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CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



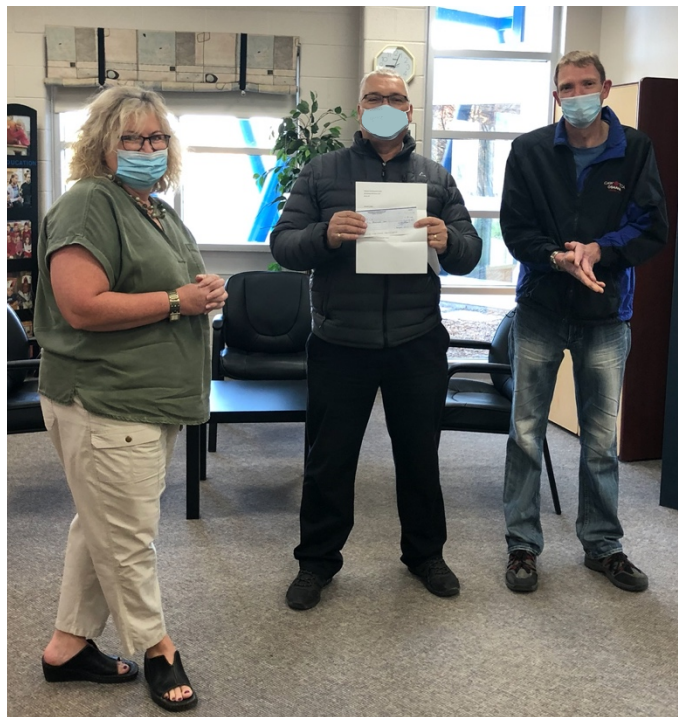
From the Principal...

A HUGE Thank You! \$35,000 Donation from re-Source Thrift Shop Barrie - South

A huge thank you to the re-Source Thrift Shop Barrie - South for the **wonderful donation of \$35,000 to TCS last week!** So very much appreciated especially during a time when it was really needed. A very special thank you as well to the Thrift Shop Board as their future commitment will now *include a monthly donation to TCS* to help with regular support. So appreciated, Thrift Shop Board!

Thank you to the Board for your continued support of Christian Education in the Barrie area from *grades JK all the way to grade 12!* So very thankful for their strong commitment to Christian Education! The Thrift Shop also donated \$10,000 to Unity Christian High School in their unwavering support for Christian Education in Barrie!

A huge thank you to the many community members who volunteer on a regular basis at the re-Source Thrift Shop Barrie - South and for your incredible support for Christian Education at all levels... elementary and high school!



Volunteers Needed at Thrift Shop

We have had an amazing start after our COVID-19 closure this year. We are very thankful for the blessings we have experienced. It is crunch time for us now again as we are very low on volunteers during certain times of week. Monday afternoons we do not currently have enough staffing to stay open 1:30 - 5:30. If you can't commit each week or for the full shift consider part shift or once or twice a month. We are also in need volunteers to help with cash on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays (afternoons) as we have minimal coverage

If you are able to help out and join a fun group of people serving our community and raising funds for Christian education - we'd love to have you join our team. Email Laura lmcfadden0227@gmail.com or Kathrin jkveen@rogers.com. No experience required... just a positive attitude and a heart to serve! We'd love to have 4 hour blocks of time, however, we are able to offer a very flexible schedule.

OCTOBER

- 23 Split Chapels (Grade 4 and Grade 8)
- 28 Membership Forms Due
- 29-30 PD Days (No School)

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

GRAND OPENING!

for the 2020 Online
TCS ANNUAL BAZAAR & AUCTION!
...check out our website and order now
from the Garden Decor & Dutch Store!

LIVE AUCTION opens November 2nd
and runs until November 20th.

***Drive-thru style ORDER PICK UP!**

Pick up for all items held on Saturday, November 21st in the school parking lot.



More details to follow in upcoming Newsletters.

TCS Christmas Bazaar & Auction - NOW ONLINE!

Our **Annual TCS Christmas Bazaar & Auction** may look a little different this year... but we are excited to announce the launch of our **online E-Store!** [Visit our website and click on the "Shop" tab.](#) Garden Decor & Dutch Store products are available to be purchased online until November 2nd. An online auction will open in the beginning of November, and there will be a drive through pick up day on Saturday, November 21st at the school. Stay tuned for more details! We are very excited about this launch and extend a huge thank you to Casey and Angela Heppleston and the Bazaar Committee for their creative thinking and launching the online E-store!

