



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!

Welcome to our newest TCS family!

Last week the Noordegraaf family: Joseph & Patrica, joined us at TCS! Welcome Violet (1) and Grant (½- 2).

PD Day on Friday, April 4 (next week)

Reminder: Friday, April 4 is a PD day. Staff will be spending the morning with Orillia and Alliston Christian School teachers collaborating on various areas of the curriculum and the afternoon focussing on PBL projects for May. TCS will be hosting this event. There will be **no school on Friday, April 4.**

TCS Processing Many New Families!

The TCS office and Admin Staff are processing, assessing and interviewing about 30 new families over the next few weeks. We are very excited that we will again be able to accommodate many new students and families!

Circle the Date - May 7...Lots will be happening this day!

A reminder to circle the date of Wednesday, May 7. Our TCS Grandparents' Day will be held in the morning. Our Celebration of Learning will be from 5 to 6:30pm, and then our International Food Festival will be at 6:30pm. Invitations will be coming home to hand to grandparents soon. We want to make sure as many of our grandparents as possible can join in our special Grandparents' Day. More details on the events of the day and how you can get involved to earn PITCH hours will be coming soon. We look forward to a wonderful community engaging day on Wednesday, May 7!

Grade 7 GRAD Leadership Team meeting postponed

We have had a few grade 7 parents step up into leadership for the GRAD Planning Team. The meeting that was planned for tomorrow has been postponed. Please stay tuned for an email from the office with the change of date.



PITCH OPPORTUNITIES: GRAD Team - Grade 7 Parents

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! [Please click on this link to sign up.](#) The Planning Team will be in contact with you closer to GRAD to confirm roles and responsibilities. Thank you!

Badminton Practices (gr 7 & 8): 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!



March dates:

24	HOT DOG DAY	28	PIZZA DAY
25	3:30-4:55pm Badminton practice	31	HOT DOG DAY
27	3:30-4:55pm Badminton practice		

April dates:

1	3:30-4:55pm Badminton practice
2	9am Chapel - hosted by gr 5
	PIZZA DAY
3	3:30-4:55pm Badminton practice

**Friday,
April 4
PD DAY
No School**



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Calling all Grade 8 TCS Families

Unity Christian High School is filling up quickly, with inquiries happening daily.



Continue your investment in Christian Education through High School, by enrolling your child(ren) at Unity Christian High School. We encourage you to complete an application and return it to the Unity Office by April 15th to reserve a spot for the 2025-2026 school year ~As a partner school, TCS families will be given priority status until this date. A waiting list will be put in place once capacity is reached. Applications are available on the website www.unitychristiahigh.ca or by calling 705-792-6915. Spread the word!!

Grade 7 Immunization Clinic #2: April 15

Grade 7 parents: To those students who received their first set of immunizations in the fall, this is your reminder that the follow up clinic will be Tuesday, April 15. If you have any questions about this clinic please contact Kim at the Health Unit at Kimberley.Lafreniere@smdhu.org

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

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



How to join the Zoom webinar: when you're ready to join, click HERE or use the QR code to the right. If joining from your phone, be sure to download the Zoom app first.

These sessions are part of 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

TCS Community... re-Source Thrift Shop South needs donations!!

Are you cleaning out your garage next weekend? Moving and/or purging? Or simply have a few items to donate to a good cause? The re-Source Thrift Shop, Barrie South, needs donations and we are hoping our TCS community can overwhelm them with truckloads of donations this week! Please drop off items at 28 Commerce Park Drive, Unit B. Check with your kids (how about a spring cleaning of their rooms/clothes/toys/books), family members, friends, and even neighbours on your street... Let's make sure the re-Source Thrift Shop, Barrie South, is loaded up with donations by



this Friday. Call the Thrift Shop at 705-735-0444 if you have any questions about an item. Please see the list to the right as to what they do NOT accept.

A reminder: The re-Source Thrift shop donates almost (at times over) 100 thousand dollars each year to TCS which significantly *keeps tuition lower for our TCS parents*. They have donated well over half a million dollars over the past 8 years to TCS. When you drop off your donations, please be sure to thank the staff as they work hard to ensure TCS has significant financial support to keep our vision going as we inspire children to be alive in Christ!

If you would like to be part of the Thrift Shop action, please consider volunteering. They are always looking for more people to join their team selling or organizing. It is a wonderful group of dedicated people!

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.** See the full poster on the last page of this newsletter to share with friends & family.

- 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.



Window Blinds with cords	Cribs/Cradles
Mattresses and Box Springs	Playpens
Large Appliances	Walkers
Large Furniture Items	High Chairs
Liquids and Gels	Car Seats
Chemical Cleaners	Strollers
Encyclopedias	Bassinets
Text Books	Bed Rails
Cosmetics	Baby Bath Rings/Seats
Propane Tanks	Baby Gates
Garden Torches	Large Exercise Equipment
Paint	Desktop Computers
Bunk Beds	TV's (except flat screen)
Helmets: Bike/Ski/Skate	Microwave Ovens
Laser Devices/Toys	Cassette Tapes/VHS

re-Source Thrift Shop | Barrie South



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

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.

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!





Spring **MARKET** & **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

SATURDAY MAY 31 | 9AM - 2PM

TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 750 ESSA ROAD, BARRIE



PANCAKE BREAKFAST



JUNIOR MAKER MARKET



ARTISAN/HANDMADE MARKET



ARTISAN WORKSHOPS

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT?



SPONSORSHIP OF ONE OF THE EVENTS



PARTICIPATE AS A VENDOR AT THE MARKET



TEACH AN ARTISAN WORKSHOP



VOLUNTEER & EARN PITCH HOURS

