

TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

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Report Cards Going Home This Wednesday

First term report cards are being completed at this time and each teacher will be sending the report cards home with students to parents this Wednesday, February 8th at 3:25.

Parents, please take the time to process the comments and grades with your children and both confirm the good work thus far and coach them to the next level. As TCS staff we look forward to tag teaming with our parents and **two of the best windows we have to do that through are report card comments and discipline situations.** Both of these areas allow teachers and parents to work as a team and send a unified message to students to help them to the next level of learning and growth. Please don't miss either of these windows of opportunity for growth for your children during a school year!

Welcome Bethany Winger to the TCS Office Starting on April 3rd

If you missed the email that went out last week, the new person who will be stepping in for Robin Nibourg in the front office in April is Bethany Winger.

As a board and HR committee we are very grateful for the quality candidates who applied and we are happy to find a good match with Bethany for this one year term position as Robin takes her maternity leave.

You will also see Bethany in the front office for a one week training session on February 13 - 17 as well as Mondays in March. When you see Bethany in the front office in the months ahead please welcome her to the TCS team!

Re-registration Forms Went Home Last Week

Just a reminder that the re-registration forms for 2017-18 school year registration went out last week. **We are looking forward to them being returned to the office by February 17 (two weeks).** Part of our re-registration for September includes a $300 deposit to hold your spot at TCS. This $300 deposit will be taken off of your tuition next year. If you are moving or leaving TCS, please email/put this in writing to Robin and she will inform both the principal and our finance administrator. Thank you, parents, for your commitment to Christian education!

LED lights...the Journey is Complete- Let the Savings Begin!

As many of you may have heard, we have been replacing all the outside lights at TCS as well as all the gym lights with new high efficient LED lighting. This has been an ongoing process with many volunteer Saturdays being spent on this change over by both Ivan Kers (one of our long term TCS parents) and Mike Huitema (our caretaker). A huge thank you to both of these gentlemen as their hard work and many Saturdays since November have saved TCS thousands on labour with this project.

In addition, another thank you goes out to the board of the re-Source Thrift Shop as the full cost to cover the actual lights came from the $30,000 that was donated to TCS from the Thrift Shop at our fall membership meeting. Well done parents and volunteers who have worked at the store which directly resulted in the $30,000 gift to TCS (resulting in our new LED lights being installed). This could not have been done without you!!

Not only are the lights brighter and better for security outside and in the gym, they also take significantly less energy which results in less Hydro! This is the gift that keeps on giving...for years and years to come!!

We were also just approved recently for the $4,000 green grant rebate that TCS will receive in the next few months for doing this project. It was important to do the LED project when we did as these grants are not always available. Good timing all around and an all around good project for TCS!

CHICKEN POX



There have been two cases of chicken pox at TCS in the past couple of weeks. Both students were vaccinated against it, and since students are contagious prior to spots showing up, they were present at school while contagious. Please keep an eye out for anything appearing like spots on your children even if your children are vaccinated as they are very contagious for close to two weeks!



Diving Deeper by Faith

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

FEBRUARY 3-27: FOOD DRIVE

8	Term 1 Report Cards Go Home
10	Full Chapel & Pizza Day
13	**TCS Open House 9am-noon**
14	Grade 5 Class Trip
15	Basketball Tournament @ TCS
16	Parent-Teacher Conferences
17	Pizza Day
20	**Family Day—NO SCHOOL**
23	Lumberjack Day
24	Full Chapel, Pizza Day & Debt-Free Kids Workshop
28	Grad Photo Day

Parent-Teacher Interviews - Feb. 16 from 4-6:30
Optional parent-teacher interviews are taking place on Feb. 16th from 4-6:30pm at TCS. If you have concerns or items you would like to discuss with teachers, please take advantage of this night!

Strategic Planning Feedback From the TCS Community
On Saturday, February 11 a team of 9 TCS board members, staff members and community members will meet to process what was completed in this past year of strategic planning and plan out the next year.

Recent goals this past year included organizing the Inspire Campaign for a bursary program, defining leading edge learning from our vision statement, assessing long term building and maintenance items, further marketing advances and advertising rental opportunities replacing Harvest.

If you have ideas that you feel our school should keep front and center please email Robin at tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca with ideas. The principal will summarize this list and present it to the strategic planning team when they meet in February.

Why the importance of a strategic plan at TCS?
We have met yearly with a team to draft main goals and to continue the momentum of improvement at TCS. *Good organizations stretch to look around the next corner* to stay steps ahead of the next few years and strive to create and keep a culture of improvement. The strength of a good planning process is a very healthy process that we as a board want to keep front and centre.

