December 2, 2024

TCS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Eph 2:10

In prayer for…

Please come and join us in prayer for the new JK - 12 school… Mark your calendars!

Lifting up the JK - 12 new school

TCS parents and supporters - please join us in prayer for the following times:

At TCS…. **Tuesday, December 3 at 2:45pm**

At Unity…. Tuesday, February 4 at 2:30pm

Lifting up Trinity Christian School (new JK - 12) in prayer…

…TOMORROW, Tuesday, December at 2:45 in the Music Room at TCS!

Are you a prayer warrior? Do you have a deep passion for seeing our new school (Trinity Christian School, JK - 12) thrive? We need you on December 3 (@ TCS) and February 4 (@ Unity) to join us in prayer!! We realize *that prayer is critical* and that we need and should lift our plans for the new school up in prayer to our heavenly Father! Our desire is to do HIS will in all of this. We will pray for about 20-30 minutes. These first two events are designed for parents who may be picking up their students before the end of school.

If you are not able to join us…please unite in prayer on the homefront:

- That our new vision for Trinity Christian School (JK - 12) will be dynamic and strong (Note: Thursday, January 30th at 7:00 at TCS we will meet as a community to do some vision setting for Trinity)
- The team that is touring other schools will glean the best ideas for our new building additions (both the Middle School and the new High School addition…planned for the summer of 2026!)
- That our fundraising team will be clear and deliberate in their good work! Their first meeting is this Wednesday.
- Our donors will share the deep passion for the plans for the new JK - 12 school
- The Unification Steering Committee will give strong and clear leadership throughout this exciting journey

TCS Christmas Program NEXT Thursday, December 12 at 7:00! (Snow date is December 17)



Next Thursday, our TCS Christmas program starts at 7:00 in the gym. Most of our Christmas programs are just over an hour long for those wondering who have little ones at this event. It is a wonderful time of the year to celebrate…as a school and as a community, the real reason for the Christmas season…*which is the birth of Jesus!* We try hard to keep the date and not postpone it…but in case of very poor visibility or safety, we do have a snow date set for Tuesday, December 17.

Why is it mandatory for TCS students to attend this event?

We understand the word 'mandatory' is a very strong word. There are very rare exceptions (family events, sickness) when students cannot attend this event. Parents please note, our choirs and bands require full attendance to sound good…so we really appreciate all of our students attending next week.

Vision Setting evening for Trinity Christian School (our new JK - 12 campus) set for Thursday, January 30 at 7:00

Are you passionate about vision and worldview in our new school ? Join us for a vision setting evening on Thursday, January 30 from 7:00 to 9:00 as we begin to shape and craft the new vision statement for JK - 12. We will start to move from our seven foundational statements, move to a vision statement then to a tagline for our new school. If you are good with power-words and have a heart and longing for the new school to be effective and have a profound impact on our community then we need you. Please join us to help craft and shape our new vision on January 30!

Key December dates:

3 2:45 PRAYER TCS
6 PIZZA DAY
9 HOT DOG DAY
11 7am Hockey Tryout Thornton
THURSDAY DEC. 11 @ 7pm Christmas Program
13 PIZZA DAY
16 HOT DOG DAY

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TCS Family Skate December 20th - Last event of the year!



Parents, we are planning for our last school day before Christmas holidays Friday, December 20. Our day begins sharing in a Christmas Chapel led by Mrs. Kloosterman and Mrs. Nelson's grade 4 class at 9am. Please feel welcome to join us. Students will then return to their classrooms for a short time before we begin our preparations for the family skate. Bus shuttles will begin to take students from TCS to the Peggy Hill Community Centre at 12pm (171 Mapleton Ave, Barrie). Our time on the ice will be from 12:30 to 2pm. Parents, if you are meeting your child at the rink please - PLEASE - be there for 12:15pm so you can meet your child off the shuttle and help put on their skates!

We will have an early dismissal at 2pm from Peggy Hill Community Centre. Buses will meet us at Peggy Hill and leave for their routes from there. Bus routes will be very short that afternoon as there are very few students on the bus as most families join in the skating event. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to enjoy skating with their children and celebrating with the TCS community.

Parents, to help us with our planning, please complete this form for each of your children so staff are aware of your child's participation and transportation plans for that day. Please complete the form by Tuesday, December 17.

Community News

Congratulations to the Warner family, Roger & Rebecca, on the birth of their son Sullivan, a brother to Thomas (¾), Lucas (½) and Brandon (JK/SK).



TCS is making a Difference in our Community!

At TCS we work hard to help our students see that they can make a profound difference in redeeming and reclaiming the world back to our heavenly Father! Gathering clothing for those less fortunate than us is another example of letting our light shine in our community.

TCS students…well done! You are making a difference in our world…one mitten, one scarf at a time!!

Thank you to all the students and the wider TCS community for helping us bring in winter clothing items. We brought in 1,146 items to give to the Salvation Army! Thank you for helping us bless our community this Christmas season.





Winter is here! TCS Bus Cancellation Procedure In Challenging Weather



As we are getting into winter we want you to be aware of our TCS procedure if Landmark Bus Lines cancels buses when the weather is challenging.

1. Once Landmark informs the school of cancellations, the TCS office will send an email to all TCS parents informing them that the buses are canceled but TCS remains open (*99% of the time TCS will remain open when our buses are canceled*). The email will be sent by 6:30am. We will also post on social media.
2. When the TCS buses are canceled, parents have the option of keeping their children at home for the day or driving their children to school by 8:45am and picking them up at 3:25pm. Please use the front door for drop off and pick up on snow days. *On these days you do not need to inform the school if*

your children are staying home as our assumption is that all students are home unless a parent drops them off at 8:45am.

