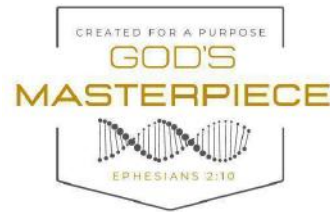




TCS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Christian Schools Thriving in Ontario!

The Christian school convention last week at Redeemer University *was nothing short of amazing!* Great workshops, top quality Christian keynote speakers, wonderful worship and great fellowship! Last week I wrote in the newsletter that we expected over 800 Christian school educators this year (based on past conventions). In reality it was announced that this year close to **1500 Christian school educators were registered at the convention!** Almost double last year's attendance!

It is at the point where this convention is growing so much that several events were hosted by local churches to accommodate all the participants! Just like TCS and Unity, many of our Christian schools in Ontario are growing and either at capacity (and planning additions like TCS) or very close to capacity! We can truly say *Christian education is thriving in Ontario* based on the incredible growth of this convention!



TCS Staff is an exciting part of the Christian School all-Ontario Convention this year!

Did you know that our Timothy Christian School teaching staff was very well represented in the leadership at the all-Ontario teacher convention this year?

- Erin Mensinga (TCS Gr. 3) and Daniel Wilcox (TCS Gr. 8) led workshops for teachers on Christian Worldview! Many other Christian schools are interested in the good work we are doing integrating Christian Worldview at TCS and are learning from our teachers.
- Stephanie Robinson (JK at TCS) was also a leader at the convention as she led a group of 70 kindergarten teachers in a curriculum support group!

Congratulations to Erin, Daniel and Stephanie for being invited back for a *second year leading workshops!*

- Tamara Wright (TCS Curriculum Coordinator) was also highlighted as a 'go to leader' on curriculum for other schools to connect with!

Overall, it was exciting to see *four of our staff members leading* as part of the all-ontario Christian school convention this year at Redeemer! Christian education is making profound differences in many communities across Ontario!



What is Happening with the JK - 12 new campus?

We are now in FULL PLANNING MODE for a JK - 12 campus in Barrie! In fact...this past Friday BOTH the Unity staff and the TCS staff were asked to give input into the new building additions! Great conversation and dreaming has started! Exciting things are already underway!

Update from the Joint Task Force for (TCS-Unity) Barrie Christian Schools

To our families, staff, members and supporters, we'd like to again thank you for the overwhelming support at both Spring Society Meetings of Timothy Christian School and Unity Christian High School and for voting in favour

Key dates in November

- 1 Pizza Day
- 4 Hot Dog Day
- 5 Gr 7 & 8 Students to Unity Day at UCHS



- 6 Picture Re-Takes
- Progress Reports sent home
- 8 9am Remembrance Day Chapel led by 5/6A
- Pizza Day
- 15 NO SCHOOL!

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of the motion presented there. The motion passed included creating an Implementation Task Force, which we're calling the UNIFICATION STEERING COMMITTEE. We have gained some talented and valuable new members to that committee and will be sending out a letter with a more comprehensive update to you all soon. For now, we wanted you to know a few items that we've been working on in order to make the legal and operational changes necessary to create a single, unified society and school, offering a Christian JK-12 academic program.

- In the process of retaining a lawyer for the legal amalgamation of the 2 school societies
- Having sessions with the staff of both schools about specific input to the new additions
- Consulting with other Ontario Christian schools as to their experience going through similar processes recently
- Talking to architects about drawings
- Processing fundraising systems
- Boreholes have been drilled to provide geotechnical design information to the engineers

**Also, as a committee we acknowledge that the Lord goes before us in all we do, and this project is for His Glory, so it is our intention to host prayer meetings surrounding this whole project. We will be booking the first prayer meeting soon and will send out details. We are a Christian school community but above all we are a community of believers.

Invitation to ALL TCS & UCHS parents & supporters...

Be the first to Donate to the new JK - 12 School in Barrie! A Golden Shovel being auctioned off on Nov 16!

