March 17, 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 to School!
We hope all our families had a wonderful Spring Break and we look forward to a great finish to this school year over the next few months.

Grade 7 parent meeting next Tuesday, March 25 @ 2:30 with the GRAD Leadership Team
Our grade 7 parents received an email the week before the break reminding them of the long-standing tradition that every year our grade 7 parents and students help with the grade 8 graduation in June. We are still looking for the GRAD Leadership Team of grade 7 parents to coordinate the decor and dinner service for grad on June 13. We plan to meet with that leadership team next week on Tuesday, March 25 at 2:30 at the school.

Praying for Trinity Christian School
Join us in praying for:
- Architect & building team
- Fundraising plans
- Legal amalgamation
- Disentangling the land
- New vision & Christian Worldview program
- Branding & a marketing plan

So much is happening and we want to ensure we are following the Lord's leading!

PITCH OPPORTUNITIES: Grade 7 Parents - Decor & Serving for the Grade 8 Graduation!
Grade 7 parents (and students) we need your PITCH time to serve the grade 8's by making their graduation on June 13th a wonderful celebration! We need your help to decorate the TCS gym and the church, help in the kitchen to serve dinner, do dishes, and clean up. We are also looking for the grade seven students to serve dinner and help with cleaning up. Please click on this link to sign up (you also received an email from the office before the break with this info). Please consider lending your time and talents to bless the grade eight class as they graduate!

Community News
We send our deepest condolences to Jeff and Melanie Weening (and family) this week. Jeff is a teacher at Unity Christian High School. Jeff's father Pete Weening passed away last Friday. Pete was a longtime Christian Educator and the principal at Jarvis and Sarnia Christian Schools. We will lift the Weening family in prayer as the funeral for Pete is this Wednesday in Sarnia.

Welcome to William TeBokkel and Stephanie Nikkel to our TCS teaching team
This week we welcome two new staff members to our TCS team!

William TeBokkel was hired just before the break for a full time position at TCS starting in September. William is a Redeemer University graduate and a certified Ontario teacher. He comes to us with several years of teaching experience from North Toronto Christian School. William has a strong Christian perspective and deep faith that will

March dates:

18 3:30-4:55pm Badminton practice
19 PIZZA DAY (from Feb 14)
20 3:30-4:55pm Badminton practice
21 9am Chapel - led by Gr ½
PIZZA DAY
24 HOT DOG DAY
25 3:30-4:55pm Badminton practice
27 3:30-4:55pm Badminton practice

connect well with his students. References commented on his strong rapport with students, parents and staff, as well as good student management.

Stephanie Nikkel has been a wonderful addition to our TCS supply list since September. She is a graduate of the University of the Fraser Valley (BC). She is also a certified Ontario teacher who comes with a deep, alive faith and strong Christian worldview. References also stated very strong community connections and a very good ability to connect with and manage students. Stephanie is finishing off this year in one of our junior classes and we have also hired her for a primary position next year at TCS.

We are thankful for both of these wonderful additions to our TCS teaching team!

Save the Date for May 7! Grandparents' Day, Celebration of Learning & International Food Festival

Wednesday, May 7 is a very special day at TCS! Invitations will be going home with students before the Easter long weekend so they can invite their grandparents to Grandparents' Day! Grandparents Day will be 9:30am to 12:15, then the Celebration of Learning (students presenting their projects, everyone is to attend) will be 5:00 to 6:30pm, and then our second annual TCS International Food Festival will be 6:30 to 9pm. Please be sure to save this important date and invite your grandparents early for this event!

HOT LUNCH Reschedules:



Parents, please check your calendar to see if your child was to have gotten pizza on February 14th as that Pizza Day was rescheduled to **THIS Wednesday, March 19** due to weather. There are 2 Pizza Days this week as we have a regular scheduled Pizza Day Friday.

Badminton Practices



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!

NEXT Edvance Family Webinar: Tuesday, March 25, 7-8pm

EDVANCE JoMO (campus)

Edvance x JOMO(campus) Family Webinar Series

Join us for the next session in our essential parent webinar series facilitated by award-winning digital well-being expert **Christina Crook** and featuring **special guest Julia Swaigen**, MSW, RSW, Adjunct Lecturer at the University of Toronto and Founder of Attuned Families. With over 18 years of experience improving child, family, and school mental health through her clinical and consultative work in public agencies and schools, Julia's insights will be invaluable to parents wanting to improve their children's digital well-being.

Session 3: Managing Big Emotions and Setting Digital Boundaries

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 from 7:00 – 8:00pm EST

In this session, Julia will discuss how parents can help their children navigate big emotions and develop emotional intelligence—a skill critical for thriving in the digital age. She will also share practical strategies for setting clear, respectful boundaries around technology use.

Key takeaways:

- Techniques for guiding children through big emotions
- How emotional intelligence supports digital resilience
- Practical strategies for setting and maintaining healthy digital boundaries

Submit your recipes for the School Family Cookbook!



Our School Family Cookbook is coming together, but we need more recipes! So far, we've received **13 submissions**, but we need **at least 40** to make this book a reality. This is your chance to share a favourite family recipe and be part of something special!

The cookbook will be sold at the International Food Festival, showcasing the diversity of our school community. Submit your recipe today and help us bring this cookbook to life!

Please CLICK HERE and fill in the TCS Family Cookbook Google Form.

💥 **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***.

- 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)	2	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.*

➔ **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.

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 25th.
Spring Market & Pancake Breakfast Committee: Deanna Faris, Melanie Faris, Christy McGee, Ruth Tan, Kristine Kang

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!*

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.

