



# TIMOTHY

## CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal ...

### Update on COVID at TCS

Thank you TCS parents for your patience with this newsletter as we have been spending a lot of time with public health processing the positive COVID cases at TCS. Here is an update:

- Presently we have grades SK, 2, 4 and 6 at home and online (in isolation) as well as their unvaccinated siblings. The school remains open for in-person classes for all other students.
- Students return to TCS for in-person learning again as usual:
  - SK returns to TCS this Friday, December 10
  - Grade two returns on Tuesday, December 14
  - Grade four returns on Monday, December 13
  - Grade six returns on Friday, December 10
- We have been informed of seven positive COVID cases at TCS from public health at this time (several in the same classes who are now online). These are not necessarily cases that were passed on at TCS but are students in our school who tested positive.
- Simcoe health has informed us they are now considering us an 'outbreak' due to two in the same cohort who may have contracted it from each other
- Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has been very good to work with through this time and have confirmed that we are doing everything we should be doing
- The TCS homeroom teachers are running classes for the in-person students and are also sending work home for Math, Language Arts, Bible and Science/or Socials for the students who are doing at home learning (either in isolation or who are not well or who are being cautious and choosing to stay home)
- Staff will run this hybrid (in-class and at home) system up to the end of next week to support learning
- We strongly encourage families who are at home to work through the assignments that are being sent home to keep the learning happening on the home front and to use the support systems offered
- The Resource Support has been assigned as follows:
  - JK to 2: Mrs. MacAdam ([lmacadam@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:lmacadam@timothychristianschool.ca))
  - Grades 3 – 5: Ms. Watson ([jwatson@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:jwatson@timothychristianschool.ca))
  - Grades 6 - 8: Mrs. Covert ([tcovert@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:tcovert@timothychristianschool.ca))
  - Please connect with these teachers if you need one on one support for assignments at home as they are running Google meets all day to support students in these grades who are at home
- All extra-curricular activities have been suspended due to the COVID outbreak at TCS. Unfortunately, this includes the skating that was planned for next Friday.

Thank you TCS families for your support as we do our best to keep learning at a very high level for the next few weeks.

**Package Pick Up for Students Learning at Home**

We have many packages waiting for students who are learning at home. If you have not picked up the package for your children yet, please come to the office or contact the Resource staff member in charge of your class as they are happy to help.

**Christmas Program Video Premiering Friday, December 10**

We are in the process of editing the final version of the Christmas video and plan to premiere it this Friday evening. Please look for an email from the TCS office on Friday with the link.

**TCS Directive: Online COVID screening tool will start next Wednesday, December 15 at TCS**

The province is now **mandating that parents MUST report the results of each student's daily COVID screen to their child's school each day** starting on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, for the weeks following Christmas holidays.



TCS will start this mandatory reporting of screening results to the school next week so we will be prepared after the break. We have put the provincial screening tool in our Sycamore School database so that we can easily track and record each students screening results. *Parents, please complete the screening tool for each student each day* before leaving for school to ensure only students that pass the screen are attending school.

The tool can be found on our Sycamore School homepage. Here are the instructions to access it:

- Log into Sycamore School (the same as booking your parent-teacher conferences last month) with your family specific login (please contact the office asap for assistance with this if needed)
- On the right-hand side of the homepage, you will see "Complete the COVID-19 screening tool"
- Click on "Complete the COVID-19 screening tool"
- You will see a screen with your child's (children's) name(s)
- Please click on a name and complete the tool for that student for that day, hit submit when completed
- Proceed to complete the screening tool for each of your children, hitting "submit" at the end of each

When you hit "submit" you are sharing the results with the TCS office which will enable us to confirm your child's suitability to attend school that day and be able to quickly do classroom counts and tracking.

**Dress up Fridays****Friday Dress-up Days for December**

Dec. 10 -Christmas hat and scarf day  
Dec. 17 -Christmas sweater/shirt day

**DECEMBER**

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| 10 | Christmas Program Premiere<br><b>NOT Pizza Day... changed to Feb 4</b><br>Dress up: Christmas hat & scarf day |
| 17 | Dress up: Christmas sweater / shirt day<br>2pm early dismissal  |

## Pizza Day... Notice the change of date



Please note pizza day will **NOT** be this Friday, December 10th but will be bumped to February 4th

### Friday, December 17: early dismissal



Please note that on December 17, the last day before the break, we will have our usual early dismissal at 2:00pm (buses leave TCS at 2:00pm).



### Year-end donation opportunity

As we draw closer to the end of 2021, some of you may be interested in making a year-end gift to Timothy Christian School. One way you can do this is through appreciated securities through the Christian School Foundation. If you have unregistered publicly traded securities that have gained in value over the time you have owned them, using these gifts to our school can be a great idea! HOW does this work? If you bought shares for \$1,000 and they are now valued at \$5,000 – they are subject to Capital Gains tax if you convert them to cash first. Instead, if you transfer them directly to a charity, you will give a gift that cost you \$1,000, but you will get a donation receipt for a \$5,000 gift (for many, reducing their taxes by approx. \$2,000)! Since the charity doesn't pay capital gains taxes when they convert them to cash, it gets the full \$5,000 in funds to support its important work! Talk to your financial advisor or contact Henry Koornneef at the Christian School Foundation ([hkoornneef@christianschoolfoundation.ca](mailto:hkoornneef@christianschoolfoundation.ca)) to learn more.



# Congratulations!

Thank you to our 2021 Bazaar Team & all of our supporters!  
The bazaar raised:

## Over \$20,000.00!!

**Yearbook cover contest**

Students can submit title pages by January 28th to Ms. Gronfors. The yearbook will be horizontal. ***Please see the poster below*** to learn what must be on the yearbook cover.

**Calling for Christmas decorations**

This year when you are cleaning up after Christmas, if you have ornaments or Christmas picks (e.g. sticks with red berries) that are in very good condition that you no longer wish to keep, please send them in to school in January for Christmas Garden to store away to use next year! Thank you!

**Still taking Resumes for a new Marketing Director - please pass this on to anyone interested!**

Do you know of anyone who has a deep passion for Christian Education? Anyone who has skills in marketing, is savvy on social media and would thrive unpacking the vision at TCS? This position will focus on content creation in posting the wonderful things that happen at TCS, working with the Marketing Committee and connecting with key donors. This is a 50% position. Please pass this onto anyone you know who has the passion and skills for this position. Please connect with Mr. Berg to discuss the position further. Resumes can be sent to Mr. Berg's attention at [tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca).

**Weather & bus cancellations**

• ***Buses are cancelled:*** When inclement weather hits our area, our bus company (Landmark) will cancel the buses for the day. The TCS office will then send out an email by 6:45am to all our parents indicating that the buses have been cancelled for the day and that the school is still open.



• ***Buses and school are cancelled:*** Although it is very rare, there are times when the weather is so challenging that, in addition to buses being cancelled, school will also be closed for the day. On those days, an email will come from the office by 6:45am informing parents that both the buses are cancelled and the school is closed for the day.

**Remember to self-isolate if you have been out of the Province for the Christmas break**

We remind each family if you are out of the province visiting family or on holidays to self-isolate when you return to Canada.



# YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

PLEASE SUBMIT TITLE PAGES BY  
FRIDAY JANUARY 28TH TO MS. GRONFORS



## TITLE PAGES MUST HAVE:

- SCHOOL NAME: TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
- SCHOOL YEAR: 2021-2022
- SCHOOL THEME: "HOPE OF THE WORLD"
- THEME VERSE REFERENCE: ROMANS 15:13
- MUST BE NEAT AND COLOURFUL!