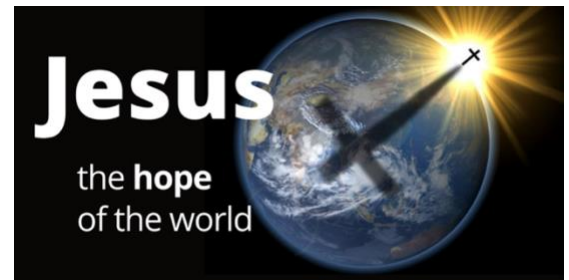




TIMOTHY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal ...



Welcome to our newest TCS family!

Welcome to the Madero family: Alex & Gilda with Julia in JK!

Re-registration for Existing TCS families was due last Friday (but you can still register!)

A huge thank you to the majority of our TCS families who have locked in a spot for their children for September 2022. If you missed the deadline last Friday, you can still re-register. Please note that TCS will now be interviewing families new to the school and classroom placement is on a first come first serve basis. We presently have a waiting list in grade five and other classes are filling up for September, so we encourage our existing families to 'lock in their spot' asap. We do our re-registration at this time to help our Finance Committee draft a budget for next year. The more accurate our registration numbers the better the committee can plan for the following year. Thank you TCS families for your help in this journey! We look forward to all our existing families returning to TCS in September.



Re-Registration

Please assume that your child(ren)'s re-registration has been accepted and any new information (address, health card number, etc.) has been updated. If part of the application is missing, the office will follow up with you directly.

If you have not taken the time to re-register, please do so following these steps:

1. Online re-registration application (**including uploading your PITCH form or returning it to the office**) via Sycamore <https://sycamore.school/login?schoolId=3982>.
2. Submit the family \$300.00 re-registration deposit to the office by **etransfer** sent by February 28th to finance@timothychristianschool.ca, you must use the password: school, **OR cheque** post-dated by February 28th, **OR by pre-authorized withdrawal** on March 1st. ***UPDATE:** If you are applying for financial aid, please do so asap as was due February 4th via the [FAST application](#) on our TCS website under Admissions.

Interest in Kindergarten on the Tuesday and Thursday

Many years ago, we ran a Tuesday and Thursday program for our JK and SK families interested in full time kindergarten. Due to low enrollment and a lack of interest in this program we eventually closed it. Next Monday there will be a link in the newsletter asking our parents to complete a short survey to explore if there is an interest in bringing this program back (with a cost to cover the extra days).

Term One Report Cards go Home this Wednesday

A reminder that Term One report cards will be going home to parents at 3:25pm this Wednesday afternoon. TCS parents please take some time Wednesday or Thursday evening to talk over the comments and

FEBRUARY

Daily	COVID-19 Screening
9	Term One Report Cards go home
11	Pizza Day
18	PIZZA ORDERS DUE
	Pizza Day
25	Grade 8 GRAD photos
	Pizza Day
28	Unity Christian High Open House

1 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." – Romans 15:13 NIV

grades and confirm the good work the students did this past term. Also, please reinforce the teacher's comments about next steps, goals and areas to improve and work on for the next term.

Valentine's Day Guidelines for Students

Valentine's Day is NEXT Monday. The TCS Staff want to share some guidelines that will apply to JK - 8 students.



1. We welcome students to bring cards for classmates and the expectation is to include every student in the classroom (no obligation to bring cards, but if your child is planning that, please ensure all classmates are included so nobody is left out).
2. Pre-packaged only: If you wish to add a small treat of some sort with the Valentine card, please keep it pre-packaged (in a bag would be appreciated). Note parents that all food will go into backpacks to be eaten at home. Again, no obligation but, please include every classmate so no one is left out.
3. Remember we are a nut free school. Some of our students and staff are extremely allergic to nuts.

Celebrating Black History month at TCS in February

Throughout the month of February TCS will be celebrating Black History month with teachers sharing and highlighting stories through devotions and Bible classes. Parents if you discover a great history story feel free to forward it to your teacher.



Pizza Days

The pizza days that were missed in December and January have been moved to the month of February. If you ordered pizza, please note the following date changes:

If you ordered on....	You will get pizza on...
Friday, December 10th	Friday, February 4th
Wednesday, December 15th	Friday, February 11th
Friday, January 7th	Friday, February 18th
Friday, January 14th	Friday, February 25th

If you are unsure if your child is receiving pizza on the dates listed above, please check in with your child's teacher before each Friday!

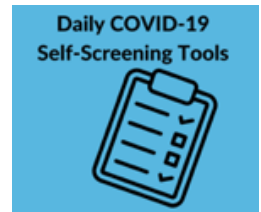
Pizza orders: Please [click on this link](#) to order pizza for March and April.

