



# TIMOTHY

## CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Final Newsletter from the Principal for this year...

### **Grade Eight Graduation 2021 a Wonderful Celebration on Friday Night!**

The weather was amazing, the speakers were strong in their Christian perspective and the community drive-by was an unbelievable party! Grade eight graduation 2021 was a truly wonderful celebration last Friday evening! A huge thank you to the staff who worked hard to prepare for this event and the parents, grandparents and friends who took the time to drive to the school and decorate their cars/vans, trucks and motorcycles to drive by and honk and cheer and celebrate with our grade eight graduates on Friday night. It truly was a night to remember! A special shout out to Mike Villeneuve, our grade eight parent speaker, who ended the evening with a very strong Christian message challenging our graduates to hold tight to their faith and trust God in all things! Nice work Mike! Much appreciated!



**Thank you to the Re-Source Thrift Shop for another wonderful donation on Friday!!**

A huge thank you to the Re-Source Thrift Shop Board of Directors for another \$6,000+ donation last week. We have been receiving monthly tithes between \$3 - 7 thousand from the thrift shop and it is greatly appreciated!!

**THIS last week of school June 21 – 25**

Like last year, this last week of school will be a special theme week for students at TCS with a strong focus on faith and worldview! Because it has been online for a while now, we will mix it up to change the pace and also to land on a very clear faith and worldview message.



- The focus this last week will be on faith and worldview for all the online work (themes will be different for Kindergarten, grades 1 - 3 and 4 - 8)
- Class goodbye visits at TCS will be on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the following grades:
  - **Parents you must *complete the COVID screening* for each student before attending**
  - These outdoor class visits will be rain or shine! (weather plan in place)
  - **Masks** must be worn for all students and staff in grades 1 - 8 during this visit
  - Please bring any items to be dropped off at the school with you to the class visit
  - **Things to return to TCS: Chromebooks, all school textbooks, reading books, music books, etc.**
  - Parents drop off and pickup students where the buses usually wait
  - Parents are to remain in your cars when you drop off and pickup your children
  - The students will pick up their school items (shoes or personal belongings) and bring them to their parents who are waiting in their cars

**Monday, June 21**

- ◆ 10:00 - 11:00 am - Grades JK, JK/SK and SK
- ◆ 1:00 - 2:00 pm - Grades 1, 2 and 3

**Tuesday, June 22**

- ◆ 10:00 - 11:00 am - Grades 4 and 5
- ◆ 1:00 - 2:00 pm - Grades 6 and 7

**Wednesday, June 23**

- ◆ SK Graduation in the morning from 10:00 - 11:45 (rain or shine... we have a B plan if the weather does not cooperate. See memo from the class teacher)
- ◆ 2:00 - 3:00pm - Grade eight final meeting time

**Thursday, June 24**

- ◆ Officially be the end of the online schoolwork for this year (with the special theme week activities)

**Friday, June 25**

- ◆ 1:00pm is our final chapel that will be premiering on YouTube like last year for all to see
- ◆ Wrap up day for TCS students on any theme activities that they need to finish
- ◆ No speciality Friday classes on June 25th

**TCS JK - 8 Report Card Pick up Times**

Monday, June 28 - from 9:30 - 4:00pm in the front area of the school entrance

Tuesday, June 29 - from 9:30 - 4:00pm



Note: Report cards will be set up on tables by grades on Monday and Tuesday and parents can pick them up at any time between the above times. Please wear a mask when entering the school building and social distance - wait for the family ahead of you to leave before coming in the main entrance. Reports will be in alphabetical order. Lost and Found items will be laid out for parents to check. Items that were not picked up at the last class visit will be available at this time as well.

Any report cards still at the school after Tuesday, June 29 at 4:00pm will be mailed out to parents on Wednesday, June 30th. Parents who cannot make these times, feel free to have a fellow TCS parent pick up the report card for you. *Parents please note*, like last year the report cards for JK - 8 will look a bit different for June 2021. This June assessment combines both the in-school and online work for the second term from January to June. There are several subjects that will have an NA due to not enough marks for a grade. Also, the kindergarten reports will be core subjects only with comments for each area. These changes will reflect a more authentic assessment due to the online work these past 10 weeks of school.

