



TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back to School!

A very sincere welcome back to school and to a brand new year! We trust all of our families had a wonderful break and blessings as you get back into school routine.

Full Chapel This Friday

Feel free to join us for a full school chapel this Friday at 9am! All are welcome!

Welcome to the Horner Family Who Joined us Today

A very special welcome to Kevin and Lori Horner who join us today with Allie in grade 5 and Rachel in grade 3. We look forward to you being a blessing to the TCS community and our community being a blessing to you over the years!

Re-Registration Packages Going Home on Wed. Feb. 1

A reminder that all existing TCS families will receive a re-registration package on Wednesday, February 1st asking you to return to the office within two weeks along with a deposit to hold a place for your children at TCS for September 2017.

Thank you TCS parents in advance for your support in this journey as we now begin to plan for next year and having our student/family numbers confirmed by the middle of February is the first start to budget planning for the TCS Board for next year.

JANUARY

- 11 Hockey Practice & Amazing Race Meeting
- 13 Full Chapel (Gr. 1) & Pizza Day
- 16 Hotdog Day (Make-up from Dec. snow day)
- 18 Hockey Practice
- 20 Stouffville Hockey Tournament, Pizza Day & Scrapday Setup
- 21 **Scrapday Fundraiser at TCS**
- 25 Hockey Practice
- 27 Split Chapel & Pizza Day
- 30 **PD Day for Report Card Writing—NO SCHOOL**

FEBRUARY

- 1 Hockey Practice
- 2 Founders Cup Hockey Tournament at Holly CC
- 3 Milk orders due & Pizza Day
- 8 Term 1 Report Cards Go Home
- 10 Full Chapel & Pizza Day
- 13 **TCS Open House 9am-noon**
- 15 Basketball Tournament @ TCS

Open House Dates Coming up at TCS - Ask a Potential Family

Attached to this newsletter you will find the open house flyer that highlights all the open house dates from February to June at TCS as we plan and promote for September 2017. The first open house date will be the **morning of February 13 at TCS.**

What can you do to support promoting TCS:

1. Invite a potential family to an open house. Everyone knows someone who 'might be interested' in a tour or a visit - invite them to the February 13th open house.
2. Run off five of the open house flyers and drop them in a mailbox or hand to several families at church on Sunday.
3. Talk up TCS with your bible study.

The above are just a few of the ways that new families can hear about TCS and come for a tour. A family can book a tour with the principal at any time - not just at an open house time. We have already done about 5 school tours in December and look forward to many more over the next few months.

Friday Night Skiing at Snow Valley

Once again, Snow Valley is offering discounted Friday evening rates for our school this season! The dates are Fridays, as follows: Jan. 13, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, Mar. 3 and 10

Rentals are \$15 for ski's or snowboard equipment
Lift ticket and lesson is \$16.25
Tubing is \$18
Note that lessons are at 4:30pm and 5:30pm.

TO RESERVE A SPOT YOU MUST E-MAIL ED WRIGHT AT wright_29@yahoo.ca BY NO LATER THAN NOON ON WED OF THE WEEK YOU WISH TO SKI. ONLY USE E-MAIL TO PLACE YOUR RESERVATIONS! In your email please let us know: the number of lift tickets, rentals (ski or snowboard), and tubing tickets you are ordering. Include the name of the person picking up the tickets on Friday. **All tickets must be picked up no later than 5:15pm on the day of skiing.**

Thank you! We look forward to another fun season of skiing!



Diving Deeper by Faith

"Now **faith** is **confidence** in what we hope for and **assurance** about what we do not see." ~ Hebrews 11:1

New Milk Order Form Attached—DUE FEB. 3

Milk forms for the rest of the school year are attached today. This fundraiser runs from Feb. 13- June 16. There will be no milk on Fri. May 19th due to Track and Field Day. Snow days will be covered the last week of school, the week of June 19th. Forms are due Friday, Feb. 3.

New Pizza Orders Start This Friday

Hotdog Day Make-Up Day—Jan. 16

There will be a make-up hotdog day for the missed snow day on MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017. This is the SECOND Monday back to school after Christmas holidays. Thanks!

TCS Amazing Race Experience Fundraiser!

After rave reviews and fundraising success, the TCS Amazing Race Experience will be back this year on Saturday, April 22! I had a wonderful core group of people last year to plan and carry out this endeavour and am looking for some enthusiastic Amazing Race group members once again. **There will be a meeting this Wednesday, Jan 11 at 9:30am at the school.** If you are interested in helping make this super fun fundraiser a success for our school family, please do email me at givanloenen@yahoo.ca. Even if you cannot make the first meeting on this Wednesday morning, please email me as I'd love to have you help out with this fundraiser!

