



TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Learning From Others

As was mentioned in the newsletter last week, while half of our TCS staff attended a math workshop in Oakville, the other half of our staff visited and observed other teachers or leaders learning best practices.

Mr. Berg spent the morning at Hamilton District Christian High School and visited with their principal Nathan Siebenga. HDCHS has been a leader in the OACS schools over the past five years especially in the area of authentic projects and differentiated - deeper learning. Nathan and I talked about the importance of a clear educational vision and how critical it is to support staff in that journey.

From there I went to the OACS (Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools) office in Ancaster where I spent the afternoon talking about leadership with the executive director of the OACS - Jules de Jager. Jules and I talked about consistent themes in good leadership and what communities and boards are wanting from leaders in this present culture. Overall, it was a great day of learning and gleaning best practices from other leaders and taking them back to TCS.

Mrs. Nibourg also had the opportunity to visit the office of Ardagh Bluffs Public School and see how their school office operates - from Sign In and attendance procedure to hot lunches and how they communicate with parents - it was interesting to see. Being part of a bigger school board does have some benefits; however, it also has its challenges. She is hoping to implement a few of their ideas in time for our office that seemed beneficial!

OCTOBER

- 4-19 Grades 4-8 MAP Testing
- 12 Hotdog Day
- 14 Pizza Day
- 17 Hotdog Day
- 19 **Photo Orders due**
- 21 Split Chapel & Pizza Day
- 24 Hotdog Day
- 26 [Deep Sea Day](#), Pizza Day & Progress Reports go home
- 27&28 PD Day (Teachers Convention)—NO SCHOOL**
- 31 Hotdog Day

NOVEMBER

MAPS Testing for 4 - 8 Continues this week at TCS

Some of you may remember for years the OACS schools (and many other schools across Canada) used the Canadian Test of Basic Skills (CTBS) for standardized testing.

After years of reviewing, the OACS decided to move on to a new type of standardized testing system that we felt was more current and accurate called Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing system. This is a type of testing that is used world-wide in schools. This year is the first year TCS will be participating in this new format.

Since this is our first year we will be participating in the MAP testing and we are calling this our pilot year. This year we will learn to work with the system and next year we plan to go deeper in how we process all the areas. One of the differences will be that all the testing for MAP will be in the computer lab.

Support Needed from Parents for MAP Testing

Similar to any other standardized testing, we ask that parents remind their 4 - 8 students to get lots of rest for school over the next week and be on time and at school as much as possible. We understand that there may be doctor and dentist appointments which there be time allowed to fill out the missed tests. We also ask students in 4 - 8 to focus and take the testing seriously as we wish to use the results to help us with curriculum.

Inspire Bursary Campaign Now Launched - TCS is Raising \$250,000 to help Future Families

For those who missed the TCS BBQ, Rudy Westerneng, a member of the campaign team, launched this campaign which is about the importance of raising these funds to help support families and further stabilize our school's finances. As a school we realize there are families who do require help at times and this bursary would be help in that very important journey. There is a website made for this campaign at www.inspiretimothy.ca. Please pass on the word and stay tuned - we want to keep Christian elementary school accessible to families.

Photo Orders

Proofs went home with students today. Orders are due by October 19th either online or to the TCS office.



Diving Deeper by Faith

"Now **faith** is **confidence** in what we hope for and **assurance** about what we do not see." ~ Hebrews 11:1

Looking for a Leader for the TCS Bazaar this year

A reminder that we are still looking for a new person or team (group of two or three) to work with Julie Eisses in her last year running the TCS bazaar. If you know of anyone or a team who would embrace this challenge please encourage them to talk with Mr. Berg as we would like this person to shadow/learn from Julie this fall and then to take over next year.

We have a team calling and asking parents if they would be open to serving in this way - if you get a call please consider helping run this wonderful event either as a team or an individual.

Bazaar—Dutch Store Orders: Cheese, Croquettes...etc.

Order forms are on the TCS website under "Resources" but are also attached to today's newsletter. Forms are due by November 4th.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Night is slotted for November 3 and 8 from 4-8:45pm. Please call or email Robin in the office with what date and time preference you would like and I will try to plug you in at that time!

Welcome Back VanGilst Family!

Andrew and Rachel VanGilst joined TCS midway thru September! Their daughter Desiray is in grade 1. Below is their information to add to your phone directory:

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Cross Country THIS THURSDAY, Oct. 13 in Owen Sound

The team will be leaving TCS at **7:45AM** to go to Harrison Park in Owen Sound and arriving back at TCS at **4:30PM**. Team members will be taking home an information package today with more details about the event and who is driving them to the meet on Thursday.

The Cross Country Team is listed below:

PRIMARY (Gr 1-3)

BOYS Owen Tankard
Eliot Weening
Isaac Kenney
Ethan VanLoenen
Nicholas Steeves
Brody Newton
Nathan Fairchild
Ari Weening

GIRLS Caitlin Tjeerdsma
Sophia Back
Cecelia Agostino
Maile Arnott
Raina Weening
Maija Karjalainen
Emma Karjalainen

JUNIOR (Gr. 4-6)

BOYS Owen Kenney
Emerson Weening
Chase Pennell
Matthew Tjeerdsma
Liam Hollander
Martin Kloosterman
Cooper Green
GIRLS Mya Fairchild
Hannah Riewe
Jillian Kapteyn
Katy Vanderboon
Lilly Villeneuve
Yuah Van Zyl
Avery Pennell

INTERMEDIATE (Gr. 7&8)

BOYS Jeremy Dykstra
Marlon Gordan-Tennant
GIRLS Aliyah Uyenaka
Elissa Frielink
Hailey Villeneuve
Bethany Nelson

Cross Country Photos

Please forward cross country event pictures to Mrs. Covert at tcovert@timothychristianschool.ca in order for them to be included in this years yearbook!

