



TIMOTHY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal...

Society Zoom Meeting THIS Thursday at 7:00pm

A reminder to all our members that the TCS Board of Directors will be running our May 27 Society meeting THIS Thursday via Zoom at 7:00pm. Reports from various committees, a budget for next year and an update on technology will be presented. We will be saying goodbye to Ed Loveless, Heather Steeves, Paul Kapteyn and John Tjeerdsma who are retiring from the TCS Board after their three year terms! A huge thank you to all four of you for your hard work on the TCS Board over the years. We appreciate you! Thank you to Nolan Hooper, Tyler Ing and Tanya Rygersberg (Thomas) who are allowing their names to stand for the TCS Board of Directors and will be voted on at this meeting.



Thank You for the Parent Feedback...Survey Says...

Each of our classroom teachers have surveyed the parents in their class and the results have been very positive. The following is a summary of the reports from the classroom teachers to the principal:



Areas appreciated:

- TCS parents consistently appreciated the live classes added to grades 5 - 8 and the live check-in/Q & A times for students in grades 3 and 4
- The Google Meet times in all the grades have helped keep students connected face to face and in community during this lockdown period.
- The extra support via the Resource program and the support work of our EA's is extremely appreciated by parents and students. Note: Did you know that if you added up all the meetings our four EA's and Resource program have, there are close to 20 individual meetings a day of extra group or individual support given (that is 80 meetings a week of extra support by this wonderful team!). These are all in addition to the Q & A times the teachers provide each week for students.
- The flexibility of the pre-recorded instructional videos from teachers (that students can view on their own times) is very much appreciated
- The level of work students are getting is balanced and appropriate
- Speciality Fridays is a nice change up each week and is appreciated (also keeps the skills in French, Band and Art going and improving)
- The printed student learning packages in JK - 4 are very much appreciated every two weeks
- The teacher checklists for students each week are very much appreciated as it is clear what needs to be completed

Note: Overall parents appreciated how the TCS staff has improved the online program each of the three times we have had to go online.

Areas of challenge:

- Parents and students are tired in this third school lockdown/online learning
- Some parents are finding it hard to keep some students motivated on the homefront this time around (especially those who struggle with literacy or have learning/behaviour challenges or have strong personalities)
- A few families are struggling with keeping their children focused during this third round
- All classroom teachers and speciality Friday teachers have noticed a drop off in homework being handed in over the past week and hope this is not a trend going forward

We are grateful for your feedback! The admin and staff are committed to working with each family to the utmost of our ability to keep our students learning the skills needed to get them to the next level. At the end of the day, our deep passion is to keep the skills in each grade going strong and to keep a strong Christian perspective throughout all of the learning at TCS (online or in person). Our school vision statement drives us especially during these times!

TCS Parent Testimonials going on our TCS Website Soon

A huge thank you to Heather Steeves, Steven Green and Fraser and Lynda Burton for recording their TCS parent promo videos before the break. They turned out wonderful and we hope to put them on our TCS website later this week. Thank you Heather, Steven, Fraser and Lynda for your supportive words in the videos and your willingness to promote TCS! Your passion and heart for TCS will be a blessing to new parents considering TCS this fall! Check them out on the TCS website early next week to view these wonderful videos!

Primary Pick up this Friday, May 28 for JK – 4 from 3:00 – 4:00pm at TCS

It came up very fast again, but there is another Primary student package pick-up again THIS FRIDAY, May 28. Like last time, please come based on last names in alphabetical order. Families with last names starting with A/B coming closer to 3:00pm and if your last name starts with Y or Z arrive closer to 4:00pm. Following this approach helps us space it out a bit. If you cannot come in this hour on Friday, please consider asking another parent to pick up the package for you or email the teacher directly for another option. Teachers often spend the day Friday preparing the packages so please connect with them. Thank you!!



Note: If we are still online learning in the month of June, the next Primary student package pick up will be on Thursday, June 10 (not the Friday, June 11 because staff will be on a PD day writing report cards on June 11).

Grade 8 Graduation 2021 at TCS

We have been waiting for a clear understanding of the guidelines in June, but we are fairly certain that the restrictions on school gatherings (with or without the Stay at Home Order) will be very similar to last year. At this time, we are planning a drive-in/drive by style celebration very similar to last year. Last year was a wonderful celebration and this year will be the same. We do have to work within the restrictions of the province for schools but if restrictions do ease up in early June, we can modify/adapt our outdoor gathering plans to make it the best experience possible for our 2021 grads!



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

Our vice principal, Mr. Andrew Wilcox, will be speaking at the membership Zoom meeting this Thursday about Technology at TCS and how having students in grades 6 - 8 owning their Chromebooks will take TCS to the next level. 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. There will be more information coming out over the next few months, but we are excited about this plan!

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

Please continue to invite prospective TCS parents to our school website to view our TCS Virtual School Tour and learn more about us! We are eager to share what God is doing here at TCS and we would appreciate you putting us in contact with anyone you have spoken to about TCS. *Please encourage any potential families to register soon!* At this time, we have waitlists for two of our 10 classes for September 2021.

Bradford Greenhouses Fundraising Program

Please remember the Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery fundraising is on! At check out, please remember to tell the cashier (at either location in Barrie or Bradford) that you would like your purchase to support Timothy Christian School. This fundraising program enables TCS to purchase items for the fall bazaar. Thanks in advance for shopping to benefit TCS!

This week we celebrate:

Tuesday • Ferrah VanBodegom (JK)

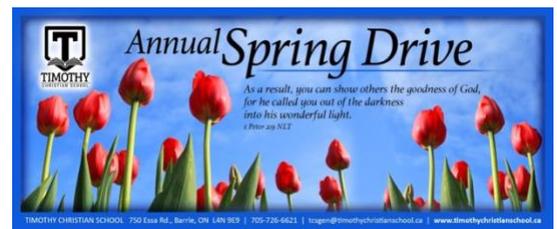
Wednesday • Oliver Connolly (1)

Friday • Nola Eisses (7)

Saturday • Annika Shepherd Kapteyn (SK)
& Bellamy Stephenson (SK)

TCS Spring Drive is now accessible online!

Would you consider supporting Timothy Christian School through our Spring Drive this year? Through your support, you will help to ensure that our students continue to receive dynamic and quality Christian education. The investment made to the Annual drive program will have a lasting impact on the families and students that God has entrusted us with.



Check out our Annual Drive page on our website:

<https://www.timothychristianschool.ca/support-tcs/annual-drive>