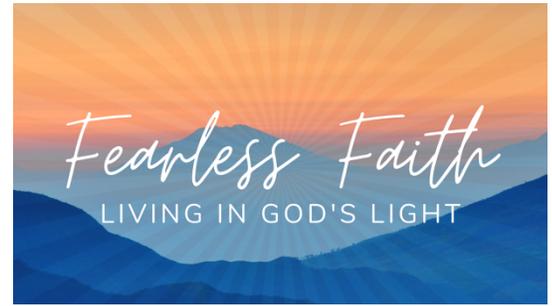




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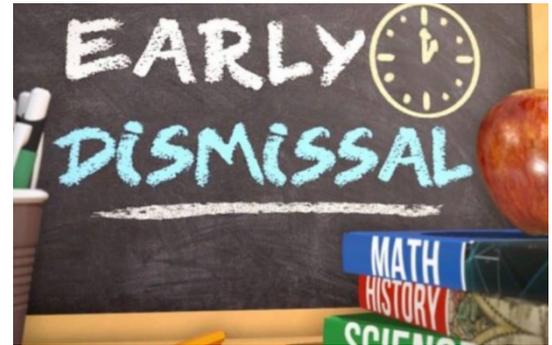
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal...

Reminder of Early Dismissal this Friday at 2:00!

Like every last day before the Christmas break, **buses will be leaving at 2pm from TCS** (as opposed to leaving from Holly Community Centre like other years). To keep the festive spirit and excitement of the holidays this year, we will be keeping with the early dismissal this Friday, December 18. There will not be a family skate this year because of the COVID-19 guidelines enforced by the Holly Community Centre.



2020 TCS Christmas Video to Premiere this Thursday, December 17 at 7pm

We are in the final stages of publishing our 2020 TCS Christmas video to the TCS community (in place of a concert)... and we are super excited about it! It is a very fun filled 30 minutes packed with each class performing a Christmas activity! *Your children and teachers did a wonderful job and we can't wait for you to see it.* We plan to have all editing complete and to premiere it on YouTube Thursday evening at 7pm (the link will be sent out by email). We hope you can sit with your family, pour a cup of hot chocolate, and view the 2020 TCS Christmas video in the safety and comfort of your own home this Thursday evening (or any time after the premiere). You are allowed to share the YouTube link with any grandparents who may be interested in watching the video as well. From all of us at TCS, Merry Christmas!

Crazy Christmas Clothes!

Come dressed in your Craziest Christmas Clothes this Friday, December 18! Ugly Christmas sweaters, festive footwear, silly socks, and hilarious hats... wear them all!



THANK YOU to the re-Source Thrift Shop Barrie - South!!

A huge thank you again to the re-Source Thrift Shop for **another monthly donation of \$4058.95**. Did you know that the re-Source Thrift Shop has made a commitment to make monthly donations to TCS from a percentage of the profits they make each month? The Board of the Thrift Shop is so very committed to Christian Education and keeping Christian Education thriving in Barrie that they are now making monthly donations! How do we say thank you? Volunteer if you can and help them in their commitment to bless the city of Barrie and make Barrie a better place for the Kingdom of God!

1 "...As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light." – 1 Peter 2:9 NLT

TCS Blessing Several Senior homes and Retirement Centers this Week!

Normally our school is involved in an outreach project during the Christmas season *and this year is no different!* TCS has partnered with Roberta Place, Tollendale Village and Coleman Care Center by having our students make Christmas cards for the seniors living in those homes in our local area and blessing them with Christmas cheer in those cards. Of course these cards will sit for 48 hours (or more) to ensure there is no risk of any virus spreading. In addition to students making cards for seniors in our local retirement homes sharing God's love with them, we are also going to make our TCS Christmas video available to all these homes so many shut-ins can enjoy some joy this season. Many of these seniors will have very limited visitors over the Christmas holidays because of the guidelines, but at the very least we can bring some joy into their lives by having our students write letters, make Christmas cards, and share the love of God through our Christmas video! Even in the midst of social distancing and COVID-19 guidelines, we are still able to bless others and point them to our Heavenly Father and show them... 'how God so loved the world'!

Student to Student Gifts

Due to COVID-19 guidelines and lowering the risk of contact, we ask that students not bring Christmas gifts for other students this week and for parents not to bring items (treats or gifts) to school for other students. This year we are doing everything we can to lower the risk of contact and ask that you skip a year in these routines.

Reminder: Drop Offs in the Morning after 8:30am

A reminder that if you are dropping your children off in the morning, staff supervision outside and by the buses does not start until 8:30am (staff are inside preparing lessons or in meetings inside the building before this). There have been times when students have been dropped off earlier and when that happens there is no one there to keep them safe and supervise them. Drop offs need to be after 8:30am in order to make sure students are supervised. Thank you for your support in this.

