



## From the Principal ...

### TCS Welcome Back To School BBQ THIS Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00...Rain or Shine!

Our school BBQ will take place (rain or shine) **THIS Thursday, September 14.**

- 5:30 - Opening prayer in the school gym!
- 5:30 - 6:30 Enjoy the BBQ and meet and welcome new families!
- 6:30 - Meet and Greet with teachers in classrooms... the bell will ring to alert everyone of the time. There will be 30 minutes allotted for meeting the teachers so be sure to move quickly so you make it to all your children's classrooms before dismissal.
- 7:00 - Dismissal and evening is over



### TCS Hiring for a 60% position starting on October 2nd!

Due to the significant growth in student numbers, TCS is presently hiring a 60% position (Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays) starting on Monday, October 2nd. This will be teaching various grades covering teacher preparation time on a one year contract (with potential to be renewed). If you know any certified, Christian teachers who might be interested in this position, resumes (with two teaching references and one spiritual reference) will be accepted until September 22nd with interviews that same week.

### Board Reflections from August 28 TCS board meeting

- Timothy Christian School board has participated in a new board member orientation each September for the past 7 years to ensure our new board members are well trained in the understanding of what makes a quality Christian School board. For the past two years TCS has actually hosted this new board orientation for the Simcoe County Christian schools with over 30 other board members and principals from local schools attending.
- Welcome back to school BBQ happens this Thursday from 5:30 - 7:00. The TCS board members host this event.

### How are our new TCS students settling in? Please send an email

New TCS parents, we want to hear from you by the end of this week. Please email [rberg@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:rberg@timothychristianschool.ca) (plus cc your child's teacher as well) by Friday with a 2 - 3 line update on how each of your children are settling into their new school! We care deeply about each of our new students and want to hear from each new parent how they are settling into TCS this year.



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

### ~ Key dates in September ~

14 5:30-7pm TCS Family BBQ

15 Wear TCS Colours

21 New Parent Orientation

22 9am Chapel

Terry Fox Run

29 Orange Shirt Day

6pm Outdoor Movie Night

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**New Parents please mark your calendars for Orientation NEXT Thursday, September 21**

New parents, please add to your calendar the New Parent Orientation set for NEXT Thursday at 7pm. There is an expectation for one (both is great!) parent of each new family to attend. It will be one hour and will give you a good sense of the history and routines of TCS. This will be in the music room. We will start right at 7:00 and plan to finish at 8:00 pm. You are able to log PITCH hours for attending.

**Mark you calendar: Outdoor Movie Night - Friday, September 29**

Business sponsorship packages are available. Please contact Christy McGee [christyrmcgee@gmail.com](mailto:christyrmcgee@gmail.com)/705-970-3334 for more information.

**Celebrating Birthdays at School**

As a staff we ask that *all birthday treats be kept at home*. With some classes having 25 or more students, teachers could have the challenge of cupcakes and sugary treats coming to school several times a week. It is easier to keep the treats at home and not have them come to school. This avoids all that sugar coming to school (which is very challenging before a math class) and it also avoids any expectations that everyone must do it and have enough for everyone. As staff, we appreciate you keeping treats at home!

*Also, Parents please be mindful of how you invite students to a birthday party as birthdays can be a very emotional event with lots of excitement and pressure. When planning the party, you might consider inviting the entire class if possible, or maybe inviting all the boys or girls. This helps to create an event that everyone can share in and facilitates*



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building relationships. In terms of invitations, the school's preference is that invitations are emailed to families and not handed out at school (see the family directory in Sycamore). We thank you in advance for your care in attempting to not hurt anyone's feelings. It can be devastating for a student to see invites being handed out and not get one themselves.

### **TCS Junior Sports Program**

We are excited to be offering the Junior Sports Program again this year! This parent-lead program is designed to build sport specific fitness and skills in our grade 4-6 students. If you have a passion for sports/coaching and kids we would love to have you join our team of volunteers! Time can be used toward PITCH hours. Please email [awilcox@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:awilcox@timothychristianschool.ca) if you are interested in helping out with this amazing program and include your sport of interest or expertise. More information is coming soon!

### **Hot Lunch Days are BACK at TCS!... PIZZA AND HOT DOGS Day orders due by September 28th!**

Take a break packing lunches with TCS' Hot Lunch Days! This year, both the hot dog and pizza orders will be on ONE form and will be for the ENTIRE year. Just one form to fill out once this year - Orders due by September 28th!



