



# Newsletter

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### 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." Phillipians 4:8*

## From the Office...

Friday is Remembrance Day – a day we commemorate the freedom that was obtained through sacrifice, struggle and death. It is important that all of us, young and old, take the time to remember the courage and devotion to the ideals of freedom and peace that men and women so bravely fought for. Freedom is a precious gift. Let us never take our freedom for granted.

Let us also remember others in this world who struggle for freedom and who desire peace. Wars and rumours of wars abound. Persecution of religions and races continue. Certainly we recognize that war is the

*Mrs. Goodnough, Principal*

consequence of our fallen nature. There may be occasions when war is the only just route but its consequences will always result in pain and tragedy. Christians need to work for peace and to constantly pray for that day when there will be no more war. Some day the Prince of Peace will return and end all suffering and establish His order. What a day that will be!

*"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth...and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither will there be any more pain, for the former things have passed away."*

Revelation 21

## What's Happening at TCS?

### Chapel

Join us on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for our Remembrance Day Chapel.

9:00 – Grades 4 – 8

9:40 – JK – Grade 3

All students will receive a poppy prior to the chapel. Donations to the Veterans' Fund can be placed in the envelopes provided.

### TCS Fall Membership Meeting

Make sure you set aside the evening of Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> for Timothy's Annual General Meeting. The Agenda and Reports are attached to today's newsletter.

### Photo Retakes

For those requesting retakes and absentees the date will be **Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am**. Part-time JK and SK students will need to be brought here in the morning if they would like retakes.

### Grade 8 Meat Fundraiser

The meat order will be delivered on **November 10<sup>th</sup>** to be picked up!!

### Praise and Prayers...

This Monday, the staff had the opportunity to pray for the following families: N & L Eisses, M & J Eisses, J & J Eisses, and D & C Fairchild

Please pray for the Knight family as their 9 month old son has cancer in his brain. He had a shunt put in his head and neck on Friday to relieve some pressure and it is doing its job!! He was smiling and playing and lifting his head up on Friday! Praise the Lord!! Please continue to pray for this family for strength and rest in the days and nights to come.

### Deep Fryers Needed for Bazaar

We are in need of a couple of deep fryers for the bazaar. If you have one we can use, please contact Sandra.

### Campbells Soup Labels

Just a reminder to everyone who have been collecting Campbell's Labels: don't forget to add your family name to your envelope or baggie so that we can track the amount of labels you have submitted. In order to have a winner for the \$25.00 gift card of your choice, we need to be able to keep track of how many you have submitted. You can even write your family name on the back of the label in large print. Thanks to everyone who have recently sent in their labels! Thanks! Annette and Heather

### Announcing the TCS Student Council for 2011-2012

Joshua F, Nicholas M, Joshua V, Christi S, Breton V, and Claire C—Congratulations!

This year the election of Student's Council was restructured. A more formal nominating procedure and voting process occurred and the grades 5-8 students were also led through a formal lesson on how to make an informed voting decision. This lesson gave the students the opportunity to review election posters, listen intently to speeches and to take notes regarding promises made, enthusiasm, and Christian perspective amongst other things. This was a wise lesson that will serve all of us well in life to make informed voting decisions. Congratulations to the other nominees: Myles B, Cory C, Alan S, Amy H, Jonathan V, James V and Nicholas S. These students put forth equal effort and will be called on to help in other leadership functions within the school. At chapel this week the Student's Council will be introduced and they will present the first exciting dress up day....something about a MASCOT!!! Please pray for these students as they work to serve.

### Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart

We will be needing some volunteers to run the stations on our event on Friday, November 25. The schedule for the day is: 11:00-12:00 JK Grade 2 (Jump Rope); 1:10-2:00 Grades 3-5 (Jump Rope); 2:15-3:15 Grades 6-8 (Hoops).

If you are available to help out during a specific time slot or for all of them, please contact Mrs. Smith or Mrs. Geertsema at the school or via e-mail. You may claim PITCH hours for helping us, so please sign up!