**Week of June 28 - 30**

- June 28 and June 29 will be teacher wrap up days
- June 30<sup>th</sup> will be the last day the office will be open

**Over the Summer**

- Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, the office will officially open again on to prepare for the new school year
- The phones will be checked, and all mail will be picked up throughout the summer
- Mr. Berg will continue to meet with potential parents and give school tours to new families throughout July and August

**This week we celebrate:**

*Birthday Blessings*



TODAY! • Elijah Kenney (5)

Tuesday • Bethany Han (1) & Bryce Tisi (8)

Wednesday • Lincoln Beishuizen (JK)

& Elizabeth and Marissa Battrick (4)

Thursday • Adah Westover (7)

Happy Birthday to all our students celebrating birthdays over the summer!

They are: Alexandra (1), Rowan (4), Alyssa (7), Luke, (1), Keira (4), Zoey (2), Krista (2), Skky (6), Benjamin (SK), Danica (6), Charlotte (4), Jacob (3), Sorayah (3), Oakley (3), Isaiah (5), Isabelle (8), Garrett (4), Elijah (3), Abigail (SK), Graison (1), Ethan (4), Milah (4), Stephan (SK), Breanna (7), Halen (4), Burton (6), Nia (8), Austin (SK), Grace (SK), Benjamin (3), Wesley (1), Lindsay (8).

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**Sharing resources from Tim Burnett's Apologetics presentation...**

Summary of the parent Zoom presentation last Wednesday evening of Tim Barnett (written by TCS staff member Erin Mensinga):

### **"TRAIN" Presentation by Tim Barnett**

Parents at TCS and community members were given a very unique opportunity to engage in a zoom session with apologist Tim Barnett from Stand to Reason on Wednesday, June 16th. During this presentation, Tim shared some practical steps for how parents can better engage with their children in order to equip them to defend their faith when they are met with the challenges to Christianity by the culture around them.

Tim shared several important ways in which we are to prepare our children for the worldview battles they will inevitably be forced to fight: we must clearly teach our children what a Christian worldview consists of, and how it best accounts for the reality of the world we see around us. Our children will be faced with claims by skeptics about why Christianity isn't true as they grow up and go to high school, and possibly post-secondary education. We must teach our children to know the claims of Christianity and the evidence for these claims before they are presented with challenges so that they can be prepared to defend their faith and share the reason for the hope that they have in Christ.

1 Peter 3:15 says, "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect". We want our children to be prepared with answers, as well as having genuine relationships with their peers, so that they can lovingly share these truths with those that God places in their midst.

Tim went on to give some practical steps that parents can take to help train their children by using the acronym TRAIN. Each letter stands for a step as follows:

**T - Test:** We need to find and expose weaknesses in our children's understanding so that we can motivate them to take initiative to learn and fill in those gaps.

**R - Require:** We should set the bar high and start teaching our children from a young age concepts that we may think are too difficult for them. We need to continually come back and keep readdressing these over and over again until they begin to understand.

**A - Arm:** We must teach our children to know and defend the truth. This is where learning about apologetics comes into play. As parents, we must learn about the claims that skeptics make so that we can teach our children how to refute those claims.

**I - Involve:** Involve your child in conversations and worldview training.

**N - Nurture:** We know that in the process of defending their faith, our children will be hurt at times and feel discouraged. We need to be there to encourage and support them, and lovingly draw them back to the truth of Jesus Christ.

If you'd like to learn more about apologetics [here is the link for resources](#) (books) that are recommended on teaching apologetics and strong Christian worldview to your children (from Tim Barnett and TCS staff member Erin Mensinga – TCS Staff). Also watch in the newsletter in the fall for some exciting opportunities for parents!

