



# TIMOTHY

## CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



From the Principal ...

### Parent/Teacher Conferences this Wednesday after school from 4:00 - 6:00pm (via Google Meet)

A reminder that a link was sent home last Friday to allow TCS parents to sign up for parent/teacher (virtual/on Google Meet) conferences which will take place this *Wednesday, February 16 after school between 4:00 and 6:00pm*. Note grade one parents will have a separate memo coming to inform them of conference times next week.



### Restrictions Slowly Lifting - Supporting each other in this Journey

*Thank you TCS parents for your patience* in this pandemic journey. We are starting to hear of restrictions slowly lifting over the next few weeks/months in the province of Ontario as the COVID numbers are coming down. A reminder that our Board of Directors has clearly stated that we will follow the guidelines of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit in this journey (as well as staying very consistent with local public and Christian schools that follow provincial and Ministry of Education recommendations). We understand that there are very strong opinions on either side of the restrictions issue. We had over 10 of our TCS families very concerned about the high COVID numbers and were learning at home, only returning to in-person learning at last week (since mid-December). On the other side, we have families very tired and frustrated about ongoing restrictions. Please note we care deeply about all our TCS students and families and we are trying to get our school safely to the other side of these challenges. Thank you parents for extending grace to us and to each other in this journey! Our goal at TCS is to *'inspire children to be alive in Christ'* which we hope will continue to be the rally cry for this community deeply uniting us together!

### Family Day this Monday, February 21st

A reminder that there is no school next Monday, February 21 due to the Family Day holiday.



### September registration now open to New Families

Existing TCS families were given the opportunity to lock in a spot for their children and re-register for September *from January 28th to February 4th, including reminders via the newsletter and email*. Now we have opened enrollment to potential new families and are beginning the admission process for new students for September. Classroom placement is now on a first come first serve/register basis. We are processing the first wave of new families and it is exciting to see! We have several tours each week going forward and many of those new families are already registering to hold a spot for September 2022!

### FEBRUARY

<b>Daily</b>	COVID-19 Screening
16	Parent-Teacher Conferences (by request)
18	<b>PIZZA ORDERS DUE</b> Pizza Day
21	<b>NO SCHOOL – Family Day</b>
25	Grade 8 GRAD photos Pizza Day
28	Unity Christian High Open House

**Our Condolences**

We extend our deepest condolences to Cyndi and Fred Van Arragon at the passing of Cyndi's Dad, Donald Dykstra. Donald was a long-time supporter and volunteer at TCS.

**Interest in Kindergarten on the Tuesday and Thursday**

We have had some interest in possibly bringing back the Tuesday and Thursday option for families with children in Kindergarten. [Click on this link](#) if you are interested in this option. This does not guarantee we will re-introduce this option, but we will use this survey to explore what interest is out there from our families. If there is significant interest, we will work out the cost of adding this program. There would have to be enough interest to cover the cost.

**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 to your teacher as well.

**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, 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 18<sup>th</sup>.** 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!

**Gr. 8 Grad Pictures Coming up!**

Grade 8 Grad Photos will be **Friday, February 25**. Lifetouch will bring gowns for the students to wear. Shirt and ties for the boys are not provided but not mandatory. The gowns cover everything but a small opening at the neck so girls can wear a collared shirt if they would like (they can also wear a normal shirt with no collar). It is suggested that whatever is showing at the neck be a solid colour (not a plaid, etc.).





**Unity Christian High School** – OPEN HOUSE February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm  
See the poster below for details.

## PITCH OPPORTUNITY

### Tuesday Lunchtime Cleaner Needed

We need a lunchtime cleaner (12:30 – 1pm) on Tuesdays. This involves wiping down door handles and frequently touched surfaces around the school. Supplies provided. Please contact the office if you are available to help.

### Donations Urgently Needed at the Thrift Shop

The Re-Source Thrift Shop that supports TCS is low on inventory and can use our help in stocking their shelves. Please drop off your gently used items during business hours Monday-Thursday 10am-5pm, Friday 10am-4pm and Saturday 10am-5pm. We are at 28 Commerce Park Drive! Thanks in advance for your support!



### \*\*UPDATE to the Sycamore COVID screen

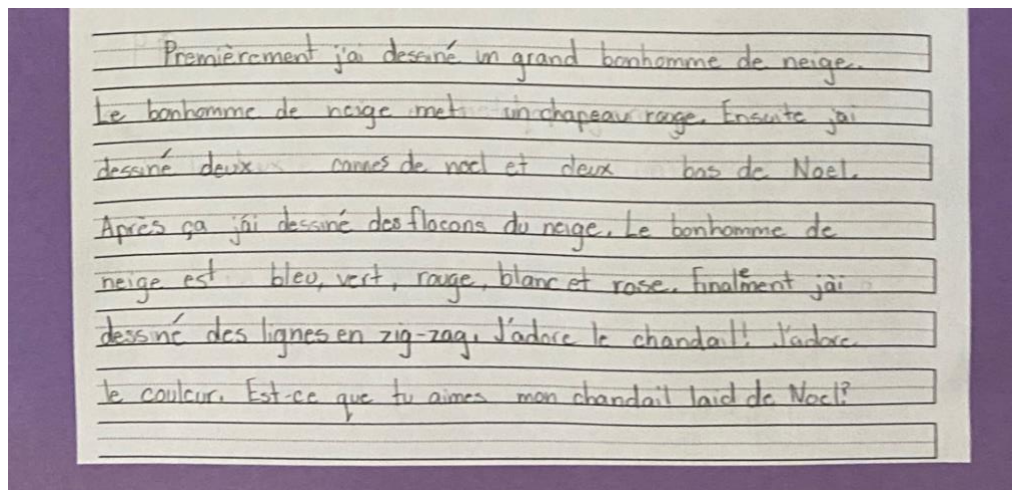
Parents, please note there has been an update to the [Sycamore.School](https://www.sycamore.k12.il.us/schools/sycamore-school) COVID screening. Please read through the statements *carefully* before answering the ONE question at the end. Thank you for your support with this requirement.



