



TIMOTHY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal...

Reflecting on our TCS Core Values... To Help Us Thrive!

In the video message from the principal today, you will hear about our TCS Core Values that we added last year to give our vision statement more depth. Where did they come from? They came from you! They were prioritized by over 50 long-term members and TCS parents who attended the vision setting evenings last spring as well as those who emailed us their priorities. *So they authentically reflect our TCS community.* They flow out of and are deeply linked to our present TCS vision statement which boldly states, “Timothy Christian School delivers a *dynamic, vibrant* learning environment offering *leading edge* programs that *inspire children to be alive in Christ!*”

- ❖ **Christian Worldview:** This has been a key value for the past 57 years at TCS and it will continue to remain a powerful focus for the future. We live by Christian values and apologetics anchor our vision which lands in our curriculum. No compromise, no blinking, and no hesitation! This is who we are!
- ❖ **Professional Development:** As all good business-minded folks would tell you, as an organization you are only as good as you grow and stay sharp. From the principal, to the teachers, to the Board... it is critical we keep learning and growing because it all lands with the students. Just like that chocolate fountain you see sometimes at weddings, new and fresh ideas always trickle down to the students and keep learning fresh and crisp!
- ❖ **Nurture:** Creating an environment where students are allowed to grow is critical. That includes the environment on the playground and on the buses as well as in the classrooms. How we nurture who they are has a critical link to how students learn. This includes boundaries, encouragement and accountability. This all leads to a better learning environment. We are aiming for joyful learners, critical thinkers, and humbler servants of the Most High.
- ❖ **Active learners:** We see in the vision statement above words like “dynamic, vibrant, and leading edge”. These words all aim us toward a learning environment that motivates students to be active participants of their learning. Active, engaged learners explore God’s incredible creation at an entirely deeper level.
- ❖ **Learn and Stretch:** We will be a school that does not rest on what has been done or be content with things being okay. God expects more and we want to stretch to get there. We will stretch the academic skills and ensure core skill development that can be measured.

So... a deep and strong Christian worldview will always guide us (anchored in Creation, Fall and Redemption), we will stay fresh and crisp with a mindset of constantly improving and we will ensure students are in an environment where learning can thrive!

How do we do this on the home front during the Teacher-Led Online Learning Pathway?

- Parents, use the devotions, Bible assignments, and project connections to faith and God’s creation and remind your children daily of the big picture of where they are in His story. Link your child’s world to God’s world every chance you can.
- Stay open to new approaches especially when one way is not working. Adjust, try a different approach, and reflect on what is working and what is not working. There is always an answer—sometimes it takes a few tries to get there.
- Keep that sense of joy and the freshness of learning in the approach and in the environment you are working in. Resist it becoming sour or resentful and keep it engaging and inspiring (I know... not easy, the end is in site!)



Announcement on School Opening Date**Coming this Week!**

We have been told that we will find out later this week when schools will be allowed to open. We will either get a few weeks in June or we will be told we cannot get back into the school building until September. We anticipate hearing within a few days and will email our community with the plan.

No School Next Monday, May 18

A reminder that there is no school next week Monday, May 18 for the Victoria Day holiday.

Report Cards in June

Please note, we will be handing out report cards in June. Staff are presently working on a draft based on the four areas and these will be sent home regardless of the timeline announcement this week based on the program of instruction we have taught over the past eight weeks through the Teacher-Led Online Learning Pathway.

Spring Society Update RSVP

We are planning an online Spring Society Update on May 28 at 7:00pm (same time we would have had our normally scheduled Spring Society Meeting). We are asking our members to pre-register for this online meeting using the following link: <https://forms.gle/Poie7itYX7QVkdRT9> If you have questions you would like the Board to address, please also include these in your registration for this meeting.

Pictures of Student Work to Share with our Community?

During this time of teacher-led online learning, there have been many projects happening across the grade levels. You may have seen some of the Grade 6-8 students "Spreading Hope" projects on our Facebook and Instagram pages. We think there might be some more inspiring work out there to share from other grades too! If you're interested in sharing your child's work, please feel free to send in a photo and we'll be sure to share it to the Newsletter or on our social media platforms. Please email any pictures to mroberts@timothychristianschool.ca as soon as you can so we can begin to showcase their great projects!

