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Next Monday April 8 (All you need to know about TCS and the Solar Eclipse)

Next Monday, April 8 will be the Solar Eclipse that we have been reading about over the past few months. Here are a few tips/heads up as it will be a normal day at TCS:

1. If you are unsure or worried about your child seeing the sun during the eclipse we suggest you keep your children at home for the day.
2. There will be no viewing of the eclipse at school during class as the school does not have the equipment or special glasses available for students to safely view the eclipse. If you wish to have this time with your children, we encourage you do this on the homefront where you can provide maximum protection for them with the proper equipment (We will certainly talk about it during devotions and process it with students, but we will not be doing any official viewing during the day at school).
3. TCS staff will run the day as normally as possible and buses will run at regular times. We will delay the loading of the buses until 3:30, when the full eclipse will be over, but we anticipate the buses will leave as close to 3:35 as possible. Pick up times may be a bit earlier as there will be fewer students on the buses.

Thank you for our support in this. We wanted to keep school normal for the few parents who have no other options.

At the end of the day the Board made the call to run the *day business as usual*. We anticipate the day will be similar to 'snow days/bus cancellation days' at TCS with less students than we normally have. We may keep students in at noon if needed or if we feel there is any risk to them.

Circle the Date - Grandparents Day Wednesday, May 22

Please circle the date and invite your child's grandparents to TCS on Wednesday, May 22 to visit for part of the day. We will post the RSVP sign-up form in next week's newsletter so we can plan for the number of grandparents hoping to join us that day.



School spirit day... Career Dress Up Day Friday, April 12

The Spirit Team is excited to announce that **Friday, April 12** will be Career Dress Up Day. Students are encouraged to come dressed as astronauts, firefighters, judges, ballerinas, scientists, fishermen, police officers, and more. (Please remember play weapons are never allowed at school). Join in the fun!

Grade 7 parents & students help needed for grad - June 14 (PITCH OPPORTUNITY)

Grade 7 Parents - We have a Grad Planning Committee! Thank you in advance to those parents that have stepped into leadership for the event! The team will need your help on June 14 so please be sign up on the Google Form that was emailed previously. Remember this is a great way to get PITCH hours!

April Dates to be aware of:

2 3:30-5pm Badminton practice	9 3:30-5pm Badminton practice	15 Hot Dog Day
3 Hot Dog Day	11 3:30-5pm Badminton practice	16 3:30-5pm Badminton practice
4 3:30-5pm Badminton practice	12 Dress Up Day: Career Dress Up	18 Badminton Tournament (gr 7 & 8)
5 Pizza Day	9am Chapel hosted by grade 1/2	19 Pizza Day
8 Hot Dog Day... Solar Eclipse.. Usual day	Pizza Day	22 Grade 7 IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

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Reminder of School Times and "Lates"

Please note: First bell is 8:45am and second bell is 8:50. As we are out of the snowy months where travel restrictions could have been an issue, we will be reverting back to giving late slips for students that arrive after the 8:50am bell. All students who are not in class by 8:50am are marked absent. Please remember to let the office know if your child will be absent or late by 8:45am. Thank you!

**International Food Festival - May 22 (PITCH OPPORTUNITY)... Please sign up!**

We are looking forward to the inaugural 2024 TCS International Food Festival where we will showcase the extensive diversity at TCS! The Food Festival will take place immediately after our community Celebration Of Learning on the night of May 22nd. Our hope is to set up booths / tables for various continents and that multiple families would provide different menu items to share with the TCS community.

What we are looking for:

- 1) A leader/coordinator for each continent
 - Coordinate creative decorations for their continent's booth which could include flags, themed items, dressing in traditional wear etc.
 - Collaborate on a menu and be prepared to share a list of ingredients / potential allergy list for the community to view.
 - Coordinate serving trays/dishes etc. for the booth.
- 2) Passionate families from different cultural backgrounds prepare and share their unique cuisine with the TCS community!! The specific cultural background will fall into the continent subgroups (For ex. Italian background would fall under the European group)
- 3) Volunteers to help set up the food festival (tables, chairs, power cords) ahead of time.
- 4) Volunteers to help clean up after the event is over.