Want to be part of history in the making? Want to make a difference in the Kingdom Of God? At the TCS Bazaar on *Saturday, November 16*, at the live auction, there will be the opportunity to bid on a "JK - 12 Golden Ceremonial Shovel". The winning bidder will be the first official donor for the new JK - 12 campus and be part of the wonderful history being made! The winner will get a piece of history...AND a tax receipt for the difference of the cost of the shovel! It is time to 'dig-in' and start this wonderful JK - 12 journey! More information on donation opportunities to the new JK - 12 campus will be coming in the next few months. Dig in, step up and be... a part of history of Christian Schools in Barrie!!



Community News

With joyful hearts we welcome baby Abel to the Beishuizen family. He is a welcomed addition to Mrs. Beishuizen's family: Mike & Kim, Wesley (5/6C), Lincoln (3/4) and sister Freyja (pre-school). Congratulations Beishuizen family!

Remembrance Day Chapel

Mr. Atkinson's grade 5/6A class will be leading the Remembrance Day chapel on November 8th from 9:00am-9:45am. All are invited to attend as we remember those who fought for peace and the freedom of others. We want to extend a special invitation to veterans, those currently serving in the military and police officers within our community.



Picture Retake Day - November 6

[Please complete this form](#) if you would like your child to have a retake of his / her school photo. ONLY students on this sign up list will be included in photo retakes November 6th. Be sure to complete a form for each of your children you would like a photo retake. **PITCH Opportunity:** We are looking for a parent to help coordinate students the morning of November 6. Please let the office know if you can help (9 to 11am). Thank you!



Return IEPs & Student Profiles

All parents of students receiving support from the Resource Department, a few weeks ago your child's IEP or Student Profile was sent home. Please sign and return all IEPs and Student Profiles THIS week. With thanks, The Resource Room



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PITCH Opportunity: Looking for parents with musical talents for our Christmas Concert: Dec 17th

Each year we gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The TCS choirs prepare songs, the TCS bands perform, and additional performances are shared. During this evening we plan for audience choral song participation. For many years we have been blessed with Moses and Gloria Kang accompanying and leading these songs with the audience. They have moved this year so we need additional talents. *If you can play the piano for our evening and/or lead singing for our evening please email Tamara Wright at twright@timothychristianschool.ca.* The concert is booked for December 12 at 7pm (snow date December 17 at 7pm). Your presence will also be needed for our full school practice on Wednesday, December 11th from 11:00 to 12:00. You can log your time as PITCH hours. We would appreciate hearing from you. Thank you.

It's MEAT ORDER Time... DELICIOUS Macgregors Meat & Seafood Fundraiser

Meat Order Gr 8 Fundraiser

The Grade 8s are selling meat through Macgregors Meat + Seafood to raise money for their Grade 8 grad trip to Ottawa next spring. If you'd like to see the products available, you can [click this link](#). If you'd like to order meat, please contact a Grade 8 student or [use this link](#) to print and fill in the order form, then send it back to the school with a cheque ("Timothy Christian School") with "Meat Order" on the memo line. **Meat orders are due Tuesday, November 5** and will be delivered by your grade 8 seller on / after November 28 (your gr 8 seller will let you know). No late orders can be accepted. Thank you for your support ~ Grade 8 students!



Grades 7 & 8 Students going to Unity Day - Nov 5

TCS has been invited to take our grade 7 & 8 students to Unity Christian High to experience a day in the life of a Unity student. We will take a bus over for 10am and back in time for home buses at the end of the day. Lunch and snacks will be provided. This is an annual event that we participate in.



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

Shop for Christmas gifts now.... Show your TCS school spirit and wear black, gold, grey or your TCS gear on Fridays!

Thinking about ordering TCS Apparel?!

Check out a few of the MANY apparel options modeled by some of our staff and students! Our store offers quality brand names including Under Armour, Champion, Columbia and more! All the clothing and accessory options are fully customizable (the preview photo shows one of many options), so be sure to explore the many colour, size, and logo options available for each item.

A few things to be aware of:

1. All orders are custom, and as such, they are non-refundable unless the shop has made an error. Be sure to review your order carefully before submitting!
2. Free shipping is available for orders over \$100. If your order total is less than \$100 before taxes, we'd encourage you to combine your order with another family to make free shipping available to you. All items can be shipped to any address of your choice.

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3. Sometimes certain items/styles will have limited sizes depending on the stock available. Be sure to check back as availability will change.
4. All items are available to be purchased using a credit card.

All payment is done through the site and functions separately from the school.



