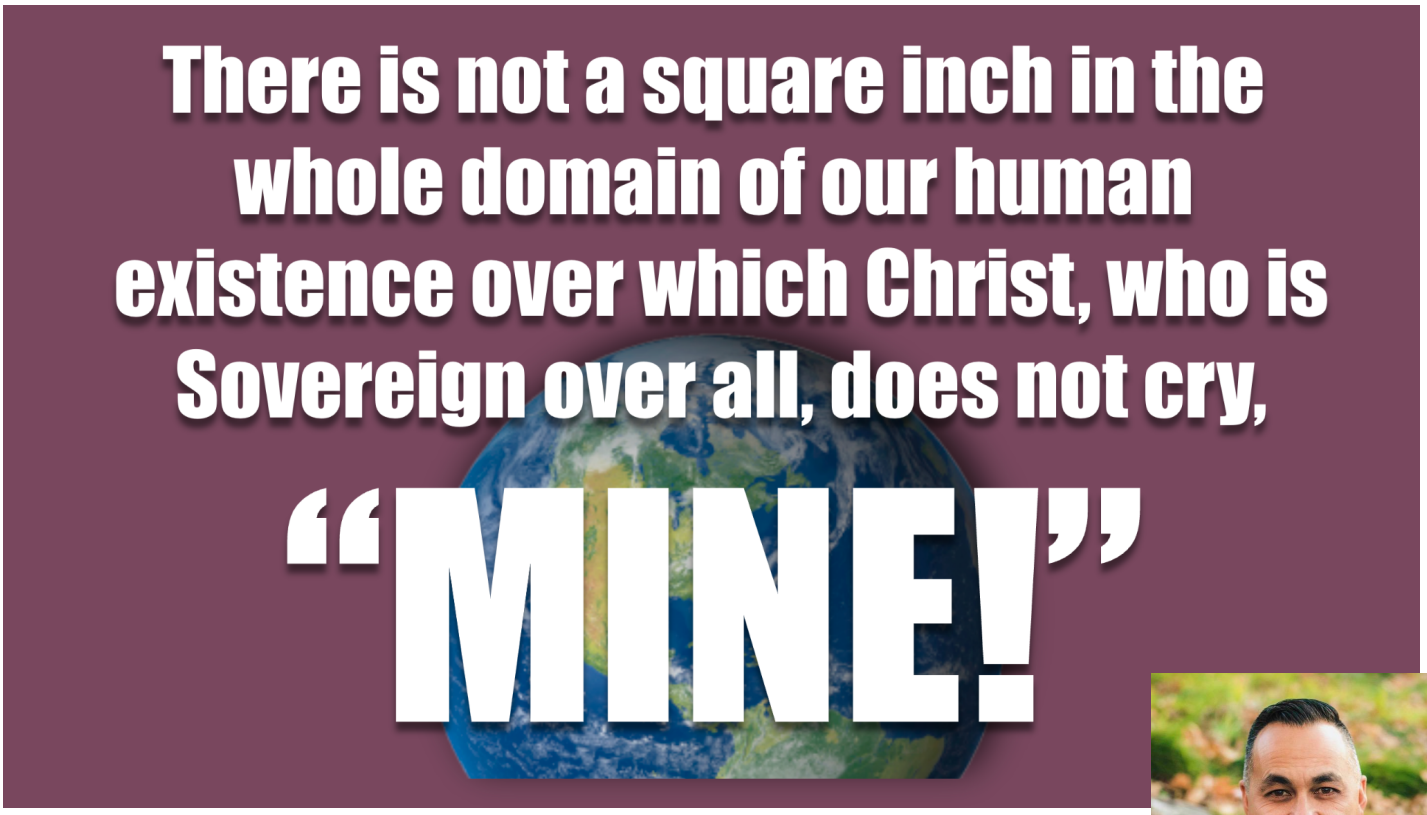
TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Timothy Christian School celebrating 60 years…
and going deeper in our understanding of Christian Worldview each year!