[Please click here for the Google Form to sign up!](#)

Please forward any questions/ideas to: awilcox@timothychristianschool.ca. There will be more details to follow!

Spring Meat Orders... Stay Tuned!

Our annual grade 7 & 8 fundraiser ... McGregor Meat Orders will kick off soon! Stay tuned to see what deliciousness will be offered, more information and the order form. You won't want to miss out on filling your freezer with meat for the summer BBQ season and Father's Day gifts!! Yum!

Unity Christian High School - Theatre Production of Little Women - April 19 & 20, 3 shows!

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE for Unity's Spring Theatre Production - 'Little Women'. *Adapted from Louisa May Alcott's Classic Novel, "Little Women" is a timeless tale that follows the lives of the four March sisters — Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy—as they navigate the challenges of growing up, love, and loss during the Civil War era. Through their trials and triumphs, the sisters learn the true meaning of family, friendship, and the importance of staying true to oneself.* Directed by Joanne MacKinnon and Melissa Pennell and produced by Staff & Students at UCHS.

Friday, April 19 @ 7:30PM AND Saturday, April 20 @ 1PM and @ 7:30PM



Ticket Prices: Adults \$15, Children (12 and under) \$10, Seniors & Students \$12

To Buy Tickets: Call the school at 705.792.6915 or email info@unitychristianhigh.ca

**Badminton - grades 7 & 8 boys and girls**

Practices will continue on Tues & Thurs afterschool (3:30 to 5pm) as we prepare for the tournament, April 18.

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Spring Market - The First ever! Saturday, May 25

Please plan on coming to the first TCS Spring Market... you can enjoy breakfast and then shop at the giant yard sale and farmers/artisan market! Share a screenshot of this 'Save the Date' to send to friends and family so they can book the day and not miss out!! It looks like it will be a great event!

... Pancake Breakfast

Come for the pancakes, stay for the TCS Spring Market on May 25. Tickets for the pancake breakfast will be going on sale soon. In the meantime, we are looking to borrow pancake griddles. If you have a pancake griddle and are willing to loan it to the school for the May 25 weekend, please let us know by emailing: springmarket@timothychristianschool.ca.

... Yard Sale Donation Reminder

Our first donation drop off date for the TCS Spring Market's Giant Yard Sale is coming up on **Saturday, April 6 (9am - 11am) at Secure Storage (800 Essa Road Barrie)**. Let's declutter your garage! We are we are looking for new and good used condition items that include:

- Health & Beauty Products
- Clothing & Accessories
- Games, Hobbies & Sports
- Home Decor & Furniture
- Kitchen & Dishes
- Toys & Baby
- Tools & Hardware
- Pet Stuff

... Market Sponsorship Opportunities

We are overwhelmed by the generous sponsorship received for the TCS Spring Market and Pancake Breakfast coming up on Saturday May 25. Two more sponsorship opportunities are still available!



Package	Quantity Available	Element to Sponsor	What's Included
Platinum (\$2000)	SOLD	Pancake Breakfast	• Prominent signage • Social Media post • Running ad during breakfast • Free Vendor Table • Radio ad • 8 tickets to pancake breakfast
Gold (\$1000)	SOLD	Giant Yard Sale	• Signage • Social Media post • Running ad at breakfast • Free vendor table • 4 tickets to pancake breakfast
Gold (\$1000)	1	Farmers/Artisan Market	• Signage • Social Media post • Running ad at breakfast • Free vendor table • 4 tickets to pancake breakfast
Silver (\$500)	SOLD	Student Entrepreneurship Contest	• Judge of contest • Social Media post • Logo on communication of contest • 2 tickets to pancake breakfast
Bronze (\$250)	1	Childcare Room	• Social Media post • Signage at childcare room • 2 tickets to pancake breakfast

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... **Student Business Contest "WIN A FREE BOOTH AT THE TCS SPRING MARKET"**: If your student hasn't picked up their contest application from the office, now is the time! A .pdf or .ppt version of the application can also be requested from springmarket@timothychristianschool.ca. Contest deadline is Wednesday, April 17! We can't wait to see all our student business ideas!!