**Thank you and Goodbye to three TCS Staff Members**

A very special goodbye and thank you to Caroline Berg as she is retiring after 13 years of service at TCS. Mrs. Berg was very much appreciated and will be missed by staff, students and parents. She served TCS faithfully in kindergarten and grade three over the years.

A special goodbye and thank you to both Andrew Atkinson (grade five) and Lei Zhao (EA in grade four this past year). Presently we do not have positions for these two wonderful educators next year, but we certainly hope both of them keep us in mind in the future should positions come up, as we have greatly appreciated both of them on the TCS staff this past year.

**Bradford Greenhouses Fundraising Program**

Over the summer please don't forget to do your gardening, lawn care and home decor (in & out) shopping at Bradford Greenhouse (at either location in Barrie or Bradford) as our Fundraising Program is on! Just tell the cashier that you would like your purchase to support TCS. Thanks in advance for shopping to benefit TCS!

**Tuition Invoices for 2021-2022 are now PAST DUE, please return them asap!**

Our Financial Administrator is eagerly awaiting the return of all the Tuition Invoices she sent out via email a few weeks ago. Please return your forms ASAP by one of the following options:

- To the office during office hours of MWF, 9am – 4pm
- Via email (scan and email)
- Anytime To the drop-box at the side of the school (near the grade 8 doors, gravel staff parking lot)

**COVID-19 vaccination Clinics for youth ages 12-17 years old**

- To provide additional opportunities for youth to get vaccinated, the health unit and our school board partners are offering first dose vaccination clinics for youth ages 12-17 years of age over the next few weeks. Clinic dates and locations are listed on the health unit's [website](#).
- Appointments can be booked through the [provincial online booking system](#) or Provincial Vaccine Booking Line (1-833-943-3900). When youth (ages 12-17) book their first dose, they will be automatically directed to book a second dose appointment at the appropriate interval in August so that they will be fully immunized before the start of the 2021-2022 school year.
- Youth (ages 12-17) can also continue to book an appointment at any of our community clinics as well as at selected pharmacies administering the Pfizer vaccine.

**Thanks for a great year! ... from Re-Source Thrift Shop**

The Board at the Re-Source Thrift Shop Barrie South - would like to thank staff and parents for all of their support throughout this school year. While we have had several closures and challenges due to COVID, God has blessed us and guided us through this year and we are blessed! We are now accepting donations daily during business hours, so please keep us in mind this summer. We are always looking for volunteers, so if you are interested in helping out or popping in, please email [resource.barrie@outlook.com](mailto:resource.barrie@outlook.com) or call ahead [705-735-0444](tel:705-735-0444) - with COVID restrictions we need to ensure that we do not get too many at once (but we LOVE drop ins).

Our Annual General Meeting, which is usually in June, has been postponed until Tuesday, August 3 at 6:30 pm at the Thrift Shop. We are currently looking to fill 2 positions on our Board of Directors and are looking for nominations. If you have a passion to serve, advise and strategize we are looking for volunteers to join us in

the role of directors. Nominations for consideration will be accepted until July 15, 2021. If you are interested please email your nominations to [resource.barrie@outlook.com](mailto:resource.barrie@outlook.com) or submit to any current board member (Randy Tevelde, Harry Brands, Bernice Huitema, Laura McFadden, Rosemaree Turner, Tina Covert or Kathrin Veenstra).

### **TCS Spring Drive is now accessible online!**

Our Spring Drive is underway & we've opened more options to donate online for your convenience. Would you consider supporting Timothy Christian School through our Spring Drive this year? Through your support, you will help to ensure that our students continue to receive dynamic and quality Christian education. The investment made to the Annual drive program would have a lasting impact on the families and students that God has entrusted us with.



Check out our Annual Drive page on our website:

<https://www.timothychristianschool.ca/support-tcs/annual-drive>

**But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that  
you may declare the praises of him who called  
you out of darkness into his wonderful light.**

- 1 Peter 2:9 -



Blessings to you and to your families for your summer!

We look forward to seeing you in September!

May the God give you rest!