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.

TCS Amazing Race Experience and Family Fun Fair! After rave reviews and fundraising success, the TCS Amazing Race Experience will be back this year on Saturday, April 22! 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 very soon.

TCS Families—There will be a NEW aspect to this fundraiser this year. We are planning a **FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL** at the school while others are running the Amazing Race. This will be open to all of YOU as well as anyone you'd like to invite for a fun Saturday afternoon out. Details will follow so watch for them in the newsletter. ***Mark your calendars for this exciting fundraiser event!***

Open House Date on February 13 from 9am-12pm
A reminder to ask a potential family to attend our first TCS open house of the spring on the morning of February 13th. Share the good news of Christian education.

T.C.S. Student Council Presents



Lumberjack Day!

Thursday, February, 23

Pull out your plaid, and don't forget the wooly socks and toque! Join us as we get ready for winter.

Mustaches & beards optional

PITCH

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 or Jody Vanderboon (Senior Team) at jvanderboon@timothychristianschool.ca if you would like to get PITCH hours while you read at home!

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

Tues., Feb. 7	Math Test: Multiplication
Wed., Feb 8	MW: 1 Samuel 15:22 (recitation)
Fri., Feb. 10	Spelling test: Unit 17
Thurs., Feb. 16	Recorder Test: Kagome

Grade 5

Wed., Feb. 8	Report cards go home
Fri., Feb. 10	Math Test on decimals
	Scholastic book orders due
Tues., Feb, 14	Class trip to Simcoe County Museum
Wed., Feb. 15	Grammar quiz on nouns
Fri., Feb. 17	Bible test - rescheduled due to snow days
Tues., Feb. 28	Make David Busby Lunches
Fri., Mar. 3	Math test - Measurement

Grades 6-8 Homework info is available on Schoology.

Full Chapel Friday—SK to Host

This Friday at 9am the SK class will be hosting chapel in the gym for the whole school. Parents are welcome to join!

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: Feb. 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!

Milk Orders

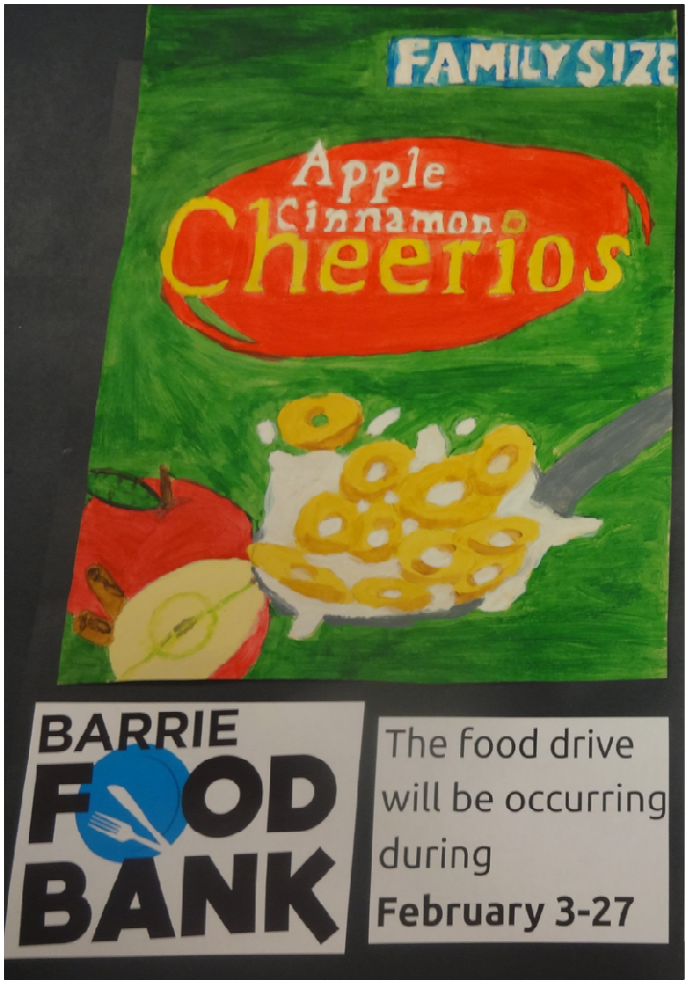
This week's milk deliveries will be make-up from the snow days we have had. Next week our new schedule and orders will begin.

