

Letting Vision Lead Us!

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Vision is a powerful tool. If you have ever used a chainsaw to cut trees or used an axe to split wood you know the value of keeping a sharp edge. Both a chainsaw and an axe, when sharp, make the job of sawing and cutting almost easy. However when either of these tools become dull, the effort needed to cut through wood is painful, burdensome and requires much more energy to get the same job done.

Vision is very similar. When there is a very clear sign on the road ahead, at times, a vision can line up with the dreams and passions of others. That is when things get exciting!

The Macs Come Marching One By One...Hurrah...Hurrah!

Our new Mac lab very much came out of a clear vision. Last fall a donor came to the administration and stated, “If we really want to fall in line with our new vision statement and “deliver a dynamic, vibrant learning environment offering leading edge programs that inspire students”...shouldn't we have a Mac lab?

I tried to state to her that it would be a high and very expensive goal and we would very much be pleased with just a new lab. But the donor was relentless. She restated that if we really wanted to meet our new vision then a Mac lab would certainly bring us closer to the words “dynamic, vibrant and inspiring”...right? At the end of the conversation I humbly responded...“Yes, that would be a huge blessing but...”. The donor actually stopped me and challenged me to stop thinking so small and to start to dream bigger.

Bigger Than Us...

As an administrator I walked away from that conversation humbled, feeling a bit rebuked but also very excited...oh the things we could do with a new Mac lab! Wow...but...it just seemed too high of a level to

reach. That was a shelf that seemed just out of reach for a Christian school.

Fast forward four months and Miss Weening put a phone call through to me at school. Sure enough, it was the Mac donor and she asked me if I would be open to receiving 26 new Mac Book Pro laptops for TCS. She had Apple on hold and was just about to order the computers for the school but – just wanted to see if it would be well received. I have to confess I was a bit choked up...humbled at God's hand in the big picture of TCS.

Lesson learned...as Christian schools we need to dream big dreams for the kingdom. Sometimes God has a bigger picture in mind and at times we aim too low. There is nothing wrong with aiming high and letting the vision of an organization lead us. To

God be the glory...once again...great things He has done!!

On Tuesday, March 24, TCS hired two Apple specialist to spend the morning training each grade as they rotated through the new lab for the first time. Ask your children about the new lab. We are blessed!



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A second significant donation within the same month by a wonderful TCS donor has allowed us to shine bright in another area of the school. Our electronic sign has not been working for the past few years and recently a group of board members and TCS members worked together to get quotes from different companies and try to gain a realistic understanding of the cost it would take to fix it. When quotes came in at over \$14,000, it seemed very discouraging. Basically, it would have been the cost of a full family tuition to properly fix the electronic sign.

Once again, one of our wonderful TCS supporters stepped up and wrote a cheque for the cost of fixing the sign. Once again we stand humbled before God and say... "Thank You!"

Second lesson learned...we need to keep dreaming! Many times in that journey we really felt the sign was too expensive to fix and even considered changing it over to a manual "change by hand" sign. Once again God was thinking bigger and worked through one of our donors to bless us with a working sign. To the donor... "the sign looks great flashing once again and we thank you!! Thanks also for allowing God to work through you and for pushing us to the bigger picture (in this case...a nicer sign)." Again...we are blessed at TCS.

Sports

HE SHOOTS! HE SCORES!! The Timothy hockey team had the opportunity to play in two tournaments this year—one in Stouffville, and one hosted by our own school, here in Barrie. A hard fought battle by all players in both tournaments! We came out with 3rd place in the January Stouffville tourney, and ended up with 4th place in the Barrie tournament. Teams came from as far away as Peterborough and Trenton! There was some great competition! The team practiced and played hard! A special thank you to Durwyn Veenstra (head coach) and Cory Kostyra (assistant coach) for all of their hard work, as well as Kim Selkirk for arranging refs for the day!

Meanwhile, the girls basketball team had the chance to play in two tournaments this year! In the Stouffville tournament, the ladies came out with a 2nd place finish. The following day, in a Barrie tournament, the girls finished with the first place trophy! Thank you to Breton VanSchubert and Mikayla Arends for helping to coach the girls team!



The boys team also played well, in a neck and neck finish at TCS, and ended with a VERY close 2nd place!





Operation Warm and Cozy

Each year the school works hard to find a way to help our local community around Christmas time.



