



TIMOTHY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal ...

TCS Library Starting after the Break!

We are excited to see the daily COVID numbers continue to go down which has resulted in the province slowly lifting restrictions over the next few months. Our TCS Library is presently being put back together and we are planning to start the library up again for all grades after the March break. With the indoor gathering restrictions lessening, we are also planning (hoping) to have a more of a normal grade eight graduation in June as well (pending more restrictions being lifted). Grade eight parents will be receiving a letter soon explaining the potential of this plan. In addition, we are also talking about the potential of grade 6 - 8 band possibly starting back up sometime after the break as well.



Parents, we thank you for your patience in this journey. We are all excited about the move to more normal school routines. We understand, and we are carefully monitoring the balance, that some of our families have just recently felt comfortable enough to send their children back to school since mid-December and other TCS families are getting very tired of the restrictions. There are strong feelings on either side of these issues and we deeply care about every one of our TCS families. We are monitoring the provincial and public health memos closely and will proceed with lifting restrictions as we are allowed. The TCS Board of Directors has consistently stated that TCS will follow the lead of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit as well as provincial/Ministry of Education directives and stay consistent with local Simcoe and Christian schools relating to guidelines. May the rally cry of our school vision statement... **"Inspire children to be alive in Christ"** ... continue to unite our TCS community throughout this journey!

Registration for September 2022 now first come first register with new families

Please remember to send in your \$300 family deposit and completed PITCH form **by Monday** to ensure your child(ren)'s placement is locked down for September. For any existing TCS families who have not registered with TCS for this September please note you are on a first come first register basis now along with all new families who are registering. Please note some classes are filling up fast and the present grade five class (grade six next year) is capped with a family on the waiting list. Please pass the word to any new families that now is the time to register for the new year. We are very excited about the interest in TCS for next year and are continuing to both tour and interview new families.

Gr. 8 Grad Pictures THIS Friday

Grade 8 Grad Photos will be **THIS Friday, February 25.**

Lifetouch will bring gowns for the students to wear. Shirt and ties for the boys are not provided but not mandatory. The gowns cover everything but a small opening at the neck so girls can wear a



FEBRUARY

- 23 Pizza Day
- 25 Grade 8 GRAD photos
Pizza Day
- 28 Unity Christian High Open House

MARCH

- 11-18 March Break – NO SCHOOL
- 25 PD Day – NO SCHOOL

1 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." – Romans 15:13 NIV

collared shirt if they would like (they can also wear a normal shirt with no collar). It is suggested that whatever is showing at the neck be a solid colour (not a plaid, etc.).

Kindergarten survey for a possible Tuesday and Thursday program

We have had some interest in possibly bringing back the Tuesday and Thursday option for families with children in Kindergarten. Please [click on this link](#) to provide your input regarding this possibility. This does not guarantee we will re-introduce this option, but we will use this survey to explore interest. If there is significant interest, we will work out the additional cost to families to add this program. There would have to be enough interest to cover the cost.



Celebrating Black History month at TCS in February

Throughout the month of February TCS has been celebrating Black History month with teachers sharing and highlighting stories through devotions and Bible classes. There has been some great conversation and sharing leading to greater understanding within classes and friendships.



Pizza Days

The pizza days that were missed in January have been moved to the month of February.

If you ordered on....	You will get pizza on...
Friday, January 7th	THIS Wednesday, February 23rd
Friday, January 14th	THIS Friday, February 25th

If you are unsure if your child is receiving pizza on the dates listed above, please check in with your child's teacher before tomorrow or Friday!

PITCH OPPORTUNITY

Alternate Tuesdays Lunchtime Cleaner Needed

Someone has stepped forward to volunteer for Tuesdays' lunchtime cleaning BUT is open to doing alternate Tuesdays if someone else is interested in PITCH hours. The time required would be every other Tuesday from 12:30 – 1pm wiping down door handles and frequently touched surfaces around the school. Supplies provided. Please contact the office if you are available to help.

Donations Urgently Needed at the Thrift Shop

The Re-Source Thrift Shop that supports TCS is low on inventory and can use our help in stocking their shelves (please no furniture as they do not have storage space). Please drop off your gently used items during business hours Monday-Thursday 10am-5pm, Friday 10am-4pm and Saturday 10am-5pm. We are at 28 Commerce Park Drive! Thanks in advance for your support!



TCS Speeches

The students have been working hard writing, editing and memorizing their speeches. We are looking forward to hearing them!

- TCS Speeches are being presented in class next week.
- TCS Speechfest: Competitive speakers will be recorded in class. Top speaker videos from each class will be entered into Speechfest. Speechfest winners will be chosen from top speakers in grades 6-8.