Please click [THIS LINK](#) to take you to the Google Form to order hot lunches for the year. Please work through the form carefully and complete all required portions. There will be two main options:

- To place a consistent order for the year (e.g. I would like my child to have 1 hot dog and 2 slices of pizza for each hot lunch day throughout the year)
- OR you can order weekly (you will need to select the quantity you want of each type of lunch for each individual date listed)



There are two main options for payment: you can pay for your order all at once, or you can split the payment into 8 equal installments to be withdrawn throughout the year.

Please note that there will be *no* hot lunches the week before Christmas or March Break. If a hot lunch falls on a holiday, it will be rescheduled to a Wednesday. Missed orders due to absence will not be made up or refunded. Missed orders due to snow days will be rescheduled. Watch the newsletter for details!

Hot lunch days are a fundraiser that help support activities and equipment in our school. Thank you for your support of this program! ***Orders are DUE by Thursday, September 28th (including payment)! Be sure to get your order in before this date to avoid missing out on hot lunches this year!***

### **🌟 Hot Dog Day Volunteers Needed - PITCH Opportunity**

It's back!!! Hot Dog lunch is going to start in just a few weeks. We are looking for volunteers to help on Mondays (and a few Wednesdays) from 11:15am-1:15pm. If you are interested, please email Rachel Kapteyn at [rachelkapteyn@gmail.com](mailto:rachelkapteyn@gmail.com). Volunteer to help with hot dog days and earn PITCH hours! You will need a Vulnerable Sector Police Check on file.

### **Vulnerable Sector Police Checks**

All volunteers doing volunteer hours at TCS (or with a class off site) during the school day will need a Vulnerable Sector Police Check. TCS will provide a letter that can be used when you apply for a check online with your local police department. The check should be completed without a cost to you when you have the letter. Vulnerable Sector Checks are kept on file for 3 years and then you will need to provide an updated check. All new families can expect a letter from the TCS Office within the week to assist in obtaining a check from your police department. If you have had a

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check done in the last 3 years, please forward it to the office (send a copy with your child to school or email a copy). For other TCS parents who need to obtain a check, please let the office know and we will prepare a letter for you.

### **Safe Pick up and Drop off Routine for the TCS parking lot**

A reminder to all our TCS parents to only park at the front of the school or the side gravel lot and walk your children to the sidewalk when you drop them off or pick them up. A second option would be to park on Dunn street past the school and walk your children along the sidewalk in front of the shed and around to the gate (**but not crossing the bus lanes**). What is very dangerous is parking where TCS staff park and students crossing over in between/over the line the buses drive in. We have had too many close calls over the years and we want to avoid an accident between a bus and a student. The bus drivers and TCS staff greatly appreciate your attention to this. Thank you TCS parents!



### **Soccer Tryouts THIS week!**



Students in Grade 6-8 are invited to join coaches on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-5:00pm for tryouts for soccer. If you are interested in trying out for the team, you *must* be available for practices on Tuesday and Thursday throughout September and for the tournament (date to be announced this week). Parents, please make arrangements with your child *before school* regarding tryouts and be sure to email the office to let us know of any after school change in routine (pick up at 5pm, not on the bus). Thank you!

### **☀️ Terry Fox Run - Friday, September 22 - PITCH opportunity**

We will be running our annual Terry Fox fundraiser for Cancer Research next week on Friday, September 22, 2023! We are excited to raise money for this event as we remember Terry's dream of each Canadian donating \$1 towards this cause. Students are asked to bring in a loonie or toonie on run day. Last year we raised a grand total of \$1798.46 - let's see if we can surpass this amount this year! We will be needing some parent volunteers that day. *Parents with an up to date Criminal Record Check (Vulnerable Sector Screening within the last 3 years) on file in the office before the run date will be able to volunteer.* If you are interested in helping out, please contact Miss. Duff (kduff@timothychristianschool.ca) or Mrs. Hartholt (shartholt@timothychristianschool.ca) by Monday. Let's "Try like Terry" and run together for this worthy cause! *Please note that TCS is not able to provide tax receipts for donations towards the Terry Fox run that are sent to the school.*



### **☀️ Assembling tables - PITCH opportunity**

TCS parents, we are in need of someone to assemble 8 small (4 ft x 2 ft) tables for the primary teachers this week. If you have 1-2 hours to spare (during the hours of 8am to 6pm), please let the office know at [tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca). Thank you!

