



# THE FRIDGE DOOR

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## Oct.11 (7 p.m.) Fall Open House and Information Night for Grade School Families

### Nota Bene

- W. Groot

Welcome to another year of Nota Bene – a Latin phrase meaning “note well.” Part of my role as the principal is to “note” things that may be of help or significance to students, parents, guardians or supporters of TDChristian High School. As with all articles in the Fridge Door, pick and choose what you wish to read. A listing appears at the beginning of each issue. This publication, posted usually every other Wednesday afternoon, provides information on what’s happening at the school (usually outside of the classroom) and ways that we can help each other as TDChristian goes about learning for service in the light of God’s Word. For information on classes, parents, guardians and students use Edsby.

The focus verse from Isaiah 40, suggested by a current Grade 12 student after our second semester Grade 11 meeting, will serve as the graduation verse this year. “But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.” As shared at Back in the Groove Again, there is lot to unpack in the chapter. What encourages me is the hope that it provided for God’s people in the time of the Babylonian invasion and the hope that it provides us, today, as God’s children. This awesome God who created the heavens and the earth also promises to be close to his people. It is amazing and humbling!

Phase 1 of Project 20/20 has gone well. It is almost completed – the landscaping should be done within the next month. We expect our Grade 10 Environmental Block class to be part of the action. As for the actual building, the City of Vaughan has our plans. Please pray that the building permit will be granted soon.

The Campaign has reached almost \$1.4 million. Almost \$2 million has been donated since the start of the Campaign. We will need everyone to lean in to raise the remaining \$3 million. We continue to contact people and will reach out to everyone before year’s end. Please think about and pray about how to help TDChristian continue its work for years to come.

We have seen God’s leading and faithfulness from when this initiative began in 2004 when a local member let the school know that the fire hall site might be considered for condos. TDChristian was able to buy it in 2012 with a proviso to build a theatre space/presentation centre. We are committed to make that happen. We can do it together.

At TDChristian, we look forward to a great year - in and out of our classrooms! We are committed to enfolding, engaging and empowering our students as we learn for service in the light of God’s Word. Help us write the story of 2018-19.

P.S. The deadline to fill in the Grade 9 and New Parents Surveys is extended to Thursday at 9 a.m. See the Edsby message to access the links. Thanks to the almost 50 people who have filled it in (average time 7 min.).

## New Families, Future Directions, Learn About Resource Meetings: Thursday, September 13 at 7 p.m.

Come to the Commons to gather together before splitting up into the *New Families* and *Future Directions* (see the Guidance section of The Fridge Door) *Meetings*. The *Learn About Resource Meeting* will follow later in the evening. Parents or guardians who attend and fill out a feedback form can earn up to 2.5 volunteer hours per family.

## Homestay Special Presentation

- M. Cate

Homestay families are reminded of the guest speaking coming this Thursday evening. Anita Wong, a former high school principal, will be doing an informative 30 minute presentation about how to help international students adjust to being in Canada. There will a question period, as well.

## Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

In the PRAISE AND PETITION part of the Fringedoor, we try to inform you of the joys and struggles within our community. If you have items that you would like us to note, please email Evelyn Dengerink or Marg Laswick.

Welcome to another year of learning for service in the light of God's Word! A special welcome to our new students in Grades 9 to 12. We also welcome all of our 50 international students, some returning, some new, who come from as far away as China, Vietnam, Korea, Hong Kong, Nigeria, and Italy. Please pray for them as they adjust to being away from their families (for the first time or again) and getting to know their homestay families.

We welcome new teachers to TDChristian: Ms. Shelby Contos, Mr. David Feddema, Mrs. Jessica Teh and Mr. Kyle VanStryland. We hope they soon feel at home with us as well as in their new communities.

Mr. Colin Hoving and his wife Bailey became proud parents of a healthy baby girl in August. Welcome to the world Avery Mae!

Custodian Laurie Martens' mother, Christine, continues to receive treatment for cancer. Please pray that they may produce good results.

We are thankful that our Grade 9 class had a good Service Trip last week.

## Transportation

- M. Heinbuch

Buses having been arriving on time this year which is a great improvement over last year. Accidents, construction and traffic snarls make some days better than others for our 13 routes. As the drivers get used to their routes, adjustments will be made and bus routes will be updated in Edsby. Students should regularly check their Edsby bus group. Parents and guardians can search for bus groups in Edsby and request to join one in order to access the group information. The group can be found by clicking on a student's profile as it appears in a parent's or guardian's Edsby account. The bus group is located in the bottom left corner.

