

From the Principal...

TCS Christmas Program a week from this Thursday

A reminder to all our parents to plan to attend our school Christmas program which is next Thursday, December 13th at 7:00pm. ***We count on all our students to participate in the bands, choirs, acting and solo parts. The quality of the production goes up the more of our students we have involved in the evening. The ability to present at our very best level goes down the more students miss this event.*** Parents - please plan on making December 13th at the school a special part of your Christmas tradition.

A Tree Lot Christmas Musical

We have been busy preparing for our Christmas Musical. Choirs are practicing, bands are preparing, actors are memorizing, and readers are reading! We look forward to sharing our talents with each of you on Thursday, December 13th at 7:00pm (Snow date is Tues., Dec. 18 at 7 pm).

Please make note of the information below:

1. Primary Choir members (SK to Gr. 2) and Junior Choir members (Gr. 3 to Gr. 5) are to wear their "Sunday Best" (please no shirts with logos or lettering on the front).
2. The Gr. 7 Buskers are to wear Christmas sweaters or Red tops with a hat and a scarf.
3. Bands are to wear dark pants with their TCS band shirt.
4. **All Cast members need to arrive at 5:00pm** the night of the performance for hair and make up. We will supply a Pizza supper for these cast members as they get ready for the performance.
5. **All students need to be brought to their classrooms for 6:45pm** (please have your little ones go to the bathroom before dropping them off in their classrooms).
6. We will be collecting items for the Socks of Love Service Project that the whole school is participating in. Look for further details attached to your child's December class newsletter.

Grade 4/5 Chapel this Friday at 9:00am

Please feel free to join us for chapel this Friday! It will be hosted by Mrs. Goodnough's Gr. 4/5 class.

DECEMBER

3	PITCH Forms/Payment Due
6	Meat Order Delivery Day
7	Full Chapel (Grade 4/5) Pizza Day
12	7am-Hockey Tryout @ Thornton Arena
13	Christmas Musical (7:00pm)
14	Split Chapels (9:00am) Pizza Day
18	Gr. 7/8 tour Hope Church
19	7am-Hockey Tryout @ Thornton Arena Classroom Carol Challenge (Student Council) Gr. 4/5 Christmas Cheer Trip Pizza Day
20	Gr. 8 Christmas Banquet
21	Last Day of Classes! 12:30pm—Family Skate @ Holly Community Centre 2:00pm —Early Dismissal from Holly

Re-Registration for September 2019 starts on January 15 (only 6 weeks away)

On January 15th we will be asking all TCS parents to renew registration for next year along with a \$300 deposit to hold the placement for your child/children at TCS for September 2019. This will be due back to the TCS office by February 1st. Being that we have three classes that were capped this year and a waiting list started for those classes, we want to ensure we place all our existing TCS families before we start to interview, approve, and place new families. Please look for the re-registration information on January 15 - only two weeks into the new year and be sure to have it returned to the TCS office by the February 1st deadline.

Family Skate/Early Dismissal—Friday, December 21

Our annual All School Family Skate is on Friday, December 21 at Holly Community Centre. Students in JK-Grade 4 are required to wear a hockey or bike helmet to participate. All skates must have skate guards on or come in a sports bag... NOT a plastic bag. For safety reasons, we have booked two rinks: one for Grades JK-3 and the other for Grades 4-8. **BUSES WILL BE DISMISSED AT 2PM FROM HOLLY CC.** Buses are usually quite empty, as most students are picked up at the arena, so the routes are likely to go extra quick! Parents, if you plan to have your students take the bus home, **PLEASE BE AT THE BUS STOP 1.5-2 HOURS EARLIER** than the usual drop off time. Thank you!

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"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." - 1 John 3:18

Homework Highlights

Grade 4

Tues., Dec. 4—Math Test: Geometry

Thurs., Dec. 6—French Test

Fri., Dec. 7—No Spelling Test (review week)

Grade 4/5

Wed., Dec. 5—Bible Test on Unit 2: God's Covenant People

Thurs., Dec. 6—French Test

Fri., Dec. 7—Literature project due (in class project)

Thurs., Dec. 13—Math Test Grades 4 & 5: Geometry

Fri., Dec. 14—Light vocab quiz

- Reading Around God's World goal due

Grade 5

Mon., Dec. 3—Spelling Testing on units 7-11

Thurs., Dec. 6—French Test

Fri., Dec. 7—Literature test on "Sign of the Beaver"

Mon., Dec. 10—Spelling Test: Unit 13

Mon., Dec. 13—Geometry test

Props Needed!

We are looking for the following props for our Christmas musical that is coming up! If you can help us with any of the below, please drop off at the office or Mrs. Covert's office as soon as possible.

-a few spare artificial Christmas trees

-a medium stuffed dog

-Elsa (Frozen) toys-larger (please label)

-pink tricycle

-lego box

-hot wheels box

-Barbie house



CLASSROOM CAROL CHALLENGE!

The Student Council wants to invite all classes to celebrate the festive season by hosting a **CAROL CHALLENGE** on **Wednesday, December 19!** Each class will be visited by Student Council to draw a carol or Christmas song for their classroom. Your class will then need to dress up in items that match your chosen song. As an example, for 'Away in a Manger', students could dress like someone or something found in the stable... Mary, Joseph, a cow, sheep, a donkey, or even a pile of hay! So work together as a class team and get creative. Student Council will come around to visit each class on the 19th, to take your picture and deliver a tasty treat. So let's Deck our Halls and Go Tell it on the Mountain and join the Little Drummer Boy in celebrating the birth of our Saviour!



