



TIMOTHY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal...



Walking in Wonder!

If you attended our opening chapel, you will have heard about our theme for this school year which is “Walk in Wonder” based on Psalm 139:14. We plan to use this platform during the year to point students to the amazing, wonderful creation God created! Understanding God’s good creation is the starting point of a deep Christian worldview! Take the time on the home front to also reinforce the wonder of Creation at your supper time devotions and bedtime prayers with your children. God is good and His creation is *very good* and this year we want to help students remember that part of Psalm 139:14 “...**your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**”

Students Staying after School for Sports (Siblings with Parent Supervision Only)

Throughout the school year we often have senior students staying after school for practice. Parents, please note that we do not have any childcare arranged for siblings to stay after school. When grades 6-8 students are at a soccer practice or a basketball practice that happens from 3:30-5:00 at times throughout the year, the coaches are in charge of the players only. **For safety reasons, any siblings of players on teams need to be supervised by their parents or need to go home on the bus.** There will be no supervision for other students as coaches are coaching on the field and other teachers are in after school meetings most of the time. The challenge we had last year at after school sports events is because no one is focusing on the younger students (who are not part of practice), they tend to wander off through the school and on their own. That quickly becomes a safety issue. As a staff, we wanted to remind parents of this as soccer practice starts this week but it is for the players only after school. Thank you for your support and understanding in this area.

New Parent Orientation—this Thursday at 7:00pm

A reminder that the new parent orientation is mandatory for all new families to attend. Both parents attending is ideal, but we do require one parent from each new family to attend the orientation this Thursday from 7-8pm in the music room. Several TCS Board members will also be part of this event as we spend an hour with our new families giving them a deeper understanding of TCS as an organization.

Hello SEPTEMBER	
9-11	Grade 8 Trip to Medeba
10	Soccer Tryouts (3:30-5pm)
12	Soccer Tryouts (3:30-5pm)
	New Parent Orientation (7-8pm)
16	JK/SK Trip to Avalon Orchard (afternoon)
18	Picture Day
19	TCS Community BBQ Social & Book Fair (5:30pm)
20	Full Chapel (led by Grade 5)
27	Terry Fox Run

New Parents—Update on your child's first week!

To all our new families this year... please send a five line update on how the first week of school at TCS went for your child to Mr. Berg at rberg@timothychristianschool.ca (and your child's teacher if you'd like). We hope to hear from all our new parents by this Friday, September 13. You can also bring the summary to the New Parent Orientation this Thursday evening if you prefer. Thank you!

**TCS BBQ Social - September 19th**

You are invited! Our annual TCS Community BBQ Social will be taking place next Thursday, September 19th starting at 5:30pm. Come on out for food & fellowship with new & old families and friends. There will be vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options available.

Board Member Orientation at TCS

Your TCS Board of Directors has invited Ray Hendricks from Edvance Christian Schools Association back again to lead the Board in a 1.5 hour Board Member Orientation to start this year. New this year, we have invited the other north of Highway 9 Christian schools. Board members and principals from Unity Christian High School, King Christian School in Bradford and Orillia Christian School will be joining us for this workshop. Good school boards start with good governance and TCS has kept this a high priority over the past five years.

Board Reflections from the August Board Meeting

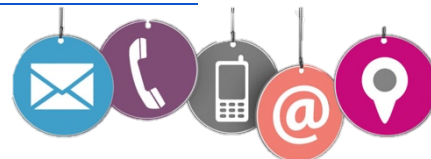
- The TCS Bazaar and Marketing committees are in search of new committee members. If you are interested, please submit your name to the office.
- Primary playground update: The committee has worked hard this summer to have Phase One in place for the start of school. Phase Two and Three (which includes tires, a presentation area, a step and balance area, outdoor planters, primary basketball nets and more tetherball stations) are to be completed over the next few months.
- We are grateful for the good work of Heritage Restorations who sandblasted and painted the front entrance of TCS this summer. It completely cleans up the front of the school and brings a sparkle back to the main entrance area.
- As of today, we are very blessed with 131 families at TCS with 246 students. A special welcome to the Westover family with Sorayah (2) and Adah (6) who joined us just today! Thank you to the existing TCS parents for so passionately sharing the good news of Christian education in Barrie!