TCS FAMILIES—This will be a thrilling race full of detour challenges and road blocks much like the popular TV show, and will take place in various locations and pit stops all over our city of Barrie. Start thinking up your Race Team of 4 people and registration details will be coming out soon.

Mark your calendars for this exciting fundraiser event – Saturday, April 22! ~ Jessica VanLoenen



New Yearbook Format: Sponsors/Advertisers needed

This year we will be working closely with Lifetouch Photography. Mrs. Covert and a team of students will work with Lifetouch to publish this year's memories.

Sponsorships and advertising are available now and will reduce the final overall cost. Please contact Mrs. Covert or Mrs. Roberts if interested.

Coffee and Prayer Time—Monday Mornings

Please feel free to join us, any week that you can, for a coffee/tea and a time of prayer on Monday mornings from 9-10am in the staff room. Babies and pre-schoolers welcome! If you are unable to join us but have a prayer request, please email Isabel.back@gmail.com and we will add your request to our prayer list.

Re-Source THRIFT SHOP

Happy New Year from the Re-Source Thrift Shop! We wish you God's blessing in 2017 and look forward to working with you in the Thrift Shop again this year! **God richly blessed us throughout 2016! Our first year open saw us pay off our loan of \$35,000! We made our first donations to TCS of \$30,000 and to the Barrie Food Bank of \$1700!**

Please continue to uphold us in prayer as we work together in this initiative. We continue to struggle in the area of volunteers and our success relies heavily on committed volunteers to keep the doors open. We are SO grateful for the small group of volunteers that we have been blessed with but in order to keep our doors open, we are in need of more! The winter months see some of our dedicated volunteers head South. We are in need of volunteers specifically for Tuesdays, Thursdays, Friday afternoons and Saturdays. We also have sorting nights on the **1st Monday and 3rd Thursday** of each month. **Our next sorting night is Mon. Jan. 16 from 6:30—9pm.** 3-4 hours a week, every other week or once a month goes a long way to help the shop be sustainable!

If you can help out, please contact Penny at passion4realestate@hotmail.com for scheduling and/or any of the board members.

Old iPhones

We are looking for old generation iPhones that can be used as iPods for in class learning and research. This is an on going collection in hopes we can facilitate a whole class learning environment. If you have the charger for them too that is very helpful. Any passwords also need to be disengaged so that we can access and refresh the programs on the phone. Please bring them to the office and leave with Robin. Thanks so much.

Open Dates for Rentals at TCS September 2017:

As you may be aware, Harvest Bible Chapel is in their last year with us and they plan to move into their new building by August 31, 2017. **This means there will be a rental opportunity for a new church at TCS starting September of 2017.**

PITCH

Scrapday—January 21, 2017

The Scrapday Committee is in need of the following food items for Scrapday on January 21. We are asking for volunteers to make the following items and bring them to the school by Friday, January 20. Please email us to sign up for the needed items below:

- 4 people to each bake a few dozen of either mini muffins or loaves
- 12 soups in crockpots
- 3 chilli
- 6 people to each make 2 dozen cookies or squares

Please don't forget about our Scrapday garage sale and raffle. Bring your gently used or new/unused paper crafting items to the office before January 20 for inclusion in the garage sale. We are also accepting donations of raffle prizes at this time. Please contact us by email for more information and how to donate a prize. All money raised goes to our Student Fund!

If you're still thinking of a fun and fast way to earn your PITCH hours for the entire year, the Scrapday Committee is looking for new members to help plan and run this annual event. Email us for more details and to find out how you can help!

From your Scrapday Committee!
scrapday@timothychristianschool.ca

Looking for a New Milk Coordinator

Are you looking for a PITCH opportunity that you can do from home?! After many years of serving as the milk coordinator, Francine Courtemanche will be completing her last order in February. If you are interested in volunteering, it would be great to sign up now for next year so you can get all the training and info from Francine as she works through the last order for the year. If you are interested please contact Nicole Strikwerda at: nstrikwerda@timothychristianschool.ca.

Amazing Race Committee

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~ Jessica VanLoenen

You may report your hours by email to timothypitch@gmail.com or by filling out the paper forms on the info table in the school office.

Homework Highlights

Grade 4

Fri. Jan. 13	Spelling Test: Unit 13
Wed. Jan. 18	Memory Work: 1 Samuel 3:9-10 (written)
Fri. Jan. 20	Spelling Test: Unit 14
Tue. Jan. 24	Health: Muscle Quiz
Fri. Jan. 27	Bible Test: Samuel

Grade 5

Wed. Jan. 18	MW: Luke 2:15-16 (fill in the blanks)
Thu. Jan. 19	Science Vocabulary quiz
Fri. Jan. 20	Scholastic Book orders due
Thu. Jan. 26	Science Test - Matter
Wed. Feb. 1	MW: Luke 2:17-20 (fill in the blanks)
Fri. Feb. 3	Reading Around God's World goal due

Grades 6-8 Homework info is available on Schoology.