Donations are due on Monday, November 21st. When asking for donations, please only ask people you know and do not go door-to-door.

### Scrapday 2011

This day has been booked for Saturday, January 28, 2012. Tickets will go on sale at the Christmas Bazaar on November 19, 2011. 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.

### School Closures Announcements

I'm sure you're all enjoying this wonderful weather we're having and I dread bringing up the subject of snow days. Yet, the fury of winter can be upon us with little warning and you need to be alert to cancellation announcements. When road conditions make it unsafe for buses in Simcoe County to be driving to school in the **Central Zone**, school is cancelled and TCS is closed. School and bus cancellations are posted before 7am on the following stations: Life 100.3, B101, Chay 93.1 and the A Channel.

We normally do not send the buses home early if weather turns poor during the day, since it is so difficult to ensure that anyone might be home or at a bus stop to receive children.

**ATTENTION ANYONE WHO LOVES BREAKFAST!**  
**EIGHTH ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST of UNITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL** will be offered on Saturday morning, November 12, 2011 in the Timothy Christian School gym (750 Essa Road, just south of Mapleview, NOT at Unity on Burton). There will be pancakes, sausages, fruit, juice; great food, great company! Proceeds will go to STUDENT ACTIVITIES. Come on down! It all starts at 8am and goes to 11am.

**50th Anniversary of St. Thomas Community Christian School (formerly Ebenezer)** – Come celebrate with us on **Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** as we commemorate 50 years of Christian education in St. Thomas! Our festivities begin with an Open House at the school (77 Fairview Ave.) from 2 - 4 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. at St. Anne's Centre and an evening of celebration as we reflect upon the past 50 years and give thanks to God for His faithfulness to us. Please **reserve** your seat for dinner by contacting the school office 519-633-0690, or email [info@stthomaschristian.org](mailto:info@stthomaschristian.org) Reservations must be made no later than October 28<sup>th</sup>. Dinner tickets are **\$25 per person** to be paid at the door.

# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR—NOVEMBER 19, 2011

## Christmas Bazaar and Auction—2 more weeks!!

The bazaar committee is planning another exciting day for Saturday, November 19! Our annual bazaar and auction will take place on this day from 9am till 2pm-ish. We always have a PD day the day before the bazaar (the 18th) for the committee to have lots of time to set up their areas.

For those of you who are new to our community we have a list of areas in which you can be involved in order to fill your PITCH hours or just to join in the fun! There's something for everyone!

The **Christmas Garden** needs the help of one more volunteer to sell a number of beautiful holiday arrangements. You will be required to be there on Nov 19 to sell the items. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Miller.

The **Kitchen** requires a number of people to keep it running smoothly. Please contact Sandra Cochrane by email (sandra.cochrane@sympatico.ca) if you can help out with Food donations (soup, chilli, homemade pies, and cases of pop and water), or Kitchen Help (someone is needed to deep fry croquettes, dish washers, servers, and a clean-up crew).

This year there will be a new **Candy Store** and we're looking for donations to help stock it. Please consider donating candy by dropping it off at the office the next time you're at the school. We also need helpers!! If you can volunteer some time, please call the school.

**Walter's Amazing Vegetable Stand** will need help in the front foyer setting up (the day before) and selling carrots, potatoes, onions, kale, yams, peppers, tulip bulbs and fresh floral bouquets on the day of the bazaar.

The **Games Room** is taking on a whole new form this year, expanding to include more carnival games and interactive video games! Helpers are needed. Anyone know how to play Wii? Please contact Dorothy Armstrong or Lisa Miller if you have time to help man some games.