From the PITCH Committee

Thank you to families who have volunteered and already reported some of their 25 hours for this year. Just a friendly reminder to report your hours as you do them so they don't get missed! **Don't forget that you may submit 2.5 hours per family (not per person) for those who attended the Zoom Fall Society Meeting.** To report your hours, please email timothypitch@gmail.com with your name, phone number, date of activity, description of activity and total number of hours for that activity. We would love to get the database updated over the Christmas break. Thank you very much!

Supporting Students Campaign: Public Use of Student Funds

Did you have a chance to send a letter yet or join the campaign?

Did you know that our federal government has provided 381 million dollars to help students during the pandemic but none of these funds will be making their way to the independent schools (any Christian or private schools)?

Visit <https://www.supportingstudents.ca/> to join the campaign and get regular progress updates. They also give you a template letter you can send to your MPP to share your personal story on how the pandemic is impacting your school. If you have a minute over the holidays to voice your concerns it would be appreciated. We encourage you to like the [Supporting Students page on Facebook](#) to keep in touch with their latest updates.

Board Reflections from the December 7 Board Meeting

At the December Board meeting we said goodbye and thank you to our departing Board members: Jason Eisses, Mike Eisses, Stephanie Papail and Will McFadden. We welcomed our new Board members: Amanda Smith, Jeff van Campen and Doug Dykstra.

- New Board Assignments for the 2020/21 school year:
 - Finance Committee John Tjeerdsma and Amanda Smith
 - PITCH Krista Westerneng
 - re-Source Thrift Shop Krista Westerneng
 - Marketing Heather Steeves
 - Strategic Plan Heather Steeves
 - Human Resources Greg Van Loenen
 - Program Doug Dykstra
 - Membership Jeff Van Campen
 - Fundraising Angela Heppleston
 - Contract Partnership Doug Dykstra and Angela Heppleston
 - Policy Review Ed Loveless
 - Facility Operations Jeff van Campen and Ed Loveless
 - Transportation Paul Kapteyn
 - President Greg Van Loenen
 - Vice President Ed Loveless
 - Secretary Krista Westerneng
- New Board Orientation with Ray Hendricks – On Monday, December 7 the entire Board was led through a 1.5 hour workshop led by one of the directors of Edvance (formally OACS) on the priorities of a good Board. We have had Edvance lead us in these new Board orientations for the last five years to ensure we stay focused and are well trained in being a quality Board.
- A huge thank you Mike Eisses, Jason Eisses, Stephanie Papail and Will McFadden for their great work on the TCS Board over the past three years.
- If you are interested in serving on the Fundraising Committee, Marketing Committee or PITCH Committee please send your name and interested committee to kristawesterneng@hotmail.com. We are looking for help with those committees and the Board needs to approve each name before they assign a person to a committee.

**DECEMBER**

18 Crazy Christmas Clothes Day
 Christmas Chapel
 2pm - Early Dismissal from TCS
 21 – Jan. 1 **CHRISTMAS BREAK!**

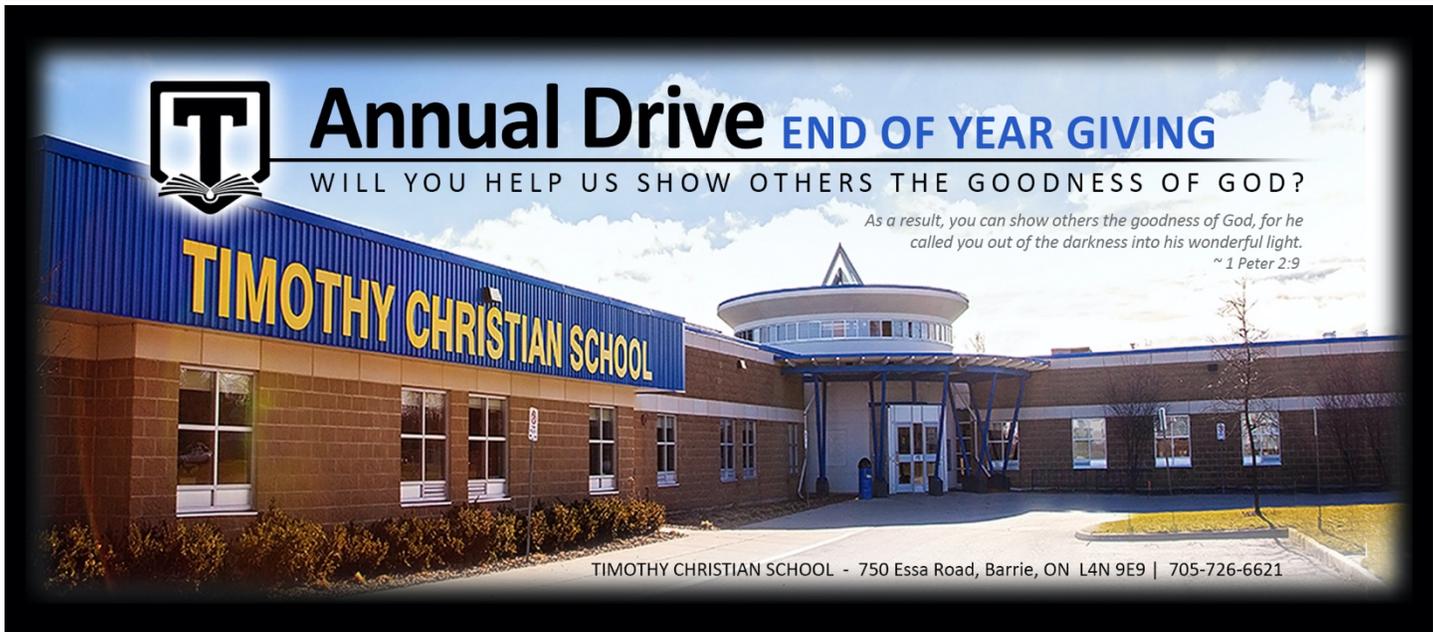
From the Community...