3. Because we usually have less than 20% of our students at TCS these days, no new lessons will be taught as it will be a quiet work day to catch up on outstanding work and reinforce skills.
4. Landmark will cancel the TCS buses *when the Simcoe County School Buses are canceled* in times of challenging weather. If you check the Simcoe County School Board transportation website and they have canceled their buses, there is an almost 100% chance you will be getting an email from TCS soon letting you know that the TCS buses are also canceled.

Historically Landmark has canceled buses about 5 to 8 times between December 15 and April 15.

Do we ever close school in challenging weather…*yes*! It is very rare but if we feel it is too dangerous for drivers to be on the road, we will cancel school completely due to very poor visibility or freezing rain. Again, we will send out a school-wide email to all parents and post on social media.

Resource Room Announcement: Academic Assessment Opportunity

Edvance Christian School organization (of which TCS is a member) has partnered with Endless Possibilities (Academic Assessments) in an Inclusive Service Agreement where qualified Educational Psychologists come to a school catchment area and will assess students for a fee. This fee, in some cases, is lower and long waitlists are avoided/eliminated. Currently, schools in our area are compiling an "interest list". Six students are required for the team to come. ***If you are interested due to academic concerns for your child, please contact Mrs. Covert for further information and she will get you on the list.*** The team is tentatively scheduled to be in our area this winter.

GIFT CARDS…. Unity Christian School Fundraiser



Are you or your company planning to purchase Gift Cards for Christmas? Unity Christian High School has a wide selection of Gift cards available (grocery, gas, retail, restaurants) for purchase. Please consider supporting Christian Education as you do your Christmas shopping… OR any shopping for that matter! Every gift card raises a certain amount of funds for the school so please contact the Unity office for details and a list of current retailers: info@unitychristianhigh.ca. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or e-transfers. Don't delay, orders placed before Dec. 9th are guaranteed to be available by Dec. 17th for pick up at TCS.

Check out this link to buy TCS clothing: https://timothychristian.entripyshops.com/

Shop for Christmas gifts! Show your TCS school spirit and wear black, gold, grey or your TCS gear on Fridays! The teachers have put in their order and they will be looking sharp! Come on TCS Community… Let's show our spirit and wear our TCS gear, gold, black, white or grey!

NEW INITIATIVE for the TCS Bazaar… Triangle Rewards Fundraiser

We have a new way that you are able to give to the school by donating your Triangle Rewards Points. Earn points with the Triangle Rewards Program every time you shop at places like Canadian Tire, Sport Chek, Pro Hockey Life, Party City, Atmosphere, Petro-Canada and Mark's Work Warehouse. If you wish to be part of this initiative and donate your Triangle Reward Points to TCS, please ***call Triangle Rewards Customer Service at 1-800-226-8473***, and ask to Transfer your points to account number **6365-7477-0431-8148.** Points can be transferred at any time of the year and any points given to the school will be used towards the Annual Christmas Bazaar and Auction. Please note there needs to be a minimum of $5.00 in rewards to be able to make the transaction.

Lost & Found

Please drop by to look through the Lost & Found as it is full!



****Remember TCS is a nut-free school. Please be sure all snacks/lunches are nut-free!****

Share some Shares, save some taxes!

Have you considered donating shares, mutual fund units, or stocks to Timothy Christian School in 2024? You will eliminate the capital gains tax, receive a full donation receipt, and even better, have a greater influence on our culture in the name of Christ!
Get the wheels in motion today by contacting Kevin teBrake at our Christian School Foundation: ktebrake@christianschoolfoundation.ca.



Unity Christian High School Grade 12 Class Fundraiser



The grade 12 class is selling Koreana Fir Trees from ***Frasers Christmas Trees***… Please consider ordering your tree November 16 to December 13 by scanning this QR code. You will pay Frasers Christmas Trees when you pick up your tree. Frasers Christmas Trees will donate $20 from every Koreana Fir sold to the grade 12's in support of their grad trip. Thanks in advance for your support of Frasers Christmas Trees! See the poster on the next page for more information about the Koreana Fir trees, the fundraiser and the pick up details.

SCAN ME

Mark your calendars: Unity Christian High School SCRAPBOOKING DAY Jan 11, 9am to 8pm



Logging your PITCH hours

Please be aware that it is each family's responsibility to track and log their own PITCH hours. To enter your hours, please follow these instructions:

- Log onto Sycamore with your family specific login (TCS School Id: 3982)
- On the left side of the School Homepage: Click "My School", Click "My Service Logs"

- Click “NEW” button on the right side, Complete the form *choosing the appropriate heading*
- Click “**Save**”... entered hours are pending until approved by the PITCH committee
- Families that are required to complete ONLY 15 hours, please be sure to log the SPECIAL PITCH AUTHORIZATION of 10 hours (these are the hours granted to you so you only need to complete 15 hours in total).

Remember, each family is permitted to enter 2.5 hours for attending Society meetings (even if you aren’t a member!).

If you have questions or need further assistance, please contact pitch@timothychristianschool.ca. *Thank you for adding to the life of the school by volunteering your time!*



Bus information

Landmark Bus Lines Barrie (our bus company)**: 705-722-6666**. Parents, please feel free to contact Landmark for an ETA on a bus at any time.

