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Nota Bene

- W. Groot

The school year is over halfway done. Learning Reports for first semester were posted yesterday and official copies were given to students. Please take time to look through them along with the accompanying materials.

Last week, sessions for course selections (2019-20) were held with students in grades 10 and 11. Course selections for grade 9 students are planned within the week. Every year, we invite grade 12 students to consider a fifth year at TDChristian. I am thrilled to report that fifth-year student, Jade Hoekstra, who is working with drama students was offered a \$10,000 scholarship to Brock University for teaching. What inspires and excites me more is her growth as a learner which has led to incredible contributions to the learning of many TDChristian students.

While we celebrate students who were and are successful, we also realize that there are others who struggle or did not achieve all their goals. Because we are committed to working diligently to enfold, engage and empower each of our students to learn for service in the light of God's Word, we will not and do not give up. As the semester begins, together, with you and each of student, we commit to work at discovering new or different ways to provide support. Connect with guidance or resource teachers, if you wish to be proactive. Homerooms A to J have Ms. VanSchepen for Guidance and Ms. Bauer for Resource. The other students have Ms. Dengerink for Guidance and Ms. Kooy/Ms. Contos for Resource.

The new semester also marks the beginning of Phase 2 of Project 20/20. Currently, the trades are tendering. We will start in onsite in April. The campaign continues and will throughout the project as the decision to begin this year was based on a potential savings of up to \$500,000 in construction costs and the increased benefits for more of our current students.

As we move forward let us keep in mind this year's graduation verse, "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."

Admissions

- P. Schuurman

If you have been spreading the news about the positive impact that TDChristian has been on your family – thank you! Sometimes we find out that visitors to our school learn about it from you. Word of mouth is the best advertising. Even though the Early Bird Registration deadline was just last week, we have room for registrants in all grades for 2019-20. Current families who refer families that have no connection to one of our feeder schools can earn 10 volunteer hours when the referred family enrolls its child or children at TDChristian. Contact Patty Schuurman for full details.

For current families that have not yet registered a child going into Grade 9 for 2019-20, please contact Mrs. Schuurman with your intentions for 2019-20 as soon as possible. Better yet, fill out the admissions package and submit it to the school. If you have questions or concerns, please email Mrs. Schuurman at schuurman@tdchristian.ca. Admissions package can be printed off our website, www.tdchristian.ca, under the "Admissions" tab.

Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

In your prayers, please remember the following:

A new semester brings a fresh start for students and teachers alike. We welcome some new faces and pray that they may soon feel at home among us.

The Grade 11 students spent time with their mentors, gaining wisdom and insight. They will be sharing their experiences with their grade 11 classmates next week. We are thankful for willing and capable mentors.

Karen Hollander, Haley's mom, is scheduled for an EEG on Feb. 8 to determine if there is any further risk of seizure activity in her brain. It is an important step for her to regain her driver's license. If all goes as planned, Karen will be able to have Gammaknife Radiosurgery on Feb. 13. Please pray that the surgery goes well, that Karen recovers completely and that it will help decrease the possibilities of further strokes.

Carter Willan's Aunt Toni died suddenly on February 1. Please pray for the whole family as they go through the difficult process of saying goodbye.

We are thankful for our friendly, diligent bus drivers who do a great job of driving your children back and forth from school every day. Please pray for safety as the winter brings many challenges with its weather changes.

Many of our staff and students are finalizing plans for their March Break trips. Please pray for them and the people on the other ends who are organizing and preparing for their arrival.

A lot of students and teachers are feeling under the weather. Pray for healing and good health for all.

Tax Receipts

- Meg Cate

The 2018 tax receipts will be mailed by February 28, 2019.

Grade 11 Mentorship

- S. VanEerden

The final step for the Grade 11 students in their Mentorship Program will be their presentations during the week of February 11 to 15. Students will present about their mentorship experience in one of their Grade 11 classes. Students went over this process with me during the round table discussions on January 31. Assignments and documentation can be found on the Splash! Page under Grade 11 Mentorship. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Van Eerden at vaneerden@tdchristian.ca.

Careers & Course Selections: Feb. 21, 7 p.m. (Focus: Current Grade 10s)

Course selections, college, university, apprenticeship, scholarships, and fifth-year options (e.g. TDChristian, Act Five, and more) are things to consider on the journey towards deciding the best option after Grade 12. There is a lot of information and lots to consider. We invite parents, guardians and home stay parents to our annual Grade 10 Careers & Course Selections Night on Thursday, February 21 at 7 p.m. Explore ways that you, in your role, can support or supplement what your child is learning or has learned in the Careers course. Grade 10 students are encouraged to attend as well. While the focus of the night is for Grade 10 families, all are welcome to come and learn more about post-secondary options and requirements. Families can earn up to 2.5 hours for attending.

