Tuesday, April 1, 2025

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

Welcome Back!

We hope all of our TCS parents are safe and getting their hydro back on today or soon! Our thoughts and prayers are with many of our TCS families who are still without hydro and are clearing trees off homes and sheds! Barrie and certain areas around Barrie were hit very hard by the ice storm this past weekend, and we are thinking of you and hope you are safe. TCS will normally default to follow the Simcoe County District School Board if they decide to fully close schools. *This is rare and is reserved for times when the community is asked to stay off roads to keep people safe.* TCS and Unity had no hydro for most of the weekend. We needed time to remove debris from the backyard and allow time for the classrooms to heat up. Monday's full school closer was mostly about the safety of families on roads with wires and trees still across roads in some areas. Some areas were fine while other areas experienced significant damage to trees and hydro lines. Some of our families are still without hydro and have heard it may not be restored until the end of the week. Those who were hit were hit very hard by this ice storm.

Today Landmark did not feel it was safe to have the buses on the roads due to cleanup of wires and debris still needed in a number of neighbourhoods on sideroads and side streets. In talking with Landmark yesterday, they did not want to have situations where buses/students are close to live wires down or have to guess through routes with so many closed roads in Barrie. Most of the Simcoe schools were open again today *(aside from two of the five zones*), where some of the local schools were still without hydro. TCS was blessed to have hydro on consistently, thus we are open today.

Reminder PD Day THIS Friday - NO SCHOOL on April 4

A reminder that this Friday is a set PD Day and there will be NO CLASSES held that day (as set on our School Year Calendar back in August). Our TCS staff will be joining with staff from Orillia Christian School and Alliston Community Christian School to enhance partnerships and collaborate on ideas regarding various areas of curriculum. Projects, Language Arts, and many other best practices will be shared among the schools on Friday.

May 7…Save the Date!

Invitations will be coming home soon via students to invite Grandparents to our May 7 Grandparents' Day. A reminder of the Celebration of Learning (all students to attend) and the International Food Festival (tickets will be available at a later date) that will also be set for the evening of May 7. Please circle the date as this is a very exciting day at TCS!

Grade Seven GRAD Leadership Team Meeting: Wednesday at 9:45

Interested in taking on leadership to help with grade eight graduation to earn PITCH hours? The meeting last week was rescheduled to THIS WEDNESDAY at 9:45 after Chapel! We will start to plan the decorations for the gym and dinner area. If more help is needed with planning or executing ideas, the grade seven parents may be contacted to

April dates:

2 9am Chapel - hosted by gr 5
9:45 GRAD Leadership Team Mtg
PIZZA DAY

3 3:30-4:55pm Badminton practice
4 PD Day - NO SCHOOL!
7 Dress Up Day & HOT DOG DAY

8 3:30-4:55pm Badminton practice
9 Dress Up Day
10 3:30-4:55pm Badminton practice
11 Dress Up Day & PIZZA DAY

lend your talents to enhance the event! Graduation is set for June 13 and will require about 25 - 30 grade seven students and parents to support.

Monday's Hot Dog Day (March 31) To Be Rescheduled... Stay Tuned!

Spirit Week Dress Up Days Coming Up

Hello TCS! It's your Spirit Team here! We have a really fun spirit event coming up… A spirit week! However, instead of doing one full week of events, we will be spreading it out over 2 weeks.

April 7-11:

- **Movie/ Book Character Monday (April 7th):** dress up as your favourite movie or book character
- **Wacky Hair and Wardrobe Wednesday (April 9th)**: create crazy hairstyles and mismatched outfits.
- **Formal and Friendly Friday (April 11th):** dress up formally and/or share encouraging messages to those around your class and school.

April 14-18

- **Twin Tuesday (April 15th)**: find someone to dress alike with
- **Throwback Thursday (April 11th):** dress up like a past time era

We hope that these spirit days will be community building, fun and encouraging! A reminder that the dress code still applies on these days. We hope you enjoy participating!

