



TIMOTHY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal ...



Parents please note Picture Day is THIS Wednesday!

TCS Hosts 12 Polling Stations for the Federal Election Today

It was a wonderful day to highlight Timothy Christian School in our neighborhood as well as support the process of democracy for our country in our local community. There were over 30 federal election employees busy setting up the 12 polling stations in our gym by 7:30 this morning. Security was very tight with several security guards posted at the front door as well as extra TCS staff restricting the educational wings of the school (both educational wings were blocked off with TCS staff guarding access). Students were only permitted access to the playground via the wings the classes were in.

Within 30 minutes of the polls opening at 9:30am there were already hundreds of voters guided through the front area of the school and through the gym. It really was a wonderful way to both allow our school to be rented for the federal election, but also to allow our local community to view our mission statement and core values as they walked through the front of our school and voted at TCS. Did you know that today brought between 4,000 and 5,000 visitors from our local community through our school, yes all in one day! That is more than all our TCS fundraisers combined over several years!

New Family, Staff and Board BBQ at TCS this Thursday at 5:30pm rain or shine!

This Thursday we welcome our 2021 new families, TCS staff and board members to a school BBQ. We really hope next year to get back to our normal all school BBQ, but due to the outside gathering limitations of under 100 people, we do need to limit it to new families this year to comply with the regulations. All new families did receive the New Family Orientation package via email on Friday. It is required for all new families to read through these slides prior to the BBQ and come with any questions you might have. There will also be a short time at 6:15pm in the gym for any families who have questions about the information that was sent out. As much as we would love to invited the families that joined TCS last year we need to stay within guidelines and we are at the maximum participants permitted with this year's new families.

Two Safety Issues at TCS we need Parent help with

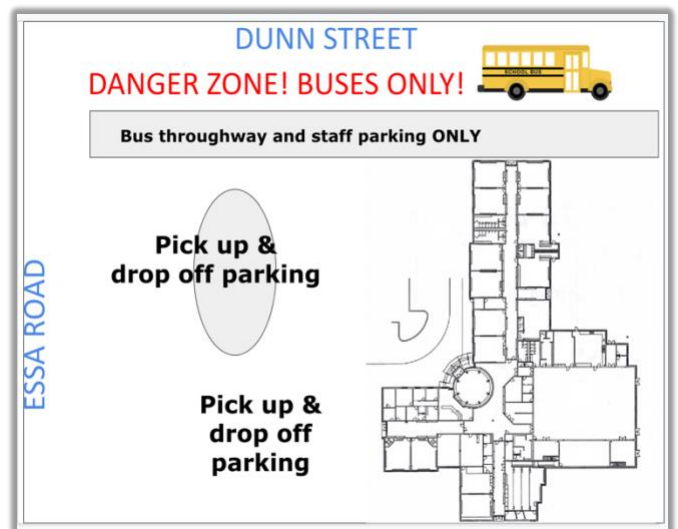
We have two safety issues that we are asking all families to help us with:

1. Parents park in front of the school only



20th – Soccer practice starts
 21st, 22nd & 23rd – Cross Country try outs
 22nd Wed – **Picture Day**
 23rd Thurs – 5:30pm New Family BBQ
 29th Wed – Terry Fox Run *donate online
 OCT 1st – Orange Shirt Day @ TCS

A reminder to all new and existing TCS parents, when dropping your children off at the school in the morning or picking them up, we ask that you **park in the front of the school** (in the parking lot west of the flagpole or on the gravel parking lot) and walk your children to the sidewalk. We have had several close calls when parents park in the staff only parking lot, across from the buses, and attempt to walk their children across between the buses to the school sidewalk. This can easily lead to an accident in the future. The buses all arrive at 8:30 - 8:35am and the drivers have often told the school how worried they are of hitting a child of the families who cross over in front of the buses. It is an accident waiting to happen and can be easily avoided. You will notice signs up on pylons this week and we ask that you avoid crossing between the buses.



2. Keeping pets/dogs in the cars or at home



We respectfully ask that you keep pets/dogs at home or in the car when dropping or picking your children up from the school. Why? We have several children who are very afraid of dogs or have had a bad experience/were bit before and will not come to school the next day if a large dog was on the property. It causes a significant amount of anxiety in some of our students. We have other students, who are significantly allergic to dogs. In addition to that, we do worry about a student being bit as well when dogs are on the school property. In addition, dogs do leave reminders of their visit behind at times which can lead to extensive clean ups after students have walked this through the hallways of the school (just imagine the extra work of staff in those clean up times...it has happened and the smell lingers for...weeks). Add to all of this the temptation of students to pet dogs who are on site, which is another COVID contact spreader which we are trying hard to avoid during these times. All this to politely ask, please keep all pets at home or in the cars during your visits to the school. For the above reasons, we greatly appreciate it.

