

- OFFICE: 705-726-6621
- Email: tcsген@timothychristianschool.ca
- Website: <https://timothychristianschool.ca>
- Facebook: facebook.com/tcsbarrie
- Instagram: [@tcs_barrie](https://instagram.com/@tcs_barrie)

Join us at 5:30 this Thursday at TCS for our Welcome back family BBQ!

A few key points of information about this Thursday evening:

Who is it for?

This is our *Welcome Back to School BBQ for TCS students and their immediate families.*

Key times:

5:30...we start with opening prayer in the gym

5:30 - 6:30...we enjoy the BBQ outside and welcome our new TCS families to TCS...

Please make an effort to shake hands and welcome them to the TCS community! (If it rains we will stay inside in the gym)

6:30 - 7:00... Classroom visits (*The bell will ring several times as a reminder for students to show their parents their classrooms and introduce them to their homeroom teacher*). A reminder this is not intended as an interview time but rather a connection and a meet and greet. Parent/teacher interviews are set for October.

7:00...the evening is over



New Parents - we need to hear how your children are doing at TCS!

If you are one of our 32 new families to TCS, we want to know how the first two weeks of school have gone for each of your children. Please ask each of your children how the first week went and email your homeroom teacher and copy the principal (rberg@timothychristianschool.a) with this feedback. Ask them about how they are settling in, how their buddies are working and a few things about the new school..then email both their teacher and the principal 3 - 6 lines of feedback **by this Friday.**

As a staff we really appreciate this as it helps us track and support your children as they settle into the TCS culture!

New Parent Orientation - Thursday, September 19 at 7:00

A reminder that we are looking for one representative from each new family to attend our New Parent Orientation in the TCS Music room on Thursday, September 19. We start right at 7:00 and will conclude at 8:00. We will cover the history of TCS, student management, routines and other key areas to help you better understand TCS and how we work closely together. Bonus - you also get your first 2.5 PITCH hours for attending! Participation is mandatory for one representative from each new family.

Soccer Grades 6-8

The second soccer tryout will take place tomorrow, Tuesday, September 10 from 3:30-5 pm. All those attending the tryouts (gr. 6-8) must bring a water bottle and wear shin guards. The teams will be determined after this second tryout and the list will be posted.



Key dates in September:

10 Gr 6-8 Soccer Tryouts
12 5:30-7pm Back to School BBQ
5:30 prayer in gym
5:30-6:30 BBQ
6:30-7pm Classroom visits

18-20 Gr 8 trip to Medeba
19 7-8pm New parent Orientation
(2.5 PITCH hrs for attending)
20 9am Chapel
Terry Fox Run

Friday, Sept 27... School Picture Day!



**For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do. Eph 2:10**

The first practice will be Thursday, September 12 from 3:30-5 pm and practices will continue to be Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until the date of the tournament. Those who are selected to represent TCS on one of the soccer teams must wear both shin guards and soccer cleats at all practices. Please remember to make arrangements with your child in the morning so you both know the pick up plans for after practice. The office will assume each student's parent is picking him/her up. If that is not the case please be sure the office knows of the plans. Parents should be at the school at 4:50 pm to meet their child at the side gate when practice is finished (5 pm). If you have any questions regarding TCS soccer, please contact Mrs. Cindy Dykstra (cdykstra@timothychristianschool.ca).



Terry Fox Run 2024

We will be running our annual Terry Fox fundraiser for Cancer Research on Friday, September 20, 2024! We are excited to raise money for this event as we remember Terry's dream of each Canadian donating \$1 towards this cause and trying your best, NO MATTER WHAT! Students are asked to bring in a loonie or toonie on run day. Last year we raised a grand total of **\$1905.98** - let's see if we can surpass this amount this year! To show our school spirit we also invite all students to dress in our national colours of **RED** and **WHITE**! We are in need of parent volunteers that day. Parents with an up to date Criminal Record Check (Vulnerable Sector Screening) on file in the office before the run date will be able to volunteer. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Miss. Duff (kduff@timothychristianschool.ca) or Mrs. Hartholt (shartholt@timothychristianschool.ca) as soon as possible. Let's "Try like Terry" and run together for this worthy cause like the 'masterpieces' God has created us to be!

Please note that TCS is not able to provide tax receipts for donations towards the Terry Fox run that are sent to the school.