Spring MacGregors Fundraiser Meat Orders Grades 7 & 8: ORDERS DUE by APRIL 29

Our annual spring grade 7 & 8 fundraiser kicks off this week! Please click here to see the list of delicious meats available. You will want to fill your freezer to prepare for the summer BBQ season AND don't forget to treat Dad/Grandpa/Uncle to some meat for Father's Day!! This is the same quality product served at many restaurants (such as The Keg). If you are interested in buying meat, please contact a grade 7 or 8 student for more information or the office tcsgen@timothychristianschool.ca. Your support in buying this meat is greatly appreciated! Orders are due by April 29th. Meat will be delivered for the grade 7 and 8 parents to pick up at the school on May 22nd.

Badminton Practices (gr 7 & 8): Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30- 4:55pm. Please be sure to make pick up arrangements for after practice before the school day starts. Thank you!

Calling all Grade 8 TCS Families



Unity Christian High School is filling up quickly, with inquiries happening daily.

Continue your investment in Christian Education through High School, by enrolling your child(ren) at Unity Christian High School. We encourage you to complete an application and return it to the Unity Office by April 15th to reserve a spot for the 2025-2026 school year ~As a partner school, TCS families will be given priority status until this date. A waiting list will be put in place once capacity is reached. Applications are available on the website www.unitychristiahigh.ca or by calling 705-792-6915. Spread the word!!

Grade 7 Immunization Clinic #2: April 15

Grade 7 parents: To those students who received their first set of immunizations in the fall, this is your reminder that the follow up clinic will be Tuesday, April 15. If you have any questions about this clinic please contact Kim at the Health Unit at Kimberley.Lafreniere@smdhu.org

TCS Community… re-Source Thrift Shop South needs donations!!

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THRIFT SHOP BARRIE SOUTH

Our re-Source Thrift Shop (Address: 28 Commerce Park Dr Unit B, Barrie behind Mapleview Walmart) needs donations to keep their shelves stocked and their financial donation commitment to TCS strong! Please consider donating gently used items to the store during business hours (10 am to 5pm). If you are wondering if they are able to take a certain item, please call (705) 735-0444. Donating to the re-Source Thrift Shop, Barrie South, benefits us all in reducing tuition and enhancing our student learning opportunities!

💥**PITCH OPPORTUNITIES: Sign Up to Volunteer for the International Food Festival!**

The International Food Festival is coming up, and we need your help to make it a success! We're looking for volunteers to:

Bring food to share 🙌 Help serve during the event 🛠️ Assist with setup & takedown

This 🍽️ is a great way to celebrate our school's diverse community and enjoy amazing food together! If you'd like to help, please sign up using the link below.

Please click on this link for more information on our International Food Festival and to sign up!

TCS Spring Market & Pancake Breakfast

The TCS Spring Market & Pancake Breakfast is returning on Saturday, May 31, 2024. Come for a delicious pancake breakfast, stay for the Spring Market and Artisan Workshops! Family, Friends, and neighbours, all are welcome at this community event. ***Admission to the Spring Market is free***. See the full poster on the last page of this newsletter to share with friends & family.

- Tickets for the Pancake Breakfast will be available for sale online and in person on the day of the event.
- Tickets for the Artisan Workshops will be available for sale online in advance of the event.

All net funds raised from this event will go towards the development of Timothy Christian School (TCS) student life.

Ways to Support:

➔ **Sponsorship:** Looking to raise awareness and exposure for your business or brand? Consider sponsoring an element of the TCS Spring Market & Pancake Breakfast (see next page). If you are interested in one of these sponsor packages, please reach out to the committee at springmarket@timothychristianschool.ca .

Package	Quantity Available	Element to Sponsor	What's Included
Platinum ($2000)	1	Pancake Breakfast	• Prominent signage • Social Media post • Running ad during breakfast • Free Vendor Table • Radio ad • 8 tickets to pancake breakfast
Gold ($1500)	1	Junior Maker Market	• Signage • Social Media post • Running ad at breakfast • Free vendor table • 6 tickets to pancake breakfast
Gold ($1500)	1	Artisan Market	• Signage • Social Media post • Running ad at breakfast • Free vendor table • 6 tickets to pancake breakfast
Bronze ($500)	SOLD	Student Entrepreneurship Contest	• Judge of contest • Social Media post • logo on communication of contest • 2 tickets to pancake breakfast
Bronze ($500)	3	Artisan Workshops	• Social Media post • Logo on workshop signage • 2 tickets to pancake breakfast

