



From the Principal ...

Merry Christmas from all of us at TCS!

From all of us at Timothy Christian School, we wish each TCS family a wonderful holiday. May you enjoy the holidays and reflect deeply on the hope we have in Christ! We will see all our students back at school on Monday, January 3, 2022!



Friday, December 17: early dismissal

Please note that THIS Friday, December 17, we will have our usual early dismissal at 2:00pm (buses leave TCS at 2:00pm). As there are so few students on the buses, the route will be much faster (most likely be between 2:10 and 2:35pm). **Please remember to be at the bus stop early to greet your children.**



Pizza Day

Please note: pizza day has been moved to Friday, February 11th... **NOT Wednesday December 15th!**

TCS Christmas Program Video was well Received!



If you have not had a chance to view the TCS 2021 Christmas Program Video yet - see this link (<https://youtu.be/f5vyu-gFkHw>) and enjoy! The video premiered at 7:00pm on Friday evening on YouTube and, as of this morning, it had been viewed 232 times! Thank you to all our staff and students for their hard work on this program. Thank you for the emails of appreciation we have received in the office from parents and supporters who enjoyed the program this weekend and passed on their appreciation to us.



We encourage our families to forward the link above (it is now an unlisted video) to all our TCS grandparents and friends to share with them the hard work the students and staff have put into the program as well as the powerful message of hope. This message is so important in the midst of these very busy times. As a Christian school community, we bask in the hope our Father gave us in the gift of his son Jesus during this Christmas season.

Dress up Fridays

Friday Dress-up Days for December

Dec. 17 -Christmas sweater/shirt day



DECEMBER

- 15 **NO** pizza day! (moved to Feb 11th)
TCS COVID screening reporting via Sycamore
- 17 Dress up: Christmas sweater / shirt day
2pm **early dismissal**

Welcome Hannah Jacobs - to the TCS Staff for January to April in grade two!

This weekend we were very blessed to hire Hannah Jacobs for the four month grade two position in the new year. As you may remember, Mrs. Wright will be taking a health leave from January to the end of April. Hannah comes to us with several years of experience that includes teaching at Brampton Christian School. She is a certified teacher who has been on our TCS supply list since August. Her references spoke of her strong faith, patience, integrity and energy. Hannah will spend a few days this week in grade two to get to know our grade two students and we very much look forward to having her on staff in the new year!

COVID Update

By Tuesday morning we will have almost all our students back at TCS for in- person learning. We realize several of our TCS families have decided to keep students home this week so we will continue to offer online learning for the remainder of this week. Homeroom teachers will send the assignments home (via email or post on Google classroom) for Math, Language Arts, Bible and Science or Socials. Mrs. MacAdam (JK - 2), Ms. Watson (3 - 5) and Mrs. Covert (6 - 8) are the Resource team members connecting with students online who have questions and giving support to students in those grades. If school is back in person on January 3rd (which we expect it to be!), we will only offer in-person learning as the majority of our students will be back in the classrooms at school. Thank you TCS parents for your support in these unique past few weeks as we continue to ensure learning at TCS stays at a very high level.

Please remember THIS Wednesday, December 15th all TCS parents are required to complete the Sycamore school online COVID Screening Tool

The province is *mandating that parents MUST report the results of each student's daily COVID screening to their child's school each day* starting on January 3rd, for the weeks following Christmas holidays. **TCS will start this mandatory reporting of screening results to the school on Wednesday so we will be prepared after the break.** We have put the provincial screening tool in our Sycamore School database so that we can easily track and record each students screening results. *Parents, please complete the screening tool for each student each day before leaving for school to ensure only students that pass the screen are attending school.* The tool can be found on our Sycamore School homepage.



Here are the instructions to access it:

- Log into Sycamore School (the same as booking your parent-teacher conferences last month) with your family specific login (please contact the office asap for assistance with this if needed)
 - On the right-hand side of the homepage, click on "Complete the COVID-19 screening tool"
 - You will see a screen with your child's (children's) name(s), click on one name
 - Complete the tool for that student for that day, hit **submit** in the bottom right corner when completed
 - Proceed to complete the screening tool for each of your children, hitting "submit" at the end of each
- When you hit "submit" you are sharing the results with the TCS office which will enable us to confirm your child's suitability to attend school that day and be able to quickly do classroom counts and tracking.

Package Pick Up for Students Learning at Home

We have packages waiting at the front door for students who are learning at home. Contact your teacher for more information.

Congratulations!

Thank you to our 2021 Bazaar Team & all of our supporters!