### **TCS School Directory: Family & Employee contact info**

Log into your Sycamore School account. You will find the family and employee directories under "Front Office" in the menu. You can print this by clicking the blue "PRINT" in the top right of the page.

### **Bradford Greenhouses Fundraising Program**

We have a fundraiser program with Bradford Greenhouses (Bradford and Barrie locations). If you choose, a portion of your purchase can be donated towards TCS. Please remember to let



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the cashier know that you would like to support TCS. We use these funds to purchase items for our Christmas Bazaar. Happy shopping!

**re-Source Thrift Shop South - 28 Commerce Park Drive, Unit B**

One of TCS' financial supporters is the re-Source Thrift Shop South and we very much appreciate the shop's dedication and support! TCS parents, this is a great place to volunteer a few hours a month / week to get to know the TCS community (please note that although the hours spent at the thrift shop do benefit TCS in a roundabout way, the hours do not qualify as a PITCH opportunity. But, please don't be put off by that, the team is fun to work with and you will be raising funds to support many great community organizations, including TCS!) If you can donate a few hours a month, the shop would love to have you join the team. Specifically they are looking for Tuesday mornings and weekday afternoons. If you can help, or have questions, please email [resource.barrie@outlook.com](mailto:resource.barrie@outlook.com) or drop in and speak with the shop manager Brenda.



Also, please consider donating your used items (please no furniture as space is limited) as that is what keeps the store generating funds! Take some time to drop by the shop and look around, there is always a treasure waiting to be found!

**TCS Dress Code**

Parents please be aware of the TCS Dress Code as found in the TCS Parent Handbook. The link for the *Parent Handbook* is posted on the Sycamore homepage under "Headline News" or [you can access it here](#)). ***Please be sure all logos on clothing, school supplies and other items brought to TCS uphold the values of the school.*** Thank you parents in advance for your support with this. Please remember:

**Dress Code**

- No clothing that inappropriately reveals the body (short skirts, halter tops, muscle shirts).
- No bare midriffs.
- No torn jeans/short shorts.
- No exposed underwear (ensure wide shoulder straps). Clothing must cover all undergarments completely.
- No negative or inappropriate slogans/advertising on clothing articles.
- No hats/caps are to be worn in class.
- Shorts need to be appropriate in length – half the length to the knees when standing.
- Indoor shoes are to be worn at all times while inside the school.

Students dressed inappropriately will be required to change or will be handed a Timothy shirt until a change of clothes can be delivered from home.

All students are required to have a pair of indoor shoes for classroom and gym use. In addition, students in Grade 5 – 8 need gym shorts and a change of shirt for their gym classes.

**Dress Code for Physical Education/Team Sports**

- Mandatory changing into gym attire for PE class for gr. 5-8
- Students must wear appropriate length athletic shorts/track pants and T-shirts
- No spandex
- Appropriate athletic footwear
- For team sports, members must wear provided TCS attire and follow the above requirements as well.

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Show your TCS school spirit and wear black, gold, grey or your TCS gear on Fridays!  
\*Stay tuned for information on purchasing this year's TCS gear!

### Absences / Lates / Change in after school routine

For any days your child will be late to school or absent from school, or if there will be a change to his/her after school routine, please communicate with the office and the teacher. Please remember to let us know by:

- 9am for absences / lates ... All late students must report to the office for a late slip. Remember the bell rings at 8:45am.
- 2pm for changes to the after school routine

We understand emergencies happen, but late changes to the after school routine can affect the rest of the school at a very busy time of day. Thank you in advance for your understanding in this process! The teacher emails are available in the school directory in Sycamore. The TCS office can be reached:

- By email: [tcsgeen@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:tcsgeen@timothychristianschool.ca)
- By telephone: 705-726-6621 x221

### 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](https://facebook.com/tcsbarrie)
- Website: <https://timothychristianschool.ca/>
- Instagram: [@tcs\\_barrie](https://www.instagram.com/tcs_barrie)
- Youtube: [TCS Barrie](https://www.youtube.com/TCSBarrie)

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