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From the Principal...

TCS Bazaar...on Saturday, November 18!

For those parents who are new to TCS, we have our wonderful Christmas Bazaar at the school on Saturday, November 18. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the school year that often takes in over 40 thousand dollars for TCS in one day. It also requires a small army of TCS parent volunteers to help set up, take down, run and find donations for. See links below in this newsletter if you are able to help out. Please circle the date on your calendar and bring family and friends to shop, have lunch and bid at both silent and live auctions. It is a wonderful event that draws close to 2,000 people to visit TCS and take part in the events. See below for more details!



Edvance Annual Gathering...October 26 and 27 at Redeemer University

A reminder parents from the school year calendar that was sent out in August, that there are two PD days in October. On October 26 and 27 there will be NO SCHOOL as there is a Christian school teachers convention at Redeemer University. Our TCS staff is heavily involved in these professional development days as we join over 1200 other Christian school teachers in Ontario in growing and learning together.



Our very own *Daniel Wilcox (grade 6/7)* and *Erin Mensinga (grade 3)* will be running a full day workshop at the teachers conference this year on Christian Worldview/Apologetics in Christian schools! They are sharing our TCS experience and implementation of our Christian worldview/apologetics program with other educators throughout Ontario. Blessing to both Daniel and Erin for their good work at the convention this year! We know other teachers will be very blessed by your passion and work in worldview.

What is the book our teachers are studying this year?

Each year our TCS staff works through a book to push us and go deeper in Christian vision. This year our staff will be studying the book *'Faithfully Different, Regaining Biblical Clarity in a Secular Culture'*. We will read several chapters for each monthly staff meeting to better equip us to implement a strong Christian worldview at TCS. Keeping our Christian perspective strong, deep and vibrant will better equip us as educators to ensure our students also have strong roots in Christian truth.

<u>Key dates in October</u>		
11 PICTURE DAY		25 Pizza Day
Hot Dog Day		Membership forms & payment due
13 Pizza Day	18 3:30-4:50pm Junior Sports Program	26 & 27 NO SCHOOL - Christian Teachers' Convention.
16 Hot Dog Day	20 Pizza Day	30 Hot Dog Day
	23 Hot Dog Day	

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Student Progress Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews in November

A reminder to all parents that student progress reports go home with your child on November 8. Parent-Teacher Interviews will be on November 14 (3:30 - 6:30), November 15 (3:30 - 6:30) and November 17 (9:00 - 12:00). An email will be sent from the TCS office to parents in early November which will allow parents to sign up for these interviews.

From the October TCS Board Meeting:

- Your TCS board of directors is working continuously on long term planning focusing on the future of Christian education in Barrie over the next 10 - 20 years
- The board reviewed our new strategic plan for TCS and this will be presented at the Society Meeting on November 23
- The TCS board lifted up the Westerneng family (Krista and Rudy) as Adeo goes through several assessments at Sick Kids this week
- The board encourages people to come to the Society Meeting on November 23
- Please circle the TCS Bazaar which is set for Saturday, Nov 18
- We are thankful for how well our new staff are settling in at TCS. We are so very blessed by our staff team at our school.
- The TCS board continues to study several chapters of the book 'Guiding Schools to Flourish' at each of our board meetings

Donations to Timothy Christian School

Did you know ... you can donate gifts of stocks and shares to Timothy Christian School through the Christian School Foundation? For certain donors, tax rules are changing in 2024 which may mean paying additional taxes. 2023 could be a great year to consider a gift to TCS in advance of these changes; check with your advisor if this is of interest to you. Or contact Kevin teBrake at the Christian School Foundation to get started: ktebrake@christianschoolfoundation.ca

Looking to refresh your memory about all the info you learned at the EQUIP Conference?

We are excited to share the video recordings of our EQUIP Worldview Conference last spring. Here is the [EQUIP Conference Youtube Link](#) with recordings of the world class speakers that spoke at the conference! We hope that you will feel empowered to help your children learn that there are good answers to the questions they have, and that they can confidently place their hope in Jesus Christ! These can make wonderful discussion times for family devotions or your personal devotions.

**TCS Membership 2023-2024**

It is time to renew your TCS Membership. Please be sure to return your completed application form with payment to the office by October 25. See the last page of today's newsletter for the Membership letter and form OR [click the link here](#).

**TCS Volleyball Tryouts (Grades 7 & 8)**

Boys' and Girls' volleyball tryouts are tomorrow (Thursday) after school until 5pm. Check Monday's newsletter for more information regarding possible additional tryouts next week. For planning purposes, if your child does make the team, our practice times will be Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 5pm. We will be working towards the tournament that will be in late November.



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Annual Grade 8 Fundraiser - Macgregors Meat & Seafood Orders

The Grade 8s are selling meat through Macgregors Meat + Seafood to raise money for their Grade 8 grad trip to Ottawa next spring. If you'd like to see the products available, you can [click this link](#). If you'd like to order meat, please contact a Grade 8 student or [use this link](#) to print and fill in the order form and send it back to the school with a cheque payable to Timothy Christian School with "Meat Order" clearly marked on the memo line. *The meat orders are due Wednesday, November 8* and will be delivered by your grade 8 seller after December 1st (when the grade 8's pick up the meat at school). No late orders can be accepted. Thank you for your support ~ Grade 8 students!

