



TIMOTHY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal...

Simcoe County Schools Not Face to Face Yet... Hopefully Soon!

As you are now aware from the memo sent from the TCS office last Wednesday evening, Simcoe County *was not* one of the areas allowed back to school this week. It was buried deep in the news and took many of us until late in the day to find the announcement. Like many of our parents, we were also hoping to be one of the districts allowed back to school today.

Being that there has been a significant outbreak at one of our local retirement communities in Barrie and that the overall number of cases in Ontario is still high (although coming down), it is understandable that the province wanted to be cautious and careful. Although no return to school timeline has been given for Simcoe County schools, we are anticipating a two-week delay and are hopeful for February 8th as a potential (if the province is keeping to a two-week delay pattern).

We know as we launch into week three, the extra workload on the home front is challenging and we greatly appreciate your continued partnership. On the school front we are continuously trying to be '*clear and attainable*' with all of the work and look forward to hearing your feedback in the short parent check-in this week (information below).

Short Parent Survey/Check-In

As we are now in week three of online schooling at TCS, we wanted to do a short check-in with our TCS parents. Here is the link: <https://forms.gle/kRgA2JBn957SH45fA>

Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey and give us feedback on the areas listed. The anonymous feedback will be summarized for the teaching staff later this week to give them a sense of how the online program is going. This is our second time asking for parent feedback as our teaching staff have already completed a phone survey calling all of our parents and received positive feedback, but we also wanted to receive feedback this way as well in case anything was missed.

We understand that each household is at a different place as we step into week three. Based on the teacher phone survey, many of our parents are into a good routine and coping well on the home front, others are feeling the heavy weight of week three with trying to work with several primary children at home, and a few are significantly stretched and may be looking for help. The survey will help us deploy any extra EA help we can and look at big picture areas we might be able to shift in to help.

As a staff we have talked extensively about all JK - grade 8 schoolwork being '*clear and attainable*' for our parents and students and look forward to hearing from you via this survey.



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

Monday, February 1st – PA Day (Teacher Report Card Writing Day - No School)

In the midst of these busy times, staff members now are planning to write report cards for students at TCS. The report cards this year will look a bit different as we are formatting them into the new Sycamore School system and had to change the look a bit.

Our regularly scheduled report card writing day (**Professional Activity Day**) is set for next Monday, February 1st. TCS teachers will be setting this day aside to write report cards for TCS students as published in the TCS School Calendar that was sent out in August.

Note: Being that teachers will be writing report cards, there will not be homework posted for Monday, February 1st just like any normal PA day. Instead, that week the assignments, videos and homework will be posted for grades 1 - 8 on Tuesday, February 2nd and for JK and SK on Wednesday, February 3rd. Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, February 10th to parents for term one.

Re-Registration for September 2021 – This Week Yet!

A huge *THANK YOU* to the **almost 50 TCS families** who have now re-registered for September 2021! We greatly appreciate your promptness! Parents have informed us that the registration process using our new office software “Sycamore School” is quick, efficient and can be completed in under 10 minutes for most families. You have the option to pay the \$300 deposit by 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 were sent out to parents directly. Please email

tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca if you’ve misplaced them or need your Sycamore login information.

Re-registration is open until this Friday, January 29. 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 several 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.

Processing New Families

We have begun processing new family inquiries on a weekly basis via Zoom or phone meetings. We are very pleased to hear of the excitement and interest from potential families changing over from other schools or moving to the Barrie area. If you know of potential families from your church, Bible studies, or neighbourhoods, *please inform them that February is the best time to register for September 2021* to avoid any disappointment of waiting lists.



Administrative Assistant Position – Actively Receiving Resumes!

We have received several more applicants over the weekend and are grateful for the quality resumes we are seeing. 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 will continue to receive resumes 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 previously, 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.



Supporting Students

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 'rightnow MEDIA' logo. A 'LOG IN' button is on the right. Below the navigation bar, there's a 'NEW AND POPULAR' section. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column lists various libraries: ALL KIDS EPISODES, DOWNLOADABLE VIDEO ILLUSTRATIONS, ALL TRAINING, ALL BIBLE STUDIES, ALL CONFERENCE SESSIONS, NEW AND POPULAR, RIGHTNOW MEDIA ORIGINALS, EASTER, and YOUTH. The right column features two rows of video thumbnails. The first row is titled 'PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL AND SMALL GROUP STUDIES' and includes thumbnails 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 JAMIE IVEY, 'THE GOOD GOSPEL' by JENNIE ALLEN, and 'Enjoying Jesus' by 12 Experiences That Will Draw You Closer. The second row is titled 'FAMILY DEVOTIONAL STUDIES' and includes thumbnails for 'THE REAL GOD', 'JESUS: MESSIAH, TEACHER, KING', 'PHILIPPIANS: WHERE DOES JOY COME FROM?', '1 PETER: WHERE DOES HOPE COME FROM?', and 'EPHESIANS'. A 'SEE ALL >' link is present at the end of each row. The bottom of the screenshot shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons and a system clock indicating 12:11 PM on 3/31/2020.

