccer field.

Grades 7-8 Monday, September 19
Grades 3-6 Wednesday, September 21
Grades 1-3 Friday, September 23

How are our new students settling in at TCS?

New TCS parents:

We want to hear from you next week. Please send a 3 - 4 line update next week on each of your children about how they are doing in their first few weeks at TCS.

- Are they meeting friends?
- Are they enjoying school?
- How is the buddy system going (for students in grades 1 - 8)

Please think this over this week and then next Monday, **send the homeroom teacher/principal (copy to both) an email** giving us the above feedback. We will be expecting an email from all our new parents anytime next week reporting on each of our new students.

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).

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Open House Night at re-Source Thrift Shop Barrie South

Over the last 6 years the re-Source Thrift Shop Barrie South at 28 Commerce Park Drive, has worked tirelessly to give back to local Christian education and local charities. To date we have given back over \$500K to our community!! We are so thankful to have been blessed to give! Please join us for an Open House Monday, September 26th from 7:00 pm to 8:30pm. Our staff and board members will be on hand to answer any questions and show off the shop that has evolved into a wonderful community and an amazing place to be! No RSVP required. We look forward to seeing you there!

**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 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 have been 24 hours without symptoms.

We trust our families will continue to screen for illness (flus, colds and COVID) as part of your normal routine and keep children home if they are not well to protect others. The link to the recent COVID screening tool is on our TCS homepage (www.timothychristianschool.ca).

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 school. Thank you in advance for your understanding in this process!

The TCS office can be reached:

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

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 tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca to your contacts for the same reason.

Bradford Greenhouses Fundraising Program

Please remember to mention TCS when you shop at Bradford Greenhouse (either location) as this is a huge fundraiser for us. We purchase many items for the Christmas Bazaar with these funds.

See you Thursday at the BBQ!



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