



# TIMOTHY

## CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal ...

### **New Parent Orientation on Thursday, September 22 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

A reminder that there is an expectation for one (both is great!) member of each new family to attend the New Parent Orientation. 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 at TCS this Thursday. We will start right at 7:00 and plan to finish at 8:00 pm.



### **Terry Fox - THIS FRIDAY, September 23, 2022: Loonies and Toonies for Terry!**

We will be running our annual Terry Fox fundraiser for Cancer Research this Friday! Terry's dream was that each Canadian would donate \$1 for the cause, so each student is asked to bring in a loonie or a toonie to help us meet our school goal of \$1000. The class that raises the largest amount of donations will get their choice of some sports equipment for their class to use at recess. The Grade 1 class will host the Chapel at 9:00 am for this special day. Be sure to dress in Canadian colours and be ready to run on September 23rd and be ready to run like Terry! Please note that TCS is not able to provide tax receipts for donations towards the Terry Fox run that are sent to the school.

*\*\*If you are available to volunteer the morning of September 23rd, please let Mrs. Mensinga know as soon as possible. We are still looking for some volunteers to stamp the students' hands as they complete laps.*

### **Report on our new students! How are our new students settling in at TCS?**

New TCS parents we want to hear from you THIS week. Please send a 3 - 4 line email telling us how your children are doing in the first few weeks at TCS.

- Are they meeting friends?
- Are they enjoying school?
- How is the buddy system going (for students in grades 1 - 8)?

Please connect with your child and **send the homeroom teacher and principal (copy to both) an email** giving us the above feedback. Anytime this week, between Monday and Friday, we will be expecting an email from all our new parents reporting on each of our new students.

### **Health Update**

Please be aware that we have had one case of lice in the school and several cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease. More information can be found at [this link](#) from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. Please be aware of the above and check your children with this in mind.

### **Cross Country Running Tryouts**

The tryouts will be held over lunch recess on the soccer field.

Grades 7-8	Today
Grades 3-6	Wednesday, September 21
Grades 1-3	Friday, September 23

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**Pizza Orders and Payment are DUE THIS WEDNESDAY**

Pizza Days are organized by the Grade 8 Class as a fundraiser for their year-end graduation trip to Ottawa.

Friday, September 30th is our first pizza day this year!

Please click on [THIS LINK](#) to take you to the Google Form to order pizza for September to December.

**Orders and payment are DUE by THIS Wednesday.**

To be certain your child(ren)'s pizza order is complete be sure you:

1. Complete the google order form (link above)
2. SEND IN PAYMENT (you may send in one payment for your family... not combined with any other payment)
3. Payment must be in a LABELLED in a Ziplock / envelope with last name
4. All the above must be completed and received in the office by **Wednesday, September 21st** to ensure the order is placed for your child(ren).

**Music Department Updates**

- **Grade 6,7 and 8 Paperwork and Payment needed:** All grades 6-8's need to return the completed *back page of the Band Handbook with payment*. If you are using a school instrument, please be sure to also return the *Band Materials Agreement* so that your child(ren) can bring home his/her instrument to practice.
- If you are considering purchasing an instrument, please contact Mrs. Fraser to obtain information regarding the best brands to purchase and which brands to avoid.
- **Ukuleles & Recorders Wanted:** TCS is looking to build classroom sets of Ukuleles and Recorders. If you have one / both instruments sitting at home unused from previous years, please consider donating to the TCS Office. Thank you!

**Cleaning Volunteers Needed at TCS:**

Are you looking to get a head start on your PITCh hours? Our lunchtime cleaning crew is looking for a reliable parent for **Fridays** to wipe the door handles and frequently used surfaces **at 12:30 pm for about 20-30 minutes**. Please contact the office if you can help consistently.

**PITCH hours**

Recording and tracking of PITCh hours is done via Sycamore and they are called "Service Hours". Here are the instructions for submitting your PITCh hours:

- Log onto Sycamore with your family specific login.
- On the left side of the School Homepage: Click "My School"
- Click "My Service Logs"
- Click the blue button "New Log" in the top right corner.
- Complete the form choosing the appropriate heading
- Click "Submit".

The PITCh committee will review your submission and if they have any questions, they will contact you.

These instructions have also been posted on the Sycamore Homepage.

Your PITCh time is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

**TCS School Directory and Important Info**

Remember you have access to our TCS family and staff directories and other important information (TCS Constitution, Handbooks, recording PITCh hours, etc.) through our Sycamore database. Documents and directions on accessing information in Sycamore can be found on the Sycamore Homepage under the heading "NEWS" (top menu bar).

