



TIMOTHY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal...



Christmas Program next Thursday, Dec. 12 @ 7pm

A few reminders as we look forward to the TCS Christmas program that will be presented next **Thursday, December 12 starting at 7pm** in the gym at TCS.

- Should we have to cancel due to weather on that date, the snow date will be on the following Tuesday, December 17 at 7pm. Should that Dec. 17 evening also have to be cancelled due to the weather, the program would then be presented at the Christmas chapel on Dec. 20th at school.
- We do expect all of our students to attend the TCS Christmas program. It includes all choirs, grade 6-8 bands and JK and SK presentations. Parents, we would greatly appreciate your support in this. The choirs and bands suffer significantly in performance when students are missing.
- Students will be expected to be in their home classrooms at 6:45pm with the program starting at 7pm. Parents are in charge of supervision before 6:45pm.
- Students are to dress in their Sunday clothes for this event. Grade 6-8 Band students are to wear their band shirts.

Reminder of Early Dismissal, Skating, and Christmas Chapel on December 20th

Reminder for **Friday, December 20th**:

- 9:00am – Christmas Chapel (all are welcome)
- 11:50 – Early lunch for staff & students
- 12:15 – Grades 5-8 bus leaves for skating
- 12:25 – JK-4 bus leaves for skating
- 12:30-2:00 – TCS Family Skating at Holly Community Centre
- 2:00 – Early Dismissal from Holly Community Centre (**buses will leave from the arena at 2:00**).

Students will either take their regular bus route home from Holly or be picked up by parents, after checking in with Mrs. Goodnough. Buses are usually quite empty, as most students are picked up at the arena, so the routes will go extra quick! Parents, if you plan to have your students take the bus home, **PLEASE BE AT THE BUS STOP 1.5-2 HOURS EARLIER** than the usual drop off time. Thank you!

Note: All JK-Grade 5 students are expected/required to wear a helmet at the family skate to be allowed on the ice (to prevent injuries). Note that we have moved the requirement from JK-4 to JK-5 this year. Next year (December 2020), all JK-Grade 8 students will be required to wear helmets on the ice. This can be either a bike helmet or a hockey helmet. If parents bring preschool students with, note that anyone under Grade 5 age must wear a helmet to be allowed on the ice. And secondly, **all skates need to have skate guards covering the blades or be in a cloth sports bag (not in plastic grocery bags)**. Again, to prevent injuries from the blades both on the buses and in the school hallways. A reminder that we have both rinks booked: one for JK-4 and the other for Grades 5-8.



DECEMBER

5	Meat Delivery
6	9-9:45am—Full Chapel (SK) Pizza Day
11	7am – Hockey Tryouts at Thornton Arena
12	Christmas Program (7pm)
13	Split Chapels (9am) Pizza Day
18	7am – Hockey Tryouts at Thornton Arena Pizza Day
20	Last Day of Classes before Christmas! 9am—Christmas Chapel 12:30pm—Family Skate @ Holly Community Centre 2:00pm—Early Dismissal from Holly



December 23rd-January 3rd – Christmas Holidays!

Looking for Two Large Steel Hockey Nets

Winter is upon us and TCS students are into full ball hockey games on the playground every noon hour and recess. We could use two more Costco style hockey nets (meaning large steel, no plastic... without the extra sides and top). If you have a steel net with good netting in good shape sitting around the house not being used and would like to donate it to TCS—that would be a huge blessing. We have so many games going on around the school that we could really use two more steel nets. Thanking you in advance! Please contact Mr. Berg at rberg@timothychristianschool.ca if you have one.

Board Meeting Highlights—November Meeting

1. In preparation for the Fall Society Meeting, the Board discussed the 2018-2019 year-end financial statements and reviewed accounts receivable items regarding outstanding tuition. In early 2020 a new policy will be developed for this area that will bring clarity around tuition arrears, collections, and how that helps TCS stay financially healthy.
2. The TCS Strategic Plan was approved by the Board and was presented at the membership meeting. The future planning for TCS is strong and bright!
3. Confirmed the worldview speaker, Wesley Huff, who spoke at the membership meeting on November 21. His vision on the importance of Worldview lined up very nicely with our TCS Strategic Planning focus this year.
4. The Board is actively seeking volunteers for the Golf Committee, the Golf Tournament is in May.
5. The Board reviewed and discussed the annual evaluation of the principal at this meeting. There was good dialogue between the Board and the principal, and a healthy and strong support for one another. Confirmation and areas to focus on were discussed in a good, healthy tone.