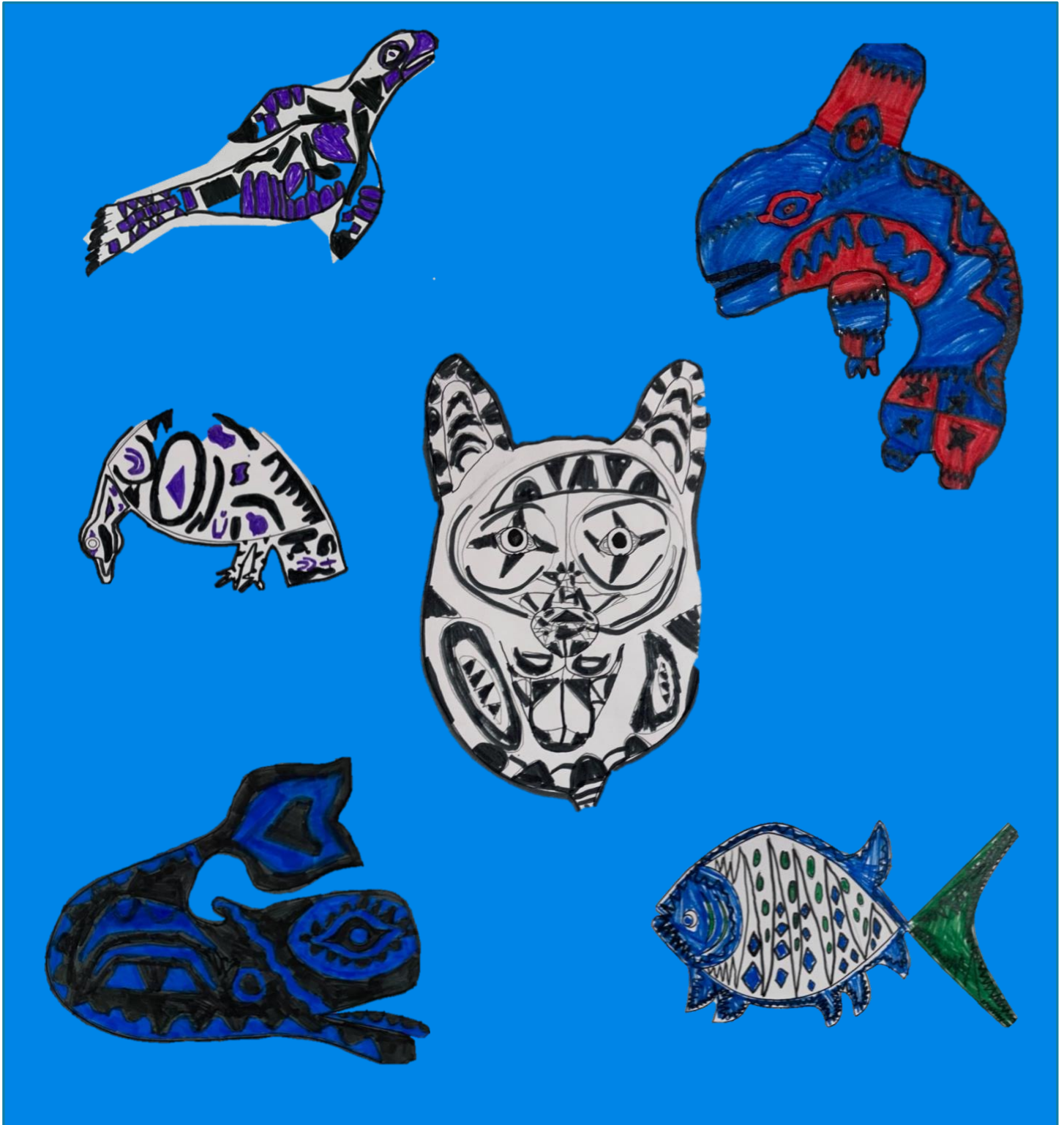
### TCS Speeches

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.

### Grade 6 French work:



Grade 2 art:







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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 1<sup>st</sup>

Speeches Ready for Presentation by: Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

Speeches presented to classrooms: February 28<sup>th</sup> to March 4<sup>th</sup>

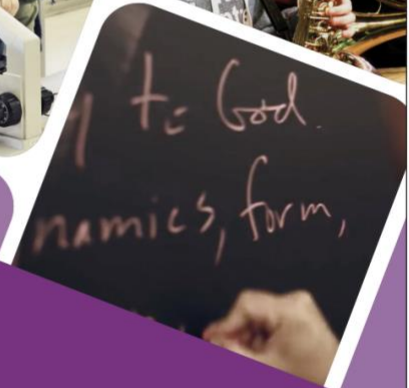
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\*The Toronto North Speech Fest has been cancelled this year.

# 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](mailto:info@unitychristianhigh.ca)**



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