The bazaar raised:

Over \$20,000.00!!

Scrapday 2022 has been cancelled

Unfortunately due to the continuing COVID situation and restrictions, we will need to cancel Scrapday. We look forward to gathering for this fun day in 2023!

Yearbook cover contest

Students can submit title pages by January 28th to Ms. Gronfors. The yearbook will be horizontal. ***Please see the poster below*** to learn what must be on the yearbook cover.



Calling for Christmas decorations

This year when you are cleaning up after Christmas, if you have ornaments or Christmas picks (e.g. sticks with red berries) that are in very good condition that you no longer wish to keep, please send them in to school in January for Christmas Garden to store away to use next year! Thank you!

Still taking Resumes for a new Marketing Director - please pass this on to anyone interested!

Do you know of anyone who has a deep passion for Christian Education? Anyone who has skills in marketing, is savvy on social media and would thrive unpacking the vision at TCS? This position will focus on content creation in posting the wonderful things that happen at TCS, working with the Marketing Committee and connecting with key donors. This is a 50% position. Please pass this onto anyone you know who has the passion and skills for this position. Please connect with Mr. Berg to discuss the position further. Resumes can be sent to Mr. Berg's attention at tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca.

Weather & bus cancellations

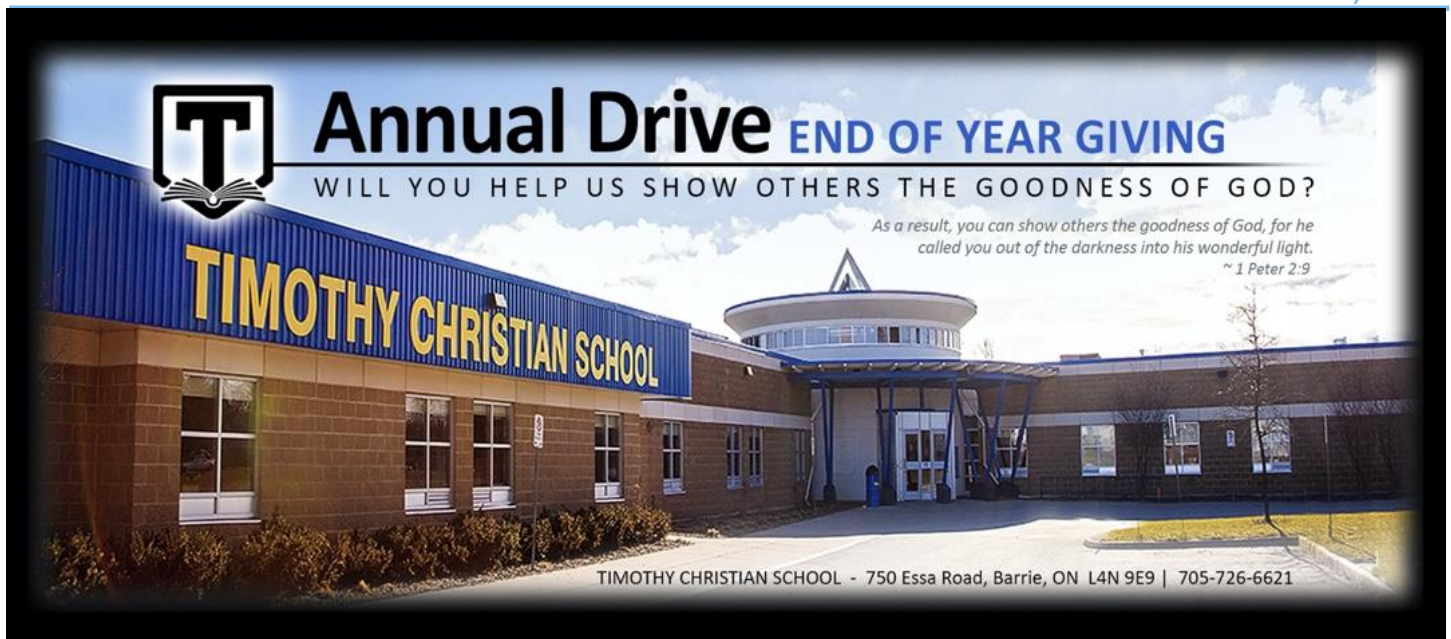


• ***Buses are cancelled:*** When inclement weather hits our area, our bus company (Landmark) will cancel the buses for the day. The TCS office will then send out an email by 6:45am to all our parents indicating that the buses have been cancelled for the day and that the school is still open.