From the Office...**Bazaar Leadership Help Needed!**

We are in need of two or three new additions to the Bazaar Leadership Team. This team will be meeting very soon to organize one of our biggest fundraisers of the school year, our annual TCS Christmas Bazaar & Auction on Saturday, November 16, 2019.

Change in Contact Information?

The office is working hard to finalize this year's Phone Directory. If you have any changes in your contact information or address that you haven't already informed of, please email tcsген@timothychristianschool.ca ASAP! Thank you!



Media Consent Forms (attached)

We need all **new families only** to fill out a Media Consent Form for their children. This is in case we have photos to go in our newsletters, or on our website, Instagram, or Facebook pages. Please return these to the school as soon as possible. Thank you! If you haven't already done so, please like us on Facebook & follow us on Instagram @tcs_barrie! This is a great way to get the TCS name out in the community!

Police Checks

A reminder to parents—if you ever would like to help in the school at all during the year or drive for class trips, you are required to have an updated police check on file with the school (within the past 3 years). If you require a police check form, Miss Van Loenen can send you a letter from the office to bring. Thanks!

Bus Routes

Thank you for your patience with the buses as the “beginning of the year kinks” get worked out. If you have any concerns, please email tcsген@timothychristianschool.ca for the Transportation Committee to review. The Committee will meet to review any requests (along with Landmark's input) and make any changes to be implemented late September or early October.

Cross Country

Calling all runners! Come out at lunch recess this Wednesday, Sept 11th to join Mrs. Gruber and Mrs. Regeling for a fun run around the track. All runners welcome. Cross country tryouts will be held for students in Grade 3-8 on Mon., Sept. 16th and Tues., Sept. 17th. More details to come next week.

HOMWORK HIGHLIGHTS**Grade 5**

Fri., Sept. 13	MW: Psalm 139:14 (orally)
Tues., Sept. 17	Spelling dictation: Lesson 1
Tues., Sept. 24	Spelling dictation: Lesson 2

Timothy Supports Terry!

It's time for our annual Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research. Our school-wide event will happen on the afternoon of Friday, September 27th. Since Terry's dream was that each Canadian would donate \$1 for the cause, students are asked to start bringing in loonies/toonies to help us meet our goal of \$1,000.00. The class that raises the largest amount of donations will get their choice of some sports equipment to make recess time even more fun! We would like to have everyone dress in red & white for the day, as we get our 'wonderfully made' bodies into motion! So let's get shaking out those piggy banks for some toonies and loonies for this most worthy cause.

****If you would be able to volunteer for our event, please let Miss Duff know as soon as possible.*

Walking in a Wonderland of Books!

The TCS Library is being turned into a forest of fascinating, faith-based fiction and other finery for our annual Family Barbeque on the evening of Thursday, September 19 and again on the morning of Friday, September 20.

This year we are welcoming back a company called, “Living Books”, instead of the usual Scholastic Book Fair with an aim to better support our theme of “Walking in Wonder”. This company will be providing a wide range of Christian bookstore products for us to purchase. Sales from the Book Fair will also help the library to purchase many of the offered books for our own shelves! Our ‘Living Books’ representative, Ann Schieckoff, has asked that we pay using **cash or cheques**. Credit is available using a SQUARE credit card reader system and Debit Tap can be used. Don't forget to check out a preview of books and other items on the last few pages of our latest school newsletter.



We look forward to seeing you as we, “Walk through a Wonderland of Books”!

FROM THE PITCH COMMITTEE!

We are excited for a new school year filled with learning, fun, and service within the TCS Community! At TCS, we have a board-mandated program called PITCH which requires all families to “pitch in” by committing to 25 hours of volunteer service each school year. **If you are a new family to TCS or have not already filled out a 2019/20 PITCH form, please do so as soon as possible.**

You may start reporting any hours to the PITCH Committee by emailing timothypitch@gmail.com as soon as you complete them; that way we all stay on track for keeping record of hours completed. Each hour must be recorded including task and date completed. (This is to abide by guidelines set out for charities/nonprofits). Thank you and we look forward to serving alongside you this school year!

PITCH OPPORTUNITIES!

Volunteers needed for TCS BBQ!

