

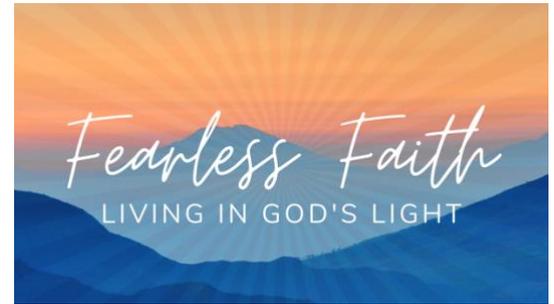


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## CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal...

### In Person School in June Yet at TCS?

We hope to hear this week if the province of Ontario will allow in person learning for schools for the remainder of the month of June. Speculation is growing and the momentum is strong for the possibility of a June 7th start (next Monday), but we will wait to hear any announcement in the next few days. As soon as we hear an announcement, a memo will be sent out to the TCS parents about the next steps and first day back.



**Remember if get back to school in June,  
we will need all families and staff to be self-screening before coming to school.  
Here is the [link](#) to the COVID-19 school and childcare screening tool.**

### Update from the May 27 Society Meeting

Last Thursday evening we had 56 people attend the Spring TCS Society meeting. Highlights include a balanced 2021/22 budget that was passed by the membership and several reports that were presented to the membership. The TCS membership also voted in Tanya Rygersberg (Thomas), Nolan Hooper and Tyler Ing as new members of the TCS Board of Directors. At our June board meeting this week we will say a huge 'thank you and goodbye' to Ed Loveless, Heather Steeves, Paul Kapteyn and John Tjeerdsma for their hard work on the Board over these past three years. We also said a huge thank you to Caroline Berg (grade 3) who is retiring from TCS after 13 years of service and also thanked Andrew Atkinson for the great year he had in grade five. It was a good meeting, and we are grateful for the members who attended last Thursday.

### Next Friday, June 11 PA Day - Report Card Writing Day for TCS Staff

Like most schools in the province, TCS has a Professional Activity Day in our annual year school calendar set for June 11 which is next Friday. This day is a report card writing day for classroom teachers to allow them to spend the day drafting the June second term report card for students. Parents, just a heads up, that this will be PA Day (no school) regardless of if we are in school or if we are online. Report cards will be ready in the office by 3:30 on June 25 which is the last day of school. We are hoping to be back in class and to send report cards home with students, but if we are still online, we will make alternative arrangements.

**No School  
Friday June 11**

### Tuition Invoices for 2021-2022 School Year Coming Soon

You can expect to see tuition invoices for next year coming soon. Sheri Cattle, TCS Finance, is busy preparing these to send out later this week.

**TCS Parent Testimonials going on our TCS Website Soon**

A huge thank you to Heather Steeves, Steven Green and Fraser and Lynda Burton for recording their TCS parent promo videos before the break. They turned out wonderful and we they will be on our TCS website sometime soon. Thank you Heather, Steven, Fraser and Lynda for your supportive words in the videos and your willingness to promote TCS! Your passion and heart for TCS will be a blessing to new parents considering TCS this fall!

**Thank You for the Parent Feedback from May Survey**

Each of our classroom teachers have surveyed the parents in their class and the results have been very positive. The following is a summary of the reports from the classroom teachers to the principal:

**Areas appreciated:**

- TCS parents consistently appreciated the live classes added to grades 5 - 8 and the live check-in/Q & A times for students in grades 3 and 4
- The Google Meet times in all the grades have helped keep students connected face to face and in community during this lockdown period
- The extra support via the Resource program and the support work of our EA's is extremely appreciated by parents and students. Note: Did you know that if you added up all the meetings our four EA's and Resource program have, there are close to 20 individual meetings a day of extra group or individual support given (that is 80 meetings a week of extra support by this wonderful team!). These are all in addition to the Q & A times the teachers provide each week for students.
- The flexibility of the pre-recorded instructional videos from teachers (that students can view on their own times) is very much appreciated
- Level of work students are getting is balanced and appropriate
- Speciality Fridays is a nice change up each week and is appreciated (also keeps the skills in French, Band and Art going and improving)
- The printed student learning packages in JK - 4 are very much appreciated every two weeks
- The teacher checklists for students each week are very much appreciated as it is clear re what needs to be completed

Note: Overall parents appreciated how the TCS staff has improved the online program each of the three times we have had to go online.

**Areas of challenge:**

- Parents and students are tired in this third school lockdown/online learning
- Some parents are finding it hard to keep some students motivated on the homefront this time around (especially those who struggle with literacy or have learning/behaviour challenges or have strong personalities)
- A few families are struggling with keeping their children focused during this third round
- All classroom teachers and speciality Friday teachers have noticed a drop off in homework being handed in over the past week and hope this is not a trend going forward

Overall: We are grateful for your feedback! The admin and staff are committed to working with each family to the utmost of our ability to keep our students learning the skills needed to get them to the next level. At the end of the day, our deep passion is to keep the skills in each grade going strong to prepare each student for the next grade and to keep a strong Christian perspective throughout all of the learning at TCS (online or in person). Our school vision statement drives us especially during these times!

**Bradford Greenhouses Fundraising Program**

Please remember the Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery fundraising season is here! Please tell the cashier (at either location in Barrie or Bradford) that you would like your purchase to support Timothy Christian School. Thanks in advance for shopping to benefit TCS!

**Promoting TCS to new families using the TCS Virtual School Tour link**

Please continue to invite prospective TCS parents to our school website and to forward them the email with the link to view our TCS Virtual School Tour! If you know of anyone interested in attending TCS this September, email their name and number to the office. We will follow up to book a time with Mr. Berg to have a talk, or face-to-face zoom meeting, and link them up with our virtual school tour. We are eager to share what God is doing here at TCS as we learn and grow together! All new parent interviews in the coming weeks are being completed via zoom meetings.

Please encourage any potential families to register soon to avoid wait lists in classes. At this time, we only have wait lists for two of our classes for September 2021, meaning that we have room for new students in 8 of our 10 classes for next year. Encourage new families to register soon.

This week we celebrate:



**Wednesday • Adeo Westerneng (6)**

**Thursday • Ocean Nielsen (4)**

**Friday • Sienna Cryer (3)**

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

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 will 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>