Hot Lunch Days are BACK at TCS! PIZZA AND HOT DOG Day orders due by September 20th!

First Hot Dog Day: Sept. 30

First Pizza Day: Oct. 4

Parents, take a break from packing lunches by participating in our TCS Hot Lunch Days! The hot dog and pizza orders are on ONE form and will be pre-ordered for the ENTIRE year. Just one form to fill out once this year - **orders due by September 20th!**

Please click [THIS LINK](#) to take you to the Google Form to order hot lunches for the 2024-2025 school year.

Please work through the form carefully and complete all required portions. There will be two main options:

- To place a consistent order for the year (e.g. I would like my child to have 1 hot dog and 2 slices of pizza for each hot lunch day throughout the year)

OR

- You can order weekly (you will need to select the quantity you want of each type of lunch for each individual date listed)

There are two main options for payment: you can pay for your order all at once, or you can split the payment into 8 equal installments to be withdrawn throughout the year. Payments can be made through pre-authorized withdrawal, cash, or cheque (please label cash or cheques clearly with child's first and last name and "Hot Lunch").

Please note that there will be *no* hot lunches the week before Christmas or March Break. If a hot lunch falls on a holiday, it will be rescheduled to a Wednesday. Missed orders due to absence will not be made up or refunded. Missed orders due to snow days will be rescheduled. Watch the newsletter for details!

Hot lunch days are a fundraiser that help support activities and equipment in our school. Thank you for your support of this program!

Orders are DUE by Friday, September 20th (including payment)! Be sure to get your order in before this date to avoid missing out on hot lunches this year! No late orders will be accepted.

Pizza & Hot Dog lunch orders due in 11 days! Friday, Sept 20

**For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do. Eph 2:10**

PITCH Opportunity: 🌟 Hot Dog Day Volunteers Needed

It's back!!! Hot Dog lunch is going to start in just a few weeks. We are looking for volunteers to help on Mondays (and a few Wednesdays) from 11:15am-1:15pm. If you are interested, please email Rachel Kapteyn at [davidandrachelkapteyn@gmail.com](mailto: davidandrachelkapteyn@gmail.com). Volunteer to help with hot dog days and earn PITCH hours! You will need a Vulnerable Sector Police Check on file.

All volunteers need a current Vulnerable Sector Screen Police Check

All volunteers doing volunteer PITCH hours at school (or with a class off site) during the school day will need a current Vulnerable Sector Screen (VSS) on file in the office. TCS considers a VSS to be current if it was done within the past 3 years. TCS will provide a letter that can be used to support your online application with your local police department so the screen will be done at no charge. If you have had a check done in the last 3 years, please forward it to the office (send a copy with your child to school or email a copy).

Anyone that needs a VSS (or an update) can request one at the VSS table at the BBQ... An office rep will provide the letter via email to you.

PITCH Opportunity: "Kiss and Ride" lane monitors needed 3:20 to 3:35pm each day

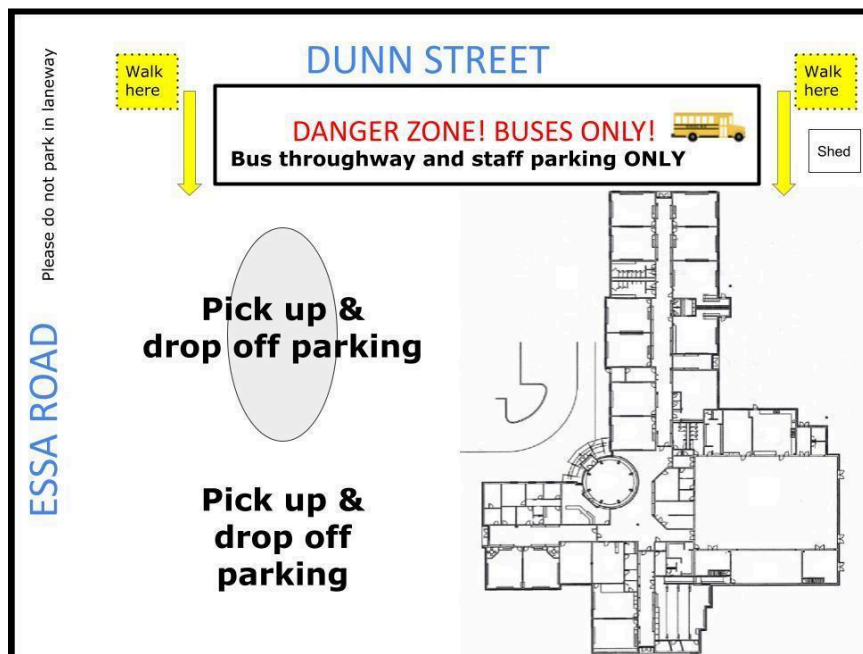
Later this week we will be starting a "Kiss and Ride" lane at the front of the school in an effort to keep students safe. We have a morning volunteer and are still looking for two afternoon volunteers to earn PITCH hours monitoring the front sidewalk and the grassy island at the front. The commitment is from 3:20pm to 3:35pm each day. Let the office know if you are interested in earning your PITCH hours doing this task.