Another Re-Source Thrift Shop donation of \$11,887.16 this Month

Yet again our amazing volunteers at the Re-Source Thrift Shop South have tithed another wonderful donation this month of \$11,887.16!!! Wow - what a huge blessing to both help with TCS needs and keep tuition down for our parents. Thank you to the incredible team at the Thrift Shop!!! What a blessing you are to TCS!!! Thank you, Thrift Shop Board - for the incredible blessing you are to Christian education in Barrie...especially TCS!!



Important note to parents regarding team sports:

After our local North Toronto Sports meeting the following was decided:
For both soccer and cross country practices and tournaments, we can run them but with *students and TCS staff only this year*. If you wish to observe your students in soccer or cross country practice, we ask that you do it this year from your car or outside the fence on Dunn Street. We have many different opinions and approaches to vaccinations and need to keep the *practices to staff and students only on school property*. Please wait for your child to come



to the parking lot as you wait in your car or as you to wait off school property outside of the fence area. We cannot have parents on the field during these practices. Thank you parents for your understanding. I know that these restrictions might be hard to understand as we all love to see our children compete.

However, having these protocols in place also allows/enables your child to participate in sports this year, which is very exciting and so vital to their well-being.

Soccer for grades 6 - 8

As emailed to parents earlier today: Mrs. Covert is our Soccer Coach with Mrs. Warren supporting. Soccer practice starts tonight and will be Mondays & Wednesdays with pick up at 5pm. Please have your equipment at school for Wednesday's practice. No volunteers needed and no spectators permitted on school property at the practices or games!



Cross Country News

We are excited to announce that tryouts for cross country running will take place on the following dates this week during the lunch hour recess:



• Grades 7-8 Sept 21 • Grades 3-6 Sept 22 • Grades 1-3 Sept 23

* Please make sure your child has water, healthy snacks for the day and proper running footwear to ensure they are prepared for their efforts.

Teams will be made by Monday September 27th. Permission forms will go out the week of the 27th and are due back by Wednesday September 29th. Thank you!

TCS School Family Directory

Our School Family Directory is online this year. Please login to your Sycamore School account via <https://app.sycamoreschool.com> (our database where everyone re-registered for this school year back in February). If you need assistance with this or need your password reset, please email the front office at tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca.



Board Highlights (Sept 14):

- TCS Board Professional Reading: Your TCS board has been working through the book 'Necessary Endings' by Dr. Henry Cloud over the past year. We are reading and studying a chapter for each meeting to help continuously improve our organization.
- Your Board is very excited about the start of this in-person school this year and TCS is off to a great start!
- Fundraising committee and Bazaar committee are looking for new members
- Reminder that membership application forms are due for Oct 31st.
- Please plan to attend the Fall Society meeting in November
- Your TCS Board is very much looking forward to hosting New families at the BBQ this Thursday at 5:30



Terry Fox Run 2021

Our annual school run for the Terry Fox Foundation will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 29. We're excited to have the entire school running and walking together around the track at the same time this year! Students are invited to wear their favourite Red and White Canada gear for the day. All fundraising will be done as a whole school online again this year. Donations can be



placed by clicking on the following link to ensure that it goes towards our school goal of \$1,000: <http://www.terryfox.ca/TimothyCSBarrie>. Feel free to invite friends and family of the TCS community to use our link as well. Thank you in advance for helping us to do our part in keeping HOPE alive for finding a cure for cancer!

Student COVID Screening



Please remember to screen your children for COVID 19 symptoms prior to sending them to school each day. Here is the link to the screening tool you are to use <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>. Please read over this link again and be aware of the symptoms of COVID-19 and check with your doctor, Telehealth, or the health department when in doubt. We understand that some of us suffer from allergies or even colds this time of year so please be sure to screen so we can be extra careful.

New Parents - How are your children settling into life at TCS?

A huge thank you to the majority of our new families who already sent Mr. Berg an update on how their children are doing. Much appreciated! If you have not done so yet, please make a point early this week of sending us a short update on how each of your children are settling into school at TCS. It means a lot to us to ensure each new child is setting in well to our TCS community! Send your student update to rberg@timothychristianschool.ca.

TCS will be advertising soon for a new Development Director Position

Please pass on to anyone interested that TCS will be advertising for a part-time Development Director: marketing/social media and donor management to replace Michelle Roberts who recently moved on from TCS.

Orange Shirt Day - October 1st for TCS

As part of indigenous awareness and the recognition of all that has happened in the residential schooling system, TCS students and staff will be participating in Orange Shirt Day. It is happening Canada wide on September 30th, but we would like to do it at TCS on October 1st. That way we can have it on the Friday and include JK and SK in this day. On October 1st each class will be participating in a lesson that helps create awareness and understanding of indigenous issues in Canada.