**Grade 7 Immunization Clinic - October 23**

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has booked an Immunization Clinic at TCS for grade 7 students on Monday, October 23. Information has been sent home today. Parents please review the forms and return them by October 23. Only students with parent consent will be attending the clinic.

**TCS Junior Sports Program (grades 4-6) is NEXT Wednesday**

This program is for Gr. 4-6 and will take place on the following Wednesdays, 3:30 to 4:50pm: *Oct 18, Nov 1 & 22 and Dec 6*. This session will be focusing on developing volleyball skills.

[Please complete this google consent form \(click here\) in order for your child to participate!](#)

We have a team of parents ready to lead this program, however, if you are looking to earn some 🌟 PITCH hours and have a passion for sports and coaching we would love to have you join the team. Please email awilcox@timothychristianschool.ca if you are interested in helping out with this amazing program and include your sport of interest or expertise.

TCS Soccer Teams... Great season!

There was a great show of sportsmanship and skill by our soccer teams at the tournament last week and they brought home the trophy! A huge "Thank you" to our parent coaches for lending your expertise to strengthen the team! It was a short season but we saw skill development and team work build over the last few weeks. Great job teams! Remember to return washed jerseys to Coach Kennedy asap.

Cross Country

Team practices will be on Tuesday and Thursday at lunch recess. Team members are encouraged to also build stamina by running on their own on the off days! The cross country meet will be Thursday, Oct. 19 in Owen Sound. Students will need to be at the school for an early drop off (7:45 am) and a late pick up (time to be determined on race day). Contact Mrs. Regeling if you have an questions 😊

**TCS Christmas Bazaar Planning**

Saturday, November 18, 9am to 2pm is our TCS Christmas Bazaar. It is an event you won't want to miss! Please share the poster at the end of the newsletter with family and friends. Please consider helping with the Bazaar as it takes a large team to pull it together and it is a great way to meet the TCS community!



[🌟 Please click here to complete the Bazaar Volunteer Google Form and sign up for this PITCH opportunity 🌟](#)

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We are looking for help in these areas:

- **Kids Wing:** Adult & students (grade 7 and up) needed to help lead fun games (games provided!)
- ***NEW* Baking Donations:** We are looking for lots of donations of baked goods for our Bazaar Bake Sale. This year we will be accepting a much larger variety of baked good donations. This will include pies, cakes, breads, cookies, squares, and much more. [Please click this link to fill in the form so we know what you are bringing.](#)
- **Setup / Takedown Crew:** Nov 17 & 18th for a few hours each.
- **Auction Attendants:** Monitor & assist at the auction
- **Raffle Attendances:** Sell raffle tickets
- **Cafeteria:** Assist in the kitchen or on the serving counter providing delicious soups, hot dogs, desserts & more

If you have any questions, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator Brianne Currie: bri.sauder@gmail.com

Additional things needed for the Bazaar:

- The **Dutch Store** is looking to borrow a **large chest freezer** for November 16-18 for use during the Bazaar. Please contact Brianne Currie (see above) if you can help
- Also, the **Bazaar Greenery Team** is looking for donations of **re-used large plant pots** (ex. from fall mums) and Christmas decor. Please drop them off in the office by November 1st. Thank you!



If you would like to make a donation towards the Bazaar from your business, please contact bazaar@timothychristianschoo.ca. *We are looking for auction items, things for raffle baskets and particular food items for the kitchen.*

***Donations needs to be received in the office by November 1st.** Donations received after this date will be saved for next year's bazaar (Bazaar 2024). Thank you!

Have you bought your Dutch Store treats??

The Dutch Store is open on our TCS website until November 1st. Be sure you let your friends and family know so they don't miss out on this once a year opportunity! Purchase the delicious Dutch Store treats on the website and then pick them up at the Bazaar on November 18th. Purchase cheese, meats, croquettes, candies, and of course chocolate letters!



The TCS Dutch Store is open for business!
Get those yummy treats & share with the whole family!
Shop at www.timothychristianschool.ca, under the top heading "SHOP"



Bradford Greenhouses Fundraising Program is still on for a few more weeks!

Our TCS Bradford Greenhouse fundraiser is almost over. Please be sure to shop at Bradford Greenhouse (Barrie & Bradford locations) for your fall decor, lawn care, gardening supplies and even get a head start on Christmas shopping. They have lovely things waiting to find their forever home! You can support TCS by asking that your purchase be counted towards TCS at the checkout. We use these funds to purchase items for our Christmas Bazaar. It's a great place to shop!