Deep Sea Day!

Our first Student Council event is coming up on Wednesday, October 26. Dive deep in school spirit by dressing up as your favourite underwater "creature" such as a diver, an octopus, a shark, jellyfish, seahorse or even a surfer! Come celebrate our new school theme and help us have a WHALE of a good time!!



TCS Soccer Update

Thank you to all soccer players, coaches and parents for representing TCS so well at last Friday's Soccer tournament! God provided gorgeous weather! TCS walked away with a 2nd place finish and some sunburns. Huge thank you to our coaches—Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Scholten-Purinton and Mrs. Newton.

Players are reminded to return their soccer uniforms by Wednesday so they are ready for the cross country team THIS THURSDAY! It has been a pleasure working with you these past few weeks—well done on a wonderful season. Mrs. Covert

New Yearbook Format: Sponsors/Advertisers needed

We are excited about the new format for the TCS Yearbook. This year we will be working closely with Lifetouch Photography, the company that takes the student pictures. A team of students along with Mrs. Covert will work with a yearbook consultant who will guide them through a computer design program to publish this year's memories.

If you or your business would like to sponsor a page in the yearbook or place a sponsorship advertisement, please contact Mrs. Covert or Mrs. Roberts—various rates are available. This is an exciting opportunity!

Sponsorships and advertising are available now and will reduce the final overall cost.

Mrs. Covert: tcovert@timothychristianschool.ca or
Mrs. Roberts: mroberts@timothychristianschool.ca

Coffee and Prayer Time—Monday Mornings

Please feel free to join us, any week that you can, for a coffee/tea and a time of prayer on Monday mornings from 9-10am in the staff room. Babies and pre-schoolers welcome! If you are unable to join us but have a prayer request, please email Isabel.back@gmail.com and we will add your request to our prayer list.

Please Pass on to Church Leaders: Open Dates for Rentals at TCS September 2017:

As you may be aware, Harvest Bible Chapel is in their last year with us and they plan to move into their new building by August 31, 2017. **This means there will be a rental opportunity for a new church at TCS starting September of 2017.**

Re-Source THRIFT SHOP—Sorting Nights

Join us this Thursday from 5-9pm at the store to get thru more donations! If you can come the whole time—or just an hour—any bit of time helps out! Thank you! The store is located at 28 Commerce Park Drive, Unit B.



Calling All Parents of Grade 7 and 8 Students! Are you wondering about educational options for your child when they enter high school? **UNITY DAY IN BARRIE** is the perfect opportunity for your child to check out Unity Christian High School. On **Tuesday, November 1st**, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., students in grades 7 and 8 are invited to the annual open house at the school (25 Burton Ave., Barrie). Students will visit classrooms, meet teachers and be involved in interactive activities. There will be time for games, listening to music, and hearing our students talk about their experiences and opportunities in extra-curricular events. Lunch and snacks are provided. We look forward to seeing your children!

PANCAKES! PANCAKES! PANCAKES!: The 12th ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST of UNITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

will be offered on Saturday morning, **November 12, 2016** in the Timothy Christian School gym (750 Essa Road). There will be pancakes, sausages, fruit, juice; great food, great company! Proceeds will go to STUDENT ACTIVITIES. Come on down! It all starts at 8:00 a.m. Last pancakes are served at 11 a.m.

PITCH OPPORTUNITIES

Bazaar Leader Needed

Looking for someone to take over for Julie Eisses next year (and shadow her this year). Contact Mr. Berg if you are interested!

You may report your hours by email to timothypitch@gmail.com or by filling out the paper forms on the info table in the school office.

Homework Highlights

Grade 4

- Wed. Oct. 12 Memory Work: Ps. 135:3,4 (recitation)
**Note: Wed instead of Thurs due to change of library day
- Fri. Oct. 14 No Spelling Test (short week)
- Wed. Oct. 19 Bible Test: Creation to Joshua
- Fri. Oct. 21 Spelling Test - Unit 5
- Wed. Oct. 26 No Spelling Test (short week)
Memory Work: Ps. 135: 13,14 (written)
- Wed. Nov. 5 Math Test: Addition/Subtraction

Grade 5

- Fri. Oct. 14 Scholastic Book order due
Math quiz on adding and subtracting
Bring in pictures of family for art project
- Mon. Oct. 17 "All About Me" creative writing—rough copy due
- Wed. Oct. 19 Memory Work - Jeremiah 17:7 (orally)
Grammar test on Unit 1 - Vocabulary
- Fri., Oct. 21 Sign of the Beaver quiz: chapters 1-10
Pre-conference form due
- Tue. Oct. 25 Trip to Sainte Marie Among the Hurons
*Thanks for volunteering, we have plenty of drivers!
- Wed. Oct. 26 Math quiz on one & two digit multiplication

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INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL

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Saturday, November 19th

9am - 2pm

**Silent & Live Auction, Dutch Store,
Craft Vendors, Baked Goods, Jewelry,
Christmas Floral Decor, Fresh Vegetable Stand**

Enjoy a hot lunch & purchase great gifts too



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