January 20, 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

Re-Registration due by January 31!



A reminder to all TCS parents that you have ***until next Friday*** to complete the Sycamore registration and send in the PITCH form and $300 deposit. As of February 1st spots in classes will be given to new families in a first come first enroll process. We anticipate waiting lists in some classes by early February (maybe by January 31!) so do not delay in completing your childrens' re-registration to ensure they hold their spots in classrooms for next year!

Praying for...

We understand that all of our plans need to be anchored in prayer! Join us for our second prayer event for Trinity (the new JK - 12 school) hosted by Unity Christian High School on Tuesday, February 4 at 2:30. There is much to pray for:

- Building plans for the new building
- Fundraising plans over the next year
- Shaping the vision of the new school

The above are just a few of the items that we plan to lift up in prayer on February 4 at Unity!

Next Monday, January 27: **PA Day, NO SCHOOL**

Vision Setting for Trinity Christian School (JK - 12): Jan 30

Please join us to be part of shaping the core values and vision of the new school!
Register by completing the google form - click here,
or by calling the TCS Office 705-726-6621.

There is a lot of wonderful work being done these days planning for our new JK - 12 school. On Thursday, January 30, at 7pm at TCS, we *will focus on shaping the vision of the new school.* The plan is to take the seven foundational statements and shape them into core values, then from there move to a vision statement and a tagline for the new school. What are critical areas we need to have in our core values and final vision statement? What are key areas that our children need most in this present culture? Pre-registration for this event will be open on January 20. We would like to know who is planning on attending to shape the groups accordingly.

Attention Grade 8 Parents: We need your baby photos for the yearbook!

The Yearbook Committee is looking forward to featuring your child in the Gr. 8 Grad pages as we send them on their way to new adventures! Gr. 8 Parents, please pick a baby photo of your child and email it to tcsyearbook@timothychristianschool.ca. Include your child's name in the subject line. All photos must be digitally submitted (no prints sent to school). The picture should have only your child in it and be of good quality. Please submit your photo by Feb. 19th. Thank you!

January dates:

*Jan 15 - 31: **Registration for 2025 opens for current families***
*Jan 15: **JK Enrollment 2025 opens***

20 HOT DOG DAY
21 3:30-4:55pm Basketball practice
22 7am Hockey Practice
23 3:30-4:55pm Basketball practice
24 PIZZA DAY
27 NO SCHOOL - PA DAY!

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Unity Christian High School Enrollment Open for TCS Families

As enrollment requests continue to increase, we want to ensure that we accommodate our Christian School families first. We ask that Timothy Christian School families complete and submit your Unity Christian High School enrollment forms by **Feb. 21, 2025** in order to receive priority placement. Enrollment packages are available for download at **info@unitychristianhigh.ca**. We hope that you will continue your investment in Christian Education in grades 9-12, with us at Unity Christian High School!

Unity Open House: Tuesday, February 11, 7:30pm

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See the poster at the end of this newsletter *for registration info*

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PITCH OPPORTUNITIES: Limited to adults only

Thank you parents, grandparents, etc. for being eager to help out and earn family PITCH hours! Please note that since PITCH hours have a correlated dollar value, and possible insurance / safety issues, we limit PITCH opportunities to only adults (unless specified that an opportunity is suitable for students or tasks are being done at home). Younger pre-school children are not to accompany parents, unless the child is in a stroller and will be asleep or need little to no interaction with the parent (meaning infants younger than 3 months or so), as older children tend to need attention and support to stay quiet for a period of time. *When a parent volunteers for a PITCH opportunity we need to know that that parent's full attention is on the task at hand and not being distracted by a younger child.* Thank you for your understanding with this and for being eager to volunteer and complete your PITCH required hours!

PITCH OPPORTUNITY: Another Hot Dog Day Leader & a few more team members are needed

We are looking for:

- A Hot Dog Day Volunteer who would be willing to step into a leadership position to help the coordinators Rachel and Joanna. This would entail 4 hours of PITCH time when you are scheduled on a Monday or Wednesday (9am to 1pm).
- A few more team members to help on the occasional Monday (and a few Wednesdays) from 11:15am-1:15pm.

