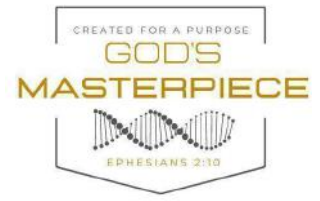




# TCS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



**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**

## From all of us at TCS...have a Wonderful Christmas Break!

Thank you to all who joined us at the TCS Christmas Concert last Thursday evening! It truly was a wonderful celebration of Christmas as a community!

On behalf of the TCS staff and Board of Directors, we would like to wish all our families a wonderful Christmas holiday filled with family time, laughter and reflection! As we mentioned in the closing of the concert last Thursday...remember to take time to reflect on the incredible gift God gave us this season in His son Jesus! Our TCS staff have been reading a book for our professional development this year called '*Gentle and Lowly...by Dane Ortlund*'...and it is all about the heart of God. We are learning the heart of God is about grace, forgiveness and a deep, profound love for this world! Take the time to thank God for his abundant grace over the Christmas break. We have so very much to be thankful for! Don't hold back showing your love for our heavenly Father!

We look forward to seeing all of our students and parents again on Monday, January 6!

## December 20 Chapel & Family Skate - Parents, PLEASE COMPLETE THE PERMISSION FORM TODAY!

Parents, we are planning for THIS Friday, December 20. Here is our agenda for the day:

→**Chapel @ 9am:** Please feel welcome to join us for Christmas Chapel led by Mrs. Kloosterman & Mrs. Nelson's grade 4 class

→**Family Skate:**

[Parents, to help us with our planning, please complete this form](#) for each of your children so staff are aware of your child's participation and transportation plans for that day. If your children aren't skaters or if they aren't planning on skating then please complete the form indicating that you will pick them up at the school at 12noon and they won't be joining in skating. **There will be no supervision at the school as all students will go to the rink.**



- 12noon: Parents pick up students to go to Peggy Hill Community Centre (171 Mapleton Ave, Barrie) AND Bus shuttles begin to take students from TCS to the Community Centre
- 12:15pm: Parents meet students at the rink to help put on skates and join in the family skate! **Parents of primary students, please make every effort to join us for the skate (or send a grandparent or other family) . We rely on the extra support to help keep our youngest students safe on the ice.**
- 12:30 - 2pm: TCS Family Skate

→**2pm dismissal from Peggy Hill:**

- **Bus students:** Students who will be on the bus going home will be ushered off the ice at 1:45 to be ready for buses to leave the Community Center at 2:00. Parents please be sure to be at bus stops early to meet students. Buses will only have a few students on them so the routes will be much shorter than usual. The buses will most likely arrive at the stops between 2:15 and 2:45.

### Key December dates:

|                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 16 HOT DOG DAY       | 20 9am Chapel              |
| 18 7am Hockey Tryout | 12:15-2pm Family Skate     |
|                      | 2pm <b>EARLY DISMISSAL</b> |

### January dates:

**Back to school.... January 6 - Hot Dog Day**  
 Jan 8 7am Hockey Practice Thornton Arena  
 Jan 10 Pizza Day

- **Students being picked up:** Parents will need to meet us at the Community Center by 1:45pm to help your children take off their skates and head home for Christmas holidays!

→ **Safety items required for all children (including ALL students in JK - 8):**

- ALL students who are skating must wear either a **hockey helmet or a bike helmet** when on the ice.
- All Skates **must be in a gym bag or have good skate guards** while carrying around school or on the bus (not in a plastic bag or without guards).
- Parents: Please note there is not to be any strollers or boots on the ice (this comes from the City of Barrie and is in the rental contract)

**\*\*If Friday is a snow day**, please feel free to enjoy a family skate from 12:30 to 2pm for parents, staff and students who can make it to the rink as we have paid for the rental already!

**Vision Setting evening for Trinity Christian School (our new JK - 12 campus) set for Thursday, January 30 at 7:00**

Are you passionate about vision and worldview in our new school? Join us for a vision setting evening on Thursday, January 30 from 7:00 to 9:00 as we begin to shape and craft the new vision statement for JK - 12. We will start to move from our seven foundational statements, move to a vision statement then to a tagline for our new school. If you are good with power-words and have a heart and longing for the new school to be effective and have a profound impact on our community then we need you. Please join us to help craft and shape our new vision on January 30!

**Year-end Donations for TCS and/or Trinity Christian School (TCS & Unity Integration)**

Looking for a place to donate before December 31st? Consider TCS for your December donations before the year-end.

***Donations for 2024 must be received by the school no later than end of day Friday, December 20th or e transferred to [finance@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:finance@timothychristianschool.ca) (password: school) no later than Dec 31, 2024.*** Please note, hand delivered envelopes in January, or January postmarked envelopes, will be designated for 2025. Do not mail your donation while there is no postal service. And please clearly mark the intent of your gift. We deeply appreciate your support!

**Community News**

Our condolences to Madame Dykstra, TCS French Specialist, on the passing of her father-in-law Rev. Bill Dykstra. We lift the Dykstra family in prayer for the Celebration of Life tomorrow and for the difficult days to come.

