



## An Exciting Year of Growth Here at TCS!

Mr. Rod Berg, Principal



We are very excited to report that we have had a great start to the school year at TCS this fall. By the middle of October, we hit a seven year high of 232 students and 120 families. Of the fifteen new families, four of them joined us in late August or early September.

### New staff hired at TCS

Because of the larger numbers in some of the classes, we were very blessed to hire a new grade 5 teacher, Brijette Gruber (to add another class to bring the numbers in grades 4 and 5 down since they were pushing 30 students in grade 5) and a new Educational Assistant for this year, Joy Watson, who is supporting both students and teachers throughout all grades five days a week this year.



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← Mrs. Brijette Gruber (Gr. 5)

Miss Joy Watson (EA) →



### Waiting list in Grades 2, 3 and 6

Because of the amount of families and students who have joined or are interested in joining, we have actually capped grades 2, 3 and 6 for this year and presently have started a waiting list for those grades. We have families who have handed in their registration forms and are waiting for a family to move from the area to be the next to register and have their child placed in one of those classes. We are planning to interview these families in January to add them and plan for them to attend TCS in September for those grades.

### Re-Registration starts on January 15 for September 2019

Although it does seem like a long ways off, we will be asking all our existing TCS families to confirm registration for next year starting on January 15<sup>th</sup> to be handed in by February 1<sup>st</sup> to ensure our existing families get the first chance to confirm registration for next year.

We are very grateful for our new families and new students and very much look forward to seeing all of them make great connections at TCS.

### Theme for the year

The theme for this year is 'Love in Action'. This is based on 1 John 3:18 which states, "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth". It challenges our students and community to show our love beyond just empty words and instead through how we live out our day to day lives.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NOVEMBER

28 Meat Orders Due

## DECEMBER

6 Meat Order Delivery Day  
7 Full Chapel (Gr. 4/5)  
13 Christmas Musical  
14 Full Chapel  
21 Family Skate (12:30-2pm)  
Last Day before Christmas Holidays!

## JANUARY

7 Back to School!  
11 Full Chapel (Gr. 1)  
Open House  
19 Scrapday  
25 Split Chapels  
9am—Gr.3  
9:45am—Gr. 7  
28 PA Day (No School)  
31 Hockey Tournament

## FEBRUARY

1 Re-Reg Forms & Deposit  
Returned  
13 Parent-Teacher Interviews  
15 Full Chapel (SK)  
Open House  
20 Basketball Tournament  
22 Gr. 8 Grad Picture Day

## All School Project

As the TCS Staff looked and reflected on the school theme for the 2018/19 school year, we felt it was the perfect year to consider an all school project where each division of the school could work on a project that connected nicely in to the main theme of 'Love in Action'.

- ⇒ Our JK – 2 classes will be focusing on showing love in action at the *school level*.
- ⇒ Our grades 3 – 5 classes will be working on a project that will focus on living this theme out in the *local community*.
- ⇒ Our grades 6 – 8 classes will think at a more senior level and try to live out the theme of 'Love in Action' through a more *global view point*.

As always, these projects will challenge us to reflect deeply on God's creation, how sin damaged it and how the powerful work of Jesus through redemption calls all things back to where our Father intended things to be.

## Presenting in April

Most of the work with this all school project will happen between January and April with the Celebration of Learning evening (April 25) and Grandparents' Day (April 26) being the presentation of our all school project. We look forward to working on this all school project, integrating various required skills as part of different subjects, and presenting the results to our parent community. What a great way to put our faith in action by living out our theme for the year!

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### **Parent Survey says... TCS is a great place to send your children!**

For our parents who were at TCS last year you may remember that we participated in the School Quality Survey through the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools last June.

The results of this survey were *very positive* and a summary will be shared at this membership meeting.

*Some quick facts from the survey:*

- 63% of parents who commented on the 'main strengths of TCS' (69 comments in the survey/highest of any other area commented on) appreciated the strong Christian aspect of the school which confirmed our vision was coming through in all we do at TCS
- Another strong area was praise for the teachers, their love for the children, strong commitment and teaching methods which received 40 positive comments
- Out of the above, 21 times people commented on how well the TCS staff worked together as a team and how welcoming they are
- There were 28 specific comments on the strong sense of community within the school and parents with 15 of these specifically about on the caring and warm environment at TCS
- There were 17 specific positive comments about the principal in regard to strong leadership skills, supportive, good follow up with discipline and caring
- Strong academics and curriculum were commented on 16 times by parents
- Communication within the school and between administration, parents, and teachers received 12 comments of praise
- Praise for PBL projects received 13 comments as well

Under 'areas of improvement', the two significant areas included: 9 commented on lack of school safety re: front doors being unlocked (this was before the new security buzz-in system was installed in August 2018 which parents have very much appreciated) and another 9 comments on communication in regard to parents wanting to hear earlier about upcoming school events.