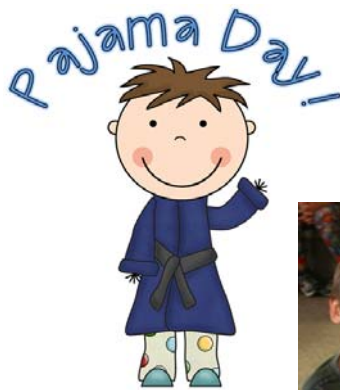
We try to do something different each year. This past Christmas, we decided to collect hats and mittens as a school community!

Before Christmas, the warm and cozy items were delivered to the David Busby Centre in Barrie for those less fortunate than us. It's so great to be able to help people who are outside of our school community. Thank you to all of you who contributed to the donations through the month of December!

3D Effects with Oil Pastels



**DONE BY
GRADE 6**



As always, students get so excited for dress-up days! Students could purchase hot chocolate and the money went to support our sister school in the Dominican Republic. **TCS raised over \$150 for the school down South**

on hot chocolate!
What a fun change to cozy up in pj's at school, despite the strange looks from those who come this day and don't know about pajama day!



PENGUINS

Both of the Kindergarten classes have been learning all about penguins! In a recent chapel, the Junior Kindergarten class had the opportunity to share their knowledge about penguins! Dressed in their penguin best, JK students answered questions from



Mrs. Pearson without even knowing what she would ask! Students really enjoyed this unit and had the experience of babysitting their own “baby penguin” egg! The unit ended with a “Penguin Party” which included an obstacle course and measuring different penguin breeds.



Reminder of our Final Phase for the “Growing Our Legacy” Annual Drive



We are on the final phase of the *“Growing Our Legacy” Annual Drive* and we look forward to the blessings that will come from this effort. Many hands have been involved in the spirit building of this school for the sake of the students ~ many as volunteers, as staff and finally, the faithful donors which keep the operation of this place running smoothly, to which we would not be able to function without their faithful giving. We all rely on each branch to work together to grow a strong & effective environment for the students here at Timothy Christian School and we appreciate every effort towards strengthening this place.

Please know that your contribution is significant and that joining with us means you believe in our future and what we have to offer. It is a true display of faith and a recognition in the hope of the vision of Timothy.

Thank you for joining with us as we are *“Growing Our Legacy”*.

MONA LISA MASTERPIECE

The grade 6 class worked hard on putting together this interesting artwork! Together, students worked with the squares next to their own, to make sure the lines would match up. They made a grid pattern to help with sizing for parts of the picture, and once they finished their pieces, put the whole picture together! Students could use whatever colours they wanted, and yet once put together, the picture looked amazing! It was quite fun for the class to put the whole picture together, after working on just their own piece.



In usual grade 1 form, students collected and presented their 100 day projects this year. Students did "100 Day" activities all morning, and presented their projects to parents and TCS students in the afternoon. Some of the many collections this year included:



police badges
stickers
hats
stickers
goldfish crackers
candy
drawings

toy cars
rubber bands
pompoms
glass beads
quilting squares
photos of numbers around town
vintage farm tools and supplies



A Night of Glitz and Glamour

Timothy Christian School's Fundraising Gala

April 5, 2014

Have you ever wanted to experience the roaring 20's?! Dress up old Hollywood glamour style and join us for some rip-roaring fun at this years gala! Experience Baytown Big Band and live entertainment surrounded by vintage décor. Reminisce of old days filled with feathers and beads.

**Tickets can be purchased for \$150 per person
OR, buy a table for 8: \$1000**

Sponsor packages are also available. Call the school if you have questions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TCS MISSION

Timothy Christian School develops children through biblically based educational programs by nurturing professionals equipping our children to be active Christians in God's world.

- APRIL**
- 4 PD Day (no school)
 - 5 "A Night of Glitz and Glamour" Fundraising Gala
 - 9 TCS Open House (9am-noon)
 - 10 Badminton Tournament at TCS
 - 11 Pastor Appreciation Day
 - 18 Good Friday (no school)
 - 20 Easter Monday (no school)
 - 24 Easter Musical at TCS
 - 25 Grandparents' Day
 - 28 Battle of the Books at HMDCS

- MAY**
- 7 Music Festival at TCS
 - TCS Open House (9am-noon)
 - 15 TCS Society Meeting
 - 16 Track and Field Day
 - 19 Victoria Day (no school)
 - 21 Math Olympics at Unity
 - 30 TCS Golf Tournament

- JUNE**
- 3 Master Track and Field Day
 - 13 Grade 8 Graduation
 - 18 Senior Kindergarten Graduation
 - 20 Last Day of School



TCS VISION

Timothy Christian School delivers a dynamic, vibrant learning environment offering leading edge programs that inspire children to be alive in Christ.

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