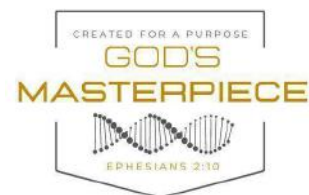




# TCS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



**For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Eph 2:10**

## Lifting up in prayer

There is much to pray for over the next few months regarding the development of our new JK - 12 campus. Please lift the following areas in prayer in your personal and family devotions over the next few weeks:

1. New Buildings - Pray that the design of the two new building additions will be a blessing to our students in grades 6 - 12! TCS and Unity staff will be visiting several schools over the next few months looking for creative and new ideas.
  2. Shaping the new vision - We will be announcing a date soon in late January for a townhall vision setting evening! Pray that God will shape and set the new vision to be dynamic and vibrant and that our Christian Worldview will be...UNMISTAKABLE!
  3. Fundraising Team - Pray for the team as they lay the foundations for the new capital campaign over the next few months to raise funds for the new additions.
  4. TCS/Catholic School land - Pray for a blessing on the partnership and clear direction over the next few months.
- Please circle both the December 3rd date at TCS (NEXT Tuesday) and February 4 at Unity!

## In prayer for...

Please come and join us in prayer for the new JK - 12 school... Mark your calendars!

## Lifting up the JK - 12 new school

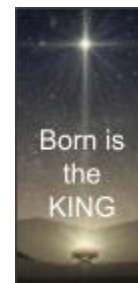
TCS parents and supporters - please join us in prayer for the following times:

- At TCS.... Tuesday, December 3 at 2:45pm
- At Unity.... Tuesday, February 4 at 2:30pm

## TCS Christmas Program on Thursday, December 12 at 7pm

**(Tuesday, December 17 is the SNOW date in case we have to cancel due to weather)**

Please circle on your calendar Thursday, Dec 12, 7pm, for our TCS Christmas program, it will be a wonderful time for our community to come together and celebrate the incredible gift God has given us through the birth of His Son! For our new parents, it will be about 60 minutes of TCS choirs, bands and singing honouring God and ushering in the Christmas season as a community! It is mandatory for ALL TCS students to attend this event as we need every student to be part of the bands and choirs. We are all looking forward to this celebration!



## Community News

Congratulations to two TCS families:

The Stevens, Luke & Mikalia, welcomed baby Lucy, a sister to James (JK/SK).

The van Rooij family, Tim and Elizabeth, welcomed baby Beatrix, a sister to Natalie(5/6C), Olivia(3) and Elijah (pre-school).



## Winter is here! TCS Bus Cancellation Procedure In Challenging Weather

As we are getting into winter we want you to be aware of our TCS procedure if Landmark Bus Lines cancels buses when the weather is challenging.

1. Once Landmark informs the school of cancellations, the TCS office will send an email to all TCS parents informing them that the buses are canceled but TCS remains open (99% of the time TCS will remain

**Inclement Weather  
TCS Buses  
Cancelled**

### November

26 7pm Parent Webinar - Details in newsletter  
28 2:30 Meat Orders (gr 8)  
29 PJ DAY & PIZZA DAY & Last day for warm clothing donations!

### December

2 HOT DOG DAY  
6 PIZZA DAY  
9 HOT DOG DAY  
11 7am Hockey Tryout Thornton  
12 7pm CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
13 PIZZA DAY!

open when our buses are canceled). The email will be sent by 6:30am. We will also post on social media.

2. When the TCS buses are canceled, parents have the option of keeping their children at home for the day or driving their children to school by 8:45am and picking them up at 3:25pm. Please use the front door for drop off and pick up on snow days. *On these days you do not need to inform the school if your children are staying home as our assumption is that all students are home unless a parent drops them off at 8:45am.*
3. Because we usually have less than 20% of our students at TCS these days, no new lessons will be taught as it will be a quiet work day to catch up on outstanding work and reinforce skills.
4. Landmark will cancel the TCS buses *when the Simcoe County School Buses are canceled* in times of challenging weather. If you check the Simcoe County School Board transportation website and they have canceled their buses, there is an almost 100% chance you will be getting an email from TCS soon letting you know that the TCS buses are also canceled.

Historically Landmark has canceled buses about 5 to 8 times between December 15 and April 15.

Do we ever close school in challenging weather...yes! It is very rare but if we feel it is too dangerous for drivers to be on the road, we will cancel school completely due to very poor visibility or freezing rain. Again, we will send out a school-wide email to all parents and post on social media.



