



TIMOTHY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal...

Re-Registration for September 2021 – Starts Today!

After the newsletter is published today, all existing TCS families will receive instructions for how to complete their re-registration for next year ONLINE. We will be using our new office system "Sycamore School" to process applications this year. You should be familiar with this program from booking parent-teacher interviews in the fall.

We will also include instructions for how to pay the \$300 deposit (options of cheque, pre-authorized withdrawal, or e-transfer). Once we have your re-registration application, deposit, and 21-22 PITCH form...

you are confirmed for September! More detailed instructions will be sent out directly to parents.

Re-registration is open from Monday, January 18 (today) to February 1st. We encourage all our present TCS families to re-register early in this process. Beyond February 1st, registration will be on a first come, first serve basis as we then start to process all new registrations for September 2021. We encourage all of our existing TCS families to confirm early for this fall to avoid waiting lists as we do anticipate many former TCS families, who took the year off this year due to COVID, to return and have been processing a lot of interest from new families for this fall as well. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mr. Berg directly at rberg@timothychristianschool.ca. We look forward to all of our existing TCS families joining us again this fall at TCS and thank you in advance for your long-time support and commitment to TCS.



Former TCS Families from Last year

We have already heard from two of our former TCS families (who took a year off due to COVID, but are now planning on returning this fall) and will be processing their registrations next week and welcome their return to TCS. Please pass on to any of these families you may know, that *now is the time to register* for September 2021.

New Families

We were blessed with applications and several inquiries already in December from new families interested in TCS and have already approved one new family and are in the process of collecting registration forms from others as they plan to attend TCS this fall. If you know of any potential TCS families for the upcoming year, *please inform them that January/early February is the best time to register for September 2021* to avoid any disappointment of waiting lists. For both returning and new families, we are processing them via Zoom interviews over the next few weeks already.

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Administrative Assistant Position – Actively Receiving Resumes!

If you know of anyone interested in this position or who you feel would be a great fit for the TCS front office, please pass on this information to them. We have already received several applicants for this position and will continue to do so until February 26. You can find more information here:

<https://jobboard.edvance.ca/job/timothy-christian-school-750-essa-road-barrie-on-canada-full-time-administrative-assistant-permanent-position/?fbclid=IwAR2PSKV7ab2zXKELm-ppL-pNcK-Q2u2BzWJrXmsF0UqaHpZ6Dv0dUGsHg9A>



TCS has a priority skills list that we will be using to screen applicants that includes Computer/Tech Skills, People Skills, Organization/Multitasking, Confidentiality and Quality Control skills (which includes spelling/publishing, etc.) for this position. All candidates who apply will be asked to do a self-evaluation in these areas to help with the short-listing process in February.

As was published last week, Miss Van Loenen's last day as Administrative Assistant at TCS will be on Friday, April 16 as she will be moving after her wedding. We are accepting applications for a new administrative assistant who will start at TCS (overlap and training) after March Break on March 22nd. Resumes will be accepted for this position until February 26th with the top candidates being short listed by the end of February and our HR Committee conducting interviews during the first week of March. We plan to offer this position before the March Break.

How long will the school lockdown be? When will in person school start again?

Thank you TCS families for your wonderful support and deep commitment on the home front! We know it takes a lot of work in this new online partnership and we are grateful for our wonderful TCS parents as we take a *'we are there for each other'* approach in this online educational journey. As teachers, we are here for you and as parents, we deeply appreciate your long-term approach and commitment to walk with TCS in this journey. Just like back in the spring, *we will get through this together supporting each other.*



The answer to the above question is... *we will know soon.* As you know, the province has been clear that schools in the hot spots in the GTA will not return in person until early/mid-February. At this point, the plan is that we (elementary schools in Simcoe County) will return face-to-face on Monday, January 25th.

The next announcement will be made this Wednesday, January 20th from the province if there will be an extension or if school will start again face-to-face this Monday. TCS is fully expecting to offer a quality program either way the announcement goes this Wednesday. Our best guess at this time is that the province very much wants to see the JK - grade 8 students back to school soon, and... the daily COVID cases are very high at this time. We should know by the end of the day this Wednesday regarding next week.