Re-Registration Begins—January 15th (6 weeks away)

A reminder to all our current TCS families that our re-registration timeline for September 2020 will start on **January 15th** and close on **February 1st**. Please mark your calendars that the notice to renew your registration (hold your spot for your children at TCS) in September 2020 will come quickly in the new year on January 15th and require a \$300 deposit. We presently have students on waiting lists this year for both grade 5 and grade 6, so getting re-registrations back into the office by the February 1st deadline along with a deposit cheque is critical to lock in your place.

Resource Room

Just a reminder that there are still some IEPs and Student Profiles that need to be signed and returned to Mrs. Covert. Once submitted, she will promptly copy and send home one to keep for your records. Thank you.



Friday Night Skiing at Snow Valley

Mrs. Cryer has organized a pre-season ski night at Snow Valley on Friday, December 20th at 4pm (after the family skate & early dismissal). Rentals are for skis or snowboard equipment and are \$17. Lift ticket and lesson is \$20.

To reserve a spot, you MUST email Kathryn Cryer (bodybykat@hotmail.com) no later than 12pm (noon) on the Wednesday of the week you wish to ski. ***Only use email to place your reservation! Let us know...

- Number of lift tickets
- Number of rentals (ski or snowboard)
- Number of lessons (lesson times are at 4:30pm and 5:30pm)
- Number of tubing tickets
- Name of person picking up the tickets

All tickets must be picked up no later than 5:15pm with exact change (CASH ONLY).

From the Grade 5 Classroom

The grade 5 class is doing a Christmas art activity that involves **empty toilet paper rolls** or **empty paper towel rolls**. Please send whatever you can to the office and Miss Van Loenen will pass them on to the grade 5 classroom. Thank you!

Bus Cancellation Days at TCS

Now that we have started the winter season, here are a few reminders regarding TCS bus cancellation days:

1. TCS works very hard to keep the school open on bus cancellation days. As a general guideline, like the local public and Catholic schools in Barrie, TCS will remain open on bus cancellation days to the best of our ability, which works out most of the time.
2. When TCS began the process a few years back of keeping the school open on days when the buses were cancelled, the intent of the Board was to support the families who are both working and who had no options for daycare on these days (plus the additional cost of paying for daycare over and above TCS tuition)
3. Please note, due to the very low number of students who attend TCS on bus cancellation days, there is no new information being taught on those days. Students are grouped together and we do try to keep the focus educational. However, with only 40-50 students at the school on those days, no new lessons can be taught.
4. In the rare case of extreme poor weather (usually very limited visibility or ice), the school reserves the right to make the call to close the school for the safety of both staff and parents driving (this will be rare but the potential is there).
5. The school communicates to our parent community that the buses are cancelled or school is closed via email between 6:00 and 6:30 in the morning. Please ensure that the front office has your *current email* for this purpose. Most bus cancellation days are in January and February due to winter weather.
6. Our buses are almost always cancelled when the Simcoe County buses are cancelled. If you are ever wondering, check the Simcoe County District School Board website under buses - if they are cancelled, within 5-10 minutes we get the call from our bus company and then we send out the email to our TCS parents. You can also check this website for bus cancellations: <https://simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/>

Note: On bus cancellation days, the school hours are between 8:30 and 3:30 for parents dropping off and picking up students.

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer is a powerful part of our community at TCS. For this reason, the staff pray for a group of families each week. The TCS staff prayed for the Heppleston, Hickey, and Hollander families during devotions this week. May you feel God's ever ready presence in your decisions and experiences.

**HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHTS**

Grade 5

Tues., Dec. 10 Unit 2 Grammar Test





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