If you are interested, please email Rachel Kapteyn at rachelkapteyn@gmail.com. You will need a Vulnerable Sector Police Check on file in the office.

PITCH OPPORTUNITIES: Help with Student Drop Off / Pick Up at the Front of the School

Parents, we are in need of two PITCH volunteers, one each morning (8:30 - 8:45am) and one each afternoon (3:20 - 3:35pm) for 15 mins to help students get in and out of cars safely at the front of the school. In one week you can earn 1.25 PITCH hours! Please let the office know if you are able to help.

Basketball Team practices are Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:30 - 4:55pm



Basketball Team practices, for the Girls' and Boys' Teams, will be Tuesdays & Thursdays each week, 3:30 to 4:55pm. *Please bring proper equipment to each practice and be sure to have confirmed plans for pick up at 4:55pm!*

Yearbook Cover Contest: Entries Due by February 5



Students, please consider lending your creative talents to our 2024-2025 Yearbook. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter. We are looking for entries to be handed in by February 5th and must include the following to be considered:

- Submitted on 8.5x11 paper
- School full name - Timothy Christian School
- Theme for the year - God's Masterpiece… Created For A Purpose
- Theme verse reference - Ephesians 2:10
- Must be neat & colourful
  ** Check your spelling!

TCS Family Cookbook



We are so excited to create the First Annual TCS Family Cookbook! ***Our goal is to gather special Family Recipes from all of our TCS families and combine them together into a book that will be sold at the International Food Festival this coming spring.*** Please send in any recipes you would like to share. We would love to hear about your family recipes passed down through generations, your traditional meals or desserts for special occasions, or even just your simple "go-to" meal ideas. We would love to include any family stories or photos that go along with your recipe.

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

If you have a LEGIBLE paper copy of your recipe, and do not wish to rewrite all of the information onto the google form, you may choose to add your photo onto the google form. If your recipe is handwritten, then please make sure the printing is LEGIBLE or else we will not be able to use it.

Snow Valley Skiing/Snowboarding and Tubing

To enjoy skiing / snowboarding / tubing at a discounted rate at Snow Valley *you MUST email or text Tracey Sheppard at least 2 weeks in advance of the Thursday evening you want to go*. The earlier you email / text Tracey the better so she can organize the discounted tickets as we need to meet the 20 person minimum consistently to get the group discounted price. The following is the list of Thursday evenings:

- Jan 23, 30
- Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 and
- Mar 6

Skiing/snowboarding is from 4-9pm

COST: Night lift ticket and rental is $52 + tax per person and the lift ticket on its own is $30 + tax.
A 2 hour tubing ticket is $23 (taxes included)

CONTACT: Tracey Sheppard, t_eisses@hotmail.com, 705-725-3750

NEW INITIATIVE for the TCS Bazaar… Triangle Rewards Fundraiser

We have a new way that you are able to give to the school by donating your Triangle Rewards Points. 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. If you wish to be part of this initiative and donate your Triangle Reward Points to TCS, 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.

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!*



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.

Check out this link to buy TCS clothing:

https://timothychristian.entripyshops.com/

Shop for your TCS school spirit gear in black, gold or grey and wear it on Fridays!

Yearbook COVER CONTEST

2024-2025 YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST IS OPEN NOW!

YOUR YEARBOOK COVER MUST BE ON 8 1/2 X 11 SIZED PAPER AND MUST INCLUDE:

- SCHOOL NAME (TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL)
- SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025
- THEME: GOD'S MASTERPIECE // CREATED FOR A PURPOSE
- THEME VERSE REFERENCE - EPHESIANS 2:10
- MUST BE NEAT AND COLOURFUL!

- * BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR SPELLING!*

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PUT IN ENVELOPE ON MRS. MENSINGA'S DOOR!



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Meet Our Digital Well-Being Experts:



Christina Crook
Founder and CEO of JOMO(campus)
About Christina

Julia Swaigen
Founder and Director of Attuned Families
About Julia



These sessions are part a series of FREE webinars for families of Edvance affiliate schools. The remaining dates are January 28, March 25, and May 27, 2025, from 7-8pm EST

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TUESDAY
FEB 11
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