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TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

# Newsletter



## From the Office...

*May God's Grace Rest Upon You*

Chances are you will hear the words joy, peace and hope used over and over again during this time of year. These are words we have learned to associate with Christmas. In our circle of friends, it is unusual to see a card, greeting or email message that does not mention at least one of these words. As we reflect on the

*Mrs. Brenda Goodnough, Principal*

Christmas story we recognize that it is indeed one of joy, peace and hope, but it is also a story of amazing grace. One cannot fully comprehend the miracle of Christmas without being overwhelmed by the picture of a gracious Father giving up His Son for an undeserving world. May we truly reflect on this amazing gift during this Christmas season and experience the grace of Christmas in a very real way.

## A Look Ahead...

Pizza Day	22
Last Day of School— <b>2PM DISMISSAL</b> from Holly Rec. Centre	23
<b>Christmas Holidays!!</b>	Dec 24 - Jan 8
Barrie Colts Game	Dec 29
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## What's Happening at TCS?

### Chapel

This Friday we will be having a singing Chapel! All are welcome to join us at 9am for our last chapel of the year!! After chapel the mom's prayer group will meet in the library—all parents are welcome to join for this as well!

### Friday, December 23rd Schedule

9—Christmas Carol Sing (All are welcome)  
11:50—Early Lunch for students  
12:15—Grades 5-8 bus leaves for skating  
12:45—JK—Grade 4 bus leaves for skating  
2:00—Dismissal from the arena—buses leave for home

**Please be aware that students riding the bus will arrive home an hour and a half early. PLEASE ADJUST YOUR PICK-UP TIME ACCORDINGLY.**

Classes resume Monday, January 9th.

### Lost Keys

A set of keys were left behind after the Christmas program last week. If you are missing them, please come pick them up in the office!



### Barrie Colts Tickets

Looking for a GREAT Christmas gift idea???? TCS is selling tickets to the Barrie Colts game on December 29th!



The TCS students who attend the game are welcome to sing "O Canada" before the game! Tickets are to be ordered thru the office **BY THIS WED, Dec. 21st AT NOON!** Tickets are \$17 and \$6 per ticket that we sell goes to TCS! Please send money to the office. \*\*We need to have a commitment of the families attending so that students can have a practice before the game.

The Colts mascot came to TCS today to visit with the students! Hopefully this pumps up some Barrie Colts pride as we prepare for the game. Students who are singing need to be at the WEST entrance of the Barrie Molson Centre by 6:45 pm.

Tickets will be at the office on Friday, Dec. 23rd. You may pick them up from Robin or have them sent home via kiddy-mail.

### Our Mission:

TCS is an interdenominational, Christ-centred, educational environment, which provides academic, spiritual, physical and social development of children

### Our Purpose:

TCS provides a sound Christ-centred education, which develops the gifts of God's children and equips them to love and serve God and all of His creation.

### Our Theme:

"...if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Philipians 4:8

## PITCH OPPORTUNITY

See "Scrapday 2012"

### Praise and Prayers...

This Monday, the staff had the opportunity to pray for the following families: Peter & Joanne Kiss, Rick & Kristin Klein, Vince & Tamara Kloosterman, and Eric & Susan Knight

Lisa Huitema's Uncle recently had a heart attack and requires surgery however after receiving further tests doctors discovered severe lung cancer which has halted surgery.

Ingrid Visser (an Aunt to Tyler and Jake Huitema) is scheduled for surgery this Wednesday, please pray for a good outcome and pray for the family.

Lisa Huitema's Uncle was admitted to the hospital last week due to complications with rapid heart rate and blood issues. Pray for strength and peace for the family during this time.

Please pray for the Knight family and for their son Matthew at Sick Kid's Hospital. Contrary to what was expected, Matthew did NOT have to have the second shunt put in! PRAISE THE LORD!! Please pray for a speedy recovery from his surgeries, and for good results in the near future! Matthew is currently not keeping any food down, which is hard for the family to watch! Please pray for patience as the Knights await results and healing. Pray for Matthew to be without pain, and for doctors to have a clear understanding as to how to treat him!

Katherin Roh, in grade 8, moved back to Korea on Friday to be with her family. Let's pray for a smooth transition for Katherin, her family and friends, both in Korea, and in the Barrie community.

Let's pray for safety for everyone over the Christmas holidays.

Christmas Cheer was picked up today. Let's remember those in need this Christmas season, that they would be blessed by the generosity of those in the community.

We are SO thankful for a wonderful Christmas program by the students this year!! What a blessing to see the results of all their hard work and practices! Thank you to everyone who came to watch!