A huge thank you to the majority of our parents who participated in this major survey. Your TCS Board of Directors has processed the results and we are very encouraged!



### **Grade 4/5 First Nations of this Land Projects**

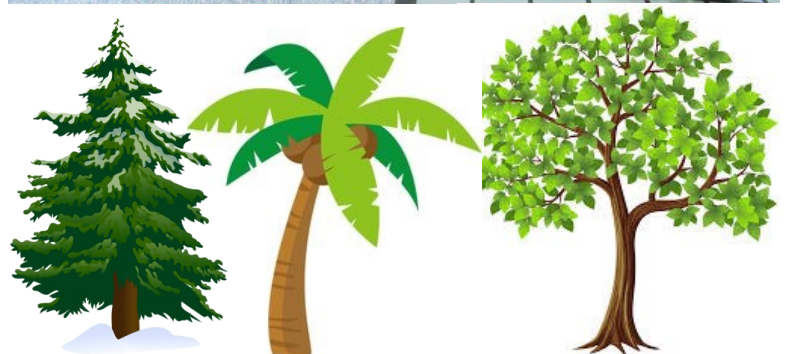
The students in Grade 4/5 studied a unit called "First Nations of This Land" in Social Studies. Through small group research, the students learned how the lives of the First Nations people were- and continue to be. The topics they researched were clothing, shelter, food and tools/transportation. From their research they created a poster board on each topic and as well as making an item that reflected their individual topic. It was a wonderful experience for the students to delight in and investigate the cultures of the First Nations peoples of this land we now call Canada.



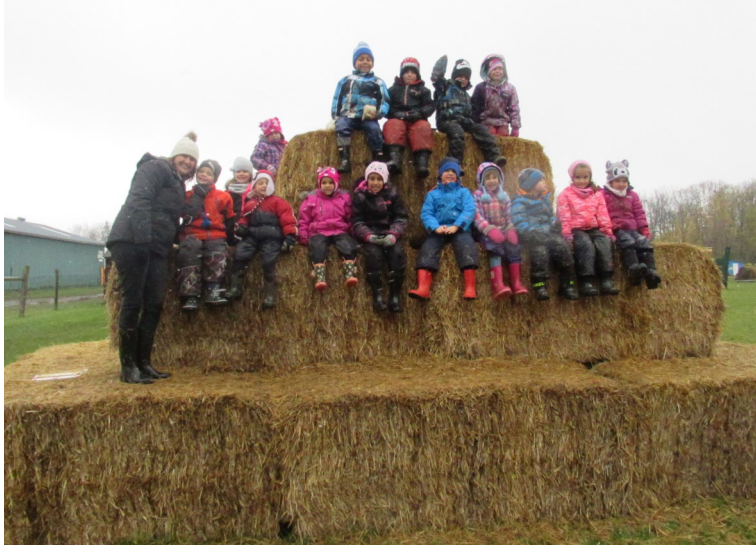


## “Be Like a Tree” Day!

Our first Student Council event of the year was UNBE-LEAF-ABLE fun! On Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, staff and students dressed up in their favourite tree-related apparel. It was a great way to celebrate the Fall season!







The JK/SK classes traveled to Hewitt's Pumpkin Patch in Orillia for a very wet morning of pumpkin fun! Hewitt's does a very good job explaining the growth cycle of the pumpkin through puppets and demonstrations. They have many farm animals with fact boards so that the children can learn the different names of animals and a wonderful field of interactive activities for the children to enjoy. Our day was very wet and muddy and we were very cold!!! We each brought a pumpkin home and we enjoyed baking pumpkin cookies, muffins and roasting seeds in our warm, dry classrooms in the afternoon.

## TCS MISSION

Timothy Christian School develops children through biblically based educational programs by nurturing professionals equipping our children to be active Christians in God's world.

## TCS VISION

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





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## Join us for an Open House tour at **TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

### Open House Dates for 2019:

Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>: 9am-Noon; with Grade 1 Chapel  
Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>: 9am-Noon; with SK Chapel  
Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>: 9am-Noon; with Grade 3 Chapel  
Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>: 9am-Noon & 7-8:30pm  
Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>: 9am-Noon & 7-8:30pm  
Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>: 9am-Noon

*Enjoy a tour of the school  
and take the opportunity to ask  
questions and learn about TCS.*

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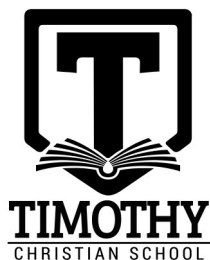
Do you know of anyone who might be interested in attending TCS next fall? Now is the time to inquire about registering students for September 2019!

Encourage those within your sphere of influence to come to one of our many Open House dates and see what Timothy Christian School is all about... The best way to learn about TCS is to experience it!

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