



TIMOTHY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal...



Christmas Program THIS Thursday, Dec. 12 @ 7pm

Come join us as we celebrate the real meaning of Christmas as a TCS community! A few reminders as we look forward to the TCS Christmas program that will be presented **THIS 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 next week **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.



Board Meeting Highlights—December Meeting

- The Board approved both the updated Special Needs Policy and the PITCH Policy at this meeting.
- Rod presented information about a Grief workshop which the TCS staff will receive more information about in the new year (a staff binder will be developed on this topic).
- The Board is looking forward to seeing the community at the Christmas program set for Thursday, December 12th at 7:00pm. Board members will be handing out programs for this evening.
- Highlights were shared with the Board about the theme of Bullying Awareness at TCS throughout the month of November. The theme was “What Does Love Look Like?” which included wristbands for students, two significant chapels, weekly classroom devotions on this topic and a special speaker. Culture of Caring posters will remain in classrooms and throughout the school hallways throughout the school year to remind students of our school priorities.

Thank you to Mr. Stachowiak!

Last week we put a call out asking for any used hockey nets... and now we are sending a huge ‘thank you so much’ to Mr. Stachowiak who promptly stopped by Costco on the way home, bought two new hockey nets and donated them to TCS that very afternoon! Wow... what a blessing and thank you!

LOOKING FOR FIVE PITCH HOURS?

Any TCS parent looking for 5 PITCH hours to put two hockey nets together... any time during school time or after school until 5:30? You could even take them home over the holidays and put them together and deliver them on January 6? Contact Mr. Berg for details at rberg@timothychristianschool.ca. Thanks in advance!!!

Re-Registration Begins—January 15th (5 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.

HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHTS

Grade 5

Tues., Dec. 10 Unit 2 Grammar Test

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 Hollema, Holmes, and Hooper families during devotions this week. May you feel God’s ever ready presence in your decisions and experiences.

DECEMBER

- 10 Meat Delivery
- 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 & **PIZZA ORDERS DUE**
- 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!

JANUARY

- 6 School Reconvenes



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



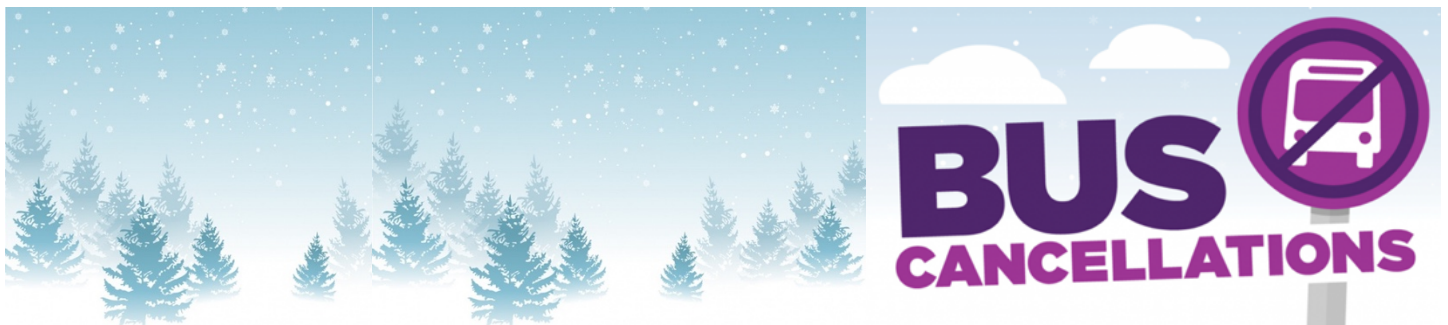
All tickets must be picked up no later than 5:15pm with exact change (CASH ONLY).

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.





Dear Gr. 4 to 8 Parents,

Speech Development occurs at TCS every 2 years. We would like to outline expectations for Speech Writing skills that reflect the TCS Vision and Definition of Leading Edge Learning. It is exciting to focus upon curriculum each year in the various skill development areas and enhance our abilities as teachers. As a result of this process, the Gr. 4 to 8 teachers, have put together some consistent expectations for the development of speech writing skills. Specific skills will be taught to each student during their development of speeches within their Language Arts learning. We are communicating these overall expectations so to be transparent in our vision and allow for parental support during the speech writing journey. Our parent/teacher team effort builds upon the growth mindset that our students model for us each day.

Overall Expectations for Speech Development

1. 90% of student's speech development will occur in class. Students will be taught an introductory speech skill in class, have an opportunity to practice this skill and then be given time to apply this skill to the creation of their speech. This process will be repeated for each component of writing a speech.
2. There will be clearly defined academic skills and components for each student's speech, these skills will be consistent within all speech writing classrooms and represented in an assessment rubric. Specific details will be provided by your classroom teacher as they prepare your child to be a good speech writer.
3. There will be clearly defined presentation options depending upon the focus for each student's speech.
 - a. Competitive Strand – leads to speech fest competition and thus has specific parameters that the student must meet as they prepare the deliverance of their speech
 - b. Non-Competitive Strand – allows for students not interested in competing within the speech fest process to have teacher guided choices as to how they present their speech
4. Memorization of the speech is NOT a skill we will be assessing. Note that students will need to memorize parts of their speech, but will have q cards to assist them in their deliverance. Focus will be upon their presentation skills.
5. All students will present their speech to a group.
6. Teachers will conference with each student through-out the speech writing process and will decide with the student as to the format in which they will deliver their speech to a group.



7. Teachers will have each student's completed speech on hand during their deliverance of their speech to a group, if assistance is needed, prompts and words will be provided by the teacher.
8. There are specific skills being assessed during speech season. Here are the grade specific elements;

Grade 4 students will write an introduction and conclusion for a poem or scripture they are reciting.

Grade 5 students will be writing a personal experience speech based on a topic about themselves or a personal experience. (no research will be required for this speech).

Grade 6 to 8 will be writing a speech of their choice. This is their second or third time writing a speech. For this reason we want them to apply all speech writing skills from research to presentation.

Mr. Rod Berg
Principal, Timothy Christian School

Dates of Speech Fest 2020

Topic Selection: Friday, January 10th

Speeches Ready for Presentation by: Monday, February 24th

Speeches presented to classrooms: February 24th to 28th

Timothy's Junior and Senior Speech Fest (Gr. 5 to 8) will be held on: Tuesday, March 3rd

Snow Date for Timothy Speech Fest: Thursday, March 5th

Toronto North Speech Fest (held at Unity Christian High School): Wednesday, March 11th

Snow Date for Toronto North Speech Fest: Thursday, March 12th



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