



# TIMOTHY

## CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



### From the Principal...

#### A New Pathway for Learning at TCS

Welcome to week two of our Teacher-Led Online Learning Pathway at TCS! The school building may be closed for gatherings, but good learning continues at TCS during these unique times. Our goal through all of this is to minimize the learning gap as much as possible and keep the good pathway of learning going through all of this. You will be hearing from your teachers every two days with updates throughout the week. Our Monday newsletter will come out Monday afternoon as it always comes out. Emailed with this newsletter, you will also find a personal video post from the principal with highlights and updates.

School may look a little different right now, and we miss seeing all of you in person at the school. But we are still very excited to be able to keep the learning pathway strong at TCS through online technology! Enjoy week two and here are a few highlights going on at TCS!



#### Mrs. Goodnough's Retirement

Mrs. Goodnough, who has been both our Vice Principal and our grade five teacher for many wonderful years at TCS, has decided to retire in August of this year. Meaning that March through June will be her last few months at TCS. We are grateful for her many years of hard work and good service at TCS and wish her God's richest blessings as she steps into retirement this summer.

#### The New Vice Principal at TCS for September 2020

Throughout the months of February and March, the Board opened up the Vice Principal position to our present TCS staff and several very good candidates were interviewed. At the end of the process, the TCS Board approved the hiring of Andrew Wilcox (our present grade 8 teacher) as the new Vice Principal of TCS starting in September 2020. Mr. Wilcox comes to us with many years of experience teaching grades 5-8, a deep passion for a strong Christian worldview, and a keen sense of good quality education. Andrew has a passion for innovation and new ideas and we look forward to him working with Mrs. Goodnough over the next few months in a mentor role, learning from her and stepping into this VP role in September.

#### Our New Grade Five Teacher for September 2020

Over the past few months, the HR committee took resumes from present staff and interviewed several good candidates for the grade five position that Mrs. Goodnough will be leaving upon her retirement this summer. We were blessed with several very good teachers applying and are very pleased to confirm that we have hired Alexandra Gronfors as our new grade five teacher at TCS starting in September 2020. As many of you know, Miss Gronfors joined us this past year for a one year term grade four position and did a very good job in this role. She comes with many years of experience teaching in Christian schools at the 4-8 level, a strong Christian worldview, very good rapport with students, as well as a talent for teaching Drama which is always a special passion to bring into the junior/senior grades.

**School Building Closure due to COVID-19**

As you know, due to the spread of COVID-19, the province shut down all schools in Ontario for two weeks right at the start of March Break. We are in week two of that all-province school building closure and anticipate it will most likely be extended into a longer stretch. Eventually school will be back to normal, thus we are continuing both the communication process at TCS with our community and the learning process with students and teachers at TCS so when the building closure lifts, we won't have missed a beat! Please know the TCS Board has been meeting via conference calls on a regular basis and has its finger on the pulse of the business of TCS.

**Chromebooks Needed?**

We have delivered about eight of our TCS Chromebooks to families with students in grades 6-8 to help with the new learning pathway. If you have children in in grades 3-5 and could use a Chromebook at home, please email Mr. Berg direct ([rberg@timothychristianschool.ca](mailto:rberg@timothychristianschool.ca)) and we would like to arrange to deliver one to your house this week.

**Prayer Corner**

A huge thank you for your emails of encouragement and prayers over the past few weeks as we have launched this new pathway of learning. *Your patience has been greatly appreciated* and we ask for your continued support both in lifting TCS up in prayer as well as for the smooth transition of this new learning pathway as we continue to improve it over the next few weeks.

**Pizza Orders Cancelled for April to June**

Due to the unforeseen circumstances, the pizza orders for the remainder of the year will be cancelled. No cheques or payment received before March Break have been deposited (as the due date wasn't until March 25). We will get these payments back to you as soon as we are able. We apologize for the inconvenience. Hopefully you can enjoy a pizza lunch every now and then at home for now!! ☺

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*We are missing so much about not being able to be together at school. One of the things we are missing is Monday morning announcements & prayer with Mr. Berg, and of course... BIRTHDAYS!!!*

*So here are the birthdays we missed this past week:*

- March 25 – Owen (grade 1) & Caitlin (grade 5)

*And here are the birthdays for this week!*

- March 29 – Daniel (grade 6) & Alicia (grade 6) & Miss Winger
- April 3 – Lily (grade 3/4) & Rachel (grade 6)
- April 4 – Norah (JK-B), Kaydence (grade 2) & Hannah (grade 6)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EACH OF YOU FROM ALL OF US AT TCS!

## From the Community...

### Rental Camp this Summer at TCS

Throughout the months of March and April, you will see a banner on our fence by Essa Road advertising summer camps at TCS. A company called Brick Works Academy will be renting one of the classroom wings at TCS over the summer and running Robotics, Lego, YouTube video producer, and 3D Printing & Design programs from the end of June to the end of August at the school. Brick Works Academy runs summer camps all over Ontario and are coming to Barrie (at TCS) this summer. As part of the rental agreement, we have allowed some minimum advertising like a banner on the fence and a line or two in the newsletter informing parents that flyers are in the office. Rental opportunities at TCS like the summer camps, sports teams, and the church on Sunday all help *significantly* to keep tuition reasonable as it allows us to take in alternative sources of revenue that help keep tuition from having to cover all operating expenses. For more information, visit

<https://brickworksacademy.com/barrie-summer-camps>

### Unity Christian High School Enrollment

Unity Christian High School is accepting applications for Sept. 2020 enrollment. We offer discounts up to 50% off tuition for families paying elementary school tuition. Please contact us at 705-792-6915 or

[info@unitychristianhigh.ca](mailto:info@unitychristianhigh.ca) for additional information or to request an enrollment package. Thank you for your continued support of Unity Christian High School.

## 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 Patton, Pelzer, and Poole families during devotions this week. May you feel God's ever ready presence in your decisions and experiences.



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