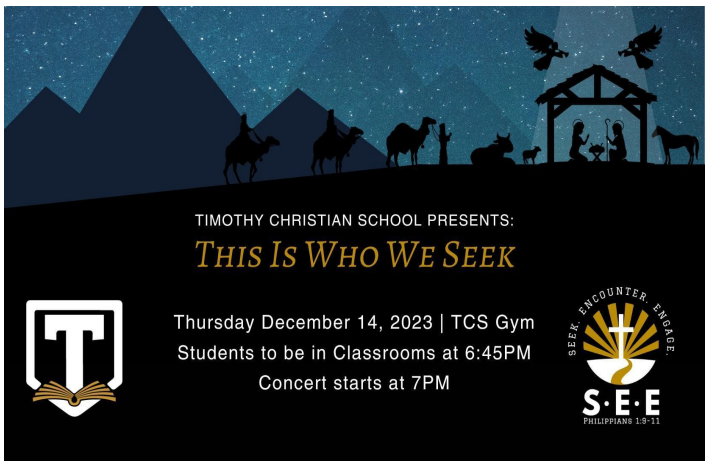
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## TCS Christmas Program - THIS Thursday at 7:00 in the Gym & ALL students in classrooms at 6:50

This is the week!! Our TCS Christmas program will be presented this Thursday, December 14 in the TCS gym. Our Primary and Junior choirs will perform, each of our bands in grades 6, 7 and 8 will also perform. We will also hear several of our senior students participate in readings as well as time of community praise and worship. All of our students are to be in their classrooms by 6:50pm (please no earlier!). We count on ALL of our students attending this event as each is needed to support the choirs, bands and readings. The program is about one hour long and parents are asked to retrieve their children from their homeroom classrooms right after the program is over. Join us as a community as we remind each other…THIS IS WHO WE SEEK!




A reminder that the snow date for this event (in case of inclement weather) will be Tuesday, December 19… an email will come from the office advising of the change in date if needed.

## TCS Collection for the local food bank -this is the last week!

Have you seen the food being gathered around the school Christmas tree? It is filling up! Inspired by our grade 6 class…we have invited our school community to join in on bringing non-perishable food items - pulse hats and mitts/gloves to help those less fortunate than us this season. The Grade 6 class is learning about how we can be a 'city on a hill' (based on Matthew 5:13-16) by boldly proclaiming and practicing the love of Christ. The Barrie Food Bank has provided a list (see image) and: canned meat (turkey/chicken/ham), pull ups, canned fish (tuna, salmon, sardines), juice boxes, toiletries, incontinence products, and soap & shampoo. Thank you in advance for your generous support!



**ITEMS NEEDED MOST**

- Baby Formula
- Children's Lunch snacks
- Cereal
- Beef Jerky
- Ensure/Protein Shakes
- Feminine products
- Diapers (sizes 4-6)

## ~ Key dates in December ~

13 7-8am Hockey Tryouts
***14 7pm TCS Christmas Program***
15 PJ DAY
Pizza Day
18 WEAR GREEN & RED DAY

***20*** 7-8am Hockey Tryouts
WEAR CHRISTMAS SWEATER/SHIRT DAY
Yearbook cover submissions DUE
Skating forms due back to school

22 9am Christmas Chapel
12:30 Family Skate @ Peggy Hill Rec.
***2:00pm Early Dismissal from Peggy Hill***

***Christmas Holidays: Dec 25 - Jan 5 School reconvenes January 8***

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**The Spirit Team is excited to announce the following festive days coming up soon:**

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| Friday, Dec. 15 **Pajama Day** |
| Monday Dec. 18 **Wear Green and Red Day** |
| Wednesday Dec. 20 **Christmas Sweater/Shirt Day** |





**Junior Sports Program - NEXT Session Sign up - Due by January 10**

The next Junior Sports Program sport will be basketball. This program is open for grades 4-6 and will take place January to March, every second Wednesday after school until 5:00 pm. The first session will start on January 17th and will run every other Wednesday into March. Any questions, please contact awilcox@timothychristianschool.ca

**Important things to be aware of:**

*1. This is NOT an after school day care program, it is meant for those that are seriously wanting their child to get more exposure to the main sports in which TCS competes in the later grades.*

2. This program will NOT be drop-in style. We expect a consistent commitment from students that choose to sign-up. This really helps us plan a quality program!

3. Students in this program will not have access to bus transportation and will have to be picked up after each session. Pick up will be by 4:55pm.

4. The deadline for signing-up for this program is **Wednesday, January 10th, 2023**.**

**Please click here to complete the sign up registration form. Due by January 10th.**

**TCS Hockey Team - Permission forms & payment due to be able to tryout THIS Wednesday at 7am**



Students in grades 5-8 are welcome to try out for the TCS Hockey Team once the permission form and $15 payment are received in the office. Tryouts will be held 7-8am THIS Wednesday and next at the Thornton Arena (December 13 & 20) Players are to be on the ice for 7am and will need to have a ride back to school for 8:45 am. Players will need their own gear, full ice hockey equipment is required (including a neck guard).