INSPIRE BURSARY CAMPAIGN

*Working together to INSPIRE
the next generation...*



NEWS UPDATES

Check out inspiretimothy.ca for details.

Parent Survey Results from Spring TCS Parent Survey and Parent Exit Surveys

November 2016

Below you will find a summary of the results from both the May TCS parent survey and results from our parent exit surveys that TCS does in late September and October.

Thank you parents for your feedback as your input is appreciated. All the comments are read. The direct comments are reviewed by a committee of the board and the administration. The themes are then compiled and we look for consistent comments that are mentioned several times for the final summary. Then the board and the staff review a summary of the results and learn from the themes that come out.

We appreciate your feedback and learn every year from the main theme areas how to improve at TCS. Our heart is to continue to improve and get closer to the school God longs for us to be.

TCS Vision statement... "Timothy Christian School delivers a dynamic vibrant learning environment offering leading edge programs that inspire children to be alive in Christ.

Survey Question - How did we, at TCS, do this past year in reaching our vision?

Parent Feedback:

- 19 out of the 23 who commented on this section rated us either excellent or very good (10 stating excellent).

Survey questions: Where have you seen evidence of us meeting our vision statement?

Parent Feedback:

- Parents stated school chapels, positive student environment and TCS community. These examples were mentioned multiple times in the survey as evidence of reaching our vision.
- Other examples included service projects, working hard on Christian worldview and challenging students in their faith as other examples of evidence.

Survey question: What are the top two areas that TCS is shining bright in?

Parent Feedback:

- Clear and good communication between staff and parents and the improved communication between board and membership this year.
- Positive student atmosphere/positive parent community connections at TCS (mentioned multiple times by parents).
- The teachers at TCS (mentioned multiple times by parents) and especially how TCS staff pursue Christ-centered learning and lead by example.
- Projects teachers are doing with students, the discussions on growth mindset and the move in this direction of deeper learning.

Survey question: What are two areas that TCS could work on to improve the school?

Parent Feedback:

- A continued focus on the French program and to continue the journey to improve it and keep it fun and hands on.
- A request for no student tests on Monday (this change to no Monday tests across the grades was made by TCS staff at the start of this school year).
- Some feedback that student homework could be a bit much at times.
- A focus on smaller classes when possible.
- Continued momentum to improve technology at TCS (appreciation for what has been done thus far and a focus to continue).

Survey question: Are there any areas that the board/administration should have on their radar?

Parent Feedback:

- Email response time could improve in certain areas (student issues are dealt with promptly but in other areas there was delay at times).
- A parent suggestion box could be added at the school for ideas and input on an ongoing basis.
- Keep security in mind regarding the monitoring of visitors as they enter the school (Consideration of a front door buzz-in process that some other schools have adopted. Note: This is being considered for future)



Join us at
Timothy Christian School
for an Open House tour!



Open House 2017:

February 13th: 9am-Noon

March 6th: 9am-Noon

April 10th: 9am-Noon & 7-8:30pm

May 8th: 9am-Noon & 7-8:30pm

June 12th: 9am-Noon

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MILK PROGRAM

GRADE 7 FUNDRAISER



From February 13 to June 3 2017.

Step 1. Fill in each student's name, grade and teacher.

Step 2. Select the days of the week each student wishes milk by marking choice with W for white or C for chocolate milk.

Step 3. Tally Milk per day then calculate Subtotals and Grand total.

Step 4. Attach payment to this form and return by Friday February 3.

Example Name	Gr	Teacher	Mons	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Frids
1. Love Milk	1	Mr. Great	White	Chocolate	Chocolate	Chocolate	White
2. Mee Too	sk	Ms. Wonderful	White		Chocolate		White
Total milk per day			2	1	2	1	2
# of days x 75 cents per carton =Total Cost /days/student			14 Mons x 75 cents = x\$10.50	17 Tues x 75 cents = x\$12.75	17 Weds x 75 cents = x\$12.75	17 Thurs x 75 cents = x\$12.75	13 Frids x 75 cents = x\$9.75
Ex: Subtotals/day			\$21.00	\$12.75	\$25.50	\$12.75	\$19.50
						Ex: Grand total	\$91.50
Name	Gr	Teacher	Mons	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Frids
1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							
Total milk per day							
X Cost /days/student or full week/student= \$58.50			x\$10.50	x\$12.75	x\$12.75	x\$12.75	x\$9.75
Subtotals							

Grand total due.

Note: No milk on Friday May 19th, Track and Field day.
Milk missed due to snow days will be delivered week of June 19th.
Please make cheques payable to TCS.

Thank you for your support! GRADE 7s

