



TIMOTHY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Monday, April 9, 2018

What is Learning and how do we ensure it happens at TCS?

TCS staff were involved in an excellent professional development day last Friday which included the great question..."What is learning?"

Is it when a teacher teaches?

Is it when a student understands a concept?

Or is it deeper?

Good schools understand that learning lands when **students** master a concept. That means it goes well beyond the teaching part - that is only the beginning of the process. It is kind of like throwing and catching a baseball. The play is only complete when the other person successfully catches the ball. Learning is like that. It only really happens when the student understands the concept being taught and a teacher has a process in place to ensure students understand.

IMPORTANT DATES IN APRIL!

Pastor Appreciation Day on Wednesday, April 25

Invitations went home last week for Pastor Apr on Wednesday, April 25 from 9:00 - 10:30. Pastors start with coffee and social time from 8:30 - 9:00 in the gym. Then there will be a student presentation time from 9:00 - 9:45. We then look forward to all the pastors coming through the classes from 9:45 - 10:30 to connect with the students from their churches. Please pass on the invitations to your pastor personally this Sunday.

TCS Spring Celebration of Learning/Spring Concert

6:30—7:15: Spring concert for JK -8 (bands & choirs)

7:15—8:15: Student celebration of learning (which includes students presenting many of the projects that their classes have been working on. Some classes are presenting and sharing other areas of the curriculum as well.

Grandparents Day

10:15 am—Grandparents social in the gym

11:00 am—Presentation by TCS students

12:00 pm—Lunch served

1:00 pm—Grandparents visit classrooms

2:15 pm—Grandparents departure

But how do we know learning has happened?

Last Friday at the seminar we processed a variety of ways that teachers can ensure learning has happened. We call that 'checking for understanding'. These are quick ways during a lesson that teachers can check-in with students to see if the concepts they are learning are actually 'being caught' by the students.

This can be through reflective journaling, processing a concept with a partner, thumbs up if you got this, exit tickets (proving that you know the concept at the end of a lesson), or debriefs at the end of lessons. Good teachers use a variety of these ways to get quick feedback to ensure there are no gaps in student learning.

Yes, the traditional tests and projects are great ways to check for understanding, but often they happen in the later stage of the process and if there are gaps in learning it can be too late.

There were so many good things to process from the PD day last Friday... TCS staff will be reviewing these areas Wednesday at our regular staff meeting. We will begin with defining the phrase 'student engaged assessment', then brainstorm a list of great ways to 'check for understanding', then talk through what makes a good learning target (goal) for lessons. It was also exciting to learn last Friday that the book the PD day was based on was *the very book that TCS staff has been studying for the past year* as part of our professional development. That book is called 'Leaders of their own Learning' and it challenges teachers to go deeper in their teaching/learning and ensure students own what they are learning.

Overall it was an excellent day and pushed us deeper into great education...and closer to our school vision.

Open House today and tonight!

Please note there was an open house this morning from 9 - 12 and another this evening from **7—8:30pm**.

Update on Enrollment for next year!

If you have yet to send in a \$300 cheque as part of the re-registration process for next September, we will be calling families this week as a gentle reminder to hand those in.



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"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do **ALL** in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Col 3:17

TCS is now accepting resumes for a permanent Administrative Assistant position.

Resumes will be accepted throughout April and early May with the top candidates being short-listed for an interview in early May. We plan to hire by late May and have the new person shadow Bethany Winger for part of June to be ready to start the new year in August.

For those candidates interested, a resume, names of two work related references and one spiritual reference can be sent to tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca. Interested candidates can also call Mr. Berg for details or questions about the position. Candidates with related experience and education such as office administrator/administrative assistant certificates, will be prioritized. Interested candidates can ask for the Administrative Assistant Critical Skills form for this position which includes Computer/Technology skills, People skills, Organization/Multitasking, Confidentiality and Quality Control skills. All candidates who apply will be asked to complete a self-assessment of the Administrative Assistant Critical Skills form. **If you know of anyone who is strong in these areas and has related education or experience as an administrative assistant, please direct them our way.**

Badminton Team Practices

The badminton team has practices the following dates after school from 3:30—5pm.
Tuesday, April 10; Thursday, April 12; Tuesday, April 17
The badminton tournament will be held at TCS on Wednesday, April 18 !

