



TIMOTHY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal...

Thriving... In the Final Lap of Self-Isolation

The timeline for this Teacher-Led Online Learning Pathway is in the final lap no matter how we look at it. It may be the four weeks in May last lap before we get some face to face time at school in June, or it may be the final eight weeks of school... but either way... we are in the final lap!

Can we end well? Can we make these final weeks of this very unique (maybe once in a lifetime!) *teacher - parent - student online learning collaboration* an amazing experience that allowed for special opportunities that would have never happened in a regular school setting? Please watch the video update included with the newsletter and let's ask ourselves... how can we "create in students a deep and passionate faith in God" and a keen "awareness for a Christian Worldview" while landing this online learning pathway in the last lap?



Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8

Did you know this week is Teacher Appreciation Week? We are all busy and going in different directions keeping momentum going... Please take a moment this week to let your TCS teacher know how much you appreciate him/her. It has been a dramatic stretch for all of us and we appreciate our TCS teachers and how quickly they responded and stepped into teacher-led instruction in these times of self-isolation. Thank you TCS teachers—we appreciate you!

When Will School Open Again?

As the economy slowly begins to open up, the question that we are beginning to get is, "When will TCS students go back to school?" The answer is when the public schools also go back. We have been following the lead of Edvance Christian Schools Association (our lead organization) in all of this and they have wisely recommended that we follow the direction from our provincial government and start school at the same time as the public schools. We currently fall under the emergency order that is now in place.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ALL OF US AT TCS!

- May 5: Hendrik (2)
- May 6: Savannah (6)
- May 7: Ethan (JK-A)
- May 8: Joanna (1), Mr. Berg
- May 9: Mr. D Wilcox

Staying with the Four Key Curriculum Areas

As we look at May and June (with a hope that we get to return to the building sometime in June on the optimistic side), we will continue to focus on the core curriculum areas of Math and Literacy as well as Bible and PBL's (projects). Keeping a strong focus on the core areas of Math and Literacy will make sure our students have the basic foundations in place for next year and keeping Bible and Projects allows us to keep that wonderful deep Christian perspective in place that connects all things. The consistent feedback we are getting is that as soon as we push past these four areas, students and parents are quickly overwhelmed with the amount of assignments and workload. For parents looking for extra work, please take advantage of the website list below to have your child do extra practice in areas of French or the other websites.

Helpful Educational Websites for TCS Students

Looking for good educational websites that your children can work on when they are finished with schoolwork? Here is a link with several resources:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1n7j6v8WZk1Co7zulqQtC0XJf4nujvtT6Y-Xys0sCods/edit?usp=sharing>

Thanks to Miss Gronfors who surveyed the TCS classroom teachers and pulled together a list of websites that parents may find helpful from Primary through to Senior grades as well as French. We will try and update these websites now and then throughout the next few weeks.

TCS "Redeem the Times" Fun – Wacky Hair Day this Friday and Track & Field Day

This week we saw two new community greetings on the TCS Facebook/Instagram pages from the Meek and Heppleston families who took up the challenge to greet one another in this fun way to stay connected. Thank you to those who submitted, more will be coming this week!

We are adding **more fun challenge ideas** to up the ante and give you more options to participate:

- **Wacky Hair Day - this Friday, May 8:** send us your pictures and we want to fill up the second page of the newsletter next week with your new hair styles!
- **Track & Field Family Day:** We challenge you to send us pictures of your family doing laps around the house or neighbourhood on Friday, May 15 (which would have been Track & Field day at TCS). Keep track of how many kilometers you did as a family and send it in. Can we make it to Ottawa? The East Coast? How about across Canada as a TCS Community??

Please send any pictures/videos to Michelle Roberts (mroberts@timothychristianschool.ca) by Wednesday so we can begin to share school spirit on our TCS Facebook and Instagram accounts. Mrs. Roberts will consult with Mr. Berg and pick two of the above to share and post each week. We can all use a smile to get through our day, join us! (Videos must be under 1 minute in length, thanks in advance!!)

Grass Cutting Volunteers

We are looking for new recruits to cut grass this year. We will still have our regular team of lawn maintenance people but it's always excellent to have more people on board if you're able and willing to help out! Please email Mike Huitema at mandbhuitema@hotmail.com if you're interested in helping or have any other questions. Thank you!

Still need textbooks?

Don't forget to please email tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca if you are a TCS family and missed out on the textbook pick up or the primary drop-off, and we will arrange a time to get you those materials.

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer is a powerful part of our community at TCS. For this reason, the staff prays for a group of families each week. The TCS staff prayed for the Stackhouse, Stephenson (B&H), Stephenson (R&T), Street, and Su families during devotions this week. May you feel God's ever ready presence in your

YEARBOOK

Yearbook Update and Thank You!

Mrs. Covert and Miss Gronfors would like to thank everyone for their participation in finishing this year's yearbook. The yearbook has now been sent to the publishers and sales are closed. If you missed the chance to purchase a book (\$20), there is no guarantee, but there may be extras available in June after the order arrives... sometimes the publisher sends extras. Thank you so much to those in our community who purchased advertising space this year, this kept the production cost low. Yes, there will be a yearbook this year, definitely a year to remember! Many of you have been a part of finishing the book by submitting a variety of photos... sports club picture day was cancelled, Grandparents' Day and Celebration of Learning Evening were also cancelled... but, with your creativity and picture submissions, there is a fabulous sports club layout, a precious page dedicated to Grandparents, and a fantastic Celebration of at home Learning two-page layout! The books are due to arrive by Friday, June 12th. We are so looking forward to its arrival!