### **Bullying Awareness Week November 18-22**

In our student chapel groups last Friday, students thought of ways they can support one another and wrote their ideas on hearts. The hearts are surrounding our school year theme as we want to make a difference in each other's lives this year as we have been "created to do good"! When you are in the school in the next while, please take the time to read over the students' ideas of how we can bless one another.



### **PJ Day THIS FRIDAY & Winter Clothing drive THIS week until FRIDAY**

THIS Friday is PJ Day! Dress in your coziest pajamas and comfiest slippers! **ALSO, all week the community and students are asked to donate something cozy to someone in need this winter!** The Salvation Army would prefer new items, but very gently used items will also be appreciated. Each grade has been asked to donate a certain winter item that will be given to the Salvation Army. We will start collecting items THIS WEEK up until PJ Day on Friday.



All **JK** Students: Mittens

All **SK** Students: Mittens

All **Grade One** Students: Winter Hats

All **Grade Two** Students: Scarves or Neck Warmers

All **Grade Three** Students: Socks

All **Grade Four** Students: Mittens

All **Grade Five** Students: Scarves or Neck Warmers

All **Grade Six** Students: Socks

All **Grade Seven** Students: Winter Hats

All **Grade Eight** Students: Winter Hats

Need a little motivation.....the class that brings the most items will win a hot chocolate party! Let's help our community this winter season TCS!

## From the Unification Steering Committee

For those who were unable to attend the Fall Membership Meeting, the committee shared a thorough update of where we are at and what we've been doing in working towards the new JK-12 school. We have now entered the "Develop" stage of our Discover-Discern-Develop-Deliver process. This involves doing all the heavy lifting to establish plans, policies, and funding to implement the approved vision, including a significant expansion of the facilities at the TCS campus. To date, the USC has raised seed money, advanced the expansion concept plans, pursued professional engagements (lawyer, design and consulting, fundraising firm), formed task lists and milestone targets, and made some required foundational decisions on leadership structure and organizational name. As one of the first required steps to legal amalgamation, we are required to register a name. Receiving some suggestions from the past meetings and town halls with members, the USC has decided on a name



# TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

for our JK-12 School:

We truly feel this name reflects what we want to communicate as our school identity and culture as well as honours our origins and history. A name influences first impressions of purpose and mission, and there is a wealth of meaning behind TRINITY, immediately being recognized as faith based, reflecting our Guiding Principles. Look for social media posts further outlining the meaning of our new name: TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL!

A second foundational decision was made regarding a Head of School leadership structure. The USC has recommended, and the Boards of Timothy and Unity have approved, the appointment of Head of School. The Head of School oversees and implements the vision and strategic agenda of the school, provides leadership in all aspects of the school, and is the visible leader of the school and its supporting community. At the meeting we were pleased to announce that Rod Berg has been appointed as our Head of School. Under Head of School there will be VP's of Primary, Middle, and High School, however these positions will be filled as we get closer to actual amalgamation.



The members of the Unification Steering Committee have been affirmed by both school boards and we've developed an organizational framework for all the many tasks to be accomplished going forward. We are currently assembling TEAMS of **Building, Governance & Administration, Capital Campaign, Finance, and Communication**. There are members of the Committee who are the Team Drivers and we are now looking for Team Doers in each of those categories. Is this YOU? This is a vision driven by a community, not a corporation and many hands will be needed to achieve success. Please email [barriechristianschoolvision@gmail.com](mailto:barriechristianschoolvision@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping and contributing your skills and areas of expertise. Also, if you can provide any trade expertise or professional services for a building project, we'd love to hear from you! Look for a newsletter announcement next week regarding next steps, outlining a rough timeline of tasks and events to come in the amalgamation and building process!

For additional info or if you have questions, please reach out to the USC: [barriechristianschoolvision@gmail.com](mailto:barriechristianschoolvision@gmail.com)



**TCS Parents: An invitation to attend this FREE webinar hosted by Edvance TOMORROW at 7pm**

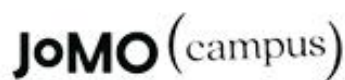
***Embracing the Joy of Missing Out: Strategies to Improve Digital Well-Being at Home and School***

Join us for an essential parent webinar featuring award-winning digital well-being expert Christina Crook. We know that children are struggling with the effects of tech overuse, and setting digital boundaries is crucial for supporting their well-being and academic success. That's where JOMO comes in. JOMO—the Joy of Missing Out—redefines FOMO by helping us focus on what really matters. In this one-hour session, you'll learn practical strategies to align your family's tech use with your values and goals. We'll explore how to develop a healthy technology philosophy, identify your family's core values, and create a family tech agreement that fosters balance and intentionality. *See the poster at the end of this newsletter.*