SCRAPDAY COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

Scrapday 2019 (January 19) is fast approaching & we are looking for new committee members! This is a fun-filled day and you can get most of your PITCH hours completed! This awesome fundraiser attracts many "scrappers" from outside the Christian community to see what our amazing school is all about! The gym & library are packed and we usually have to turn people away as we sell out spots very quickly. Our first committee meeting will be this week & it would be great to have some new faces to help out. Please contact Meagan Devries at devriestribe@gmail.com or 705-828-2332 if you are interested. More information on volunteers will be posted in the newsletter in the upcoming few months.

STUDENT HOMEWORK GUIDELINES

Tests and Major Assignments:

- All tests, major quizzes and major assignments will be published online or in the weekly school newsletter under the grades 4 – 8 homework section by the classroom teacher **five school days** prior to the due date
- Going forward, teacher emails or classroom newsletters will be a secondary way to publish tests, quizzes or major assignments, but **the school newsletter** or online for grades 6 – 8 will be the priority first line of communication with parents when publishing tests, quizzes or major assignments
- With no exception, no tests, major quizzes or major assignments will be given that are not published in the school newsletter **five days** before the due date

Review Sheets/Study Sheets:

- All grade 4 – 8 teachers will give out a review sheet/study sheet summarizing the key areas of a test a minimum of **three days** before the test date. These will be generated by the teacher on the content being covered.
- Review sheets/study sheets will be taken up in class by the teacher a minimum of **two days** before the test so the students go home with the proper information.

Return IEP/Student Profiles

For parents whose children receive Resource support, please remember to review, sign and return the IEP or Student Profile ASAP.



Snow Day Protocol—What happens if TCS buses are cancelled due to poor weather?

For our new parents, if the TCS school buses are cancelled due to weather you will receive an email from the school office between 6:15-6:45am to inform you of two options:

1. **Buses are cancelled but school is open** (this will happen the majority of the time). Meaning that the *buses are not running* but parents are free to drop their students off at school. Parents are responsible for both dropping them off and picking them up by 3:30 when buses are cancelled. Our staff will be on site on these days (those who can make it in).

Note: Because we only get between 30-50 students at school on bus cancellation days, *no new information will be taught in the classrooms* because 80% of students aren't there.

2. **Buses are cancelled and school is cancelled.** This will be rare, but might happen in a situation when we feel the roads are so bad that we don't want either staff or parents to be driving on them. It happened once out of six times last year. If you get the 'school is closed' email then parents are responsible for finding a place for their children for the day.

Parents, please **MAKE SURE THE OFFICE HAS YOUR CURRENT EMAIL** (and that you are receiving emails from the parents@timothychristianschool.ca group) as this is the primary way we inform our community that the buses are cancelled and whether the school is closed. We have used radio stations in the past but... **we find email the most effective way** to inform our parents.

You can always look at the Simcoe County School Bus Information website (simcoecountyschoolbus.ca) if you are wondering early if buses are cancelled. Our bus company cancels the TCS buses within 10 minutes of the SCDSB buses being cancelled.

Yearbook Advertising for the 2018/2019 School Year

If you would like to sponsor the development of the yearbook this year, we would love to partner with you on this project. We are looking to gather enough sponsors to advertise to help offset the cost of the printing of the yearbook.

OUR ADVERTISING GOAL IS \$550... we can do it with your help!

We would like to sustain a low cost per book and your support is an incredible blessing to that objective. If you have or know someone who has a small business, large business or even home business... we can promote you while you support TCS. Contact Tina Covert to place your ad in this coming yearbook (tcovert@timothychristianschool.ca)

Thanks in advance for your support!



From the Community...

re-Source Thrift Shop Barrie (South) - Needs & News!

Volunteers are needed for the following shifts:

- Wednesday 3-5pm
- Thursday 1-5pm
- Saturday 1-5pm

How many of you are on Facebook? If you are, please follow us (Re-Source Thrift Shop Barrie - South) and share our posts with your friends! We post all our **SALES and STORE NEWS** regularly, including some "Did you know?" information! Come out to the Store and check it out, your volunteering is greatly appreciated!





Annual Drive 2018-2019

Would you consider supporting the wonderful work of Timothy Christian School this year?

Our goal is \$125,000



As the 2018 year winds to a close, we are urging you to consider supporting TCS through a donation to our Annual Drive. The Donor Cards will be made available in the school office and via email this week.

THANK YOU in advance!

Annual Drive 2018-2019

We are asking our local community to partner with us in supporting the Institution of Christian Education in Barrie. Through your financial support to our Annual Drive, you will ensure that Timothy Christian School continues to offer dynamic and quality education. Your investment would have a lasting impact on the current families & future families of TCS.

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*If you are willing and able, please complete the donor card and return in to TCS, (postmarked before December 31st) **in order to receive your tax receipt for the 2018 taxable year.***



Yearbook Advertising Opportunities

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

**NEW
PRICES**
for 2018/2019

1/2 Page Advertising
Approximate Size: 8" x 5.395"
Price: \$130.00

1/8 Page Advertising
Approximate Size: 4" x 2.25"
Price: \$40.00

"Tagline Twenty" **Price: \$20.00** Running along the edge of a selected page:
(*"Lovingly sponsored by the _____ Family"*)