



TIMOTHY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal...

Thank you to the TCS Bazaar Leadership Crew!!!

A huge thank you to Casey Heppleston and the wonderful leadership team members who led our TCS Bazaar this past Saturday! It was another great fundraiser for TCS and, as always, our biggest community event of the year. To all the community members who were involved in the action: the set up and clean up crew, all the areas of the day (kitchen crew, games hallway, craft/decoration team, those who did all the visits and cold calls for auction items)... to each and every one of you who were part of making the Bazaar such a special event on Saturday... THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND COMMITMENT TO TCS!!!!

TCS Membership Meeting – Thursday, November 21st!

The Fall TCS Society Meeting is this coming Thursday at 7pm. Please join us for:

- Worldview/Apologetics speaker, Wesley Huff, who will be speaking on the topic, “Why is teaching worldview/apologetics so important at the elementary level?”
- Updates on our TCS Strategic Plan
- Admin report on the exciting things happening on the school front (included in this report will be a summary of ‘Who is Generation Z?’... our present students in JK-8. This is a summary of the recent chapter that the TCS Staff studied from the book, “So the Next Generation Will Know”
- Update from our grade 6 & 7 teachers reflecting on their trip to India... how it changed them and how they will pass this on to their grade 6 & 7 students this year.
- Update from the Finance Committee reporting on year end

And much, much more! Come join us from 7-9pm on Thursday, November 21st! The fall report has been emailed to all TCS Society Members. Reminder that you need to be a member to vote and receive the membership reports.

Bullying Awareness Chapel - this Friday at 9:00am

Chapel this Friday - Join us this Friday, November 22 at 9:00am for our Bullying Awareness chapel. Grade 3 will host this chapel with Steve Bradley speaking about the recent book (children’s book about Bullying Awareness) he wrote called “Chase & Bolts”. Each classroom will receive this book this week and it will be read in each classroom by each teacher to help build some common language around the topic. Steve will highlight some key points from his book and grade three will also expand on the wristband theme at that chapel.

At the November 29 chapel, we will have students share some stories and wrap-up the Bullying Awareness month.

We have a dream for TCS... that the culture of caring is so deep and takes such a strong hold in our students... that no one allows others to be treated in an unfair or hurtful way. There are no bystanders! We all own the tone! Remind your children to wear their “What Does Love Look Like?” wristbands for two more weeks to help remind us the action part of supporting one another!

NOVEMBER

- 19 Volleyball Tournament (at King Christian)
- 21 Bubble Gum Day
High School Information Evening (6-7pm)
TCS Fall Society Meeting (7pm)
- 22 9am–Bullying Awareness Full Chapel (Gr. 3)
Pizza Day
- 27 Meat Orders Due
- 29 9-9:45am–Bullying Awareness Full Chapel
Pizza Day

DECEMBER

- 5 Meat Delivery
- 6 9-9:45am–Full Chapel (SK)
Pizza Day

High School Transition Information Evening – this Thursday, November 21st (6-7pm)

Open to all students or parents in grades 4-8 (or any interested TCS parents). Is high school on the horizon for one of your children? Wondering what the next steps might be?

New this year will be a High School information evening **open to all TCS parents and students**. This will be in our music room on November 21st from 6-7pm which is just before the TCS membership meeting. This is a general 'learn about the transition to high school' evening that will be hosted by Unity Christian School staff, but will help all parents and students better understand the transition to grade nine regardless of which high school they will be attending next year.

Christmas Garden Arrangements

If you missed the Bazaar or still wish to purchase a beautiful arrangement for your home, we still have a limited number of Christmas Garden arrangements available! We also have a few Poinsettias left. All the remaining arrangements are displayed in the rotunda, available for purchase for the rest of the week. All of the proceeds from these evergreen centrepieces go directly to TCS. Stop by this week and find that perfect piece while they are still available!



From the Grade 5 Classroom:

The grade 5 class is doing a Christmas art activity that involves **empty toilet paper rolls** or **empty paper towel rolls**. Please send whatever you can to the office and Miss Van Loenen will pass them on to the grade 5 classroom. Thank you!

