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# TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Parent Survey Results

For the month of January we have been publishing the results of the recent TCS parent survey as well as results from the exit email surveys from families who graduated last June. We have attached these results to the back of the weekly TCS newsletters over the last few weeks to give parents a chance to read them.

## Follow up from Survey...

As a follow up to one of the survey requests, you may have noticed a box to the left of the front office doors is now a secure "parent feedback box" that was started last week as a request from the survey results. That way parents can give feedback anytime during the school year by placing written items in the locked feedback box which will be checked on a weekly basis.

## Re-Registration Forms 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. For those families who missed the November Membership meeting, our Finance Committee presented a seven year plan using 4% as the predictable rate of increase for tuition going forward over the next few years (to the best of our ability).

## **JANUARY**

- 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 **February 13 from 9:00am-noon at TCS.**

Don't forget to ask a potential family to attend our first TCS Open House of the Spring! Share the good news of Christian education!

## Family News

Tamara Wright's Grandpa passed away over the Christmas break. Please keep the Wright family in your prayers.

We would like to send our condolences to the Tjeerdsma family. Peter Tjeerdsma passed away last week. His wife, Jane, was the principal at TCS around 15 years ago. He was an Uncle to John & Lydia Tjeerdsma as well. Visitation is today from 2-4 and 7-9pm at Emmanuel Baptist Church, and the funeral is tomorrow (Tuesday) at 2pm at Emmanuel.

## 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. 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](mailto: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 Forms DUE FEB. 3

Milk forms for the rest of the school year are on the TCS website under "Resources". 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.

## THE AMAZING RACE EXPERIENCE

### 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. If you are interested in helping make this super fun fundraiser a success for our school family, please do email me at [ajvanloenen@yahoo.ca](mailto:ajvanloenen@yahoo.ca).

**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

### 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.

### 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](mailto:Isabel.back@gmail.com) and we will add your request to our prayer list.

## Homework Highlights

### **Grade 4**

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 Spelling Dictation Lesson 14
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.**

### 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.**

### Weekly Snapshot Re-Source Thrift Shop



Donations keep coming in and we will have lots to do on our **SORTING NIGHT TONIGHT starting at 6:30PM** at 28 Commerce Park Drive, Unit B. **All are welcome!**

This week's highlights:

1. If you would like to be added to our email/Facebook community distribution please email Penny [passion4realestate@hotmail.com](mailto:passion4realestate@hotmail.com)  
We are always in need of volunteers to keep the store open.

2. The Thrift Shop proudly donated back to the TCS Community:

- \$500 to support Scrapday
- \$500 to TCS Yearbook
- \$500 to the Amazing Race Fundraiser
- \$1000 for TCS Open House radio ads on Life 100.3

We gratefully acknowledge the hard work that goes into these endeavors and wish each one continued success.

Thanks to our volunteers for making these donations possible—working together for local Christian education and charities!

## PITCH

### Scrapday—January 21, 2017

The Scrapday Committee is in need of just 3 more pots of soup for Scrapday this Saturday, January 21st! If you can make a pot to bring in on Friday, please email the committee!

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](mailto:scrapday@timothychristianschool.ca)

### Battle of the Books—Read From Home!

**Attention Readers!** If you enjoy reading and need some extra PITCH hours please consider helping out our **Battle of the Books** teams. We are looking for some parents who will commit to reading a few of our novels and to writing questions as they read. The team uses these short questions to 'study' and review the material in the novels for our competition in April. We will provide sample questions to our readers to help you get started. Please contact Tamara Kloosterman (Junior Team) at [tkloosterman@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:tkloosterman@timothychristianschool.ca) or Jody Vanderboon (Senior Team) at [jvanderboon@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:jvanderboon@timothychristianschool.ca) if you would like to get PITCH hours while you read at home!

### Amazing Race Committee

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~ Jessica VanLoenen

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



# INSPIRE

## BURSARY CAMPAIGN

*Can you rise to the challenge?*



Check out [inspiretimothy.ca](http://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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