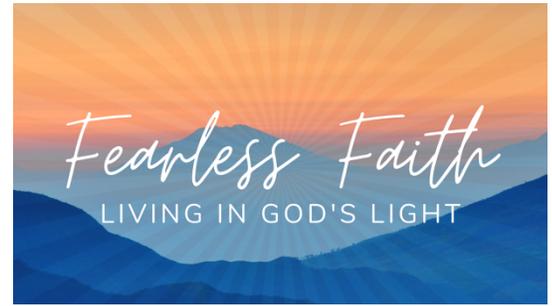




TIMOTHY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal...

Chapel last week Friday

Last week we were able to have our first chapel of the new year at TCS (via Google Meet from each classroom). See either the short four-minute talk from Mr. Berg on the school vision (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yLB201kUO2DjdmncuAMqxO5sOKeMQH2x/view?usp=sharing>) or the full 21 minute video which includes a short introduction, three songs and the talk and challenge from Mr. Berg on what our school vision "Alive in Christ" actually means (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TGDhiDCaLKQzZczP-vTzrUdJ07QOHPxE/view?usp=sharing>). Either could be a wonderful devotional with your family this week to reinforce holding tight to our faith in times of challenge.

What does our TCS Vision Statement actually mean?

Last week you saw pictures of our vision statement "Inspire... to be alive in Christ" at the end of both our senior hallway and our primary hallway about the doors as a reminder to staff and students to hold fast to our faith in God! To 'inspire to be alive in Christ' means to 'reach out and be aware of and alive in our strong Christian worldview' in all we do! If we are 'alive in Christ' we are aware and tuned in to the very important Christian anchor points of Creation, Sin and Redemption. It means we have a clear and crisp grasp of following God and have a keen understanding of the Bible and Christian values.

Challenge to the Staff and Students:

In the link above to either my four-minute talk or the full chapel from last Friday, you will hear a challenge to students and staff to stay sharp and committed to our deep faith in God through:

1. Challenges: holding tight to the Father during tough times
2. Crisis: knowing where to turn to and where to find comfort in crisis and hard times. Make your faith your default in hard times.
3. Success: remembering God and to humble ourselves before Him when things are going really well for us

After the chapel was over, each teacher led each class through a 10-minute talk about what that looks like at their age level. I used the example of Miss Gronfors going through cancer treatments over this past year. It is our Christian Worldview that we hold tight to when these really big challenges hit us hard in life. It is our deep and strong belief and faith in God that carries us through to places of redemption.

Inspire to be alive in Christ... in other words... push yourself and stretch to hold tight to a strong Christian Worldview!

MARCH

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| 10 | Pajama Day! |
| 12 | March Holiday (No School) |
| 26 | PD Day (no school) |

Reminder: Spring Break now moved to **April 12-16**.

1 "...As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light." – 1 Peter 2:9 NLT

Thank you to the re-Source Thrift Shop Barrie - South!

A huge thank you to the board of the re-Source Thrift Shop for their \$2500 donation. You may remember they are giving monthly to TCS and this is part of their tithe last month! So very much appreciated!! The thrift shop is now open and has been doing really well over the past few weeks! Please remember them both with your donations and your volunteer time.

Registration for September 2021 – NOW is the time!

For those existing TCS families who have not made the commitment to TCS for next year yet, as of this Wednesday, March 3rd, we will be moving these families into our 'undecided' list. This means we will now begin to interview new families and plug them into these spots in classrooms. We presently have two classes that are waitlisted for September 2021.

A reminder that if you know of anyone returning or any families that are planning to register for September 2021, please *remind them that now is the time* to get their registration forms into the TCS office to hold a spot for their child. Presently, we are interviewing several families a week for September 2021.



Register Now

A few notes from TCS Finance

1. Tax Receipts will be going home with your oldest child today.
2. Thank you to the majority of our current families who have submitted their re-registration information through Sycamore. Several families still have to submit their PITCH form and/or their \$300 re-registration deposit. If you selected e-transfer or cheque, payments were due by February 28, 2021. Please submit those as soon as possible if you still need to do so.
3. Tuition assistance applications for current families were due February 20th. If you have yet to apply and are planning to, please do so as soon as possible:

<https://www.ismfast.com/FastPage.php?id=2e287823ed61d84418662597f00b4b69>

**Pajama Day!**

Mark your calendars! The classic favourite *Pajama Day* will be on Wednesday, March 10th. Sadly, no stuffies or blankets are allowed this year, but comfy PJs are!

TCS Spring Drive

With Spring on the horizon, it's a time of new growth and new opportunities. We look forward to the warmer weather, longer days and the tulips in bloom. Spring also marks a time to announce the SPRING DRIVE that will be launched soon. We are always so blessed and encouraged by the generosity of our community and partners in ministry. Will you consider how you can support this year? Watch for the updates in the coming newsletters.

TCS Testimonials for the Website

A wonderful videographer will be coming onsite to record interested families that are willing to share some of the great experiences they've had at Timothy Christian School. We are excited about this Testimonial series and are planning to post it to our social media within the Spring months. With all of the recent building developments that are surrounding us, we are expecting our website to have more traffic. It is our prayer that prospective families will be able to catch a glimpse of what life at TCS is like through your stories. If you are interested in sharing and being a part of this initiative, please contact Michelle Roberts at mroberts@timothychristianschool.ca.



From the Community...

Update for re-Source Thrift Shop Barrie South

Wow!!! Wow!!! Wow!!! We were so excited to be able to open up again after the COVID-19 lockdown. With thankfulness to God we are so pleased to share that on our re-opening day (after the lockdown) we had the highest one-day sales total EVER!! The two weeks following our re-opening we have been blessed with strong sales and continued donations; thank you to our staff and volunteers who made this happen. We were also blessed to give back to Timothy in December and January, as well as to our community to Hospice Simcoe and the Women's Shelter.

We continue to need additional volunteers... especially on Wednesday, Friday & Saturday afternoons - as well, as additional volunteers throughout the week as we deal with increased donations and sales. If you are able to help out, please email Laura McFadden lmcfadden0227@gmail.com or Kathrin Veenstra jkveen@rogers.com.

SMDHU COVID-19 Screening Updates

Note to TCS parents: With COVID-19 variants now detected (especially in Simcoe County, *thus the back to lockdown call this weekend*), the following link recommends that you keep your child at home if they have 'one new or worsening symptom' of COVID-19. <https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/docs/default-source/COVID-/Return-to-school/my-child-did-not-pass-the-covid-19-daily-screening---now-what.pdf?sfvrsn=8>

Thank you, parents, for your detailed at-home screening and support in this recommendation.

- [Ontario COVID-19 school and childcare screening](#)
- [COVID-19 Return to School or Child Care Protocol for Employees/Visitors](#)

The SMDHU website content for Families has also been updated, with all revised content indicated with **UPDATED** marked beside it. <https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/COVID-19/reopening-schools/Families>.