APRIL

- 9 OPEN HOUSE 9am—12pm; 7pm—8:30pm
- 11 Grade 8 Photos, Grad photo orders due!
- 17 Grad Meeting @ 3:45pm
- 18 Badminton Tournament
- 19 Club/Sports Photo Day
- 20 Matching Mayhem Day
- 25 **Pastor Appreciation Day (9am—10:30am)**
- 26 **Celebration of Learning/Spring Concert (6:30pm—8:15pm)**
- 27 **Grandparents Day (11am—2pm)**

MAY

- 2 Meat Orders due
- 7—18 MAPS Testing
- 10 Meat Delivery
- 14 OPEN HOUSE 9am—12pm; 7pm—8:30pm
- 17 Grade 7/8 Immunizations
- 18 TCS Track & Field
- 21 Victoria Day—NO SCHOOL
- 24 Spring Society Meeting
- 31 Master Track

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Grandparents Day—Soup Preparation and Kitchen Help

We know our Grandparents have their favorite soups so we would like to make sure we have a variety and plenty of soup so no one misses out. Below is a list of the 4 types and how many soup/chili we will need.

- 7 pots of Chili
- 7 pots of Pea Soup
- 7 pots of Meatball Soup
- 7 pots of Chicken Noodle

We are in need of help in the kitchen with set up, food prep, and clean up for the following time slots.

- 4ppl 8:30—11:30am (prep and set up)
- 7ppl 11:30—3:30 (serve and clean up)
- 5ppl 8:30—3:30pm (kitchen)

Please contact Amanda Smith at amandajoysmith@outlook.com or [416-885-9325](tel:416-885-9325) to let her know what type of soup/chili you are able to prepare and if you are able to help in the kitchen.

Grandparents Day Set Up

Grandparents Day follows our Celebration of Learning evening, so we will need many hands to help set up tables and chairs after the evening program on Thursday, April 26!

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.

Upcoming TCS Church Visits

We are so thankful to be in a community where we can reach new families, answer questions and be a light in our community through our church visits. Come and join us if you are available on the dates listed below.

TCS will be promoting for enrollment alongside Unity Christian High School at the following churches:

- Sunday, April 15—Emmanuel Baptist Church
- Sunday, April 22—Hi-Way Church
- Sunday, May 6—Mapleview Community Church

Meat Fundraiser

Grade 7 & 8 students are selling “North Country Meat” again this spring! Information needed for purchasing meat is on the TCS website under the “Resources” tab. Please contact a Grade 7 or 8 student if you wish to purchase meat. Orders are due Wednesday, May 2, and deliveries can be picked up at the school on Thursday, May 10.

Homework Highlights

Grade 3

Thurs. Apr. 5

MW—Matthew 28:5-8

Measurement Test

Tues. Apr. 10

Animal Groups Test

Fri. Apr. 13

Spelling Test—Unit 23

Grade 3/4

Wed. Apr. 11

MW—Psalm 103:1—2 (written)

Thurs. Apr. 12

Math Test—Measurement (Gr4)

Fri. Apr. 13

Spelling Test—Unit 23

Wed. Apr. 18

Science Test—Birds

Fri. Apr. 20

Spelling Test—Unit 25

Fri. Apr. 27

NO Spelling Test: Review Week

Grade 4

Thurs. Apr. 12

Math Test—Measurement

Fri. Apr. 13

Spelling Test—Unit 23

Tues. Apr. 17

MW—1 Samuel 16:7b (oral)

Wed. Apr. 18

Science Test—Birds

Fri. Apr. 20

Spelling Test—Unit 25

Tues. Apr. 24

MW—1 Samuel 15:22

Fri. Apr. 27

NO Spelling Test—Review Week

Grade 5

Thurs. Apr. 12

Social Studies review home

Fri. Apr. 13

Scholastic Book Orders Due

Thurs. Apr. 19

Social Studies Test—Gov't

Fri. Apr. 20

Lit Quiz—Number the Stars

Chapters 1—5

MW—Luke 2:15—17 (FITB)

RAGW goal due



GOLF 2018 TOURNAMENT



FRIDAY, MAY 25th, 2018

7am Registration, Light Breakfast | 8am Shotgun Start | BBQ Lunch

INCLUDES: 18 Holes with a cart at this private ClubLink Course, swag bag, raffle prizes and tournament challenges for great prizes!

GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES

WIN a Muskoka Golf Weekend including an overnight stay at a ClubLink Muskoka Resort...and over \$2000 in other prizes!

\$150 EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

\$175 after May 11th
Register your team now!!

Ask about our available
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REGISTER TODAY!!

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Join us for an Open House tour at
Timothy Christian School

Open House Dates for 2018:

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

Monday, May 14th: 9am-Noon & 7-8:30pm

Monday, June 4th: 9am-Noon



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DONATIONS for Golf Tournament

If you're able to submit a prize as a donation towards our Golf Tournament this year, we would appreciate your help. The Golf Committee is diligently working towards gathering donations within our local business community... would you be able to help out? Please contact Michelle Roberts or Bethany Winger if you have any questions. Donations can be dropped off at TCS at your convenience. Thank you for your help!

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