Going forward, students should be at their stop 5 minutes before the scheduled time or 5 minutes before the time the bus has been arriving over the last week (whichever is earlier). If a bus is at a stop within 5 minutes of the stop's pick up time, the drivers have been instructed to keep driving because many routes are on main roads. Stopping and waiting for students to arrive is not an option. Again, students must be at their stops 5 minutes early.

As for delays, please make use of the bus tracking, available via the TDChristian Splash! Page, to see whether or not a bus is late or has passed by. Buses will arrive at your stop eventually, even when delayed by such things as accidents or construction.

Bus Cancellations: Families who have not already done so, should provide their bus reps with the phone numbers needed for the automated call system. Bus rep contact info can be found in the Edsby group.

## Grade 9 Toronto Service Trips

- P. Schuurman

On Wednesday morning, about 60 boys boarded the bus and headed to downtown Toronto for their two day service trip. It was a hot, hot day, but it was a great trip! The boys were terrific and the service placements were most appreciative of the help that the groups provided. On Thursday morning, over 45 girls did the very same thing but in less oppressive weather. Both groups experienced a street walk, ate pizza dinner, participated in games and listened to a talk on how we can give dignity to those who are experiencing homelessness and hardships in the downtown area. Besides that, we had a great time on this trip meeting and getting to know others!

## Grade 11 Toronto Service Trip

A commitment form was sent home in the August mailing (also available on the TDChristian Splash! Page) for students and parents/guardians to fill out, sign and submit to the school. Students in this semester's English and Perspectives classes are scheduled to go to Toronto from October 2 to 4. Please ensure that this commitment sheet is handed in to the office by this Friday, September 14. On this sheet, you will also read information about the trip. Students will meet at the school at 7 am on Tuesday, October 2 so to be able to arrive at our first placements around 9 am. This trip is part of the Grade 11 English and Perspectives classes and has often been a highlight for Grade 11 students. We are thankful for the support we receive for this trip. If you have any questions or concerns about this mandatory curricular trip, please contact Mrs. Schuurman at [schuurman@tdchristian.ca](mailto:schuurman@tdchristian.ca).

## Grade 11 Mentorship

- S. VanEerden

Mentorship@TDChristian will get underway this week. The goal of the first semester is for every grade 11 student to find a mentor willing to work with them for at least three days between January 23 and 29. As they begin to think more seriously about their future careers, students find this experience to be enriching, eye-opening, and empowering. This semester, students must think about possible mentors (due September 26), find a mentor (due October 9), and write a short report on their mentor called Get-To-Know Your Mentor (due January 9). You can find dates, assignments, and expectations by clicking the Mentorship link on TDChristian's Splash! Page. If you are interested in being a mentor or hosting someone at your workplace, you can qualify for up to 18 volunteer hours. If you have any questions, please contact Sean Van Eerden at [vaneerden@tdchristian.ca](mailto:vaneerden@tdchristian.ca).

## Homework Help on TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday from 3 to 4:45 pm, students from all grades are welcome to come for homework help in rooms 24, 25, and 31. Teachers from a variety of subject areas will be available to assist them in their studying and to help answer questions about lessons, homework, and assignments.

**New this year:** International Student Homework Help which will run on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:45 pm in room 29. Volunteers from the Vaughan Chinese Community Church will be onsite to help support our International students with their course and homework. International students can also get help from teachers in other rooms, too.

## Music Notes

- K. Hayward

Another exciting year of music has begun at TDChristian! All students - new and returning - are invited to join our Concert band (earn 0.5 credit), choir (earn 0.5 credit), Praise Band (Ascension) or Jazz Band. Anyone interested in joining any of our ensembles should speak with Mr. Hayward as soon as possible. Otherwise email today: [hayward@tdchristian.ca](mailto:hayward@tdchristian.ca).

Grade 9 students will join the choir on Thursday. Concert band rehearsals will begin on Thursday (7:30 am) as well. Parents or guardians willing to car pool, share driving or offer rides to other students who live in the same area are asked to contact Mr. Hayward.

Ascension will meet on Thursday after school and Jazz band will begin next week on Wednesday. Both groups will meet from 3 to 4:30 pm.