**The Games Room is also in GREAT NEED of CANDY!!! Please think of us next time you are out shopping and donate those yummy treats by dropping them off in the school office. Thank you very much!**

Donations for the **Live & Silent Auction** are always appreciated (and needed!). If you're out shopping and pick something up **OR** if you have a service you can donate, please call Julie Eisses or drop it off in the office. As well, helpers are needed during the live auction and at the end of the silent auction. Please contact Julie if you have an hour or two in the afternoon.

As well, Bazaar posters are at the school. If you are able to hang one at your place of work, local grocery store, or anywhere else, we would greatly appreciate it! Please come by the office or contact Lisa Miller to get your posters.

**Bakery—Who can't resist the taste of fresh, homemade baked goods? We are hoping A LOT of people at the upcoming Timothy Bazaar!!**

We are asking every family in the school to participate in our baked goods table by donating their talent and time in making some squares, loaves, boeterkoek or any other specialty!! Please give us a call to let us know what you would like to donate so we can get an idea of what to count on!

A new addition to the bakery is the chance to win a **KITCHENAID MIXER, CURTIS STONE MIXING BOWLS, TWO AMAZING COOKBOOKS and other accessories amounting to a \$500 value.** Raffle tickets will be sold for only \$20!! Tickets can be purchased **NOW** from Robin in the office and on the day of the sale. This is an awesome opportunity to donate to the bakery and possibly win a great price for only \$20!!! **CHECK US OUT!!**

The Bakery Table is once again selling pre-ordered **HOMEMADE boeterkoek!** We are so excited to offer this awesome authentic Dutch treat once again this year. Order forms are on the back of the newsletter and are due **this Friday, November 11, 2011.**

Please note that another pre-order form is attached for Dutch cheese, almond rings, croquettes & sausage and it is due back on **November 8th.**

Please bring in your fresh baked goods Thursday, November 17 and place them in the kitchen clearly marked for the Bazaar Bake Table.

Thank you very much for your help in this fun, awesome school event!! If you have questions, please call Kathrin Veenstra or Monica Wohlgemuth.

**Vendors**—Randy & Christina Demmings are organizing the vendor tables. They will be accepting phone calls for any artisan or craftsperson interested in renting a table. Gym - \$45 8 ft. table provided or Hallway - \$30 bring your own 8 ft. table. If you or someone you know is interested please give Randy and Christina a call. As usual, we will accept only vendors that sell homemade cottage industry products (some exceptions for food)  
- **absolutely no** mass produced items such as Tupperware, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Discovery Toys, Party Lite Candles, etc.

# PITCH OPPORTUNITIES

## Yard Duty Help

We could still use some more parent volunteers willing to assist teachers on duty with outside supervision during the lunch recess on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. More eyes and ears provide greater safety and care for our children. This time can be counted towards your PITCH hours.

*Remember that TCS needs your police/vulnerable check on file.*

## Outside Maintenance

If you are handy and have some time to work on general school maintenance and are looking for ways to get some PITCH hours, we would love to share the workload.

Volunteer opportunities are available for inside and outside maintenance. We offer flexible hours (day or evening) and job security. If you are interested, please contact Jan.

## Unity Day—DRIVERS NEEDED!!!!

**We need drivers to transport students THIS WEDNESDAY, November 9th** to Unity at 10am and to return to the school at 2pm. You do not need to spend the entire time at Unity unless you would like to.

On Wednesday, November 9, 2011, all grades 7 and 8 students from TCS are invited to come to Unity Christian High School for the day, to be introduced to Simcoe County's premier Christian high school. The Open House day for students goes from 10-2. Worship, choir and band music, games and more will give them a great sense of what God is doing at Unity. They will be treated to a lunch and will be involved in some fabulous interactive activities during which they can meet many other grades 7 and 8 students from all over the county! Students will have the opportunity to hear from Unity students as they tell about the school and watch master teachers demonstrate the courses they teach. ***IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH DRIVING, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE!***

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## Boeterkoek Order Form

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of boeterkoeks: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$8.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please write cheques to: **Timothy Christian School**

Orders will be available for pickup at the bazaar on November 19, 2011.