• ***Buses and school are cancelled:*** Although it is very rare, there are times when the weather is so challenging that, in addition to buses being cancelled, school will also be closed for the day. On those days, an email will come from the office by 6:45am informing parents that both the buses are cancelled and the school is closed for the day.





As the year draws to a close, we would like to present the opportunity to support our TCS Annual Drive Campaign - End of Year Giving. https://www.christianschoolfoundation.ca/donate-individual/?donate_to=Timothy-Barrie

We would like to thank those who were able to support TCS last year. Again, this year sees TCS with continued dependence on our donor community. The Annual Drive is a key fundraising initiative to assist with our operating costs to keep tuition as affordable as possible for all current and inquiring families. We are asking our local community to partner with us as together we invest in Christian education in Barrie. Thank you in advance for your support.

For donations to be considered for the 2021 calendar year, they must be received by the school no later than the end of day THIS Friday, December 17th, or post-marked by Canada Post no later than December 31st, 2021. Hand delivered envelopes in January, or January post-marked envelopes, will be designated for 2022.

Annual Drive

END OF YEAR GIVING

FOR TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, BARRIE

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: Annual Drive)

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

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

NAME ON CARD: _____

CARD NUMBER: _____

EXPIRY DATE: _____ SECURITY CODE: _____

AMOUNT of GIFT: _____



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

Thank you in advance for supporting the TCS Annual 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.

COVID-19 Student and Family Holiday Safety

November 30, 2021

As we approach the holiday season, please be mindful that COVID-19 continues to spread throughout Simcoe Muskoka. We recognize the actions needed to stop the spread of COVID-19 can be very hard. However, we continue to see many situations in which school-age children are getting COVID-19 at home (from family or close friends), and in the community (through sports, social gatherings such as parties, etc.) As we get closer to the holidays it is important to continue to follow the public health safety measures listed below.

Planning for the Holidays

Knowing someone does not reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19. Virtual gatherings or events are still the safest way to celebrate.

If you choose to host or attend an in-person gathering or event, physical distancing and wearing a face covering when indoors with people who are not part of your household continues to be the safest way to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We recommend that:

- Individuals who are **not fully vaccinated** against COVID-19 should keep gatherings to only those within their household, unless physical distancing is practiced and/or face coverings are worn.
- Individuals who **are fully vaccinated** are advised to keep gatherings to a small number of people outside of their household. For the protection of all, preferably everyone should be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
- Getting your child vaccinated is the best way to protect them from COVID-19 and to prevent them from passing the virus to grandparents or others who can get seriously ill.

In addition, the following actions can help reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- Monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. People with symptoms of COVID-19 (or any other illness) should not attend gatherings, even if the symptoms are mild.
- Use outdoor spaces rather than indoor when possible.
- Do not exceed gathering limits (25 people indoors and 100 people outdoors).
- Limit close contacts. The fewer people at a gathering, the lower the risk of spread of COVID-19.
- Consider wearing a mask indoors, outdoors when physical distancing can not be maintained, and/or if you are in close contact with unvaccinated people from outside of your household.
- Encourage proper hand washing regularly, using soap and water or hand sanitizer.
- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces.
- Open windows, if possible.
- If you are hosting a gathering, ask guests to NOT attend if they have symptoms, even if they are mild.
- Make a list of guests attending in case public health needs it for contact tracing.
- If you are preparing and serving food and drinks, remember to wash your hands often and suggest all those gathered do so before and after eating.

We recognize balancing COVID-19 safety measures with social traditions around the holidays can be difficult. We want to thank you for all that you do to keep your family, and in turn our community, as healthy as possible. Your continued support and encouragement can make a big difference in helping your child protect themselves, their friends, family, coworkers, school community and broader community, and help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Visit the health unit's website for more information and regular updates about COVID-19 at [smdhu.org/COVID-19](https://www.smdhu.org/COVID-19) or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.



Tel: 705-721-7520
Toll free: 1-877-721-7520
www.simcoemuskokahealth.org

This situation is changing rapidly. Visit our website for regular updates:

www.smdhu.org/COVID19

YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

PLEASE SUBMIT TITLE PAGES BY
FRIDAY JANUARY 28TH TO MS. GRONFORS



TITLE PAGES MUST HAVE:

- SCHOOL NAME: TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
- SCHOOL YEAR: 2021-2022
- SCHOOL THEME: "HOPE OF THE WORLD"
- THEME VERSE REFERENCE: ROMANS 15:13
- MUST BE NEAT AND COLOURFUL!