Any questions about the music program at TDChristian, can be sent to Mr. Hayward at: [hayward@tdchristian.ca](mailto:hayward@tdchristian.ca).

## Falcons Perch (Athletics)

- C. Hoving

Welcome to a new year of TDChristian Falcon Athletics! Our fall teams are concluding their team tryouts this week and starting practices. Please refer to the summer mailing for the current September practice schedule. Better yet, check the Edsby group of each team for its practice schedule.

### Volunteer Parent Drivers

Driving to and from away games is a great way for parents or guardians to get involved at TDChristian. Parents or guardians can watch their child's team play, earn volunteer hours and help cut down on the school's transportation costs. If you are interested, please contact the coach to ask about volunteer driving opportunities.

The breakdown of how hours are earned by driving for athletics is available on the Splash! Page. Senior teams will also be receiving Student Transportation Consent Forms this week. These need to be filled out and returned to the coaches as soon as possible since tournaments and games will be upon us quickly.

**Cross Country:** Want to be on a school team? Newcomers of any age, experience and ability are still welcome to come out and run or jog or walk and pant and sweat with us in the September morning mists. We meet Monday and Wednesday in room 12 at 7:45 to train. Join the Edsby group if you are interested or djust show up!

### **Team Schedules**

Coaches will receive YRAA (York Region Athletic Association - yraa.com) game schedules late next week and teams will begin regular season games the week of Sept. 24. Team schedules, including practices, will be posted in the team's Edsby group by coaches. Players (and their families) can get all their team information there.

### **Teams and Coaches**

The following teams, with their coaches and/or assistants, are competing this season: Boys Junior Tier 2 Volleyball (Mrs. E. Dengerink), Boys Junior Tier 1 Volleyball (Mr. Buisman, Mr. B. Vrieling), Boys Senior Tier 1 Volleyball (Ms. Dibbits), Girls Basketball (Ms. M. Bauer, Mr. C. Hoving), and Cross Country (Mr. Westerhof). Please feel free to email or Edsby message coaches with specific questions about the team.

### **Intramural Hockey**

Students interested in playing intramural hockey who have not yet played hockey at TDChristian are invited to the Intramural Hockey Newcomers Skate and Play this Friday at Woodbridge Memorial Arena from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. This is NOT a tryout as ALL players who sign up for intramural hockey who can skate and stop may play on a team.

New players get on the ice early and we get to see them play! Email [hockey@tdchristian.ca](mailto:hockey@tdchristian.ca) to request a FREE ride to the arena. If you are unable to attend the event but are considering playing intramural hockey at TDChristian, email [hockey@tdchristian.ca](mailto:hockey@tdchristian.ca) on or before Friday. For all players, new and returning, the deadline for signing up and paying for intramural hockey is this Friday. The Intramural Hockey sign up form is on the Splash! Page.

## **Guidance Corner**

- E. Dengerink

Who is your guidance counsellor? Students are assigned by homeroom to a specific guidance counsellor for their four years at TDChristian. Students in Homerooms A to J are with Mrs. Judy Van Schepen (ext. 220) who works with Resource Teacher, Ms. Michelle Bauer. Students in Homerooms K to U have been assigned to Mrs. Evelyn Dengerink (ext. 212) who works with Resource Teacher, Mrs. Laura Kooy.

Parents or guaridans who have concerns or questions they would like the school to address, should contact their child's homeroom teacher or guidance counsellor. Last year, Mrs. Robyn Godber, a registered psychotherapist, was employed by the school to help students with things such as mental health, anxiety and depression. She has decided to focus more on her own practice working with students and their families. TDChristian is currently in the process of hiring a replacement. If students prefer to talk to a male counsellor, they can connect with Mr. Heinbuch.

### **Future Directions**

Tomorrow, Thursday evening, we will be holding this information session for Grade and 11 and 12 parents and students. Get an overview of the year as well as post-secondary options. We will introduce our career search program: MyBlueprint. We will explain what preliminary research needs to take place and how parents or guardians can support students in the next phase of their educational paths. Parents or guardians who have already gone through this process are welcome to share at the meeting some of what they have learned. We look forward to seeing parents or guardians along with their children. Parents or guardians will receive volunteer hours for their attendance.