Christmas Bazaar...

... Dutch Store... **THREE DAYS LEFT to get your orders in before the Dutch Store closes on October 31st at midnight.** Place your orders at <http://timothychristianschool.ca/shop> and pick up your delicious delicacies at the Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 16.



... **PITCH Opportunity: We need volunteers to help in the Kids Wing (grade 7 & 8 students welcome!)**

Please click the link below to complete the Volunteer Form to help with the Kids Wing: Adults and Students (grade 7 & 8... can earn PITCH hours!) needed to help run the games, face painting and prize table.

[Click here for the Christmas at Timothy Volunteer Google Form](#)

... **Food Donations Needed for the Bazaar Café...** We are looking for donations of cases of water, pop and juice boxes to be dropped off to the school office by Nov 11. Also if you love baking pies or cakes feel free to donate those as well (don't forget to claim your baking time as PITCH hours). Items can be dropped off at the school kitchen on Friday November 15. If you are planning to donate any of these please let Natalie know at nriewe1@gmail.com

... **Candy Donations needed...** The Kids Wing is looking for donations of candy (Halloween Candy is fine!) to be used as prizes. Please drop off your donations to the school office by Nov 11.

... **PITCH Opportunity! Bake Table: Baking donations are needed!** Please click the link to fill out our Bake Sale Donation Google Form so we know what you are planning on bringing... We need lots of different items! . Make sure you read through the form for all of the information! <https://gforms.app/r/K0DI94Z>

... **Auction Items Needed...** If your family or business would like to make a donation of an item or a service or a monetary donation, please contact the Bazaar Committee at: bazaar@timothychristianschool.ca

... **Greenery Donations Needed...** We are looking for Birch logs, wicker balls, red berry picks, large Mum pots, and boxwood branch donations to help put together our wonderful Christmas Greenery to sell at the Bazaar. Please drop these off at school starting Nov 5th.



Lost & Found is overflowing

Parents, please encourage your child(ren) to stop by the Lost & Found to see if anything looks familiar. You also may want to stop by before these things are passed along to the Re-Source Thrift Shop when we transition into the winter season.

GIFT CARDS.... Unity Christian School Fundraiser... Do you need gift card gifts??

Are you or your company planning to purchase Gift Cards for Christmas for your family or staff?

Unity Christian High School has a wide selection of Gift cards available (grocery, gas, retail, restaurants) for purchase/order. Why not support Christian Education while you do your Christmas shopping. Email info@unitychristianhigh.ca for details, a list of current retailers, and order form. 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. Christmas Order dates are due : Nov. 21st & Dec. 9th.



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NEW PROCESS: Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit - Immunization Updates need to be recorded on their website

Parents, please be aware that all immunizations your child receives need to be recorded on the SMDHU website. You are responsible to ensure the SMDHU has up-to-date info on your child(ren)'s immunizations as Family Doctors / Primary Care Clinicians do not update the SMDHU. The health unit will be in contact with parents regarding children that are not up to date with school required immunizations. The Ontario Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA), requires the health unit to have up-to-date immunization records for all students in the Simcoe and Muskoka School Districts. [Please click here to update your child's immunization record with the health unit.](#) Please be sure to update your child's immunizations asap.



Logging your PITCH hours

Please be aware that it is each family's responsibility to track and log their own PITCH hours. Hours logged are pending until they have been reviewed by the PITCH Committee. 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

Thank you for adding to the life of the school by volunteering your time!

Bus information

TCS parents, you are welcome to call **Landmark Bus Lines Barrie** (our bus company) anytime the buses are on the road to check in with dispatch on an ETA. **Landmark's contact: 705-722-6666.**

Additionally, the office will send an email to bus route families to inform them of any delays... Please be patient with us as we are updating our route email lists in the office.



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

An advertisement for Gouda cheese. It features a white banner with the text "Shop all the 'Gouda' stuff on our website!". Below the banner, there is a white arrow-shaped box containing the text "Open October 4th - 31st (Closing at Midnight) Order Pick up November 16th at the Bazaar". To the right of the banner, there is a photograph of a red Gouda cheese wheel, a blue carton of Wilhelmina milk, and a white shopping bag with a blue windmill logo and the text "EST. 1964 CONTINENTAL SPECIALTIES & IMPORTS".

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