**2021-2022 Yearbook Sponsors**

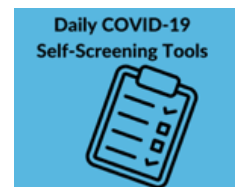
As we put together our 2021-2022 Yearbook, we are looking for page sponsors! The cost for purchasing a Yearbook will decrease based on the number of advertisements / sponsors received. The ad will run along the bottom edge of a Yearbook page stating, "This page is sponsored by the _____ family or your business name." If you'd like to be a part of this opportunity, please email agronfors@timothychristianschool.ca indicating who is sponsoring the page and make your cheque payable to Timothy Christian School indicating it is a Yearbook page sponsor. The price for a page sponsor is \$20 (per page). Deadline is Friday March 25. The more sponsorships received means a lower cost per book! Thanks for your support! We can't wait to show you our 2021-2022 Yearbook!



Unity Christian High School – OPEN HOUSE February 28th @ 7:30pm
See the poster below for details.

Daily Sycamore COVID screen

Parents, please read through the COVID screen statements *carefully* before answering the ONE question at the end.

**TCS Championship Banners have been updated**

Our gym has had a make-over and is looking classy! The championship banners have been updated with our current logo and colours. Another round of cheer for those teams that worked hard for their wins!



More grade 4 art: winter actions**Grade 6 winter art:**



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Dear Gr. 4 to 8 Parents,

Speech Development occurs at TCS every 2 years. We would like to outline expectations for Speech Writing skills that reflect the TCS Vision and Definition of Leading Edge Learning. It is exciting to focus upon curriculum each year in the various skill development areas and enhance our abilities as teachers. As a result of this process, the Gr. 4 to 8 teachers have put together some consistent expectations for the development of speech writing skills. Specific skills will be taught to each student during their development of speeches within their Language Arts learning. We are communicating these overall expectations so as to be transparent in our vision and allow for parental support during the speech writing journey. Our parent/teacher team effort builds upon the growth mindset that our students model for us each day.

Overall Expectations for Speech Development

1. 90% of a student's speech development will occur in class. Students will be taught an introductory speech skill in class, have an opportunity to practice this skill and then be given time to apply this skill to the creation of their speech. This process will be repeated for each component of writing a speech.
2. There will be clearly defined academic skills and components for each student's speech, these skills will be consistent within all speech writing classrooms and represented in an assessment rubric. Specific details will be provided by your classroom teacher as they prepare your child to be a good speech writer.
3. There will be clearly defined presentation options depending upon the focus for each student's speech.
 - a. Competitive Strand – leads to speech fest competition and thus has specific parameters that the student must meet as they prepare the deliverance of their speech
 - b. Non-Competitive Strand – allows for students not interested in competing within the speech fest process to have teacher guided choices as to how they present their speech
4. Memorization of the speech is NOT a skill we will be assessing. Note that students will need to memorize parts of their speech, but will have q cards to assist them in their deliverance. Focus will be upon their presentation skills.
5. All students will present their speech to a group.
6. Teachers will conference with each student through-out the speech writing process and will decide with the student as to the format in which they will deliver their speech to a group.

7. Teachers will have each student's completed speech on hand during their deliverance of their speech to a group, if assistance is needed, prompts and words will be provided by the teacher.

8. There are specific skills being assessed during speech season. Here are the grade specific elements;

Grade 4 students will write an introduction and conclusion for a poem or scripture they are reciting.

Grade 5 students will be writing a personal experience speech based on a topic about themselves or a personal experience. (no research will be required for this speech).

Grade 6 to 8 will be writing a speech of their choice. This is their second or third time writing a speech. For this reason we want them to apply all speech writing skills from research to presentation.

Mr. Rod Berg
Principal, Timothy Christian School

Dates of Speech Fest 2022

Topic Selection: Tuesday, February 1st

Speeches Ready for Presentation by: Monday, February 28th

Speeches presented to classrooms: February 28th to March 4th

*Due to COVID restrictions, TCS is not able to host our Junior and Senior Speechfest as in previous years. As an alternative to Speechfest, students in grades 6-8 who choose the Competitive Strand will record a recitation of their speech. Top speakers will be selected from each class to share with the TCS community in lieu of our biannual TCS Speechfest.

*The Toronto North Speech Fest has been cancelled this year.

Join Unity for our **OPEN HOUSE**

February 28 at 7:30PM

THIS IS AN IN-PERSON EVENT



Learn more about Christian education at Unity

- Learn more about the school, our programs, courses and athletics
- Learn about the application process
- Take a physical tour of the school building
- Get your questions answered

Please register for this in-person event by contacting the school at info@unitychristianhigh.ca



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