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### Picture Retake Day THIS Friday

Parents, please remember that Edge Imaging will be in THIS Friday to do picture retakes.



### Update from TCS Membership meeting last Thursday evening, November 23

If you missed the Fall TCS membership meeting last Thursday evening, there were many highlights:

- Mrs. Wright provided an informative update on the Science of Reading program that our primary teachers are implementing to best support students in reading
- Mr. Wilcox reminded us of the important parts of the Wayfinder program to support processing issues in school
- Mr. Berg shared the updated TCS board approved Strategic Plan which included six key areas that our school will focus on over the next few years to ensure we stay a very high quality Christian elementary school
- Mr. Dykstra (our board finance representative) highlighted a positive financial picture for TCS. He gave thanks for strong enrollment, supportive donors and healthy finances.
- Our wonderful TCS representatives, who serve on the Thrift Store, presented our Board with a *cheque of 35 thousand dollars!* A huge thank you to the Thrift Store board for their consistent and strong donations to TCS as it is a key factor that helps keep tuition reasonable at TCS! We very much appreciate their hard work and their incredible support for TCS!
- **An historic moment at TCS:**
  - Two members of the TCS/Unity Task Force (John Tjeerdsma and Ed Loveless) gave a very good presentation from this committee proposing the *'exploration of a JK - 12 school in Barrie'*. They explained this is less about a merger between Unity and TCS but more about a new and exciting JK - 12 school in Barrie that would focus on a *strong primary division, a dynamic Middle school approach* and a *high quality, deep Christian worldview high school* that would allow for a top level JK to grade 12.
  - This is the *sixth green light* this committee has received on this topic of 'exploring a JK to 12 approach' in Barrie. Twice over the past few months both the Unity and TCS Board of Directors gave their approval to *'keep exploring'* and now each membership (Unity on Tuesday evening and TCS membership last Thursday) have given full approval to 'keep exploring'.
  - This was brought to a vote at the TCS membership on Thursday evening and was fully supported by the members in attendance!
  - Stay tuned for more information and opportunities for input on this topic in the new year.

### Key dates in December

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 <b>Picture Retake Day</b></li> <li>Pizza Day</li> <li>Gr 8 Meat Order Delivery (see info from Mr. Wilcox)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11 Hot Dog Day</li> <li>14 <b>7pm TCS Christmas Program</b></li> <li>15 Pizza Day</li> <li>22 9am Christmas Chapel</li> <li><b>2:00pm Early Dismissal</b></li> </ul> |
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### **Christmas Holidays:**

**Dec 25 - Jan 5**

**School reconvenes January 8**

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**Phil 1:9-11**

**Community News:**

A warm welcome to Baby Abigail Faris (daughter to Jenny Faris, TCS Marketing Director) and cousin to our Faris students.

**Bus Cancellation Procedure In Challenging Weather**

As we are getting into winter we want you to be aware of our TCS procedure if Landmark Bus Lines cancels buses when the weather is challenging.

**TCS process when buses are canceled:**

1. Once Landmark informs the school of cancellations, the TCS office will send an email to all TCS parents informing them that the buses are canceled but TCS remains open (*99% of the time TCS will remain open when our buses are canceled*). The email will be sent by 6:30am. We will also post on social media.
2. When the TCS buses are canceled, parents have the option of keeping their children at home for the day or driving their children to school. The hours the school is open is the same as normal with parents dropping off by 8:45am and picking up by 3:25pm. Please use the front door for drop off and pick up on snow days.
3. Because we usually have less than 20% of our students at TCS on these days, no new lessons will be taught as it will be a quiet work day to catch up on outstanding work and reinforce skills already taught.
4. Landmark will cancel the TCS buses *when the Simcoe County School Buses are canceled* in times of challenging weather. If you are ever in doubt and are waiting for the school email, feel free to check the Simcoe County School Board website and, if they have canceled their buses, there is an almost 100% chance you will be getting an email from TCS soon letting you know that the TCS buses are also canceled.

Historically Landmark has cancelled buses about 5 to 8 times between December 15 and April 15.

Do we ever close school in challenging weather...yes! It is very rare but if we feel it is too dangerous for drivers to be on the road, we will cancel school completely due to very poor visibility or freezing rain. Again, we will send out a school-wide email to all parents and post on social media.

**Signed Student IEP's / Profiles are to be returned by THIS Wednesday**

This is a kind and urgent reminder for parents of students who receive Resource Room support, all IEPs or Student Profiles are to be returned to your child's classroom teacher or Mrs. Covert by THIS Wednesday, November 29. Thank you.