Brett Kunkle quoting theologian Abraham Kuyper in his keynote address at the TCS EQUIP Conference this past Saturday morning.

~ Key dates for April ~

5 Pizza Day
7 Good Friday ~ NO SCHOOL
10 Easter Monday ~ NO SCHOOL
Sorting eve @ reSource Shop
12 Hot Dog Orders & Payment Due
13 Battle of the Books
14 Yearbook Sponsorships Deadline
17 Sorting eve @ re-Source Shop
19 Badminton Tournament @ TCS
Meat orders due
24 Sorting eve @ re-Source Shop
24-28 TCS Talent Show Auditions
29 Orillia Christian School Spring Sale
5-7pm TCS 60th Open House
7-8pm TCS 60th Celebration!

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OUR EQUIP YOUTH EVENT COORDINATORS STARTED BY PRAYING OVER THE EVENING







EQUIP

Youth Worldview Conference

LIVE WORSHIP BAND!
PRIZES, FOOD & FUN!







Equipping the next generation to stand firm for Christ!

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THANK YOU FOR BEING APART OF THE EQUIP WORLDVIEW CONFERENCE!





EQUIP

worldview conference

Thanks for celebrating 60 years of God's faithfulness at TCS! We had a packed event this past Saturday! We welcomed 5 amazing speakers with 3 incredible main sessions and 2 breakout sessions. Pictured above is our very attentive audience listening to Brett Kunkle examining today's cultural challenges. He provided a practical guide to equip us to help prepare the next generation in today's culture.







Alan Shlemon equipped us with powerful and proven tactics of pro-life persuasion. Those who attended both his sessions walked away feeling confident and better equipped to maneuver conversations in defending our faith.

Elizabeth Urbanowicz explored how we can train our children to think well and speak the truth in love while giving us practical activities!

Wesley Huff talked about trusting the Bible and how we can know that the stories of Jesus are true. He addressed objections to scripture.

"so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Tim. 3:17

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KEY NOTE Speakers

Elizabeth Urbanowicz led a main session on helping our children discover the truth of a Biblical Worldview. Alan Shlemon spoke to us about how to navigate our conversations and relationships with those identifying as LGBT in a biblically uncompromising, yet compassionate way.



Tim Barnett

Tim talked to us about what deconstruction is, why it's wrong, and how we can better respond to our loved ones going through it with truth and compassion. He also discussed science and faith being compatible while giving some scientific evidence for God's existence.



Brett Kunkle

Brett Kunkle played the role of an atheist to help us evaluate our knowledge of Christianity and our ability to defend it! He also tackled the question "If God is good, why is there evil and suffering?" He provided a powerful explanation for the existence of evil and how God provides hope during suffering.

Thank you so much to our speakers, volunteers, sponsors, and attendees!

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Thank you to these organizations that sponsored our TCS EQUIP Conference:

OUR SPONSORS

Timothy Christian School of Barrie, is our host and title sponsor for this event...offering leading edge programs that inspire children to be alive in Christ.
This year they celebrate 60 years of God's faithfulness!

We have also been blessed with many other sponsors for this event. Thank you for your support and for making this event possible.

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The TCS EQUIP Youth Conference and Worldview Conference, as part of our 'going deeper' TCS 60th Anniversary celebrations, were a huge success!

Some *fun facts* about the TCS EQUIP Worldview Conferences this past weekend:

- Over 550 teens and young people attended the Youth Conference on Friday evening to hear Tim Barnett and Brett Kunkle
- Over 350 adults attended the EQUIP Worldview Conference to hear five world class apologetics speakers
- YES…that means over 900 people passed through the doors of TCS and were challenged in their faith to go deeper!
- Many of those who attended were from various churches in the Barrie area and even some from Newmarket and Toronto (one former TCS family came from North of Kirkland Lake (a 4 plus hour drive) to attend this event!)
- Did you know that Toronto District Christian High School sent almost 25 students from their worldview classes to attend both of the conferences this weekend?
- Many local churches sent their entire youth groups to the Friday night Youth Conference
- There was a wonderful variety of age groups who attended this weekend… teens, many of our TCS parents and grandparents, and a good representation of our seniors 80 plus!
- 75+ children enjoyed the day in various programs… school aged kids were at Emmanuel Church enjoying a fun camp day immersed in the sea with Jonah and the whale… it was a super day of music, crafts, stories, play and even inflatable bouncing fun! We'll have more photos next week from the kids program.