Mrs. Regeling underwent surgery last week. Let's pray for a speedy recovery for her!

### Christmas Concert, A Big Hit!

Thank you for the many wonderful responses to our Christmas concert. It was a beautiful program and the students certainly had a great time sharing this with you.

Thank you to the staff for their extra efforts and patience putting this concert together. Thanks also for your response to our request for food items and toys for the Barrie Christmas Cheer Campaign. We surpassed our school goal and collect 403 pounds of food. The items were picked up by Sinton Bus Line today and will be sorted and arranged for distribution this week in time for Christmas.



### Speechfest

We are looking forward to focusing on public speaking skills in the New Year. In January, the students in Grade 4 to 8 will create a self-composed speech. In order for the students to prepare for the writing process in January, we are asking parents to help assist their children in choosing a topic that is suitable.

### "Season's Readings" from the Library



Just a reminder to return those library books this week before the Christmas break. We'd love to start the new year with our shelves full.

We wish you a very blessed Christmas!

~ The Library Committee ~

### Annual TCS Family Skate – Friday, December 23rd

Our Annual TCS Family Skate event will be on the last afternoon before the Christmas break. The event will take place at the Holly Recreation Centre on Mapleton Avenue from 12:30 – 2:00 pm. There is no cost for this. Parents are welcome to join in or help tie skates. Helmets are strongly recommended. Skates need to be carried in a bag or have skate guards on them. **Dismissal for the holidays will be from the arena. Buses will leave at 2pm sharp!** Expect your children to be at the bus stop an hour and a half earlier.

If you plan to leave with your child(ren) early from the arena, **please sign out with Mr. Huizenga or Mrs. Goodnough** so we have all the students accounted for before dismissing the buses for the Christmas holidays! Mr. Huizenga and Mrs. Goodnough will be standing by the entrance to the skating rink.



### **Scrapday 2012 Is Fast Approaching**

This has been a great fundraiser for the student fund as we raised \$5000.00 last year. This day has been booked for Saturday, January 28, 2012. Tickets are on sale now! Don't miss the early bird price of \$40 for a full day from 9am—8pm. After January 13, 2012 the price will be \$45.

For anyone looking to accumulate a lot of PITCH hours in one event ***this is it!*** We set up Friday Jan. 27th from 6:00pm-9:00pm and **Scrapday** is the next day, Saturday, Jan. 28th 8:00am-9:00pm. The list below identifies the areas where I could really use your help.

#### ***Friday 27th Setup***

We need **6** guys for the heavy set up; tables and chairs, setting up kid's room beside small kitchen. We will need **8** women for setting up raffle prize tables, preparing food tables, candy dishes, preparing tea & coffee makers, garage sale, plugging in extension cords, reserving and marking tables, doing flower arrangements, tidying up bathroom outside gym, organizing any donated food, organizing kitchen.

#### ***Scrapday 1<sup>st</sup> shift***

We need **8** women from 8:00am-2:00pm; Preparing food, coffee, tea, arranging lunch, cleanup, helping with Scrapday event; selling raffle tickets, scrapday garage sale, kid's scrapbooking room.

#### ***Scrapday 2<sup>nd</sup> shift***

We need **8** women from 2:00pm-9:00pm; Preparing food, dinner, dessert, beverages, cleanup, and cleanup from Scrapday.

**6** guys are needed at 8:00pm until finished for heavy packing up; tables & chairs, cleaning up kid's room, garbage, recycle, sweeping and washing of gym floor.

**Stay tuned for food donations list in future newsletters.**

### **Hello all VIP participants!**

VIP Orders were sent home TODAY if requested. The rest are at the school. You must sign for your orders when you come pick them up. If you would like your order sent home with via kiddy-mail, please call the school. **NO orders will be going home with kids, unless the office is informed to send them home!** The VIP store will be open on January 9th, when school commences, for all your shopping needs.



### **Unity Christian High School Presents:**

#### **An Evening with Mystery Writer Hugh Cook—Jan. 20**

Award winning Christian author Hugh Cook will be giving a book reading and book signing on Friday, Jan. 20, 2012 at 7:30 pm in the Unity Christian High School Performing Arts Centre, 25 Burton Ave., Barrie. Mr. Cook will be reading from his recently published book. *Heron River* is a deeply moving exploration of human error and redemption, tragedy and triumph, set in the supposed safety of a small Ontario town.

Mr. Cook is a recently retired English professor formerly at Redeemer University College.

Coffee, tea and dessert will be available. Free will donations for Unity will be accepted.