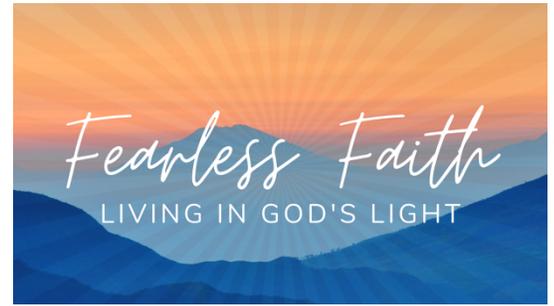




# TIMOTHY

## CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



### From the Principal...

#### Professional Development Day for TCS Staff this Friday, March 26 (PD day)

A reminder that we have our *regularly scheduled Professional Development day* set for this Friday which means *no classes*. TCS staff will be working on a few very important areas of our curriculum. Recognizing and respecting diversity is part of a school program and we want to be intentional about as we grow at TCS. Teachers will be working on lesson plans to support diversity and to be integrated into the curriculum. They will also be further exploring the new Sycamore School software system to learn a more streamlined way to do attendance, report cards and more. This new software office system has proved to be a huge blessing as it has streamlined many areas of the school that used to take hours to manually process.

#### A New Video is coming for Grandparents' Day at TCS!

Normally we start to plan for Grandparents' Day this time of the school year. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, we are unable to have gatherings at the school BUT, we are super excited to be putting together a Grandparents' day video for the week of April 26<sup>th</sup>. Each classroom will be doing a 3-minute activity to highlight what they are learning to be included in the video for our Grandparents. The 20-minute video will be recorded on the afternoon of April 9, edited and then sent out closer to the actual day we would have had a Grandparents' Day (which would have been April 30). Please inform your child(ren)'s grandparents that we are very excited to produce this video, and each classroom is in the process of planning for this event.

#### TCS Virtual School Tour Coming Soon

We are working hard on editing the TCS virtual school tour which should be ready by the end of this week. It will be posted both on our school website and a link will be sent to each family as a promotion tool in an email on Thursday. When you see the email this week, please **forward it to one potential TCS family you know who might be interested** in sending their children to TCS this September. Consider sending it to a relative, church member, someone from your bible study, or someone you know has been thinking about Christian education for a while, but just needs a nudge. Word of mouth (you sharing your wonderful experience about TCS) is the best way to promote our school. Thank you in advance!

#### Parents to park in the front parent area only

Please only park in the front designated parent parking area for drop off/pick up. Students can walk safely down the sidewalk to go to their parents' cars when they are parked in the front. We had a potentially very dangerous situation with the buses recently which prompted this reminder to both TCS parents and students. One of the buses

MARCH

26 PD Day (no school)

APRIL

2 Good Friday (no school)

5 Easter Monday (no school)

12-16 Spring Break

1 "...As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light." – 1 Peter 2:9 NLT

emergency brakes failed and one of the buses rolled back into another bus. Occasionally there have been students and parents who cut between the buses to their cars and we are very thankful no one was cutting between the buses this time. Please park at the front to prevent a possibly dangerous situation.

**Please no mixing with other classes on school property**

We have noticed families allowing students to play together by the front of the school again. We totally understand that spring is in the air and students want to play outside again. However, the potential for contact spreading is still very high at this time. Parents, please remember that we are not allowed to mix classes on the school property (this is something the health unit would frown upon if noticed). With all the COVID-19 variant spreading potential in the next few weeks, we really need our TCS families to stay safe and careful for a bit longer. Thank you, TCS families, for your help with this after school. We all want to avoid an outbreak and want to keep our school open and avoiding the mixing of the classes is a huge part of this.

**TCS Advertising on Life 100.3 & Virtual School Tour**

You should hear a lot of TCS advertisements on our Christian radio station, Life 100.3, over the next 8 weeks as we advertise TCS for September 2021. We are in *full new family registration mode* over the next few weeks interviewing new families. If you know of any families who might be considering TCS in the fall, remind them that *now is the time to register* for September 2021.

**SMDHU COVID-19 Screening Updates**

Here is the link to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit:

<https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/COVID-19>. Please be sure to read through the site to learn the protocol for staying home if you are in close contact with someone who has symptoms. Simcoe has the largest numbers of the UK variants in the province. This is part of the third wave that has been talked about over the next 6-8 weeks. There has been a surge in the variants as they spread faster than the original. There are very clear guidelines in the attached information about self-isolating for 14 days if you have had close contact.

**Thank you, TCS parents, for the great job you are doing screening** and when in doubt, stay home and self-isolate until you are sure. Here is the link for up-to-date screening: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>.



**Timothy Christian School  
REGISTRATION  
OPEN NOW  
for September 2021.**

Certain classes are filling up fast. To avoid a wait list, please contact the school now for more information.