- The responses overwhelmingly told us that there is deep hunger and need for clear and crisp Christian worldview/apologetics training in our present Christian community
- LOUD and CLEAR our speakers pointed to the critical importance of *Christian school in this culture.* One speaker stated it so well when he said, "*Why would you place your child in an educational environment where they will have to battle opposing worldviews…* <u>at a young and vulnerable age</u>*… that goes against everything you, as a family, believe in? You are actually allowing the planting of seeds of these opposing views!"*

The best quote of the weekend that fully SUPPORTS why Christian Education is so critical in this present culture…

"You would much rather break a sweat in training, than bleed in the battle."

In other words, training our young people in a Christian worldview/apologetics in a JK - 12 educational setting prepares them to be EQUIPPED for the battle in this culture! But… it does take some sweat in the training process and that is the deep discussions of Gods' truths IN ALL THINGS (in all subjects) in the classrooms when they are ages 3 to 17! If ever there was a time to send your children to a Christian school for worldview training… THE TIME IS NOW and it is critical in this culture!

<u>Why did TCS host these two conferences over the weekend?</u>

Because:

1. We are **celebrating 60 years** of an engaging Christian perspective in education in the Barrie area this year! And we *long to go deeper in Biblical truths* as a Christian school community!
2. We wanted to kick off our Christian Worldview/Apologetics curriculum that we are implementing at TCS THIS YEAR
3. We want to deepen and stretch the faith of both our young people AND our TCS parents and grandparents. How can we equip our children if we are not stretched and growing in our faith and worldview as parents?
4. As a Christian elementary school we are not sitting back and relaxing on our 60th Anniversary! **No way!** We are leaning in and engaging and taking our understanding of Chrstian perspective to a deeper and stronger level of maturity! At TCS…*we have only just begun!*

And… BECAUSE OUR SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT DRIVES US in this direction! At TCS, we are driven by our school

vision statement that calls and nudges us each and every day… to '***Inspire children to be ALIVE in Christ!'.*** We have no choice as Christian educators but to wake up every morning at TCS and dream, plan and wrestle with ways to help our young people take their understanding of God's truths to the next deeper level… to *be ALIVE… to have their eyes wide open and to be keenly aware of who and whose they are in this world!* This is WHO WE ARE at TCS…and it is written on the wall of our school foyer!

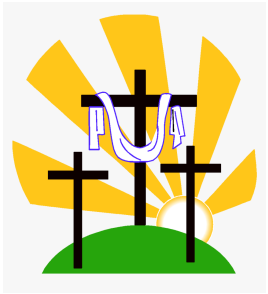
Fun fact: Did you know that many of the above facts were part of the TCS Strategic Plan three years ago?

Thank you to ALL who attended the EQUIP Conference!!

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Equip Worldview Conference on Friday and Saturday! The conference was a huge success, and we couldn't have pulled it off without each and every one of you. We trust that you were encouraged by the speakers and that you walked away feeling better equipped to engage in conversations about your faith, knowing that we stand on Christ the solid rock!

THANK YOU to the planning team… We could not have done it without you!

A huge thank you to our EQUIP Conference staff planning team *Daniel Wilcox and Erin Mensinga* for all their hard work over this past year planning the conferences! Thank you to their EQUIP Committee also!! So well done and so well organized! Also a HUGE thank you to the army of TCS parent volunteers who dedicated Friday and Saturday (and stayed late to clean up both evenings!) which allowed these conferences to be a HUGE success! Wow…what a very special community and dedicated team of volunteers! THANK YOU!! From the set up crew, the food crew, the MC's, the tech team, the bakers, the shoppers and errand runners, the creative folks, the parking team (Nice work!) to the team at Emmanuel who ran a separate one day camp of young students to those who ran the nursery…we are so very thankful for each of you!