Orders and payment are due Friday, February 18th. Please make cheques payable to Timothy Christian School with "Pizza" in the memo line. If you send cash, please send it in a labelled envelope with your family name and the word "Pizza" on front. Thank you!

Unity Christian High School – OPEN HOUSE February 28th @ 7:30pm – see below for details

Daily COVID screening update in Sycamore

Parents, please note there has been an update to the [Sycamore.School](#) COVID screening. Please read through the statements before answering the ONE question at the end. Thank you for your support in providing a safe learning environment for our students! Remember to complete the screening tool daily for each child before leaving for school to ensure only students that pass the screen are riding the buses and attending school.



TCS Speeches

Due to COVID restrictions in gatherings, TCS is not able to host our Junior and Senior Speechfest as in previous years. As an alternative to Speechfest, students in grades 6 - 8 who choose the Competitive Strand will record a recitation of their speech. Top speakers will be selected from each class to share with the TCS community in lieu of our biannual TCS Speechfest.

Grade 4-8 Parents, please see the letter below regarding speeches this year at TCCS.





Dear Gr. 4 to 8 Parents,

Speech Development occurs at TCS every 2 years. We would like to outline expectations for Speech Writing skills that reflect the TCS Vision and Definition of Leading Edge Learning. It is exciting to focus upon curriculum each year in the various skill development areas and enhance our abilities as teachers. As a result of this process, the Gr. 4 to 8 teachers have put together some consistent expectations for the development of speech writing skills. Specific skills will be taught to each student during their development of speeches within their Language Arts learning. We are communicating these overall expectations so as to be transparent in our vision and allow for parental support during the speech writing journey. Our parent/teacher team effort builds upon the growth mindset that our students model for us each day.

Overall Expectations for Speech Development

1. 90% of a student's speech development will occur in class. Students will be taught an introductory speech skill in class, have an opportunity to practice this skill and then be given time to apply this skill to the creation of their speech. This process will be repeated for each component of writing a speech.
2. There will be clearly defined academic skills and components for each student's speech, these skills will be consistent within all speech writing classrooms and represented in an assessment rubric. Specific details will be provided by your classroom teacher as they prepare your child to be a good speech writer.
3. There will be clearly defined presentation options depending upon the focus for each student's speech.
 - a. Competitive Strand – leads to speech fest competition and thus has specific parameters that the student must meet as they prepare the deliverance of their speech
 - b. Non-Competitive Strand – allows for students not interested in competing within the speech fest process to have teacher guided choices as to how they present their speech
4. Memorization of the speech is NOT a skill we will be assessing. Note that students will need to memorize parts of their speech, but will have q cards to assist them in their deliverance. Focus will be upon their presentation skills.
5. All students will present their speech to a group.
6. Teachers will conference with each student through-out the speech writing process and will decide with the student as to the format in which they will deliver their speech to a group.

7. Teachers will have each student's completed speech on hand during their deliverance of their speech to a group, if assistance is needed, prompts and words will be provided by the teacher.

8. There are specific skills being assessed during speech season. Here are the grade specific elements;

Grade 4 students will write an introduction and conclusion for a poem or scripture they are reciting.

Grade 5 students will be writing a personal experience speech based on a topic about themselves or a personal experience. (no research will be required for this speech).

Grade 6 to 8 will be writing a speech of their choice. This is their second or third time writing a speech. For this reason we want them to apply all speech writing skills from research to presentation.

Mr. Rod Berg
Principal, Timothy Christian School

Dates of Speech Fest 2022

Topic Selection: Tuesday, February 1st

Speeches Ready for Presentation by: Monday, February 28th

Speeches presented to classrooms: February 28th to March 4th

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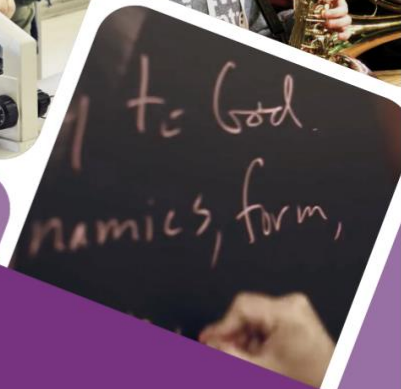
*The Toronto North Speech Fest has been cancelled this year.



Join Unity for our **OPEN HOUSE**

February 28 at 7:30PM

THIS IS AN IN-PERSON EVENT



Learn more about Christian education at Unity

- Learn more about the school, our programs, courses and athletics
- Learn about the application process
- Take a physical tour of the school building
- Get your questions answered

Please register for this in-person event by contacting the school at info@unitychristianhigh.ca



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