**Hot Lunch - Remember NO PIZZA this week!**

**Lost & Found**

Please drop by to look through the Lost & Found as it is full!



➡ **TCS Family Cookbook**

We are so excited to create the First Annual TCS Family Cookbook! Our goal is to gather special Family Recipes from all of our TCS families and combine them together into a book that will be sold at the International Food Festival this coming spring. Please feel free to send in any recipes you would like to share. We would love to hear about your family recipes passed down through generations, your traditional meals or desserts for special occasions, or even just your simple "go-to" meal ideas. We would love to include any family stories or photos that go along with your recipe.



[Please CLICK HERE and fill the TCS Family Cookbook Google Form.](#)

If you have a LEGIBLE paper copy of your recipe, and do not wish to rewrite all of the information onto the google form, you may choose to add your photo onto the google form. If your recipe is handwritten, then please make sure the printing is LEGIBLE or else we will not be able to use it.

### Snow Valley Skiing/Snowboarding and Tubing

To enjoy skiing / snowboarding / tubing at a discounted rate at Snow Valley you MUST email or text Tracey Sheppard at least 2 weeks in advance of the Thursday evening you want to go. The earlier you email / text Tracey the better so she can organize the discounted tickets as we need to meet the 20 person minimum consistently to get the group discounted price. The following is the list of Thursday evenings:

- Jan 9, 16, 23, 30
- Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 and
- Mar 6

Skiing/snowboarding is from 4-9pm

**COST:** Night lift ticket and rental is \$52 + tax per person and the lift ticket on its own is \$30 + tax.

A 2 hour tubing ticket is \$23 (taxes included)

**CONTACT:** Tracey Sheppard, [t\\_eisses@hotmail.com](mailto:t_eisses@hotmail.com), 705-725-3750



### Unity Christian High School Scrap Day Jan 11, 2025

Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for the details of the fun Scrap Day fundraiser planned at Unity January 11, 9am to 8pm.

### NEW INITIATIVE for the TCS Bazaar... Triangle Rewards Fundraiser

We have a new way that you are able to give to the school by donating your Triangle Rewards Points. Earn points with the Triangle Rewards Program every time you shop at places like Canadian Tire, Sport Chek, Pro Hockey Life, Party City, Atmosphere, Petro-Canada and Mark's Work Warehouse. If you wish to be part of this initiative and donate your Triangle Reward Points to TCS, please **call Triangle Rewards Customer Service at 1-800-226-8473**, and ask to Transfer your points to account number **6365-7477-0431-8148**. Points can be transferred at any time of the year and any points given to the school will be used towards the Annual Christmas Bazaar and Auction. Please note there needs to be a minimum of \$5.00 in rewards to be able to make the transaction.



**\*\*Remember TCS is a nut-free school. Please be sure all snacks/lunches are nut-free!\*\***

### Logging your PITCH hours

Please be aware that it is each family's responsibility to track and log their own PITCH hours. To enter your hours, please follow these instructions:

- Log onto Sycamore with your family specific login (TCS School Id: 3982)
- On the left side of the School Homepage: Click "My School", Click "My Service Logs"
- Click "NEW" button on the right side, Complete the form *choosing the appropriate heading*
- Click "**Save**"... entered hours are pending until approved by the PITCH committee
- Families that are required to complete ONLY 15 hours, please be sure to log the SPECIAL PITCH AUTHORIZATION of 10 hours (these are the hours granted to you so you only need to complete 15 hours in total).

Remember, each family is permitted to enter 2.5 hours for attending Society meetings (even if you aren't a member!).

If you have questions or need further assistance, please contact [pitch@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:pitch@timothychristianschool.ca). Thank you for adding to the life of the school by volunteering your time!



**Bus information:** Landmark Bus Lines Barrie (our bus company): **705-722-6666**. Parents, please feel free to contact Landmark for an ETA on a bus at any time.

Check out this link to buy TCS clothing: <https://timothychristian.entripyshops.com/>

Shop for Christmas gifts! Show your TCS school spirit and wear black, gold, grey or your TCS gear on Fridays! The teachers have put in their order and they will be looking sharp! Come on TCS Community... Let's show our spirit and wear our TCS gear, gold, black, white or grey!

Mark your calendars: Unity Christian High School SCRAPBOOKING DAY Jan 11, 9am to 8pm



# SCRAP DAY FUNDRAISER

January 11, 2025  
9am - 8pm

*Help our grade 12 class finish off the year strong with a well deserved senior trip!*

- ✓ Continental breakfast
- ✓ Boxed lunch
- ✓ Dinner
- ✓ Snacks
- ✓ Large tables
- ✓ Door Prizes
- ✓ Raffles

**\$70 per person**

Unity Christian High School  
25 Burton Ave, Barrie, ON

To register just scan the code or use this link  
<https://bit.ly/4g21KmZ>. Then send payment to  
[kwatson@unitychristianhigh.ca](mailto:kwatson@unitychristianhigh.ca) with the word  
"Scrapday" in the message box.