Update from re-Source Thrift Shop Barrie - South

As we submit our last announcement for 2020, the Board of the re-Source Thrift Shop would like to thank the members of the school community that have supported us throughout 2020. 2020 has indeed been a challenging year for all of us, yet God has sustained and blessed us through this tumultuous year. We give thanks that during the year, despite closures, we have been blessed with an abundance of volunteers, donations, customers and the ability to give back to the school and the community that we serve. We ask that you continue to uphold the store in your prayers as we plan for 2021 and continue to strive to serve and glorify God through the shop. At last night week's meeting we were able to donate just over \$4000 to the school and just over \$1700 to Hope City Church's Higher Grounds Coffee Ministry in downtown Barrie - we praise God for another successful month!

We are always looking for additional support in the store - and are specifically looking for volunteers that are willing to be trained on cash and/or volunteers for Thursday or Friday afternoons. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Laura McFadden lmcfadden0227@gmail.com or Kathrin Veenstra jkeen@rogers.com. From all of us at the RTS - we wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy & Healthy 2021!





Annual Drive END OF YEAR GIVING

WILL YOU HELP US SHOW OTHERS THE GOODNESS OF GOD?

As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

~ 1 Peter 2:9

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Our theme this year at TCS is based on 1 Peter 2:9 "...As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light." As the year draws to a close, we would like to present the opportunity to support our TCS Annual Drive Campaign - End of Year Giving.

https://www.christianschoolfoundation.ca/donate-individual/?donate_to=Timothy-Barrie

Firstly, we would like to thank those who were able to support TCS last year. It was a challenging time of rapid change to end the school year in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic, but TCS was well positioned to adapt quickly to online learning in a way that continued to provide a vibrant and leading edge learning environment to our students. This year sees TCS with continued dependence on our donor community. The Annual Drive is a key fundraising initiative to assist with our operating costs to keep tuition as affordable as possible for all current and inquiring families. We are asking our local community to partner with us as together we invest in Christian education in Barrie. Through your giving, please join us this year in "Fearless Faith" on our mission to provide an affordable, Christian worldview environment that delivers quality education and inspires children to be alive in Christ! Thank you in advance for your support.

Annual Drive END OF YEAR GIVING

FOR TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, BARRIE

Please complete all the information and enclose with your donation.

MONTHLY: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 OTHER: \$ _____

ONE-TIME: \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000 OTHER: \$ _____

- Cheque or cash (Payable to Timothy Christian School, NOTE: Annual Drive)
- TCS website: "SUPPORT TCS" link at www.timothychristianschool.ca
- Credit Card: Visa or Mastercard (Complete information or call the school to provide)

NAME ON CARD: _____

CARD NUMBER: _____

EXPIRY DATE: _____ SECURITY CODE: _____

AMOUNT of GIFT: _____



*For any inquires about our Annual Drive campaign, please contact our Development Director; Michelle Roberts at mroberts@timothychristianschool.ca or call 705-726-6621 ext. 228

Thank you in advance for supporting the TCS Annual Drive.

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ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE FOR CONVENIENCE:

Visit our website at: www.timothychristianschool.ca and click the "Support TCS" link & "Donate Now" tab.

**Online giving is administered with the assistance of the Christian School Foundation.*