Webinar #1 will be held: **Tuesday, November 26, 2024** from 7:00 – 8:00pm EST

**How to join the Zoom webinar:** to join on November 26th at 7pm, click [HERE](#)

*This session is the first in a series of four FREE webinars for families of Edvance affiliate schools. Join us on November 26, January 28, March 25, and May 27, from 7-8pm EST*



**Edvance x JOMO(campus) Family Webinar Series**

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to download the Zoom app first

**Resource Room Announcement: Academic Assessment Opportunity**

Edvance Christian School organization (of which TCS is a member) has partnered with Endless Possibilities (Academic Assessments) in an Inclusive Service Agreement where qualified Educational Psychologists come to a school catchment area and will assess students for a fee. This fee, in some cases, is lower and long waitlists are avoided/eliminated. Currently, schools in our area are compiling an "interest list". Six students are required for the team to come. ***If you are interested due to academic concerns for your child, please contact Mrs. Covert for further information and she will get you on the list.*** The team is tentatively scheduled to be in our area this winter.

## GIFT CARDS... Unity Christian School Fundraiser

**Are you or your company planning to purchase Gift Cards for Christmas?** Unity Christian High School has a wide selection of Gift cards available (grocery, gas, retail, restaurants) for purchase. Please consider supporting Christian Education as you do your Christmas shopping... OR any shopping for that matter! Every gift card raises a certain amount of funds for the school so please contact the Unity office for details and a list of current retailers: [info@unitychristianhigh.ca](mailto:info@unitychristianhigh.ca). Payment can be made by cash, cheque or e-transfers. Don't delay, orders placed before Dec. 9th are guaranteed to be available by Dec. 17th for pick up at TCS.



Check out this link to buy TCS clothing: <https://timothychristian.entripyshops.com/>

Shop for Christmas gifts! Show your TCS school spirit and wear black, gold, grey or your TCS gear on Fridays! The teachers have put in their order and they will be looking sharp! Come on TCS Community... Let's show our spirit and wear our TCS gear, gold, black, white or grey!

## Thank you TCS Landscaping Team

Thank you to our grass trimmers & cutters, shrub & tree trimmers and gardeners! It's inspiring to see your love of the school as you keep the property looking great! The team consists of former students, grandparents, parents and supporters ... Thank You for sharing your time and expertise!

*thank you*

## Snow Valley Discounted Group Ski & Snowboard info for TCS

Get Your Skis Shined Up... It is time to think about group rate skiing/snowboarding at Snow Valley again! This year there are a few changes... Snow Valley is not providing lessons with the lift passes and there is no need for a stripe test. This year the costs are: Group night lift and rental is \$52 pp + tax OR just a lift ticket is \$30 pp + tax. Snow Valley skiing is Thursday evenings on all the hills from 4pm-9pm, January to March (dates will be confirmed).



In order for us to receive the group rate we need to have a minimum of 20 participants each night. If you are interested in accessing the Snow Valley group deal, please email Tracey Sheppard: [t\\_eisses@hotmail.com](mailto:t_eisses@hotmail.com) by THIS Saturday, Dec 1 with the number of people that would be skiing/snowboarding. You do not have to commit to every Thursday, we just need an idea of the number of people interested.

## NEW INITIATIVE for the TCS Bazaar... Triangle Rewards Fundraiser

We have a new way that you are able to give to the school by donating your Triangle Rewards Points. Earn points with the Triangle Rewards Program every time you shop at places like Canadian Tire, Sport Chek, Pro Hockey Life, Party City, Atmosphere, Petro-Canada and Mark's Work Warehouse. If you wish to be part of this initiative and donate your Triangle Reward Points to TCS, please **call Triangle Rewards Customer Service at 1-800-226-8473**, and ask to Transfer your points to account number **6365-7477-0431-8148**. Points can be transferred at any time of the year and any points given to the school will be used towards the Annual Christmas Bazaar and Auction. Please note there needs to be a minimum of \$5.00 in rewards to be able to make the transaction.



**Lost & Found:** Please drop by to look through the Lost & Found boxes before we get into a new season! You will want all of your child(ren)'s fall clothing, water bottles, sports gear, etc. at home before winter hits! Please drop by before the items are donated to the re-Source Thrift Shop!



