TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal...

Hidden Opportunities...to round three?

This morning we started another chapter of online learning as schools and parents across the province of Ontario once again collaborate in continuing the learning process for students. On the third page of today's newsletter, you will find highlights of the memo that was sent out to TCS parents last week indicating what we will keep in place and what we will change in this third round of online learning at TCS. We based these changes on feedback from our last TCS parent survey done during the last online round. The feedback strongly stated parents appreciated many parts of our program. The feedback also included some ways we could improve our system. We considered all the feedback and we hope this round of learning will be more conducive to learning at home as you have so much to balance! One of the most valuable support systems that we implemented during round two of online learning back in January was enlisting the support of our EA team to help many families who need some extra support. Since we have no choice but to embrace this third round of online learning in the province of Ontario in the weeks ahead, what are the hidden opportunities of learning at home during this school lockdown time?

Time with your children:

We certainly understand the challenges with online learning this time, but, please don't overlook the upside as well. Life is very, very fast and we blink and find our children finishing high school and launching into college/university. As parents, we often lament and wish we 'would have spent more time with our children'. This may not be what you had in mind...but it can be a 'special once-in-a-lifetime opportunity' to engage in part of the learning process with your children.

Seeing how your children learn:

If ever there was a time parents have a front-row seat to processing the lessons that are being sent home from teachers and how their children process that work...now is that time! You have the valuable opportunity to see first-hand how your child processes Math, Language Arts and French, and how they learn. You have the chance to view the joys, victories and challenges in their learning more than you have had before (because most of those we experience in the classroom). You have a front row seat to your child's learning style that you may never see this closely again.

We understand TCS parents that we have all been thrust into this round three of online learning and none of us got a vote. But, we also hope you can grab a few upsides of this journey and steal a few moments that you may never get again.

Why do it?

The most important answer to why embrace the online journey and collaborate with the teachers is to keep the learning journey happening on the home front during this time. We want to lessen the learning gap as much as possible from now to when we land back in school again. We noted the last two times that those who kept with

it, even doing their best, landed in a good place when face-to-face school started again. We totally understand that there can be a frustration level of trying to make it all happen around the kitchen table. It can be extremely challenging. But, by keeping it slow and steady and manageable, we can work together to keep learning happening on the homefront during this time and lessen the gap when students land back at school.

Chromebook Pick up TODAY between 3 - 4 pm at TCS

A reminder to those who have already contacted Joy Watson (at jwatson@timothychristianschool.ca), that Chromebook pick-up will be from 3:00 - 4:00 pm this afternoon (Monday) in alphabetical order of last names. If your last name starts with an "A" please come at 3:00 pm and if your last name starts with a "Z" please come closer to 4:00. That way we can space people out a bit. If you pull up to the grade 8 door on the gravel parking lot, we will see you and bring you a Chromebook. *We do need you to email Joy Watson first so we can properly document* who has a Chromebook. We do ask that you take care of them as we need them for classroom work once we are back to face-to-face school again.

Master Schedule for Live Classes/Band and French

On the last two pages of this newsletter you will find both the Master Online Teaching Schedule as well as the Friday live times for both Band and French. These will be handy schedules to print off and post at home so your children will not miss any important classes.

Grandparents' Day Video Update!

Our TCS grandparents are very precious to us and we miss them dearly! Over these past two years, we have not been able to have a live Grandparents' Day. We are very, very thankful that we were able to complete the recording of our TCS Grandparents' Day Video before the Spring Break. This video is presently being edited. We are planning to send it to each of our TCS families on, or close to, April 24. Then we are asking our TCS parents to please forward it on to our TCS grandparents! We want to show both our TCS parents and our grandparents a glimpse of what is happening in the classrooms of TCS this year. We want to keep you all connected to our school community.



Promoting TCS using the TCS Virtual School Tour link

Please continue to invite prospective TCS parents to our school website and forward them the email with the link to view our TCS Virtual School Tour! If you know of anyone interested in attending TCS this September, email their name and number to the office. We will follow up to book a time with Mr. Berg to have a talk or face-to-face zoom meeting and link them up with our virtual school tour. We are eager to share what God is doing here at TCS as we learn and grow together! All new parent interviews in the coming weeks are being completed via zoom meetings.



Request for Board Nominees

The Board is welcoming any suggestions for nominees to the TCS Board of Directors. Please email Krista Westerneng directly with any recommendations at kristawesterneng@hotmail.com.

A call for donations for The Re-Source Thrift Shop

Did you manage some spring cleaning yet? If so, the Re-Source Thrift Shop is eager to accept your donations of gently used items! The Shop is closed but they are accepting donations ONLY on Mondays and Fridays, between 10 am and 1 pm. Please leave your donations outside and a staff member will bring them in.



Bradford Greenhouses Fundraising Program

Now that spring is here (the possible flurries coming this week won't deter us!) we hope you are eager to get outside and enjoy some gardening (or at the least shopping!). We are part of a fundraising program with Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery. This is how it works: When shopping at Bradford Greenhouses (in Barrie or in Bradford), you must mention to the cashier **before** inputting your purchase that you would like your purchase to support Timothy Christian School. A percentage of the value of all sales directed towards TCS is put on a gift card for the school to purchase Bradford Greenhouses products (that we use to benefit the Bazaar each year). Thanks in advance for shopping to benefit TCS!



