TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal…

Grades JK - 4 Student Learning Packages to be picked up THIS Friday, April 30th between 3 – 4 pm!

Parents of students in grades JK - 4, please note this Friday between 3:00 and 4:00 pm we will have a package pick-up time at the school. Each of the JK - 4 student learning packages are intended to last for about two weeks. They are supported by the videos and instructions that the teachers are sending each morning. Pick-up will be done just like the last few times with cars pulling up in front of the doors on the north side of the school (doors by the grade 3 and 4 classrooms where the buses always pull up) and then exiting to the left of the shed. Once you pull up in front of the doors, please remain in your cars and a teacher will bring a package out to your car. Please note the schedule for pick ups:

JK&SK. 3 - 3:15pm **Gr 1&2.** 3:15 - 3:30pm **Gr 3.** 3:30 - 3:45pm **Gr 4.** 3:45 – 4pm

If you have children in multiple grades, come at one of the above time slots and we will make sure you get the packages for all your children. See emails from each JK - 4 teacher for any additional information about the package pick-up.

Over 40 TCS Chromebooks on loan to students/families to support them!

The school has been blessed to help out about 40 of our TCS families by lending them a school Chromebook during this online time to better support them in their work. We have done this each of the three times during the school lockdown and we are happy to support students/families in this way in round three.

TCS Grandparents' Day Video to be sent out this Wednesday, April 28



We are so very excited!! The video that was recorded at TCS on April 9 for our TCS grandparents was edited over the break and is now ready to be shared. Please keep an eye out for an email with a link for the TCS Grandparents' Day Video that is intended to show our grandparents that we miss them and we truly appreciate each one of them! We plan to email it to each of our TCS families this Wednesday afternoon and we ask that each family forward it to each set of grandparents that same day. We hope this video will *keep our TCS grandparents connected to TCS and let them know they are precious to us and we truly miss and appreciate them!* The video is a short 3-minute presentation from each of our TCS classes (about 20 minutes in all) giving grandparents an idea of what is happening in the classrooms this Spring.

"…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

Why is it important to keep the learning going during a school lockdown?

We mentioned this last week but, it is worth repeating. The most important answer to 'why embrace the online journey and collaborate with the teachers?' is... to keep the learning/skills 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 it is a considerable amount of work required around the kitchen table. It can be extremely challenging and busy especially with multiple students in primary grades who need your support sometimes every minute. But, by keeping it slow and steady and manageable, teachers and parents can work together to keep learning happening on the homefront during this school lockdown time and lessen the gap when students land back at school.

Promoting TCS using the TCS Virtual School Tour link

Please continue to invite prospective TCS parents to our school website and to view our TCS Virtual School Tour by forwarding them the email with the link! 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. You will note at the end of the Grandparents' video there is also an invite for our new grandparents to go to our school website and take a virtual tour of TCS to see where their grandchildren are attending school.

From the April Board of Directors meeting

1. **Thank you** to the re-Source Thrift Shop for the monthly tithing/monthly donations to TCS. We are so very blessed by the good work of the Thrift Shop (and all the volunteers) at a time when the school needed it the most!
2. The Board has waived the outstanding PITCh hours for families this year. Present hours will be accredited to next year. Thank you to all the families that participated and especially to those families who worked hard to put in their PITCh hours in a year when it was a bit challenging to make the hours work. We are so thankful for your dedication and yearly commitment.
3. Thank you & goodbye to Leanna. We will miss you and wish you all the best both on your upcoming wedding and moving to Strathroy.
4. Please refer potential families to our Virtual School Tour on our TCS website. NOW is the time for new families to register at TCS for this coming September to ensure they are not on a waiting list. We have started waiting lists for two of our classes already for next year.
5. **Please save the date to attend the Society on Meeting May 20,** 2021, which will via a Zoom meeting like last year.



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 of quality members who would bring gifts and skills to the TCS board. Email Krista at kristawesterneng@hotmail.com.

Fundraising through shopping at Bradford Greenhouses

This is your reminder if you are looking for any outdoor supplies or décor for your garden or home, please remember we are part of a fundraising program with Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery. When shopping at Bradford Greenhouses (in Barrie or 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!

Donations needed 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.





This week we celebrate

- Sophia Back (grade 7) TODAY
- Esther Ogunbiyi (7) on Thursday
- Ana Skuljicak (5) & Makai Walker (8) on Friday
- Micah van Campen (3) on Saturday

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 a 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*