We are in need of two volunteers to help prepare the food from 1-3:30pm on Thursday, September 19th before the BBQ. Please email tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca if you are able to help. Thank you!

Pastor Appreciation Day - Save the Date!

Please save the date for our Thanksgiving Chapel & Pastor Appreciation Day! This year it will take place on Friday, October 11. Your child will be coming home with personal invitations for their pastors in the next week or so if they'd like to hand them out. In the meantime, please feel free to share the date!

From the Community...

Estate Planning 101 Seminar

Unity Christian High School is hosting a complimentary estate planning seminar on Thursday, October 17th, 2019 @ 7:30pm at the school (25 Burton Ave, Barrie). All age groups can benefit from an Estate Plan. Without a sound plan, the government and the courts may have a say, but with a current plan it's YOUR way! This seminar will feature partners from the Christian School Foundation and Christian Stewardship Services.

Enjoy delicious desserts and the opportunity to have your questions answered by experts who share your values. Plus, you could win a free Will and Power of Attorney preparation package (One gift up to \$1200) courtesy of Devry Smith Frank LLP. Guests may RSVP to prunning@unitychristianhigh.ca or by calling the school office at (705) 792-6915.

If you can't make it out that evening, a home visit can be arranged at your convenience by contacting Christian Stewardship Services at info@csservices.ca

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer is a powerful part of our community at TCS. For this reason, the staff pray for a group of families each week. The TCS staff prayed for the **Agostino, Ambrose, Arnott, and Bachly** families during devotions this week. May you feel God's ever ready presence in your decisions and experiences.

JOIN US ESTATE PLANNING 101

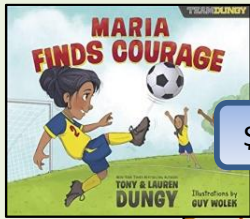
October 17, 2018 @ 7:30PM

UNITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL, 25 BURTON AVENUE, BARRIE

Timothy Christian School

**Thurs Sept. 19th
5:30p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Fri. Sept 20th
9:00 a.m. - 12 noon .**

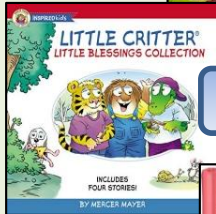
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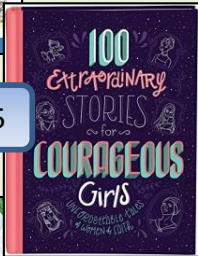
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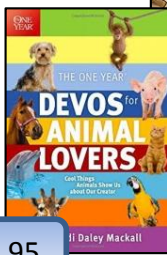
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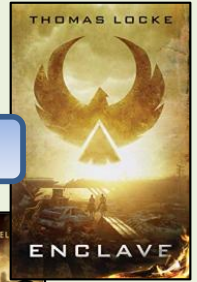
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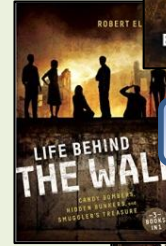
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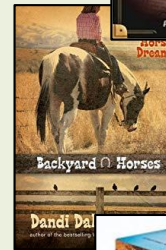
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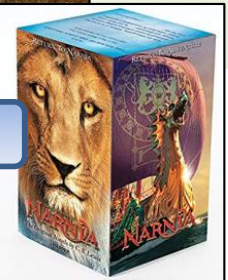
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Looking Forward to Book Fair

You are
Wonderfully
Made!

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Internet Acceptable Use Policy & Guidelines

At TCS our mission is to “deliver a dynamic, vibrant learning environment offering leading edge programs that inspire children to be alive in Christ.” The Internet, while supporting the school’s curriculum, will help our students achieve the goals of Christian education as outlined in the TCS Handbook.

The Internet is the library of the new millennium. As with libraries as we currently know them, the Internet provides access to massive amounts of information. Much of this information is very good, but some of it is also harmful and detrimental to the health of our children.