Year-End Donations

**Year-end Donations for TCS**

Looking for a place to donate before December 31st? Consider TCS for your December donations before the year-end. Donations for 2023 must be received by the school no later than end of day Friday, December 22rd or postmarked by Canada Post no later than December 31st, 2023. Donations can also be transferred by December 31st, 2023 to finance@timothychristianschool.ca. Hand delivered envelopes in January, or January postmarked

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envelopes, will be designated for 2024. We deeply appreciate you keeping TCS in mind as there are many needs to support the work of TCS throughout a budget year.

**Yearbook Cover Contest Submissions due by Wednesday, December 20th**

Students are welcome to submit a Yearbook cover suggestion by Wednesday, December 20th. The cover needs to include:

- The school name: Timothy Christian School
- The year: 2023-2024
- The theme of the year: Seek, Encounter, Engage
- Include the theme verse reference - Philippians 1:9-11.
- Be sure to make your cover neat, easy to read, and colourful!
- Please check spelling!!!




Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter.

**Signed Student IEPs / Profiles are to be returned asap**

We have received most of the signed IEP's and Student Profiles back from parents. Please, please return these asap this week! Parents of students who receive Resource Room support, all IEPs or Student Profiles are to be returned to school.




**December 22 Early Dismissal at 2:00pm from Peggy Hill Team Community Centre**

The last day of school before Christmas holidays will be Friday, December 22. We will have an early dismissal from the Peggy Hill Team Community Centre at 2:00. Buses will leave directly from the Community Centre. Parents are welcome to join in the family skate and take your children home at 2:15pm. See below for further details.




**TCS Family Skate December 22, 12:30 - 2pm**




We are looking forward to our annual TCS Family Skate with all classes, JK - 8, at the Peggy Hill Team Community Centre on Friday, December 22 at 12:30 to 2pm. Everyone is welcome to join in skating! To help us coordinate the skating and early dismissal, *we are asking parents to return the skating forms sent home by Wednesday, Dec 20th.* Please note the following details:

**Safety items required for all children (including ALL students in JK - 8):**

- ALL students who are skating must wear either a **hockey helmet or a bike helmet** when on the ice.
- All Skates **must be in a gym bag or have good skate guards** while carrying around school or on the bus (not in a plastic bag or without guards).

**2pm dismissal from Peggy Hill:**

- ***Bus students:*** Students who will be on the bus going home will be ushered off the ice at 1:45 to be ready for buses to leave the Community Center at 2:00. Parents please be sure to be at bus stops early to meet students. Buses will only have a few students on them so the routes will be much shorter than usual. The buses will most likely arrive at the stops between 2:15 and 2:45 on December 22.
- ***Students being picked up:*** Parents will need to meet us at Peggy Hill Team Community Center by 2pm to pick your children up.

**Christmas Holiday: December 25 to January 5th.**
**The first day of school in 2024 will be Monday, January 8.**

**Parent Google Groups**

To assist with communication from the school, the office has created google groups. You should have received an email indicating that you have been added to a group. *Please note that there is no group for you to access, this is merely for administrative purposes for outgoing messages.* These groups assist with batch emails and may go to your spam folder. Please be sure you have indicated that messages coming from the school domain (@timothychristianschool.ca) are safe. Ensure that you have added the office and your child(ren)'s teacher emails in your contacts to prevent messages going to spam. Thank you!
*Remember if you are looking for other family contact info you can find it in the Family Directory in Sycamore.*

**TCS Family Skiing at Snow Valley**

For those families that wish to participate, please remember to email Kathryn Cryer (bodybykat@hotmail.com) 2 weeks before the date you wish to participate in order to reserve your spot (& so tickets can be purchased on your account). TCS Family Skiing will be Thursday nights, 4pm - 9pm, on these dates: January 18 & 25, February 1, 8 & 29, and March 7.



Costs:

- $27 lift ticket & lesson
- $21 rental
- $21 tubing

**Donations of Stocks/Shares to Timothy Christian School**

Did you know ... you can donate gifts of stocks and shares to Timothy Christina School through the Christian School Foundation? For certain donors, tax rules are changing in 2024 which may mean paying additional taxes. 2023 could be a great year to consider a gift to TCS in advance of these changes; check with your advisor if this is of interest to you. Or contact Kevin teBrake at the Christian School Foundation to get started: ktebrake@christianschoolfoundation.ca

**School Calendar**

The school calendar was sent out as part of the Back To School email package. It can also be found on the TCS website (www.timothychristianschool.ca under Events), on Sycamore, and at this link.




