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CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal...

Week Four of Online Learning...Staying Strong and Staying the Course!

As we launch into week four of learning online, I just want to encourage our parents, grandparents, students and teachers to stay strong and stay the course! It is easy to stay with things when it is new and exciting just out of the gate...gets a bit hard to stay the course of online learning as we move into weeks four, five and on. As a staff we will do our very best to stay creative and keep students focused. Parents, we hope you can keep up the good work and positive tone on the home front as well.

Psalm 84:10...is a wonderful gem hidden in the middle of the Psalms that states...

"Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere".

It reminds us that we would take our situation/burden/challenge... following and trusting God and living in His community...walking authentically before the face of God...than a thousand days outside of His Will! Not that the road is easy...rather, we know who walks with us and who gives us the strength we need to press on!

Parents, I pray we will have the strength to push through and keep the learning strong and focussed to keep the gap small and ultimately get us to a good place when we land on our feet at school again soon! There is a prize at the end of this all and that is to land secure and strong...skills in place... in the next grade in September! So...so many good things are happening each day with the TCS online program and we encourage you to stay strong and engaged!

Primary Student Learning Package pick up...this Friday from 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Attention JK - 4 parents this Friday, May 14 is another package pick up. Note the following details:

- This time...to make it easier...*in order of last names*: If your last name starts with an "A", please come closer to 3pm. If your last name starts with a Z... closer to 4pm
- You can come one time for all your JK - 4 students...one stop shopping!
- Help us out by rolling down your passenger window and just shouting out your last name (it gets really hard to see who the parent is with tinted windows and masks on...the guesswork is challenging so just to hear your last name really helps the process)
- Please line up by the grade 3 and 4 classroom doors where the buses normally line up and exit by the school shed back on the road (Mr. Berg will be there to wave you in and out)
- Note: If you can't make the time on Friday, you can either ask another parent to pick it up or any left-over packages will be put in the office and can be picked up on Monday (as much as possible the office is open on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays but call first to make sure)

Taking Technology/Learning at TCS to another Level...Chromebooks starting in grade six next year!

The Board, senior teaching staff and the administration have been working together over the past few months processing ways to take technology to the next level at TCS. The Board recently approved this plan at the May board meeting. Starting next year in grade six (and every grade six year going forward), parents will be asked to purchase a Chromebook for their grade six student in August. Parents will have two payment plans available and will be able to take advantage of the school's bulk buying prices. The purpose is for each grade six student to purchase their own Chromebook which they will use in grades 6 - 8 at TCS. The school will take care of both a virus protector and a parental control program for the duration of their time at TCS. As we will roll out this program over the next few years, it will eventually allow all students in grades 6 - 8 to own their own Chromebooks. This will both increase accessibility for our senior students to create, type, research and work on Coding skills (Coding is now mandatory in the Ontario Math curriculum). By having our grade 6 (eventually 6 - 8) students own their own devices, we then free up the present mobile carts to be used more by the other classes. We wish to stay with the Chromebooks because we can manage them to cover the licences much easier than different varieties of devices. The result is a higher level of accessibility for all students in the school. There will be more information coming out over the next few months, but we are excited about this plan and are presently working on the best bulk buying price/care plan we can for our grade six students.

**Promoting TCS to new families using the TCS Virtual School Tour link**

Please continue to invite prospective TCS parents to our school website and to forward them the email with the link to view our TCS Virtual School Tour! If you know of anyone interested in attending TCS this September, email their name and number to the office. We will follow up to book a time with Mr. Berg to have a talk, or face-to-face zoom meeting, and link them up with our virtual school tour. We are eager to share what God is doing here at TCS as we learn and grow together! All new parent interviews in the coming weeks are being completed via zoom meetings. *Please encourage any potential families to register soon to avoid wait lists in classes.* At this time, we have wait lists for ONLY two of our classes for September. We have room for new students in 8 of our 10 classes for next year.

Highlights from the May 3rd Board Meeting

- The Board and Finance Committee are working closely to prepare and present the 2021/2022 budget at the May 27 Spring Society meeting
- The Board approved three nominees to be voted at the May meeting to replace retiring board members (please see the Society package that is coming out soon)
- We invite you to attend the Spring Society Meeting. The Meeting Report will be sent out this week to Society Members. Please RSVP and submit any questions via the form that will be attached to the Report. The Zoom link will be sent to those that RSVP.
- The Board recognizes the importance of fundraising in the coming years and the need to think creatively about possibilities through the COVID guidelines (like the Bazaar going online last November)
- The Board updated the Tuition Arrears and Complaint Resolution Policy at the May Board meeting

TCS Spring Society Zoom meeting on Thursday, May 27 at 7:00 pm

A reminder, similar to last Spring, we are planning to run a Zoom meeting for our membership on Thursday, May 27 at 7:00 pm. Look for the Report to be emailed soon.