At TCS we feel that, along with the home, it is our responsibility to teach the students discernment. They live in this world and every day they are bombarded with its value system through TV, newspapers, magazines and listening to the talk on the streets in their communities. Our children need to know the difference between God’s ways and the world’s ways and choose to serve God. At TCS, we believe that computer technology has God given uses and application and we need to educate students in the proper uses of this technology and in respectful use of the Internet for educational purposes and computer resources. To allow students to access the incredible wealth of information about God’s world using the internet, a net minder will be in place to protect our students from access to unsuitable sites. Along with this, students will also be taught that the World Wide Web contains unacceptable sites that they are not permitted to access. While our children are exposed to such technology, we must remain true in our commitment to ensure our Christian perspective permeates all areas of study.

Computer based learning is carried out by TCS staff, parent volunteers and/or the computer teacher, who will be present while the students are working on the computers. It is expected that this Internet Acceptable Use Policy (AUC) will be read and discussed with your children. The *Student Internet Agreement* is to be signed and returned to the school.

The mission at TCS is *to equip children to love, honour and serve the Lord through a sound Christ-centered education*. This education includes access to the Internet for educational purposes. While our children are exposed to such technology, we must remain in our commitment to ensure our Christian perspective permeates all areas of study. It is with this objective in mind that the guidelines for the Student Internet Policy be established.

Guidelines:

1. Student Safety:
 - a. Students shall not reveal personal contact information about themselves (full name, address, phone number) when using the Internet.
 - b. Students shall agree to not meet with anyone they have met online.
2. Student Access to the Internet:
 - a. Students shall not access material using the Internet system that has been deemed inappropriate for school use. Inappropriate material is defined as:
 - *Dangerous Information* – information that if acted upon could damage or presents a danger of disruption.
 - *Criminal language* – information that advocated or condones the commission of unlawful acts including instructions on breaking into computer systems, child pornography, drug dealing, gang activities, etc.

- *Inappropriate language* – obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, disrespectful, threatening, or inflammatory language; harassment; personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks; or false or defamatory material about a person or organization.
 - *Inappropriate information* that is inappropriate in an educational setting or violates school rules.
- b. Should students accidentally encounter inappropriate material or receive inappropriate e-mail or information that makes them feel uncomfortable, they shall immediately report it to their teacher.
 - c. Students shall not post inappropriate or illegal material to the Internet.
 - d. Students shall not use inappropriate language in e-mail messages.
 - e. Students shall not send “spam”. Spam is sending an annoying or unnecessary message to a large number of people, such as chain letters.
 - f. Students shall not download or install any commercial software, shareware, or freeware onto network drives or disks.
 - g. Students shall not deliberately attempt to disrupt the computer system performance or destroy data by spreading computer viruses or by any other means. These actions are illegal.
 - h. Students shall not read, copy, modify or erase other people’s files.
 - i. Students shall not violate privacy of others by sharing photos or text without permission.

3. Limitations on Non-Educational Activities:

Students shall not use the Internet system for the following non-educational activities:

- a. Students shall not use the Internet system for commercial purposes, defined as offering or providing products or services.
- b. Students shall not use the Internet system for purchasing products or services.
- c. Students shall not use the Internet system for political lobbying except to analyze legislative measures and communicate their opinion to elected officials via the Internet.
- d. Students shall not use the Internet system to download and/or play games.

4. Student Privacy:

Students acknowledge that the routine maintenance and monitoring of the system may lead to discovery that they have violated the law or a school rules. Timothy Christian School reserves the right to search e-mail messages or Internet cache files.

5. Plagiarism and Copyright:

- a. Students shall not reproduce copyrighted material without explicit permission.
- b. Students shall not plagiarize. Students shall stay within the bounds of the “fair use doctrine” of copyright law and must cite the source of information taken from the Internet.

6. Technical Services Provided Through the Internet:

Students have access to the following technical services:

- a. E-mail. Email will allow access to communicate with people throughout the world. Users will also be able to subscribe to mail lists to engage in group discussions related to educational subjects. Students in grades 6-8 will obtain a Google account and will use it to complete academic projects.
- b. World Wide Web. The Web provides access to a wide range of information in the form of text, graphics, photographs, video, and sound, from throughout the world. The Web is a valuable research tool for students.

7. Discipline:

- a. Students will receive notification about an alleged violation and will be allowed to tell his or her side of the story.
- b. TCS may suspend access to the Internet system upon any violation of the AUP.
- c. Violation of the Moral Code of Conduct when using the Internet system will be handled in accord with the Discipline Policy of the school.
- d. Suspicion of illegal activity when using the Internet system or violation of the law will result in the appropriate legal authorities being contacted to handle the situation.