**Bus information:**

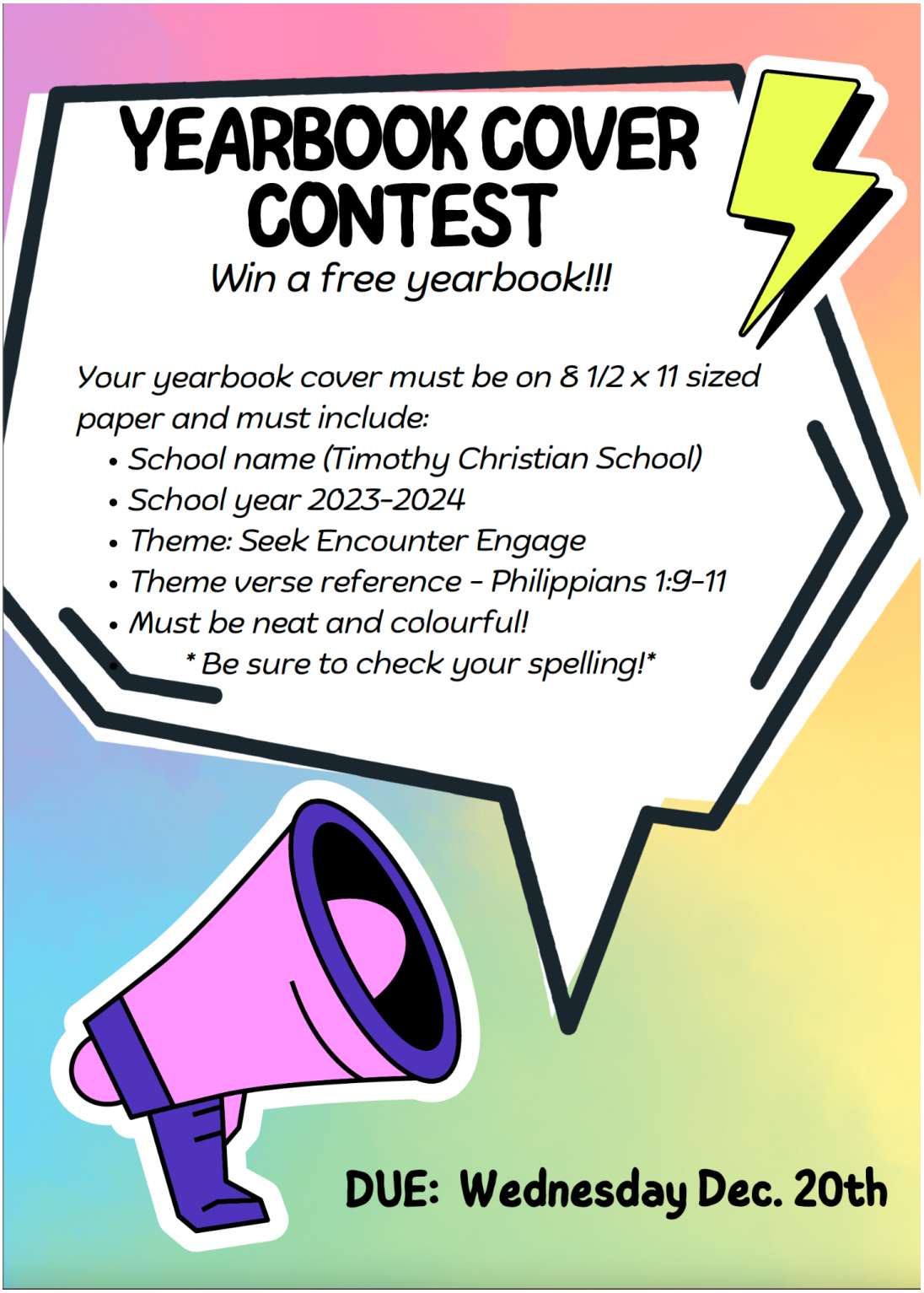
1. Please remember to have students at their bus stop *10 minutes before their scheduled pick up*. This assists drivers in staying on schedule, especially in uncertain weather. Thank you!
2. TCS parents please note you can call **Landmark Bus Lines Barrie** (our bus company) anytime the buses are on the road to check in with dispatch on an ETA. **Landmark's contact: 705-722-6666**. Additionally, the office will send an email to bus route families to inform them of any delays.

** TCS is a nut-free school. Please be sure all snacks/lunches do not have items that contain nuts! Thank you!**

**From The re-Source Thrift Shop South**

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in doing cash. If you know of anyone who may be interested in giving back to their community while meeting and working with great people who have an awful lot of fun, please encourage them to drop by the store and talk to Brenda any time!

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YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST
Win a free yearbook!!!
Your yearbook cover must be on 8 1/2 x 11 sized paper and must include:
• School name (Timothy Christian School)
• School year 2023-2024
• Theme: Seek Encounter Engage
• Theme verse reference - Philippians 1:9-11
• Must be neat and colourful!
* Be sure to check your spelling!*
DUE: Wednesday Dec. 20th