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### See what's happening at TCS by following us on Social Media:

- **Facebook:** facebook.com/tcsbarrie
- **Website:** <https://timothychristianschool.ca/>
- **Instagram:** @tcs\_barrie
- **Youtube:** TCS Barrie

### re-Source Thrift Shop South Needs Help

The Thrift Shop is very short of cashiers as they are becoming busier and busier! Specifically, they need help with front cash on the third and fourth Saturdays of the month. They could use some extra hands behind the front counter during the week! If you can donate a few hours a month, we would love to have you join our team. Please email [resource.barrie@outlook.com](mailto:resource.barrie@outlook.com). Or if you have any questions, please call Kathrin Veenstra 705-627-9053.



### Open House Night at re-Source Thrift Shop Barrie South

Over the last 6 years the re-Source Thrift Shop Barrie South at 28 Commerce Park Drive, has worked tirelessly to give back to local Christian education and local charities. To date we have given back over \$500K to our community!! We are so thankful to have been blessed to give! Please join us for an Open House Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Our staff and board members will be on hand to answer any questions and show off the shop that has evolved into a wonderful community and an amazing place to be! No RSVP required. We look forward to seeing you there!



### Celebrating Birthdays at School

As a staff we ask that *all birthday treats be kept at home*. The reasons include too much sugar at school and starting unrealistic expectations. 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 not only avoids all that sugar coming to school (which is very challenging before a math class), it also avoids any expectations that everyone must do it and have enough for everyone. As staff, we appreciate you keeping treats at home.

*Please be careful how you invite students to a birthday party.* Birthdays can be a very tender area. Please be as inclusive as possible and very careful in this area. In terms of invitations, the school's preference is that invitations are emailed to families and not handed out at school. 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 building relationships. We thank you in advance for your care in attempting to not hurt anyone's feelings.

### Keeping Safe with the School Buses at TCS (Thank you TCS Parents!)

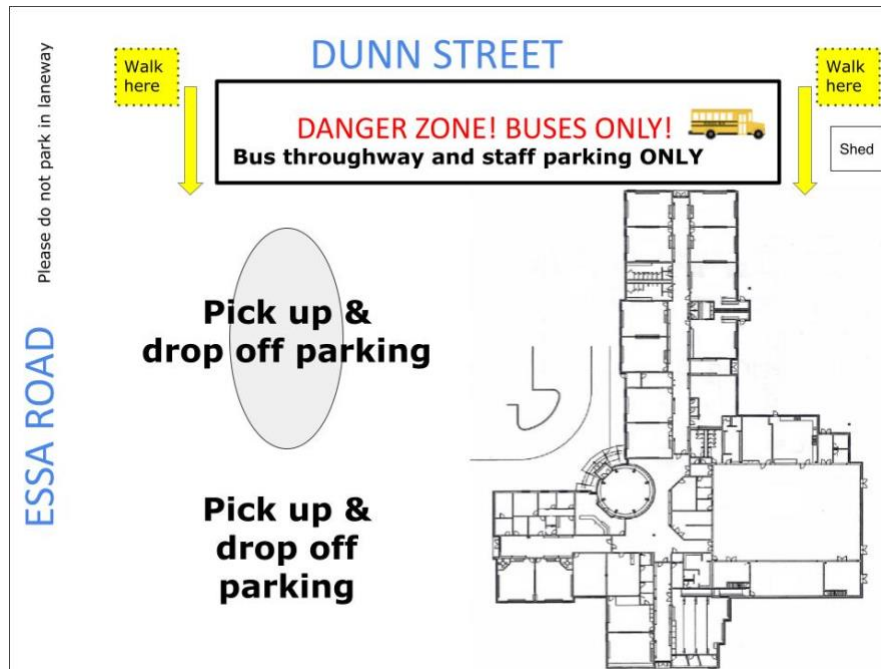
A reminder to all our TCS parents (*especially our new parents* who are still learning the routine) to only park at the front of the school or the gravel part and walk your children to the sidewalk when you drop them off or pick them up. A second option would be to park on Dunn street past the school and walk your children along the sidewalk in front of the shed and around to the gate (but not crossing the buses). 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

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and we want to avoid an accident between a bus and a student. We noticed an immediate change and we greatly appreciate it (as do our bus drivers!). Thank you TCS parents!

See the map below:



**Bradford Greenhouses Fundraising Program**

Please remember to mention TCS when you shop at Bradford Greenhouse (either location) as this is a huge fundraiser for us. We purchase many items for the Christmas Bazaar with these funds.

**JK/SK Pete the Cat artwork**