Safe Pick up and Drop off Routine for the TCS parking lot

TCS parents, for morning drop off and afternoon pick up, please follow these instructions in the parking lot to help us keep everyone safe. We wish to avoid parents parking where the TCS staff park and then parents / students walking between the buses or walking across the bus lane. Please park in one of these three areas:

1. Park at the front of the school and walk your children to the sidewalk
2. Park in the side gravel lot and walk your children to the sidewalk
3. Park on Dunn street past the school and walk your children along the sidewalk in front of the shed and around to the gate (**but not crossing the bus lanes**).

Thank you TCS parents!



**For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do. Eph 2:10**

TCS Dress Code

Parents please be aware of the TCS Dress Code as found in the TCS Parent Handbook. ***Please be sure all logos on clothing, school supplies and other items brought to TCS uphold the values of the school.*** Thank you parents in advance for your support with this. Please remember:

Dress Code

- No clothing that inappropriately reveals the body (short skirts, halter tops, muscle shirts).
- No bare midriffs.
- No torn jeans/short shorts.
- No exposed underwear (ensure wide shoulder straps). Clothing must cover all undergarments completely.
- No negative or inappropriate slogans/advertising on clothing articles.
- No hats/caps are to be worn in class.
- Shorts need to be appropriate in length – half the length to the knees when standing.
- Indoor shoes are to be worn at all times while inside the school.

Students dressed inappropriately will be required to change or will be handed a Timothy shirt until a change of clothes can be delivered from home.

All students are required to have a pair of indoor shoes for classroom and gym use. In addition, students in Grade 5 – 8 need gym shorts and a change of shirt for their gym classes.

Dress Code for Physical Education/Team Sports

- Mandatory changing into gym attire for PE class for gr. 5-8
- Students must wear appropriate length athletic shorts/track pants and T-shirts
- No spandex
- Appropriate athletic footwear
- For team sports, members must wear provided TCS attire and follow the above requirements as well.

TCS School Directory: Family & Employee

Remember you have access to our TCS family contact information as well as our TCS staff emails in Sycamore. Log in to your Sycamore School account via <https://app.sycamoreschool.com/index.php?schoolid=3982>. You will find the family and employee directories under “Front Office” in the menu. You can print this by clicking the blue “PRINT” in the top right of the page. Family contact info and emails will not be shared from the office or classroom.

Bradford Greenhouses Fundraising Program

When you are shopping for fall gardening and lawn supplies and home decor, please remember our fundraising program with Bradford Greenhouses (in Barrie or in Bradford). Before the cashier starts to ring through your purchases please mention that you would like your purchase to support Timothy Christian School. Thank you!



Bus information

1. Please remember to have students at their bus stop **10 minutes before their scheduled pick up** (also parents please be at stops 10 mins ahead of afternoon drop off as bus drivers are not to wait for parents but to proceed along their scheduled route and to contact the school office for assistance. This assists drivers in staying on schedule. Thank you!
2. Landmark drivers will need a letter from parents if an older student (sibling or other) will be walking younger students home from the bus stop - this includes any students up to grade 8. Landmark will only release students to parents unless prior written permission has been given by the parents directly to the driver, or for a ‘one off’ situation by the office for another parent/friend to pick up your child(ren) from the bus stop.



**For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do. Eph 2:10**

3. TCS parents, you are welcome to 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... Please be patient with us as we are updating our route email lists in the office.

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

**SEE YOU
THURSDAY**

we'll be



For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do. Eph 2:10