➔ **Participate as a vendor at the market:** We are excited to offer an opportunity for new and past vendors to participate in our Junior Marker Market or Handmade/Artisan Market in the following ways:

- **Handmade/Artisan Market** - a market for artisans of handmade crafts and local goods celebrating the talents of local makers, offering one-of-a-kind handmade goods that reflect passion, skill, and the beauty of artisanal craftsmanship. From intricately designed jewelry to hand-woven textiles to locally crafted woodwork, our market showcases the diversity of talent that thrives in our community. Vendors we are looking for include but are not limited to: flowers, baked goods, food, honey, maple syrup, crafts, artisan, pottery, handmade, shop at home (Avon, isogenix, etc), etc. ***To apply to be a vendor in the Handmade/Artisan Market please complete this application link:***

  TCS Handmade/Artisan Vendor Application

- **Junior Makers Market** - a market for students/kids (age 5-17) to showcase their creativity, entrepreneurship, and talents. ***To apply to be a student vendor in our Junior Makers Market please complete this application link:***

  TCS Junior Maker Market (Gr JK - 12) Vendor Application

For additional information, you can download the **TCS Spring Market Vendor Info Package.** *Early bird discounts are available until April 10 for the Handmade/Artisan Market only. Space is limited so apply now.*

- ***Student Entrepreneurship Contest***

  Hey Junior Bosses! Got a business idea?
  This is your chance to shine! Join our contest and show off your creativity. Big ideas start small - let's see what you've got! Contest Application deadline is Friday, April 11. Applications can be picked up from the TCS office or downloaded at the link here. Also, thank you to our sponsors, Tim Corney Wealth Management - RBC Dominion Securities and Landmark Environmental Group Ltd. Flyers will be coming home with students this week.





➔ **Teach an Artisan Workshop:** Calling All Creative Experts – Lead a Workshop at Our Spring Market!
As we gear up for our exciting Spring Market, we are looking for talented volunteers to lead workshops in the following areas:

- Painting
- Friendship Bracelet Making
- Spring Wreath or Floral Arrangements

If you have experience, a passion for teaching, or simply a talent in any of these areas, we would love for you to share your skills! All volunteers will earn hours towards your PITCH hours.

Please fill out the form below to let us know what skill you would like teach at the market:
https://forms.gle/SYHiuH7utESBvZ1w8

We can't make these workshops happen without volunteers stepping up to lead. If you're interested or know someone who would be a great fit, please email: springmarket@timothychristianschool.ca

➔ **PITCH OPPORTUNITIES: Volunteer your time & Earn Pitch Hours (for TCS families)**

Sign up to be a volunteer and earn pitch hours for your time: Volunteer Sign Up Form

Thank you to everyone for your support of this much-anticipated event. We look forward to seeing you on May 31st.
Spring Market & Pancake Breakfast Committee: Deanna Faris, Melanie Faris, Christy McGee, Ruth Tan, Kristine Kang

NEW INITIATIVE for the TCS Bazaar… Triangle Rewards Fundraiser

Please consider donating your Triangle Rewards Points to the Bazaar. 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. Then, to donate your points, 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.

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.*

Families, remember to check the number of PITCH hours you have submitted!
There are a few BIG events left this year that will need your help & you can earn your required hours! Check the calendar for these dates and plan ahead to help out with Grandparents' Day, International Food Festival, Track & Field, Spring Market, Grade 8 Grad, and others!

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 (TCS School Id: 3982), On the left side click "My School", "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!

TIMOTHY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Spring MARKET & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY MAY 31 | 9AM - 2PM

TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 750 ESSA ROAD, BARRIE

- PANCAKE BREAKFAST
- JUNIOR MAKER MARKET
- ARTISAN/HANDMADE MARKET
- ARTISAN WORKSHOPS

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT?

- SPONSORSHIP OF ONE OF THE EVENTS
- PARTICIPATE AS A VENDOR AT THE MARKET
- TEACH AN ARTISAN WORKSHOP
- VOLUNTEER & EARN PITCH HOURS