Student Business Contest

Spring MARKET

Win a Booth to Sell Your Products at the TCS Spring Market on May 25!

Prize Valued at \$85!

Contest is open to all current Timothy Christian School & Unity Christian High School students, with a winner from each category.

Primary JK - Grade 5

Junior High Grade 6-8

High School Grade 9-12

Application Forms available in the TCS office

Contest Deadline: Wednesday, April 17

Submit your contest application to Kate in the TCS office or email it to springmarket@timothychristianschool.ca

The Student Business Contest is co-sponsored by:

Wealth Management Dominion Securities
Tim Corney, CFA
Senior Portfolio Manager

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PITCH OPPORTUNITIES:

Help is needed on **Thursday, April 18...** We are looking for people to help Deanna Faris run the concession stand for the Badminton Tournament selling drinks and snacks (food will be provided). We need a volunteer for: 9-11am, 11am - 1pm, 1-3pm. Please email the office if you can help (tcsген@timothychristianschool.ca).

Here are the last big events for the year that you can help with to get your required PITCH hours... Plan ahead so you can participate and log your hours! (Billing for outstanding hours will be done in June and an email will be sent to let you know how much will be charged.) Please stay tuned for more info to follow in the newsletter.

- **TCS Track & Field Event - May 17**
- **Grandparents' Day - May 22**
- **International Food Festival - May 22**
- **Spring Market - May 25**
- **Grade 8 Graduation - June 14**

Thank you for building community at TCS by lending your time & talents!

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School Calendar

The school calendar can be found on the TCS website (www.timothychristianschool.ca under Events), on Sycamore, and at [this link](#).

TCS School Calendar

TCS Important Info

Remember you have access to our TCS family and staff directories and other important information (TCS Constitution, Handbooks, recording PITCH hours, etc.) through our Sycamore database. Documents and directions on accessing information in Sycamore can be found on the Sycamore Homepage under the heading "NEWS" (top menu bar). Directories can be found under *Front Office*.

PITCH Logs

The PITCH committee is reviewing each family's service log to ensure we are all working towards the goal of 25 hours (full-time family requirement) or 15 hours (part-time family or family with a student in Christian Education requirement). It is each family's responsibility to log their volunteer service hours. On a preliminary review it looks like a number of families have not started on their PITCH hours. Remember that the PITCH hours have a financial correlation and you will be billed for the outstanding hours at the end of the year. New opportunities for PITCH hours are coming up so please watch the newsletter (Track & Field Days, landscaping team - gardening / lawn care, grad team, Grandparents' Day, etc.). Thank you for lending your time and talents to the TCS community... We are stronger because of you!

Logging PITCH hours

Please be aware that it is each family's responsibility to track and log their own PITCH hours. Hours logged are pending until they have been reviewed by the PITCH Committee. 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

**Thinking about ordering TCS Apparel?!**

Our store offers quality brand names including Under Armour, Champion, Columbia and more! All the clothing and accessory options are fully customizable (the preview photo shows one of many options), so be sure to explore the many colour, size, and logo options available for each item. Check it out: <https://timothychristian.entripyshops.com/>

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A few things to be aware of:

1. All orders are custom, and as such, they are non-refundable unless the shop has made an error. Be sure to review your order carefully before submitting!
2. Free shipping is available for orders over \$100. All items can be shipped to any address of your choice.
3. Sometimes certain items/styles will have limited sizes depending on the stock available. Be sure to check back as availability will change.
4. All items are available to be purchased using a credit card.

All payment is done through the site and functions separately from the school.

Bus information:

Please be sure your child is at the bus stop 10 minutes early. Feel free to contact Landmark Bus Lines Barrie (our bus company) anytime the buses are on the road to check with dispatch on a bus' ETA. Landmark's contact: 705-722-6666.



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