### **Upcoming College/Universities Fairs:**

- September 28 to 30: The **Ontario University Fair** will be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Use [www.ouf.ca](http://www.ouf.ca) to plan your visit. If attending is not possible, go to [www.ouf.ca/uip](http://www.ouf.ca/uip) for a schedule of local information sessions. The UIP travels across Ontario, offering fair- or presentation-style events in most Ontario regions.
- Check the websites of individual universities and colleges to make Fall Campus Day visits.
- During the morning of Monday, October 15, TDChristian will host the **Canadian Christian University Tour**.
- The **Ontario Community College Fair** is scheduled for October 23 and 24. See [www.ocif.ca/](http://www.ocif.ca/) for details.

## Scholarships

Please note that not all scholarships are based on academic achievement. Many reward creative thinking, community involvement and extra-curricular participation. Scholarships take time to research and apply for, but are worth the effort if you qualify.

- Yconic.com matches you with thousands of scholarships and other awards. It's fast, it's free, and it's easy!
- Loran Awards offers scholarships to certain universities in Canada for students who have an 85% average and hold Canadian citizenship or residency status. "We seek well-rounded students who demonstrate character, promise of leadership and strong commitment to service in the community." Visit [www.loranscholar.ca](http://www.loranscholar.ca) for more information. You can apply online. Deadlines are October 17 and October 24, 2018.
- The Horatio Alger Ontario Scholarship program ([www.horatioalger.org/ontarioscholarship](http://www.horatioalger.org/ontarioscholarship)) seeks to honour students who have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record and a commitment to going to a public college or university in Ontario. Check the website to see if you qualify. Deadline is October 25, 2018.

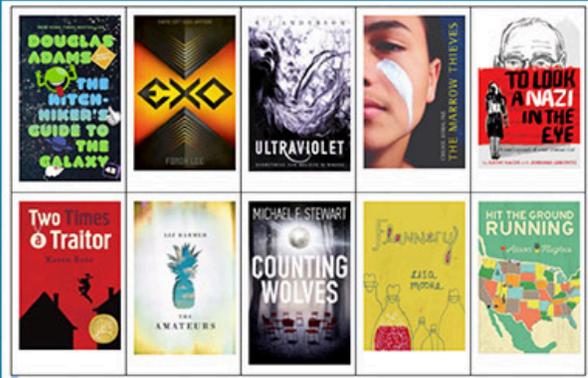
## Volunteer Opportunities

If you attend an evening event at TDChristian and are looking for a way to earn more volunteer hours by helping to clean up at the end of the event, contact Mr. Hoving at [hoving@tdchristian.ca](mailto:hoving@tdchristian.ca)) or message him on Edsby.

## Library

**Love to read?**  
**Join the club!**

This school year, Christian high school students from across Ontario will be reading the same ten books. You can be a part of it.  
Read! Discuss! Make new friends!



For more details and to sign up, see Ms. Knibbe in the library.

The image shows a grid of ten book covers. The top row includes: 'The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy' by Douglas Adams, 'EXO' by Fyfe Cole, 'Ultraviolet' by Lisa Thompson, 'The Marrow Thieves' by Zachary Wastnedge, and 'To Look a Nazi in the Eye' by David Almond. The bottom row includes: 'Two Times a Traitor' by Robert Bly, 'The Amateurs' by Ted Albrink, 'Counting Wolves' by Michael F. Stewart, 'Zissa, People' by Zissa People, and 'Hit the Ground Running' by Jason Reynolds.

## Earth and Space Science Class Trip to Algonquin

TDChristian's 16th Annual Algonquin Trip runs from Thursday, Sept 20 to Monday Sept 24 as students in the Earth and Space class explore God's creation below and above us. Students should exercise at least a half an hour every evening to prepare physically. Packing and camping tips are shared daily in class. Students should return their signed forms and bring their money in on or before Tuesday, September 18. Mr. Robinson would like to thank Patricia Ootjers and Rod Dengerink who are giving generously of their time by coming along as chaperones.

## From the Art Room

All Visual Art students are required to have a spiral bound sketchbook in class daily. Drawing pencils are highly recommended for weekly assignments which will take a minimum of one hour each to complete. The art room can use donations of functional hair dryers and electric griddles.

## Chinese Dinner Night at TDChristian: ONLY \$15

On Tuesday, September 25 from 5 to 6:30 pm students (especially) are invited to an authentic Chinese Dinner in the commons. Bring the whole family. Invite a friend. Tickets will be on sale in the foyer next week at lunch.