Food Drive

The grade 8 class is running a Food Drive in conjunction with Harvest Bible Chapel in support of the Barrie Food Bank. Please send non-perishable items with your children to support this worthy cause. Some ideas for items the Food Bank needs include: canned foods, powdered milk, toiletries, lunch snacks, baby formula, sugar, oatmeal, or large sized diapers

Lost and Found on Display

This will be on display in the hallway for the week, and then it will be donated to the Thrift Shop, so make sure you come see if you're missing anything!



Finance Workshop—Friday Evening, February 24th (in the Music Room at TCS)
Do you ever wrestle with family finances? Do you think about your children and how they will be with finances years from now?

Many of you know **Peter VanderHelm** from the Barrie area. Peter is a CPA and CGA and has been both a business leader and a financial advisor for over 30 years with significant success. Over the past few years Peter has been working on a workshop that includes topics such as:

- Financial literacy
- Teaching your children beyond 'fast cash' and 'debt'
- What is your Money Philosophy?
- The critical importance of families today talking about money
- What are the 3 tricky truths that make it difficult to be a Christian parent and the secret to avoid having your kids drown in debt?
- Getting our kids through post secondary using financial wisdom

There is no cost for this workshop but a free-will offering for Timothy Christian School will be taken at the end of the evening.

This workshop will be very insightful for parents but also very helpful for students in late high school as they prepare for the college years. All could benefit.

TCS Now Having Conversations about Church Rentals Beyond August 2017!
A letter to all the churches in Barrie will be going out next week informing local churches that Harvest will be moving out on August 31st and a new church could step into a rental agreement with TCS as of September 1st.

If you know of any churches interested in a rental agreement for a 450 seat auditorium (our gym) and classrooms, please send them our way for a tour of the facility.

Yearbook News!!
This year, the new yearbook design offers a hardcover/ full colour format....with a new advertising twist! We're offering the opportunity for Advertising sponsorship within the yearbook to offset the cost of print & design. Please see the attached poster and the price outline for the variety of sizes offered. If you would like to sponsor and advertise for your business (or family) in support of TCS this year, please contact Tina Covert or Michelle Roberts (mroberts@timothychristianschool.ca) (tcovert@timothychristianschool.ca)



Re-Source Thrift Shop—Barrie South
Thanks to those who filled our yellow shifts last week and to those pop ins throughout the week. Many hands made light work - we were able to revamp sections and get lots of clothes out on the floor! Thank you!

Shifts needing coverage this week:
Tuesday 1:30-5, Thursday 4-6,
FRIDAY between 9:30am-5:30pm—We are VERY short,
SATURDAY anytime between 12-5:30pm!

Next Sorting Night - Monday, Feb 13 7-9 pm Come out for an hour or two! Many hands make light work.

Sales Update—all Winter wear and Valentine's items 50% off! We have a large selection of brand new phone and camera accessories (tri-pods) etc. in stock at incredible prices!

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.

Unity Christian High School Information
You are invited to an evening of dessert and discussion on Wed. Feb. 8 at 7:30pm. Come and talk with us about Christian education in an informal environment. Ask your questions and meet families who made the decision to send their children to Unity. We would love to meet with you. Please RSVP to Pamela at info@unitychristianhigh.ca by February 6th.

**Ads can be either horizontal or vertical based on your company logo or design.*

1/2 Page Advertising

Size: 8” x 5.395”

Price: $125.00

1/4 Page Advertising

Size: 4.275” x 5”

Price: $70.00

1/8 Page Advertising

Size: 3.685” x 2.5”

Price: $50.00

Business Card Ad*

Size: 3.5” x 2”

Price: $35.00

(*Provide your own business card)

“Tagline Twenty” Price: $20.00

Running along the bottom of a printed page:
(*“Lovingly sponsored by the _____ Family”*)

...inspiring children to be alive in Christ!

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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INSPIRE
BURSARY CAMPAIGN

Here's the Challenge:
Donations by May 1st, will be matched 4 to 1!

Join us today...together we can INSPIRE the future!

Are you up to this Challenge?

We've received great feedback as well as a series of generous donations to the INSPIRE Bursary Campaign!



We now have a challenge for the TCS Community...
ARE YOU UP FOR IT?

4 to 1 challenge!

Every dollar donated by May 1st will be matched 4 to 1!

Consider this: **$500 turns into $2500**
and **$1000 turns into $5000**

We can ALL make a difference!
Join us to INSPIRE the future...

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For details, check out: ***www.inspiretimothy.ca***