

Loved Beyond Measure - Ephesians 3:17b-18, "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have the power together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ."

# STAY IN TOUCH

Winter 2015

## WITH TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### On a Journey to Dynamic, Innovative Education at TCS!

Mr. Rod Berg



What are your teachers doing to keep education at TCS innovative and exciting? Oh, let us count the ways!

#### FIVE MORE TCS STAFF MEMBERS VISIT BSS IN TORONTO

Over the past three years TCS has sent staff members to visit other schools to learn and report back what they experienced to both the membership and fellow teachers. Another five of our staff members attended the Fall Learning Session at Bishop Strachan School observing how that system keeps education innovative and exciting.

#### EACH TEACHER PRESENTING A PROJECT TO THEIR PEERS ON FEBRUARY 25—OACS DIRECTOR VISITING

One hallmark of a healthy school is teachers collaborating and working effectively together. Good things happen when staff members learn from each other and challenge each other to take student learning to the next level.

help our staff explore various ways to keep our program vibrant and authentic through the use of student projects. Authentic projects, when done properly embracing the skills that need to be taught, can give learning a powerful meaning and help students see creation as whole and connected the way it was intended to be unpacked and unfolded.

This year each of our teachers will present one authentic project their students will be working on throughout this year to a group of their peers and receive feedback on that project. Good feedback means a much deeper and refined product which results in deeper learning for students. When teachers push each other to new levels, the students benefit. Justin Cook will also be at TCS all day on February 25 to meet one on one with each TCS staff member for 30 minutes to talk over the class project they are presenting to further expand and unpack it.



**LOVE—A Cross-Curricular Project Created by Grade 6**  
Visual Arts—Warm and Cool Colours  
Mathematics—Geometric Shapes and Nets  
Bible—February Memory Verse

#### CHRISTIAN SCHOOL LEADERS VISIT HIGH TECH HIGH

For the second year in a row, Justin Cook, the Director of Learning at the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools (OACS that we are members of) will join us for our February department meeting to

On January 20 – 24 three principals from Christian schools in Simcoe County (Alliston, Unity and TCS) joined over 60 other Ontario Christian School educators on a four day professional development

visit to High Tech High in San Diego. The purpose of this visit was to stretch leaders in their thinking about how we deliver education and allow them the opportunity to see a world renowned school in action. This was a powerful process which caused leaders to stretch toward the goal of keeping Christian education alive and exciting while still covering the required curriculum skills.

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### **READING THE BOOK “AN ETHIC OF EXCELLENCE” AT STAFF MEETINGS**

A powerful book on ensuring education stays meaningful and exciting is one called ‘An Ethic of Excellence’. It is written by a teacher who has won many awards for his lifetime pursuit of excellence in education. This book was required reading for the team of 60 Ontario educators who visited High Tech High in January and happens to be the book our TCS staff is reading this year processing a chapter at a time at each of our meetings while looking at our program at TCS.

### **IN SUMMARY...**

Your staff at TCS cares deeply about creative education and how to ensure ‘unpacking and unfolding our Father’s creation to our students’ remains an exciting adventure that...lands on the goal of our vision statement...”To inspire Children to be alive in Christ!!”

Are we there yet...no! But we are learning and stretching and striving to be the school that God has called us to be. What a very exciting journey to be on!

## **Fundraisers**

### **Annual Drive Update**

This past fall Timothy Christian School embarked on an ambitious **Annual Drive for the 2014-2015** school year to assist in our budgeted operational costs. We are so thankful for the generous support that we have already received from our community; however, we are far from the finish line! ***Our goal is to raise much needed funds of \$125,000***, to which we are at approximately 20% at this current time. If you contributed to our drive last year we are truly thankful and pray that you will consider partnering with us again.

We are reaching out to you as part of the community and request that you consider joining us in this journey to support the wonderful work of Timothy Christian School in your local area. We pray that you would invest in our future, and into the lives of the students that God has entrusted us with for the 2014-2015 year as God leads you. Through your support you will help ensure that Timothy Christian School can continue to offer quality Christ-centred education to students for many years to come. ***Thank you for your generosity!***

### **Macgregor Meat Orders Coming up in April**

As always, the grade 7 and 8 students will be selling Macgregor Meat in April! Check our website for details closer to the selling dates.

### **Voucher Incentive Gift Card Program (VIP)**

The school continues to have gift cards for sale! Cards can be pre-ordered or the “store” is open at the school on Mondays from 8:30-9:15am. A portion of each cards cost comes back to the school!

### **Golf Tournament—May 29, 2015 at National Pines**

This event is always a hit! More details will be coming up closer to May 29th—make sure you keep the date open so you can join the golf crew at National Pines this year!





## SCRAPDAY FUNDRAISER ~ A GREAT SUCCESS!

This years Scrapday raised \$5600 for the school's Student Fund! This fund helps pay for class trips and activities throughout the year! It's always amazing to see how many people come from the Barrie community who are not connected to the school in any way and just LOVE to scrapbook! Thanks to everyone involved this year to make this event a success!!