**TCS Family Track and Field Day**

This Friday, May 15 would have been our annual TCS Track and Field day. We would like you to take some time this Friday to get active as a family and do a 'family lap time' either around your house, block, or down a trail and submit how many kilometers your family clocked! Submit your family's kilometres here (<https://forms.gle/GSex1HA2yymVoWfQ9>) and at the end of the day on Friday, Mrs. Goodnough will look at the total and tell us how far we got as a school!

- Did enough laps to get to Toronto - maybe even to the CN Tower?
- Can we get to New York?
- How about Myrtle Beach? It is a really nice time of the year to get to Myrtle Beach!

Let's see how far we can get as a TCS Community, hopefully to the sunny beaches of Myrtle Beach!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM
ALL OF US AT TCS!

- May 11: Micah (3)
- May 12: Isabel (5)
- May 13: Mrs. Berg & Mrs. Vanderboon
- May 14: Kayla (1), Sophia (3/4)
- May 17: Abriana (3)



TCS Spring Annual Drive 2020

The COVID-19 crisis has affected many of us in different ways. Families have been affected by financial strains due to job loss, and we have had to cancel our Rental opportunities which we depend on as income. As stressful as this time has been for all of us, we are so thankful that our teaching and administrative staff were able to quickly collaborate to develop the “teacher-led online learning” platform. This was integrated the week after March Break and has been a successful way to connect the teachers with their students to continue their curriculum education online. Due to all of these challenges, the annual budget at TCS has been impacted and we pray that with your help, we can stabilize our budget this year.

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer is a powerful part of our community at TCS. For this reason, the staff prays for a group of families each week. The TCS staff prayed for the Sureshkumar, Tankard, Thomas (B&T), Thomas (V&N), and Tisi families during devotions this week. May you feel God’s ever ready presence in your decisions and experiences.

*We urge you to consider supporting our Spring Annual Drive to aid in stabilizing our budget this year. Please see the attached Donor Card or go to our **NEW** “Support TCS” tab on our website: www.timothychristianschool.ca ; press Donate Now. YOU CAN SUPPORT US ONLINE!*

TCS relies heavily on the financial support of our extended TCS Community. This support enables us to offer a moderated tuition rate for all families, provide additional discount programs and needs-based tuition assistance, as well as achieve other strategic dreams and necessary initiatives. Would you consider supporting the wonderful work of Timothy Christian School through our Annual Drive this year? Through your support, you will help to ensure that our students will continue to receive dynamic and quality Christian education. Your investment would have a lasting impact on the families and students that God has entrusted us with. Our Annual Drive goal for the year is \$125,000, will you help us to reach this goal?



Watch for an email this week and please support any way you can. Thank you in advance.

Spring 2020
Annual Drive

Helpful Educational Websites for TCS Students

Looking for good educational websites that your children can work on when they are finished with schoolwork? Here is a link with several resources:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1n7j6v8Wzk1Co7zulqQtC0XJf4nujvtT6Y-Xys0sCods/edit?usp=sharing>

Thanks to Miss Gronfors who surveyed the TCS classroom teachers and pulled together a list of websites that parents may find helpful from Primary through to Senior grades as well as French. We will try and update these websites now and then throughout the next few weeks.

Still need textbooks?

Don't forget to please email tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca if you are a TCS family and missed out on the textbook pick up or the primary drop-off, and we will arrange a time to get you those materials.

Grass Cutting Volunteers

We are looking for new recruits to cut grass this year. We will still have our regular team of lawn maintenance people but it's always excellent to have more people on board if you're able and willing to help out! Please email Mike Huitema at mandbhuitema@hotmail.com if you're interested in helping or have any other questions. Thank you!

Wacky Hair Day Pictures!

Last week Friday, students & teachers had fun participating in a classic favourite spirit day... Wacky Hair Day! We've never had to have it virtually before! But here are some fun memories from the day.