Bubble Gum Day – Thursday, November 21st

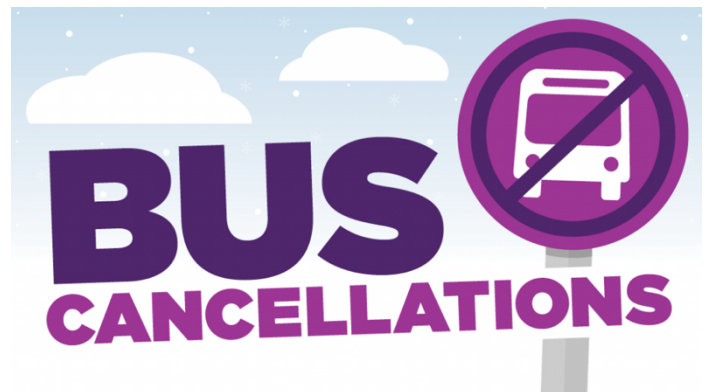
The grade 5 class finished off their government unit with an election, which took place last Thursday. There were 3 parties - Reverse Day Party, Double Bubble and Bedtime Party. The students presented their speeches to the classrooms and every student could vote for the event that they would like to see happen to bring harmony to TCS. It was a very close race between Bedtime and Double Bubble. Double Bubble won and now the students will have a Bubble Gum chewing day on Thursday, November 21st. **All students need to bring their own gum for the day (or a treat that they can enjoy if they are not allowed to chew gum).** Thank you!

**Bus Cancellation Days at TCS**

Now that we have started the winter season, here are a few reminders regarding TCS bus cancellation days:

1. TCS works very hard to keep the school open on bus cancellation days. As a general guideline, like the local public and Catholic schools in Barrie, TCS will remain open on bus cancellation days to the best of our ability, which works out most of the time.
2. When TCS began the process a few years back of keeping the school open on days when the buses were cancelled, the intent of the Board was to support the families who are both working and who had no options for daycare on these days (plus the additional cost of paying for daycare over and above TCS tuition)
3. Please note, due to the very low number of students who attend TCS on bus cancellation days, there is no new information being taught on those days. Students are grouped together and we do try to keep the focus educational. However, with only 40-50 students at the school on those days, no new lessons can be taught.
4. In the rare case of extreme poor weather (usually very limited visibility or ice), the school reserves the right to make the call to close the school for the safety of both staff and parents driving (this will be rare but the potential is there).
5. The school communicates to our parent community that the buses are cancelled or school is closed via email between 6:00 and 6:30 in the morning. Please ensure that the front office has your *current email* for this purpose. Most bus cancellation days are in January and February due to winter weather.
6. Our buses are almost always cancelled when the Simcoe County buses are cancelled. If you are ever wondering, check the Simcoe County District School Board website under buses - if they are cancelled, within 5-10 minutes we get the call from our bus company and then we send out the email to our TCS parents. You can also check this website for bus cancellations: <https://simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/>

*Note: On bus cancellation days, the school hours are between **8:30 and 3:30** for parents dropping off and picking up students.*



*It's beginning to look a
lot like Christmas!*



From the Community...

RVH Community Lecture Series -

"Concussions: An Evening with Experts"

Below we are including a link with information about the RVH Community Lecture Series "Concussions: An Evening with Experts" for Tuesday, November 26 from 6:00-7:30pm. With so many people experiencing concussions and the new protocol involved, some TCS staff will also be attending this free event.

Note: you do have to register even though it is a free event at Georgian Theatre.

<https://barriefht.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/11-Nov-26-Concussions.pdf>

Thank You!

Our staff & students are so grateful to Renee Power for faithfully decorating our Christmas tree so beautifully each year. It is such a joy to see our students marvel at the tree when they see it for the first time. It really helps get us in the Christmas spirit! Thank you for sharing your gift with us each year.

Update from the re-Source Thrift Shop Barrie – South

We had a very successful Bazaar day and Saturday at the shop. Thanks to all who supported both these initiatives and for all the volunteers that kept us open last week.

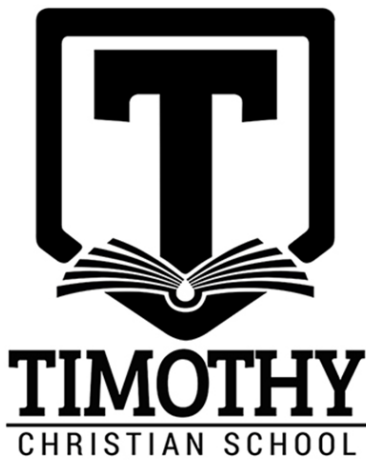
We are in need of help in the coming weeks:

- Nov 23rd - 9:30 - 1:30 - 1 person needed
- Nov 29th - 1:00 - 4:00 - 1 person Needed
- Nov 30th - 1:00 - 5:00 - 2 people Needed
- Dec 7th - 1:00 - 5pm - 1 person needed
- Dec 14th - 9:30 - 1:30 - 2 people needed
- Dec 14th - 1:00 - 5:00 - 1 person needed
- Dec 21st - 9:30 - 1:30 - 2 people needed
- Dec 21st - 1:00 - 5:00 - 2 People Needed

If you are able to help out, please email dmriewe@gmail.com

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer is a powerful part of our community at TCS. For this reason, the staff pray for a group of families each week. The TCS staff prayed for the Hayes, Hazlett, and Hedderson families during devotions this week. May you feel God's ever ready presence in your decisions and experiences.



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