



# TIMOTHY

## CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



### From the Principal...

#### Update on School Building Closure Timeline—May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Earliest

As most of you have already heard, the provincial government announced that our local public schools will be closed until May 4<sup>th</sup> at this point. We will also support that announcement and the TCS school building will stay closed until that same date. We will be continuing school in the present form and work with the wonderful parents we have through this time. We know that Christian Education looks a bit different now, but our prayer is that **we walk through this together as a community** and land, as healthy as ever, on the other side of this! Crisis always strengthens community and we have already felt this God-given strength over the past few weeks as we have continued to talk with each other and walk this journey together. **If ever there was a time to hold tight as a strong community... now is the time!** Our intent is to continue the good work of the TCS Teacher-Led Online Learning Pathway that parents have greatly appreciated thus far.

#### TCS Parent Survey Going Out Today

As mentioned last week, we have been working on a short TCS Parent Feedback Survey over the past few days. This short survey is to get some additional immediate parent feedback on the work that the staff is doing thus far on the Teacher-Led Online Learning Pathway that was launched on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. As you have heard, the public school teachers are also starting an online learning program this week with all the students working from home in the public school system.

Thank you for the two significant waves of TCS parent feedback that we have already had in this short journey thus far:

1. Between 50 and 60 of our TCS parents emailed the principal directly during our first week of this new Teacher-Led Online Learning Pathway and gave him feedback. That feedback was greatly appreciated and each and every one of those comments were organized into categories and sent to our teachers to process. It was from that feedback from parents that week two went so much smoother. We appreciated that immediate feedback parents sent us.
2. This past Friday we had over 200 of our parents drive by in their vehicles between 3:00-6:30 and pick up textbooks for grades 3-8 students. I had the chance to talk with most of you (from a 15 foot healthy distance or through a car window) and I also received a lot of feedback from each of you at that time as you drove by. I noted many themes of all of us missing the normal school interaction (we miss you too, students and parents!), the great support for staff in this journey and the work they are doing, and suggestions in the process. Again, all this good feedback will be categorized along with the survey going out today to help us sharpen this process even more in the next few weeks. Please note that the feedback on the survey will not have any family names attached. The principal will categorize the feedback and get a summary of it back to the staff so we can learn from it.

Parents, please watch your emails for a link to this survey later today. Thank you!



**Primary Drop off of Materials**

As mentioned above, last Friday we had a grade 3-8 parent drive-by at the school between 3:00 and 6:30 that worked out really well and got a lot of needed items into the hands of our 3-8 students. We even had the chance to take many individual family orders and gather shoes, glasses, epi-pens, and water bottles that were requested. Many parents let us know how much this was appreciated and as a staff we were happy to help in this process.

Our primary division (JK - grade 2) are in the process of talking about having a Primary delivery process similar to the grades 3-8, but in a drop-off at your home. Since we will most likely be doing this delivery style rather than pick up, if you can help with drop-offs, please email [tcsgeen@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:tcsgeen@timothychristianschool.ca) and Leanna will make a list of volunteers who can possibly drive and drop off items at primary households. We are aiming for this to happen this Thursday and Friday but will email you details on this next step.

**PRAYER CORNER**

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

**Good Friday and Easter Monday (No School)**

A reminder that in the midst of all that is happening, this weekend we remember the incredible gift the Father gave us through Jesus sacrificing his life on the cross for us and coming back to life in victory on the third day. Take the time with your family to celebrate this and deeply reflect on it this weekend. Now, more than ever, we need to hold tight to this truth! There will be no school on Good Friday and Easter Monday as normal.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

*We are missing so much about not being able to be together at school. One of the things we are missing is Monday morning announcements & prayer with Mr. Berg, and of course... BIRTHDAYS!!!*

*Here are the birthdays for this week!*

- April 5 – Mrs. Wright
- April 6 – Grace (SK), Chase (2), Cole (3/4)
- April 7 – Peyton (JK-A)
- April 8 – Lilly (7)
- April 9 – Emma (JK-B)
- April 10 – Mason (1), Rachel (5), Eliot (6), Adam (7), Miss Duff
- April 11 – Seth (SK), Gavin (3), Joshua (7)
- April 12 – Elin (1), Catharine (3)



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EACH OF YOU FROM ALL OF US AT TCS!**

**Pizza Orders Cancelled for April to June**

Due to these unforeseen circumstances, the pizza orders for the remainder of the year will be cancelled. No cheques or payment received before March Break have been deposited (as the due date wasn't until March 25). We will get these payments back to you as soon as we are able. We apologize for the inconvenience. Hopefully you can enjoy a pizza lunch every now and then at home for now!! ☺

**From the Community...****Rental Camp this Summer at TCS**

Throughout the months of March and April, you will see a banner on our fence by Essa Road advertising summer camps at TCS. A company called Brick Works Academy will be renting one of the classroom wings at TCS over the summer and running Robotics, Lego, YouTube video producer, and 3D Printing & Design programs from the end of June to the end of August at the school. Brick Works Academy runs summer camps all over Ontario and are coming to Barrie (at TCS) this summer. As part of the rental agreement, we have allowed some minimum advertising like a banner on the fence and a line or two in the newsletter informing parents that flyers are in the office. Rental opportunities at TCS like the summer camps, sports teams, and the church on Sunday all help *significantly* to keep tuition reasonable as it allows us to take in alternative sources of revenue that help keep tuition from having to cover all operating expenses. For more information, visit <https://brickworksacademy.com/barrie-summer-camps>