**SIGNED IEP's & Student Profiles Due back to TCS by Wednesday!**

**Volleyball**

A huge congratulations to all the TCS Volleyball Teams! Both the Girls and Boys Team A's brought home the championship for the 4th year in a row! The Girls Team B finished 4th and the Boys Team B finished 5th. Both coaches were very impressed with the level of competition, improvement and the sportsmanship shown by all teams. The level of effort in developing skills paid off with another successful volleyball tournament. A huge thank you to Emerson, Liam, and AJ from Unity for refereeing the boys tournament. You did an amazing job.

**School Calendar**

The school calendar was sent out as part of the Back To School email package. It can also be found on the TCS website ([www.timothychristianschool.ca](http://www.timothychristianschool.ca) under Events), on Sycamore, and at [this link](#).

**TCS School Calendar**

**TCS Christmas Program - Circle the Date - Thursday, December 14, 7pm**

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TCS Christmas program is set for Thursday, December 14 at 7pm. We are expecting every TCS student to attend as we count on everyone for the choirs and the bands! Join us for a wonderful celebration of God's gift to us this season. December 19 will be the backup snow cancellation date.

Please join us for our TCS  
**CHRISTMAS**  
*Concert*

TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PRESENTS:  
*THIS IS WHO WE SEEK*

Thursday December 14, 2023 | TCS Gym  
Students to be in Classrooms at 6:45PM  
Concert starts at 7PM

SEEK. ENCOUNTER. ENGAGE.  
**S·E·E**  
PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11

### TCS Family Skiing at Snow Valley

For those families that wish to participate, please remember to email Kathryn Cryer ([bodybykat@hotmail.com](mailto:bodybykat@hotmail.com)) 2 weeks before the date you wish to participate in order to reserve your spot (& so tickets can be purchased on your account). TCS Family Skiing will be Thursday nights, 4pm - 9pm, on these dates: January 18 & 25, February 1, 8 & 29, and March 7.

Costs:

- \$27 lift & ticket
- \$21 rental
- \$21 tubing



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**Logging your PITCH hours**

Please be aware that it is each family's responsibility to track and log their own PITCH hours. Hours logged are pending until they have been reviewed by the PITCH Committee. To enter your hours, please follow these instructions:

- Log onto Sycamore with your family specific login (TCS School Id: 3982)
- On the left side of the School Homepage: Click "My School"
- Click "My Service Logs"
- Click "NEW" button on the right side
- Complete the form *choosing the appropriate heading*
- Click "Save"... entered hours are pending until approved by the PITCH committee
- Families that are required to complete ONLY 15 hours, please be sure to log the SPECIAL PITCH AUTHORIZATION of 10 hours (these are the hours granted to you so you only need to complete 15 hours in total).

Remember, each family is permitted to enter 2.5 hours for attending Society meetings (even if you aren't a member!).

If you have questions or need further assistance, please contact [pitch@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:pitch@timothychristianschool.ca)  
Thank you for adding to the life of the school by volunteering your time!

**Reminder: The school day starts at 8:45am... arrivals after this time are considered late**

Please remember that the school bell rings at 8:45am. Students need to arrive at school by 8:45am (8:30am is even better so students have time to play outside and get some fresh air before the school day starts) so that classes can settle into their daily routine quickly. Teachers will mark students late if they arrive after 8:45am. Students that arrive at school by 9am or after, need to stop in the office for a late slip. The late slip is to let teachers know that the office has changed a student's attendance from an 'absent' to a 'present'.

**Donations to Timothy Christian School**YEAR-END  
GIVING

Did you know ... you can donate gifts of stocks and shares to Timothy Christina School through the Christian School Foundation? For certain donors, tax rules are changing in 2024 which may mean paying additional taxes. 2023 could be a great year to consider a gift to TCS in advance of these changes; check with your advisor if this is of interest to you. Or contact Kevin teBrake at the Christian School Foundation to get started: [ktebrake@christianschoolfoundation.ca](mailto:ktebrake@christianschoolfoundation.ca)

**Bus information:**

1. Please remember to have students at their bus stop *10 minutes before their scheduled pick up*. This assists drivers in staying on schedule, especially in uncertain weather. Thank you!
2. TCS parents please note you can call **Landmark Bus Lines Barrie** (our bus company) anytime the buses are on the road to check in with dispatch on an ETA. **Landmark's contact: 705-722-6666**. Additionally, the office will send an email to bus route families to inform them of any delays.

**\*\* TCS is a nut-free school. Please be sure all snacks/lunches do not have items that contain nuts! Thank you!\*\***

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