### Grade 1 Celebrates the 100th Day of School

In traditional grade one fashion, students were eager to celebrate the 100th day of school! Each child put together a project to display 100 objects—sorted in groups however they chose. Students then displayed and presented projects first to the student body and parents, through an open house, and the following day by presenting their projects to their whole class!

There was much creativity in the grade one class—from LEGO to thumb prints, hockey cards to shells off the beach—each student did an amazing job!







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The week before Christmas, Student Council invited students and staff to dress up like anything from a Christmas Carol!! Students had so much fun with it—many used a play on words and unique carols that some students had not even heard of! We had kings from the orient, silent nights, Hawaiian Christmases, reindeers and Frosty's! It was a Christmassy place at TCS, that's for sure!





## Upcoming EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

16 Family Day (no school)

### MARCH

2 PA Day (no school)

4 TCS Open House  
(9am-noon)

13-22 March Break (no school)

27 PD Day (no school)

30 Science Fair

### APRIL

3 Good Friday

6 Easter Monday

10 Pastor Appreciation Day

13 TCS Open House  
(9am-noon & 7-8:30pm)

15 Badminton Tournament

23 Fine Arts Evening

24 Grandparents' Day

### MAY

5 Music Festival

11 TCS Open House  
(9am-noon & 7-8:30pm)

15 Track & Field Day

18 Victoria Day (no school)

21 TCS Society Meeting

29 TCS Golf Tournament



# VOLLEYBALL

Both teams played hard in this years volleyball tournament, making it to the final game! The girls team ended up losing in the final game against Holland Marsh; however, the boys beat Owen Sound for a first place victory in the final game! Great job everyone!



# HOCKEY

The team played in two tournaments—one in Stouffville and one here in Barrie. The Founders' Cup Tournament, hosted by our school each year, is in honour of the founding board members of our school! Although Timothy tried their best and played great, we didn't take home the victory in the end this year! Stouffville Christian School ended up with first place in the Barrie tournament; however, student's had a great time!! Thanks to the refs and coaches and parents who make this tournament possible each year!





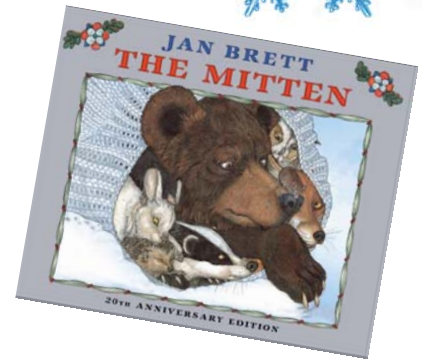
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## GRADE 3 LOVES TO READ!

We have been keeping track of all the books we have read by making a paper chain—one loop for each book. As a class we have read 250 books to date. Each time we reach a milestone we celebrate literature and God's gift of language. We are so thankful for the talents God has given people to write and to draw and for the opportunity we have to learn from their work. For reaching 200 books we spent a morning enjoying author/illustrator Jan Brett. We worked on our collaboration skills and presented reader's theatres on three of her picture books: The Hat, The Mitten, and The Umbrella. You will see us wearing our Jan Brett masks in the pictures. What a great way to share our love of literature.





## Rogers TV Field Trip

Gr. 8 visited the Rogers TV station in connection with their Media Studies unit. Students were on the show, "Daytime," Rogers TV's local talk show. The students were interviewed, and some were invited to sit in alongside the featured guests for that day and given the opportunity to join in on the conversations live. They had the opportunity to see the studio live in action throughout the filming in addition to observing the control room and sound room.



In the afternoon students were able to get some hands on experience both in front of and behind the camera. With newscasts that they had written for TCS, 6 students took on the role of newscaster in the studio. Students were in charge of operating the cameras on set, and they took on the role of technicians in the state of the art control room and editing booth. A

few even had the opportunity to put on the headset in the role of producer, giving all the orders for everyone on set. They quickly learned how many people have to cooperate and communicate effectively to make their newscast happen!







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Join us for an Open House  
or call 705-726-6621 to set up an appointment.



March 4—9am to noon  
April 13—9am to noon & 7 to 8:30pm  
May 11—9am to noon & 7 to 8:30pm  
June 3—9am to noon

## Save the Date!

### April 24th is Grandparents' Day

Do you have grandchildren at Timothy Christian School? Don't forget to keep April 24th open to come visit the school for lunch and a program by the students of TCS! There will be time for grandparents to visit classrooms and see the school in action! Details will be going home closer to April 24th with students! We would love to see you here!



#### TCS MISSION

Timothy Christian School develops children through biblically based educational programs by nurturing professionals equipping our children to be active Christians in God's world.



*...inspiring children to be alive in Christ!*

#### TCS VISION

Timothy Christian School delivers a dynamic, vibrant learning environment offering leading edge programs that inspire children to be alive in Christ.

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