



## From the Principal ...

### Welcome Back to School!!

Yesterday was a very exciting first day of school! It was wonderful to see many of our parents and all our students return to TCS! Thank you to so many of our new parents who joined us for the first chapel at 9:30 in the gym. We welcomed 64 new students and 32 new families to TCS at this chapel. We also welcomed our new staff, as well as existing staff members who moved into other positions. We started this new school year with 290 students and 155 families at TCS and are very thankful for the continued growth over these past few years!

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### Welcome to a few more new families....

- José & Melina Fernandez with Raul (7), Ariela (4) and Maliyah (3)
- James & Ariel Dillon with Nolan (2)

### ~ Key dates in September ~

8 Wear TCS Colours: Gold, Black, grey or white  
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

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**TCS Now Hiring for a 60% position starting on October 1st!**

Due to the significant growth in student numbers, TCS is presently hiring a 60% position (Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays) starting on Monday, October 2nd. We have this position covered in-house for the four weeks in September but we are now accepting resumes. This position covers teacher preparation time at TCS and will be for a one year contract (with potential to be renewed). If you know any certified, Christian teachers who might be interested in this position, resumes (including two teaching references and one spiritual reference) will be accepted until September 22nd with interviews during the week of September 25th.

**Buddy System for new students in grades 1 - 8!**

Yesterday Mr. Berg met with our 64 new students and 120 of their buddies to talk over the TCS buddy program. All new students in grades 1 - 8 are matched up with two buddies for the month of September to help them settle in and connect with the TCS student community.

How do the buddies help the new students?

- They introduce them to classmates
- They ensure they are not alone on the playground at recess
- They help them get into the games on the playground
- They help with with school routines at TCS
- They get to know them and be their built-in friend until they meet new friends

Overall, they are a bridge between the school community and our new students for the month of September! We always assign two buddies, so if one forgets, the other will remember! We only do this in grades 1 - 8 because there are so many new students in JK and SK that those teachers do a great job in that area.

*All new TCS families...* make sure to ask your son or daughter who their buddies are for September and ask how it is going! In the newsletter next week the administration will be asking the new parents for an email update on how your child's first week at TCS went.

**TCS Welcome Back School BBQ NEXT Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00...Rain or Shine!**

Our school BBQ will take place (rain or shine) **next Thursday**. We start with opening prayer at 5:30pm in the gym, then move outside for the BBQ from 5:30 - 6:30. At 6:30 students and parents will go to their classrooms to meet each of your child's classroom teachers for a quick connection.

This is not an interview but more of a 'greet and meet' so our parents can meet each of their child's teachers face to face. Parents will have 30 minutes to move through the classrooms to meet teachers, then the evening will be over at 7:00pm. If it is raining that evening, the BBQ will take place in the school gym.

**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 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.

**🌟 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 come out Mondays (and a few Wednesdays) from 11:15am-1:15pm, to help with this hot lunch. 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.

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**Congratulations to the 2022-2023 Fruit of the Spirit Award Recipients**

At our last Chapel for last year, we presented the Fruit of the Spirit Awards to: Catharine Mensinga and Ethan DoRego. Thanks for setting a great example for us to follow in living out the Fruits of the Spirit!

**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!

See the map below:

**🌟 Terry Fox Run - Friday, September 22 (PITCH opportunity)**

We will be running our annual Terry Fox fundraiser in a few weeks! We're excited to gather to raise money for this important cause. Students are invited to wear their favourite red and white Canadian clothing that day. We will be needing some parent volunteers to help, so if you're interested in volunteering, please contact Kelly Ann Duff ([kduff@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:kduff@timothychristianschool.ca)). Volunteers will need to have an up-to-date Vulnerable Sector Criminal Reference Check (within 3 years) in the office before that date.

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**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](#)). 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.

**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: [tcsген@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:tcsген@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!



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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.

**Classroom & Office Communication**

Parents, you should be receiving an email from your child(ren)'s teacher this week. Please be sure to look for it so we can confirm parent emails early and we can ensure clear communication for the year. If you don't see the email in your inbox, please check your junk folder. Remember to update Sycamore with any changes to your contact information (phone, cell, email, etc.). All school communication is done via email so we want to be sure we have the correct information for you. Please be sure to check your emails each Monday for the Weekly Newsletter so you are up to date on TCS information.

**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.

**TCS School Directory and Important Info**

You have access to important TCS information (TCS Constitution, Handbooks, recording PITCH hours, etc.) through the Sycamore database. Documents and directions on accessing information in Sycamore can be found on the Sycamore Homepage under the heading "NEWS" (top menu bar).

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



**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!**

**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**

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