This week we celebrate:

· **Alex Green (grade 5) TODAY**

· **Mrs. Cantle (in the TCS Office) on Thursday**

· **Linden Hooper (grade 1) on Saturday**

Summary of our TCS Online Program (from memo sent out last week)

1. Areas of the TCS Online Program that will remain the same:

Based on your positive feedback from the last parent survey, we will be keeping the following:

- We will be keeping the Monday to Thursday focus on the four core areas of Math, Language Arts, Bible and Science/Social (rotating) for grades JK - 8.
- We will keep grades JK - 2 the same with packages for students.
- We will keep the specialty Fridays with Band, French, Art and PE (homeroom teacher adding PE each Friday) in place.
- We will continue to use all of our EA Team and Resource to support students as this was a major success last time and a great support for the teaching staff. It will be critical to fully implement our EA Team to keep good support in place (thus supporting both teachers and students and parents).
- We will keep the clear expectations of student work (with all teaching staff using a checklist-style for assignments).

2. Improvements that will be made this time to the TCS Online Program starting on Monday:

- The 'student learning packages' approach that was used for grades JK - 2 will now include grades 3 and 4 as well (these were all sent home with your children last Friday, April 9). Part of this will still include the instructional videos each day for subjects.
- We will add two live face-to-face classes a day to grades 5 - 8 which will be a live Math and a Language Arts class per day (Monday to Thursday). These will be mandatory for students to attend.
- During the live classes for grades 5 - 8, students will also have time to 'check for understanding' on any of the other core subject areas with their teachers. We encourage parents to ensure students make good use of these times for any clarification they need on any classroom instruction.

"...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

- Attached is the master schedule of online times for each class so all students/parents will be aware of meetings/teaching times.
- Grades 3 and 4 will be provided 60 minutes a day of live Q & A time for students with a teacher to check for understanding.
- We will add a live French time for questions/instruction each Friday like Band did last time.
- We will add a Google Meet/face-to-face time for grades JK - 2 each week to keep student connections healthy and this community thriving.

Annual Spring Drive

The spring has finally arrived and with that, our Annual Spring Drive will begin at TCS. If you would like to support Timothy Christian School this year, please consider our Spring Drive program. Through your support, you will help to ensure that our students will continue to receive dynamic and quality Christian education. Your investment would have a lasting impact on the families and students that God has entrusted to us. **Our Annual Drive goal is $125,000, will you help us to achieve this goal?**

Email donor cards will be sent out this week. If you are led to give and support this Spring Drive, please print, complete the donor card and return it to the school. We thank you in advance for your prayer and financial support. If you have any questions regarding the Spring Drive, please contact Michelle Roberts at mroberts@timothychristianschool.ca.



Annual Spring Drive — Donor Card

Please complete all the information and enclose with your donation.

☐ MONTHLY: ☐$25 ☐$50 ☐$100 ☐$250 ☐OTHER: $ _____

☐ ONE-TIME: ☐$100 ☐$250 ☐$500 ☐$1000 ☐OTHER: $ _____

☐ Cheque or cash *(Payable to Timothy Christian School, NOTE: Spring Drive)*

☐ TCS website: **"SUPPORT TCS" link at www.timothychristianschool.ca**

☐ Credit Card: Visa or Mastercard *(Complete informaiton or call the school to provide)*

NAME ON CARD: _____

CARD NUMBER: _____

EXPIRY DATE: _____ SECURITY CODE: _____

AMOUNT of GIFT: _____

Thank you in advance for supporting the TCS Annual Spring Drive.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

PROVINCE: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE FOR CONVENIENCE:

Visit our website at: **www.timothychristianschool.ca** and click the **"Support TCS"** link & "Donate Now" tab.

**Online giving is administered with the assistance of the Christian School Foundation.*

**For any inquires about our Annual Drive campaign, please contact our Development Director; Michelle Roberts at mroberts@timothychristianschool.ca or call 705-726-6621 ext. 228*

Master Online Teaching Schedule for Parents

Time	8:45-9:00	9:00-9:15	9:15-9:30	9:30-9:45	9:45-10:00	10:00-10:15	10:15-10:30	10:30-10:45	10:45-11:00	11:00-11:15	11:15-11:30
JK								Wednesday: Live Google Meet			
JK/SK						Wednesday: Live Google Meet					
SK										Wednesday: Live Google Meet	
Gr. 1						Thursday Live Google Meet					
Gr. 2						Tuesday Live Google Meet					
Gr. 3						Live Online Extra Help/Support (Mon-Thurs)					
Gr. 4								Live Online Extra Help/Support (Mon-Thurs)			
Gr. 5			Math	Extra Help		Lit	Extra Help				
Gr. 6		Math	Extra Help		Lit	Extra Help					
Gr. 7	Math	Extra Help		Lit	Extra Help						
Gr. 8				Math	Extra Help		Lit	Extra Help			

This indicates that these live, online, learning sessions will be offered (Mon -Thurs)

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Gr. Jk-8 French/Band Live Google Meet Schedule for FRIDAYS

Time	9:00-9:30	9:30-10:00	10:00-10:30	10:30-11:00	11:00-11:30	11:30-12:00	12:00-12:30	12:30-1:00	1:00-1:30	1:30-2:00
JK/SK					Live French (Fri)					
Gr. 1			Live French (Fri)							
Gr. 2			Live French (Fri)							
Gr. 3	Live French (Fri)									
Gr. 4	Live French (Fri)									
Gr. 5		Live French (Fri)								
Gr. 6		Live French (Fri)						Live Band (Fri)		
Gr. 7				Live French (Fri)					Live Band (Fri)	
Gr. 8				Live French (Fri)						Live Band (Fri)

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