Extra Support for Students This Time

We are very blessed and pleased this time around to be able to fully utilize our Educational Assistants for further support for TCS students who struggle with the online learning (questions, organization, homework etc.). We presently have over 30 students receiving extra support with weekly or daily check-ins with our EA and Resource Program team which has been extremely effective this time around for those who need the extra support. Last year during lockdown, Mrs. Covert carried this support out on her own as we had to lay off our EA's due to not knowing how long the lockdown would be. This year we are anticipating a shorter lockdown period (hopefully) and have thus far been able to have the Resource Program work as a team with all of our EA's effectively supporting students who need the extra help.

Supporting Students Campaign: Public Use of Student Funds

Did you have a chance to send a letter yet or join the campaign? Parents from Edvance (formerly OACS) schools have been sending the information below to their MPP's and they are hearing from a lot of families in independent schools. IT IS WORKING! They are listening to the feedback. If you have not participated in this, please consider sending a form letter as the wave of voices is certainly being heard.

Did you know that our federal government has provided 381 million dollars to help students during the pandemic but none of these funds will be making their way to the independent schools (any Christian or private schools)? Visit <https://www.supportingstudents.ca/> to join the campaign and get regular progress updates. They also give you a template letter you can send to your MPP to share your personal story on how the pandemic is impacting your school. If you have a minute over the holidays to voice your concerns it would be appreciated. We encourage you to like the [Supporting Students page on Facebook](#) to keep in touch with their latest updates.

RightNow Media Access

We want to remind you that our TCS community has access to RightNow Media, a video streaming service that offers a large digital library of biblical resources. Last March, you were sent an email to give you access to this resource and we would encourage you to review your login information in the next couple of days. Over the next couple weeks, your child's classroom teacher may begin to assign some Bible work using RightNow Media videos. We want to encourage you to explore this wonderful resource together now as a family! Take some time to browse through the different libraries. There are libraries for children, youth, men and women among other topics.

If you have forgotten your login information, or have not yet accessed this resource, please email Miss Winger who would be happy to assist you in setting up your account access. bwinger@timothychristianschool.ca

The screenshot shows the RightNow Media website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'LIBRARIES', 'Kids', 'SEARCH', and the 'rightnow MEDIA' logo. A 'LOG IN' button is on the right. Below the navigation bar, a 'NEW AND POPULAR' section is visible. The main content area is divided into two primary sections: 'PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL AND SMALL GROUP STUDIES' and 'FAMILY DEVOTIONAL STUDIES'. Each section displays a grid of resource cards. The 'PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL AND SMALL GROUP STUDIES' section includes cards for 'PSALM 23' by Matt Chandler, '40 VERSES to Ignite Your Faith' by Laurie Short, 'THE STEPS TO FREEDOM in CHRIST' by Neil T. Anderson, 'THE GOSPEL OF MARK' by Francis Chan, 'ROOTED IN THE WORD' by Jackie Hill-Perkins, 'THE GOOD GOSPEL' by Jennie Allen, and 'Enjoying Jesus' by Bill Hybels. The 'FAMILY DEVOTIONAL STUDIES' section includes cards for 'THE REAL GOD', 'JESUS: MESSIAH, TEACHER, KING', 'PHILIPPIANS WHERE DOES JOY COME FROM?', '1 PETER WHERE DOES HOPE COME FROM?', and 'EPHESIANS'. A sidebar on the left lists various library categories like 'ALL KIDS EPISODES', 'DOWNLOADABLE VIDEO ILLUSTRATIONS', 'ALL TRAINING', 'ALL BIBLE STUDIES', 'ALL CONFERENCE SESSIONS', 'NEW AND POPULAR', 'RIGHTNOW MEDIA ORIGINALS', 'EASTER', and 'YOUTH'. The bottom of the page shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons and a system clock indicating 12:11 PM on 3/31/2020.

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