This weekend we reflect on Good Friday and Easter Monday

As a Christian community, we deeply reflect and remember the incredible gift our Father gave us in Jesus giving HIS life for us on the cross. Then we celebrate Easter when HE also rose from the dead on the third day. Because of these two days of deep reflection, there will be **NO SCHOOL** this Friday, April 7 or on Monday, April 10th. We are back at school on Tuesday, April 11.

TCS 60th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, April 29

The final part of our TCS 60th Anniversary celebration is an open house from 5:00 - 7:00pm on Saturday, April 29th. That will be followed by a one hour evening celebration from 7:00 to 8:00pm. Since this will be a very well attended event with limited seating, seats will need to be reserved. **Today we will open up the reservations for TCS Alumni and long term supporters.**

If you are a TCS Alumni / long term supporter, please click this link to reserve your seat at the April 29th celebration, 7:00 - 8:00pm.

We want to be careful and wise to ensure those who were so critical in planning our school years ago have a place of honour in the celebrations on April 29. We will start with Alumni and supporters first, then open it up to different categories as the weeks get closer. Please be sure to spread the word to other Alumni and supporters!!

Know of a new family interested in TCS for next year? NOW is the time to book at

If you know of a potential new TCS family for next year from your church or Bible study please remind them that now is the time to register for September 2023. Classes are filling up and we already have two classes capped for September. Both the Tuesday and Thursday Kindergarten class and our grade eight class are already full and capped for the fall with waiting lists.

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TCS Talent Show… lights, camera, action!



The TCS Spirit Team is preparing for a Talent Show! **In-class auditions will be the week of April 24th-28th.** A couple of things to keep in mind:

- *Each class hosts their own auditions and picks top 2 performances*
- *Grades 1-8*
- *No more than 3 mins/performance*
- *Appropriate music and dress code in effect!*

NEW Session of the TCS Junior Sports Program (Gr 4-6) starts on April 12th - Please register by April 6th!

Our next Junior Sports Program will be Multi-Sport/Track & Field activities. We have decided to limit registration for this upcoming session to Gr. 4-6. The high number of student interest that we have experienced, makes it very difficult to run each session proficiently and safely. Unfortunately, it means that Gr. 1-3 students will not be participating in this session for Junior Sports at this time. Thanks for your understanding! **

Please use this link to sign for the Junior Sports Program for April and May.

The first session will start on April 12th and will run every other Wednesday through May. Please be sure to check the newsletter for dates/changes.

Grade 7 & 8 Fundraiser… Selling North Country Meat!



Grades 7's & 8's are selling meat as a fundraiser toward their grad trips. Take a look at the delicious meats they are selling by clicking here. 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 19th***. Meat will be delivered for the grade 7 and 8 parents to pick up at the school on May 12.

Hot Dog Days: Please mark your calendars for these hot dog days **:** Wed Apr 12, Mon Apr 17 & Apr 24.



We'd like to be FRANK with you! We DOUBLE-HOT DOG dare you to order hot dogs for the last session of this 2022-2023 school year! *Use **THIS LINK** to fill in your hot dog orders for May & June.*

Here are a few things to remember:

1. Your order is not final until the payment is received in the office. Please send your payment in an envelope and label your family name and "Hot Dog" on the envelope. *NEW: The option to pay via pre-authorized bank withdrawal.*
2. Orders and payment are ***due Wednesday, April 12th***. Late orders cannot be accepted.

Thank you for supporting the schoolyard equipment fund!

Mark these Hot Dog Days on your calendar: May 1, May 8, May 15, May 24 (Wednesday), May 29, June 5, June 15, and June 19. Remember to RELISH today, MUSTARD up the energy and KETCHUP tomorrow!