Parent or Guardian Section

I have read the Student Internet Acceptable Use Policy.

I hereby release TCS, its personnel, and any institutions with which is it affiliated, from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of, or inability to use, the Internet system, including, but not limited to claims that may arise from the unauthorized use of the system to purchase products or services.

I will instruct my child/ren regarding any restrictions against accessing material that are in addition to the restrictions set forth in the Student Internet Acceptable Use Policy.

I will emphasize to my child the importance of following the rules for personal safety.

I give permission to allow my child/ren to use the Internet according to the Student Internet Acceptable Use Policy.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student Section

I agree to follow the rules obtained in the Student Internet Acceptable Use Policy (IAP). I understand that if I violate the rules my account may be terminated and I may face disciplinary action in accordance with the IAP.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____



P.I.T.C.H.

Participating in Timothy Christian

We are so glad you are a part of Timothy Christian School. It will take participation from each family, to continue to build our sense of community, contributing to a stronger more successful learning environment for our children. Each family is asked to contribute 25 volunteer hours a year. The opportunities are varied and endless! Thank you for every way you contribute and don't forget to report your hours!

Volunteer hours help us keep costs down. Every year (with your family's pre-registration) we collect 5 x \$100 post dated cheques, or you can provide a credit card number. If your family is unable to fill all 25 hours, we will contact you in June and collect a pro-rated amount (5 hours = \$100) to help cover the difference.

Thanks for your participation!

P.I.T.Ch Opportunities:

Hot lunches
Grass Cutting
Coaching
Christmas Bazaar
Classroom Helper
Field Trips

Electives

and many more

Watch for opportunities
in the school newsletter!

P.I.T.Ch Committee:

Jenn Claus

Jessica VanLoenen

Tanya Bailey

Don't forget to let us
know how you've been
contributing!

Fill out a PITCh form in
the school office OR
email your hours to
timothypitch@gmail.com

P.I.T.C.H.

Participating in Timothy Christian

**ONLY IF YOU HAVEN'T
ALREADY FILLED OUT A
19/20 PITCH FORM!**

FAMILY NAME:

Each family is asked to contribute 25 volunteer hours a year. Volunteer hours help us keep costs down. If your family is unable to fill all 25 hours, we will contact you in June and collect a pro-rated amount (5 hours = \$100) to help cover the difference.

Attached are five, \$100 postdated (June 26, 2020) cheques, made out Timothy Christian School.

I am providing my credit card number, to be charged a pro rated amount, a maximum of \$500 on June 26, 2020 if our family can not complete the 25 Pitch hours.

We have a student registered at Unity or Toronto District Christian School, OR we have only one student enrolled at TCS and they are in a part time kindergarten class, or we are part-time paid staff at TCS and are requesting an exemption of 10 hours.

Name as appears on credit card

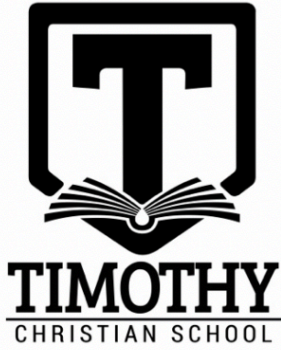
Signature of Card Holder

Credit Card Number

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Card type: Visa, MasterCard



TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

MEDIA CONSENT FORM

Consent for interviews, photographs, video and/or audio recording.

This form is valid for the entire duration of my child(ren)'s enrollment at Timothy Christian School.

****For changes, please contact the school at tcsgeen@timothychristianschool.ca.**

I, _____ consent to the following:
Parent(s) / Guardian(s)

Please initial your approval for the items below:

_____ Photographs

_____ Audio recording

_____ Video recording

_____ Interview



Name(s) of child(ren)

These items listed above may be used for the purpose of:

_____ media request

_____ staff/student achievement and/or activities

_____ event promotion

_____ school promotional literature

I understand I am entitled to refuse consent. I understand that Timothy Christian School (staff, principal, teachers or board members) cannot be held responsible for final stories and/or photographs used by news media.

Signature (Parent, Guardian, Foster Parent)

Relationship to Child

Witness Signature

Date