



TIMOTHY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal...

Welcome Back to In-Person Learning at TCS!

As a staff, we are super happy to have students back in class today! It really was a blessing talking with many of you at the busses this morning seeing how our TCS parents also were very excited about having their children back in school.



Masks for JK – Grade 3

We know that it will take some adjusting for students in these grades to get used to wearing masks in the school and on the buses and we sincerely appreciate our parents helping their children positively adjust to and comply with this guideline. We spent a considerable amount of time processing the addition of JK and SK wearing masks on Thursday last week, and really felt it was the best practice (and safest) approach as well. We appreciate the support for our JK - grade 8 students wearing masks both on the buses and in the school building.

Wearing Masks for Students Outside

The guidelines call for masks for students outside “if they cannot make physical distancing work”. Your TCS staff will be closely monitoring the outside activities for the early part of this week and will make the call on this at our staff meeting on Wednesday after school. If students in JK - grade 8 can keep a healthy distance without masks, the break from masks will do students well outside at recesses. But if they can't maintain good physical distancing outside, we will have to make the call for the school, a division or a grade to keep masks on outside. The more support and training students have (from both home and school), the better they will be able to remember this while outside.

At TCS we are committed to keeping our students (and, as a result... our entire community) safe in the midst of this new environment we find ourselves in. Our TCS Core Values push us to “learn and stretch” to get to good places and this is another example of continued growth.



Family Day next Monday, February 15 (No School)

A reminder of the Family Day provincial holiday next week Monday, February 15th. There will be no school.

Valentine's Day Guidelines for this Friday for Students

Being that students at school will be celebrating Valentine's Day this Friday (February 12)... here are **a few guidelines:** These are for JK - Grade 4 in particular, but apply for the entire school:

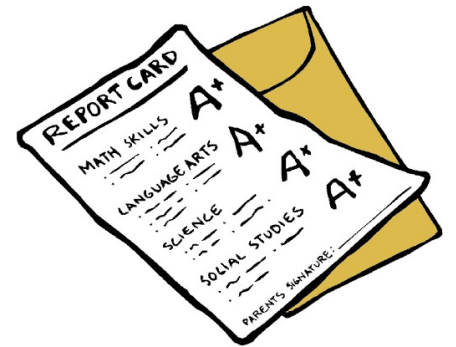
1. Parents please don't send any food, cards or gifts for friends at school this year for Valentine's Day (leave it this year for the homeroom teacher). For those families who wish to bless others (friends or families) with a Valentine's card, an email would be the best way to do it this time around.
2. In Class items: Teachers will provide templates that they can use to make a special note for each of their friends during class time so that we can still celebrate sharing Jesus' love with one another. Unfortunately, this year we will leave all activities to the classroom teachers for Valentine's Day who will keep all activities in class.

♥ **HAPPY**
Valentine's
DAY ♥

Update on Report Cards—Going Home with Students this Wednesday!

Your TCS staff have been busy this week working on completing term one report cards. A few things to keep in mind:

1. The Kindergarten (both JK and SK) First Term report cards have been adjusted to allow for an authentic reflection of the students' progress thus far in the school year.
2. A Different Look for Grade 1-8 Report Cards
95% of the format of the grades 1-8 report cards are the same as in the years past but we did clean up a few repeated areas as well as change the layout a bit as we had to make it work with our new school management system. You will see minor changes as we updated them in the process.
3. Parent/Teacher Interviews on Wednesday, February 17:
The February parent/teacher interviews are by request from teachers or request from parents only. These will be done via Google Meet this time around and will be on February 17 (from 4-6pm).

**Registration for September 2021 - Thank you!**

As of this morning we have received 94 re-registrations from our existing TCS families for September 2021! A very special thank you to all of our parents for being so prompt as it helps us in the planning and budgeting process for next year. We have also approved two new families already and have approved one returning family. We are already considering a waiting list for one of our classes at this point. If you have not sent in your registration for September yet, we encourage you to do so this week as we have several new families in the process of registering. The TCS office will follow up with reminders in the week ahead to the families we have not heard from yet.



Administrative Assistant Position – Three Weeks Left to Apply

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-Q2u2BzWJrXmsFOUqaHpZ6Dv0dUGsHg9A>

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.

At this time, 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.