PIZZA Days: Please mark your calendars for these Pizza Days: April: 5, 14, 21, 28, May: 5, 12, 19, 26, June: 2, 7 & 16.

Badminton (grade 7 & 8)



Our practices will run every Tuesday and Thursday after school until 5pm until the tournament on April 19th. Please ensure you have organized a ride home for 5pm before the school day starts.

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UPDATES from re-Source Thrift Shop, South (28 Commerce Park Drive, Unit B)

- Help is needed for mornings on Tuesdays and Saturdays. If you have some time to give and are open to making new friends, please let us know! We'd love to welcome you to the team!!
- We are anticipating many donations in April and our store room will be overflowing until our student staff begin working in May. We are looking for volunteers to help us sort through donations on Monday nights, 7-9pm, April 10, 17 & 24. If you are able to help please let Bernice (mandbhuitema@hotmail.com) or Kathrin(jkveen@rogers.com) know which dates you are available.



**Remember, *the first Tuesday of each month is Senior's Day…* all customers 60 years+ can receive 25% off regular priced items!

Yearbook Advertising and Sponsor Opportunities

As we put together our 2022-2023 yearbook, we are looking for page sponsors! The cost per purchasing a yearbook will decrease based on the amount of sponsors. Your sponsorship ad will run along the bottom edge of a yearbook page stating *"This page is sponsored by the _____ family or your business name."* If you'd like to be a part of this opportunity, please email agronfors@timothychristianschool.ca indicating who is sponsoring the page and make your cheque payable to Timothy Christian School indicating it is a yearbook page sponsor. The price for a per page sponsor is $30. If you would like to make a donation toward the yearbook production (without a page sponsorship), gifts of $25 or more may be eligible as a charitable donation. *Deadline is Friday April 14*. The more sponsorships and donations received means a lower cost per book! Thanks for your generosity and we can't wait to show you our 2022-2023 Yearbook!



TCS Fundraiser at Bradford Greenhouses STARTS Saturday, April 15th

TCS families, please remember as you prepare for gardening season that TCS has a fundraiser through Bradford Greenhouses (either location). When you shop at Bradford Greenhouses you need to tell the cashier that you would like your purchase to support TCS. This program is usually a huge success and the funds raised help us purchase items to auction at our Bazaar in November. We thank you in advance for doing your shopping - gardening, house plants, home decor, clothes and fun things - at Bradford Greenhouses! A great place to spend an afternoon!!

Bradford Greenhouses GARDEN GALLERY

Check your PITCH Hour Logs!

Please check your Sycamore PITCH "Service Hours"… how are you doing in logging your time? Are you getting close to the required 25 hours for full time families OR 15 hours for part time families? Do you need more hours? We will still have PITCH opportunities ahead, remember to watch the newsletter. Currently we need more help with the EQUIP Conference - see above.

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How to record PITCH hours:

Recording PITCH hours is done via Sycamore. Here are the instructions for submitting them:

- 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 the blue button “New Log” in the top corner
- Complete the form choosing the appropriate heading
- Click ‘Submit’

Thank you for adding to the life of the school by volunteering your time!

How to contact Landmark Bus Lines Barrie on days when they are late

TCS parents please note you can call **Landmark Bus Lines Barrie** (our bus company) anytime the buses are on the road to check in with dispatch on an ETA. **Landmark’s contact: 705-722-6666**.

TCS School Directory: Family & Employee

Remember you have access to our TCS family contact information as well as our TCS staff emails in Sycamore. Log into your Sycamore School account. You will find the family and employee directories under “Front Office” in the menu. You can print this by clicking the blue “PRINT” in the top right of the page.

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

Show your TCS school spirit and wear black, gold, grey or your TCS gear on Fridays!

See what’s happening at TCS by following us on social media:



- Facebook: **facebook.com/tcsbarrie**
- Website: **https://timothychristianschool.ca/**
- Instagram: **@tcs_barrie**
- Youtube: **TCS Barrie**

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