**\*\*Remember TCS is a nut-free school. Please be sure all snacks/lunches are nut-free!\*\***

## Share some Shares, save some taxes!

Have you considered donating shares, mutual fund units, or stocks to Timothy Christian School in 2024? You will eliminate the capital gains tax, receive a full donation receipt, and even better, have a greater influence on our culture in the name of Christ!

Get the wheels in motion today by contacting Kevin teBrake at our Christian School Foundation: [ktebrake@christianschoolfoundation.ca](mailto:ktebrake@christianschoolfoundation.ca).

**Bless your school  
with a larger gift**

**When you donate  
shares or mutual funds!**

**Unity Christian High School OPEN HOUSE - Nov 28, 7:30pm**

JOIN US FOR AN  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
AT UNITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

**Learn more about Christian education at Unity**

**NOV 28**  
7:30 PM

- Learn more about the school, our programs, courses and athletics
- Learn about the application process
- Take a physical tour of the school building
- Get your questions answered

Please register for this in-person event by contacting the school at [info@unitychristianhigh.ca](mailto:info@unitychristianhigh.ca)

**Unity Christian High School Grade 12 Class Fundraiser**



The grade 12 class is selling Korean Fir Trees from **Frasers Christmas Trees**... Please consider ordering your tree November 16 to December 13 by scanning this QR code. You will pay Frasers Christmas Trees when you pick up your tree. Frasers Christmas Trees will donate \$20 from every Korean Fir sold to the grade 12's in support of their grad trip. Thanks in advance for your support of Frasers Christmas Trees! See the poster on the next page for more information about the Korean Fir trees, the fundraiser and the pick up details.



**Mark your calendars: Unity Christian High School SCRAPBOOKING DAY Jan 11, 9am to 8pm**

**SCRAP DAY FUNDRAISER**  
January 11, 2025  
9am - 8pm

*Help our grade 12 class finish off the year strong with a well deserved senior trip!*

- ✓ Continental breakfast
- ✓ Boxed lunch
- ✓ Dinner
- ✓ Snacks
- ✓ Large tables
- ✓ Door Prizes
- ✓ Raffles

**\$70 per person**

Unity Christian High School  
25 Burton Ave, Barrie, ON

To register just scan the code or use this link <https://bit.ly/4g21KmZ>. Then send payment to [kwatson@unitychristianhigh.ca](mailto:kwatson@unitychristianhigh.ca) with the word "Scrapday" in the message box.



### Logging your PITCH hours

Please be aware that it is each family's responsibility to track and log their own PITCH hours. To enter your hours, please follow these instructions:

- Log onto Sycamore with your family specific login (TCS School Id: 3982)
- On the left side of the School Homepage: Click "My School", Click "My Service Logs"
- Click "NEW" button on the right side, Complete the form *choosing the appropriate heading*
- Click "Save"... entered hours are pending until approved by the PITCH committee
- Families that are required to complete ONLY 15 hours, please be sure to log the SPECIAL PITCH AUTHORIZATION of 10 hours (these are the hours granted to you so you only need to complete 15 hours in total).

Remember, each family is permitted to enter 2.5 hours for attending Society meetings (even if you aren't a member!).

If you have questions or need further assistance, please contact [pitch@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:pitch@timothychristianschool.ca). Thank you for adding to the life of the school by volunteering your time!



### Bus information

**Landmark Bus Lines Barrie** (our bus company): **705-722-6666**. Parents, please feel free to contact Landmark for an ETA on a bus at any time.



Grateful to...  
**FRASERS**  
**CHRISTMAS TREES**



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For supporting the



**UCHS Grade 12 Grad Trip** 

**Christmas Tree Fundraiser**

**Unity students will be taking orders for Koreana Fir Christmas Trees starting at the Timothy Christian School Bazaar on Nov 16th until December 13th.**  
**\$20 from every tree sold will go directly to the UCHS Grade 12 students' grad trip!**

**Order by scanning the QR code and filling out the google form.**

**Unity student will meet you at the Frasers Christmas Trees Barrie location on November 23 or December 14, to drill, shake and carry your tree to your vehicle. Payment is to be collected by Frasers Christmas Trees on the date of pick up, no pre-payment is necessary. You will be contacted through email to remind you of your selected pick-up date.**

Koreana Fir's are known for their wide, rounded bright green needles with silvery-blue undersides that glisten in the light and have excellent needle retention!  
Koreana trees retail for \$89!

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