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🌟 Logging your PITCH hours

Please be aware that it is each family's responsibility to track and log their own PITCH hours. Hours logged are pending until they have been reviewed by the PITCH Committee. To enter your hours, please follow these instructions:



- Log onto Sycamore with your family-specific login (TCS School Id: 3982)
- On the left side of the School Homepage: Click "My School"
- Click "My Service Logs"
- Click the blue button "New Log" in the top corner
- Complete the form choosing the appropriate heading (please be sure you have chosen the correct heading. Ex: Bazaar, office help, Sports, etc.)
- Click 'Submit'

For families that only need to provide 15 hours of PITCH time (part-time family, or a family that has a child in another Christian school) you may claim 10 hours from the PITCH committee. This will then mean you need to complete volunteer hours to cover the outstanding 15 hours. To claim the 10 hours, follow the instructions above and choose the opportunity: **SPECIAL - PITCH AUTHORIZATION** and add 10 hours.

If you have questions or need further assistance, please contact pitch@timothychristianschool.ca. Thank you for adding to the life of the school by volunteering your time!

**** TCS is a nut-free school. Please be sure all snacks/lunches do not have items that contain nuts! Thank you!****

re-Source Thrift Shop South

→ We are also looking for regular volunteers for the fall, especially on *Tuesday mornings and weekday afternoons*. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please encourage them to drop by the store and talk to Brenda any time!



School Calendar

The school calendar was sent out as part of the Back To School email package. It can also be found on the TCS website (www.timothychristianschool.ca under Events), on Sycamore, and at [this link](#).



Bus information:

1. Please remember to have students at their bus stop *10 minutes before their scheduled pick up*. This assists drivers in staying on schedule, especially in uncertain weather. Thank you!
2. TCS parents please note you can call **Landmark Bus Lines Barrie** (our bus company) anytime the buses are on the road to check in with dispatch on an ETA. **Landmark's contact: 705-722-6666**. Additionally, the office will send an email to bus route families to inform them of any delays.



See what's happening at TCS by following us on social media

- Facebook: facebook.com/tcsbarrie
- Instagram: [@tcs_barrie](https://instagram.com/tcs_barrie)

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Thank you for your continued support...

RE: TCS MEMBERSHIP FOR 2023/2024

October has arrived and thankfully we are back in the school for another amazing new school year! We are so thankful for the staff and the Board members for creating a safe environment for our students to begin this year at TCS. We are truly encouraged to be starting out the year with over 290 students! God is so good.

"The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. ~ Psalm 145:9 NIV

It is that time again, when we invite parents and supporters to become members of the Timothy Christian School society. Your membership not only provides additional funding to the school, it also gives you the opportunity to invest in the growth and development of TCS for the betterment of our students. We ask that you complete your membership application form & provide payment prior to the deadline of October 25, 2023. We pray you will consider supporting us through our Membership Program for the 2023-2024 school year.

★ **\$10 per person by the deadline of October 25, 2023** ★
Please see the membership application form enclosed with this letter.

THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

- You have access to important school information, policies and forms pertinent to our school environment. *(*Please contact the school to receive a copy of the section of Constitution to review.)*
- You are invited to our bi-annual society meeting, which takes place in the Fall & the Spring.
- You will have the right to cast your vote on topics discussed & new board members stepping up.
- You will also have the opportunity to participate in school activities & functions and Chair a committee.

Being a part of the TCS Community will have a great impact. Thank you in advance for your support. Your ongoing commitment to Christian Education is greatly appreciated, please consider Membership today!

With warm blessings,



Nolan Hooper

TCS Board President

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TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

MEMBERSHIP FORM 2023/2024

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

- I am over 18 years of age
- Agreement with the basis, principal guidelines, and purpose of the Corporation, as expressed in Articles II and III, in by-law No. 1, of the Constitution (contact the school if you would like a copy of these)
- I am a Christian and an active member or participant in good standing of a Church
- Agreement to comply with the requirements pertaining to members set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation and in the approved policies of the society

Member #1:

Member #1 First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Member #1 (Signature): _____ Date: _____

**Please check a box below to indicate your Membership Status for this year, thank you.*

RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERSHIP

Reason for wanting to become a TCS Member: _____

Member #2:

Member #2 First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Member #2 (Signature): _____ Date: _____

**Please check a box below to indicate your Membership Status for this year, thank you.*

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THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR 2023/2024 IS ONLY \$10.00 PER PERSON

Please enclose cash or a cheque for this amount per person when you return the completed form to the school.

Cheques are payable to "Timothy Christian School, Barrie" with "membership fee" written in the memo line.

Thank you for your consideration, we hope to hear from you soon.

All forms must be received by **October 25, 2023** to be considered for Membership for this year.

Applications must meet this deadline date, otherwise they will be subject to a re-application process for the next school year.

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The poster features a blue border with white snowflake patterns. At the top center is a black shield with a white 'T' and a gold book below it. To the right is a holly leaf with three red berries. The word 'ANNUAL' is in gold, 'Christmas' is in large red cursive, and 'BAZAAR' is in large red serif. Below this is '2023' in gold, another holly leaf, and 'Join us' in black. The date 'SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18' is in red, with '18' being the largest, followed by '9 AM - 2 PM'. The location 'Timothy Christian School 750 Essa Road, Barrie' is in black. At the bottom, 'DRAWS - AUCTION - VENDORS - CAFE' and 'DUTCH STORE - FLORAL SHOP' are in green.

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