Picture Orders - Due October 20th

We sent home the picture proofs from Lifetouch last week. Ordering instructions can be found in the envelope that was sent home. You can order online at mylifetouch.ca (you will need your child's portrait ID & access code).



Google Classroom Usage While We Are Teaching In Class at TCS

Below you will see how we plan to use Google Classroom for each division at TCS this year. At this time, the key phrases are 'communication' and 'homework expectations'. In the unlikely step of having to go totally online again, we want to be totally ready to make the switch and to do it well. Keeping Google Classroom front and center and using it to start will help us should we have to make the switch.

Primary Division (JK to Gr. 3)
1. To communicate morning messages pertaining to that day, pick up arrangements, early pick up details or late drop off messages. 2. To post newsletters, calendars, spelling lists, memory work and math drill pages 3. To post special event pictures of students in class for parents to keep abreast about.
Junior Division (Gr. 4 to Gr. 5)
1. To communicate homework expectations, announcements, tests, reminders, etc. 2. To post newsletters, spelling, memory work and math drill pages 3. To post weekly classroom updates 4. To post few select assignments that will be submitted digitally
Senior Division (Gr. 6 to 8)
1. To post select assignments to be submitted digitally (writing, research assignment, etc) 2. To post digital access to materials (memory work, textbooks, etc) 3. To communicate homework expectations, announcements, tests, reminders on Homeroom classroom pages

SMDHU COVID-19 Screening Updates

There have been several updates to the COVID-19 school screening protocol. Please visit <https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/COVID-19/Return-to-School/Families> for up to date information (this page is always updated). Below are a few links that may be most helpful for our TCS parents and families.

- COVID-19 Student Screening Tool (SMDHU): <https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/docs/default-source/COVID-/Return-to-school/covid-19-student-screening-tool.pdf?sfvrsn=0>
- Ontario's Online School Screening Tool: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>
- My Child Did Not Pass the COVID-19 Daily Screening. Now What?
<https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/docs/default-source/COVID-/Return-to-school/my-child-did-not-pass-the-covid-19-daily-screening---now-what.pdf?sfvrsn=4>
- Employee/Visitor Screening Tool (SMDHU):
<https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/docs/default-source/COVID-/Return-to-school/covid-19-screening-tool-for-school-or-child-care.pdf?sfvrsn=4>



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DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

Board Reflections from the October Meeting

- The TCS Board is super excited about launching the online store for the TCS Bazaar! The TCS Bazaar is a wonderful community event that has a rich tradition at TCS and we are happy to say *it is alive and well and will look a bit different this fall*. Volunteers are needed and we hope you can help the committee out this year with this new approach!
- If you are not planning on using the bus this year, please let the office know. Board members have been calling TCS parents recently to see who will not be using the bus so we can eliminate the shuttle bus in the next few weeks.
- Society Meeting planned for November 26, will be moved to virtual if needed (depending on the daily COVID numbers at the time)
- Please return your membership forms back to the TCS office by October 28
- The Board approved the 20/21 Budget (adjusted with new lower family numbers)

From the Office...**No Pizza this Year**

Some parents have been wondering if we will be doing pizza lunches this year. Unfortunately at this time, we will be unable to facilitate this fundraiser due to COVID-19 protocols. We are trying to make every effort to minimize risk and mixing cohorts and this is one area that we just can't orchestrate safely at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

Update on PITCH Program

Please note that we would like to run the PITCH Hours as normal as we possibly can. Understanding that the hours for the PITCH program might look a bit different than they have looked in other years. Some parents this year are helping with extra cleaning. You will see a new approach to the November TCS Bazaar that will require more volunteers and we hope that many can help during that time to put in Pitch Hours. Keep a close eye on the school newsletter for opportunities to help and put in your hours. We will be looking for extra cleaning after school (possibly from 3:30-4:30pm) for occasional deep cleaning in the JK and SK classes (please email tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca if you can help with this). So yes, PITCH hours will look different but... we hope to keep them as normal as possible as the need is still great to put the hours in.

