



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

From the Principal ...

Parent Feedback Fridays - for homeroom teachers

Most of our teaching staff reached out to parents last Friday morning asking for feedback on how things are going on the homefront. Rather than running the parent survey this time around, as a staff we are introducing 'Parent Feedback Fridays' while students are online in January. Each Friday we ask that TCS parents send their homeroom teacher a line or two on how things are going for their child especially in



the area of instruction and understanding. Any bigger items the classroom teacher will forward to Mr. Berg to process. If you missed giving feedback to your homeroom teacher last Friday, be sure to give your teacher a line or two of feedback this Friday on how your child is learning online.

Specialty Fridays Starting this Friday!

You may remember from the newsletter last week that Speciality Fridays (when French, Band and PE/Art are taught and the core subjects are on hold for a day) will start THIS Friday. We added this last time we were online to:

- 1. Keep up with the French instruction and Band instruction skills while we are online
- 2. Add in PE and Art learning for grades
- 3. Give students a break from the core subjects and allow them to use Fridays to catch up on homework from the week.

JK - 4 Parent Student Package pick-up THIS Friday, January 14th, 3:00 - 4:00...IF NEEDED!

We hope to hear from the provincial government this week that schools will return to in-person learning next Monday, January 17. We will know (hopefully) by the middle of this week what the plan is for next week for Ontario elementary schools. *IF we are told that online learning will be extended for two more weeks, then we will run a JK - 4 student package pick-up this Friday between 3:00 and 4:00pm by the primary doors like last week. If we are told we can meet in-person, then there will be no package pick-up and we will see all of our students in-person next Monday, January 17th!*

TCS Touring new families this week!

Do you know of any Barrie families who are interested in attending TCS this fall? The TCS office is talking with potential new TCS families this week! If you are aware of new families, have them contact the TCS office as we are running new parent zoom meetings, taking information phone calls and giving 'appointments only' tours of TCS (with masks and social distancing). There is a lot of interest from new families and we are meeting with several this week.

TCS taking resumes for supply Educational Assistants and Teachers for our supply list

TCS is presently taking resumes for both EA's and Supply Teachers over the next few weeks to add to our supply list. As with many organizations in Ontario, because of all the viruses, colds etc., we would really like to add several more teachers and EA's to our TCS supply list in anticipation that staff may have to be away when school starts inperson again. We want to ensure we always have the student support in place. For Educational Assistants/Personal Support Workers: Resumes should include certificates or recent experience with two educational references and one spiritual reference.



<u>For Supply Teachers:</u> Resumes should also include certification and experience along with two educational references and one spiritual reference.

We are also going to start a 'non-certified' list of educators who might have had a teacher certificate in the past or experience that we might use if we are not able to secure a certified candidate to replace an EA for a day. These may be quality candidates who let their teaching certificate lapse or were certified in other provinces. Of course, at all times, we only hire candidates who are Christian and who support and fit into our school vision statement.

Yearbook cover contest

Students can submit title pages by January 28th to Ms. Gronfors. The yearbook will be horizontal. *Please be sure your title page is neat*

and colourful and includes: Timothy Christian School, 2021-2022, "Hope of the World", Romans 15:13.

Calling for Christmas decorations

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 the Christmas Garden for next year!

Emails going to Junk Mail

Please check your junk mail for emails sent from the school and mark these (from the office and teachers) as "not spam" to make sure you're getting all messages & newsletters in your inbox! Thank you!

A few grade 8 projects on the cell:









COVER CONTES

We are celebrating these birthdays:

- 1 Nathan Dykstra (7/8) & Selah Molyneaux (SK)
- 2 Dami Daniel (JK)
- 4 Adaya Walker (7) & Ariana Wilson (7) & George Poznic (2)
- 6 Nina Skuljicak (1)
- 7 Mrs. Huitema Custodian
- 8 Jonatas Jaro (SK)
- 9 Mrs. MacAdam EA & Mrs. Fraser Music & Mr. Huitema Custodian
- 10 Dean Bachly (1)
- 16 Mrs. Warren Grade 5 Teacher



