



TIMOTHY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal...

Fearless Faith at TCS! Finding Creative Ways to Teach, Learn and Unpack Christian Worldview!

This past Friday, Grade 1 hosted our first chapel through Google Meet (similar to Zoom but using the Google Classroom platform we have been using for the rest of the school). It was a wonderful school community event that had each classroom joining in on the chapel from their classrooms! With a lot of the new guidelines intended to limit the spread of COVID 19 (like no mixing of the classes/no gathering for chapels in the gym), we have been finding wonderfully creative ways to keep the TCS school community strong and give us a chance to unpack our Christian Worldview with our students in a corporate way with the entire school.

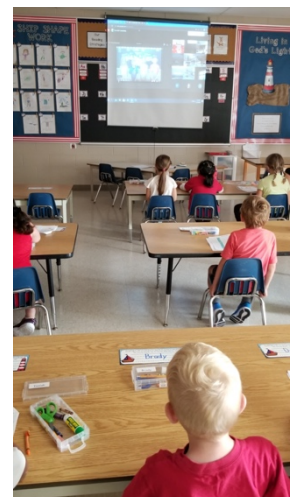


On Friday morning Miss Duff and the Grade 1 class hosted our first chapel from their classroom as every other class followed along in each of their classrooms:

- Grade 1 shared about the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope and the wonderful history of this event
- They shared how much the Terry Fox Run has raised to fight cancer and how much TCS has raised for cancer research since we started fundraising (TCS has raised over \$14,000 since 2000!)
- How Terry showed Fearless Faith (our school theme) in how he worked so hard to show Canada the importance of striving to make the world a better place by fighting cancer
- Grade 1 also shared several Bible verses and worship songs through video. Students followed speaking the words or only doing the actions as they watched and worshipped in each classroom on their big screens.
- It really was a wonderful all-school chapel experience that reminded us we can still do the many wonderful areas of the school that are so important... we just have to find creative ways to get there...which we did and will continue to do this year!

Crisis or changes in life always allow opportunities for new doors and new windows to open (yes they do stretch us at times as we learn new things as a community!)... which leads us to new and wonderful pathways! It is part of the Redemptive process the Bible speaks so often about. *Redeem the day and reclaim it for the Kingdom of God...* most times through exciting new pathways! We embrace this and it was super exciting to see this new pathway in action Friday morning with our new approach to chapels!

Chapel and community worship is alive and well at TCS these days! It is just being done a bit different as we learn to be creative, keep our students safe and live within the expected guidelines. The Terry Fox chapel was a wonderful school wide Bible lesson, a Canadian history lesson, a lesson about strong Fearless Faith, and a technology lesson all in one chapel! **Well done Grade 1 and Miss Duff... nice start!**



1 "...As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light." – 1 Peter 2:9 NLT

Terry Fox and TCS make a Terrific Team!

TCS rose to the challenge of doing a physically distanced run this year to keep Terry's dream alive! The Lord blessed us with fantastic weather and each class was able to participate by running around the track during their own time slot. We're excited to share that our 2020 run has raised **\$935.00** for cancer research! Donations will continue to be accepted until the end of this week (Oct. 2), so if you haven't had a chance to do so, follow this link:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/TimothyCSBarrie> where you can select an amount to donate and enter your information for tax receipt purposes. Feel free to pass this link onto other family members and friends. Thanks to the entire TCS community for helping to support the fight against cancer!

**Update on Grade 5 - re: Ms. Gronfors**

As we processed the Terry Fox chapel on Friday morning as a school, very close to our hearts was Ms. Gronfors (our grade five teacher at TCS) who was recently diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma which is a highly curable form of cancer. A memo went home to the Grade 5 parents last week and Mr. Berg talked with the Grade 5 students about this news when we found out. This memo today is to inform the community about this recent news and to ask you to lift Ms. Gronfors up in prayer as she begins her cancer treatment over the next few weeks. She is talking over a chemo treatment timeline with her health care team. At this time, it appears that she will be in treatment for between 4 and 7 months.

We are very grateful to have Mr. Andrew Atkinson step in to supply teach for Ms. Gronfors during this time while she is away. Mr. Atkinson is a certified OCT teacher with many years of experience in other Christian schools. He presently attends Emmanuel Baptist Church and his references spoke highly of his strong Christian Worldview, deep faith and great connection with students, colleagues and parents. He was recently interviewed and approved to our TCS teacher supply list and had already supplied in Grade 5 a couple days in September. He has agreed to supply in the Grade 5 class for the next few months until Ms. Gronfors returns to TCS. Welcome to the TCS teaching team, Mr. Atkinson, and we are very thankful and blessed to have you step in for Ms. Gronfors while she is away!

Wondering when to keep children home from school?

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has created a handout for this purpose. We know some parents have felt a little bit unsure on the protocol, so here is a document with very clear information laid out from the health unit: <https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/docs/default-source/COVID-/Return-to-school/parentguardian-handout-20200903-v4-final.pdf?sfvrsn=6> Don't forget, you should be using [the self-assessment tool from the province](#), or [from the SMDHU each day](#).

Thank You!

A huge thank you to both Chuck Zylstra & Harry Eisses for the great work on the benches that were delivered this past Friday. We were in need of several more benches for students and these two long time supporters quickly stepped up and made these for us. Thank you!



Looking for OCT Certified Supply Teachers

Do you know of a certified Christian teacher who might be interested in being interviewed for our TCS supply list? If you do, please send them our way. We are presently taking applicants for our TCS Supply List. We are looking for certified teachers with a strong Christian perspective to add to our teacher supply list. You can find more information here: <https://jobboard.edvance.ca/job/timothy-christian-school-750-essa-road-barrie-temporary-supply-teacher/>

From the Community... **Support Your Local Thrift Shop**

Thank you to our group of committed volunteers for all of their hard work in September. We have had a very productive month and are thankful for all of your help, our donations and sales! Volunteers are needed on Thursday evening (Oct 1) at 7pm as we perform our regular monthly inventory turnover purge. We are also in need of volunteers throughout the month of October (and beyond). If you are interested please email Laura McFadden [Laura McFadden Lmcfadden0227@gmail.com](mailto:Lmcfadden0227@gmail.com) or Kathrin Veenstra jkveen@rogers.com

**First CRC GEMS**

Our girls' program is back! Though the format will look different from normal, we are pumped to be back to share the love of Jesus with girls in Grades 3-8. Due to current circumstances we have decided to meet in an online format (ZOOM) until Christmas, at which time we'll re-evaluate whether we can begin to meet in person. We will provide all the materials (lessons & crafts) that will be needed from now until Christmas!! We will be having a parking lot pick up from 7-8 pm at the church (33 Shirley Ave) this Tuesday, September 29 where you will get all of your materials and get to say a physically distanced hello to your counsellor! Spots are limited so register today at firstcrcbarrie.com (see the "GEMS Registration" form under the "Ministries" tab). Email stephgeertsema@hotmail.com for more information!