Croquette Fundraiser

The second delivery of 50 boxes of croquettes is almost gone. Please email marg@tdchristian.ca if you would like to make an order. A box of 36, pre-cooked beef croquettes costs \$45.

Pastors' Breakfast: Tuesday, February 26 at 8:15 a.m.

Invite your pastor and youth leaders to our Pastors' Breakfast 2019!

We need your help in getting the word out to your church's pastor, ministry staff and youth leaders. This year's Pastors' Breakfast is on Tuesday, February 26. Last year we had more than 30 attendees enjoy the opportunity to eat, talk about how to work with our students, and network. This year we'd love even more.

Guest speaker, Marianne Deeks, TDChristian's personal counselor will take us further into the world of today's teens. Besides a teen panel discussion, the group will discuss ways churches and schools, such as ours, might work together to help teens navigate their futures and be nurtured in their faith.



A personal invitation can really make the difference. A postcard came with the student's report cards yesterday. Please share it with your pastors, youth leaders and ministry staff. Find more information on our website: tdchristian.ca/pastorsbreakfast or email Patty Schuurman at schuurman@tdchristian.ca.

Course Selections for 2019-20

- M. Heinbuch

Course selections for 2019-20 began late last week for students entering grades 11 and 12. Students were given the list of possible course offerings as well as the instructions for completing course selections on MyBlueprint. Additional copies are available via the Splash! Page. Grade 12 Course Selections (i.e. from current Grade 11 students) are due Wednesday, February 27. Grade 11 Course Selections (i.e. from current Grade 10 students) are due Tuesday, February 26. Students in Grade 9 will be given instructions for Grade 10 Course Selections within a week. Grade 10 Course Selections (i.e. current Grade 9 students) are due on Monday, February 25.

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

- L. Kooy

On Wednesday, March 27, Grade 10 students will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). New senior students, students who were previously eligible but have not yet written the test, and students who were unsuccessful on previous attempts will also write the test. Preparation for this test will be on going in all grade 10 classes this semester. Senior students will be given individual practice packages. Any student writing the test this year may come to After-School Homework Club on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:45 pm for extra help, practice or advice.

Volunteer Opportunity

We need parent or guardian volunteers to assist as scribes for individual students writing the OSSLT (see above). Please contact Laura Kooy at kooy@tdchristian.ca, if you are interested.

Music Notes

- K. Hayward

Music is back up and running at full strength with all groups and classes. Please note that there are no band rehearsals on February 19, 26, March 19 or April 23.

If you have any questions about TDChristian's music program, contact Mr. Hayward at hayward@tdchristian.ca.

Parents, guardians or home stay parents of students interested in taking vocal lessons during the school day are invited to contact Mr. Hayward for further information. Currently there are spaces still available for students wishing to study voice with Ms. Melro. (see the information below).



Sandi Melro
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My passion for music started at a very young age. Music, to me, is a universal language that speaks to and welcomes everyone. To be able to teach students how to use their voice and connect it with music is such a joy. Vocal is such an emotional part of music and I love seeing how each student grows in their own confidence through singing. I have formally worked on my voice through my vocal teacher and using The Royal Conservatory Syllabus since 2011.

I am excited to be offering vocal lessons here at TD Christian beginning February 12th for 12 weeks. I will be offering 30 minute lessons at \$25 per lesson.

Got a Talent to Share? TDChristian Talent Show: Feb. 28 at 5 p.m.

On Thursday, February 28, the skilled, the talented, the funny, the bizarre and the curious will all present at TDChristian to participate in (and enjoy) the annual Talent Show! Interested students can sign-up for the show on the bulletin boards next to the vending machines. Parents, guardians, home stay parents – encourage your children or students to share their talent.

In addition to all of the fine on-stage talent, we are seeking students who do things that may not fit on a stage. Students who are equestrians, figure skaters, part of cheer squad, do gymnastics or extreme sports are invited to show video clips of themselves in action.

International Block and March Break Trips Meetings

All parents/guardians of students travelling during second semester (International Block and the March Break trips to the Dominican Republic, Belize or the Canadian Battlefields) MUST attend the meeting on Thursday, February 14 at 7 pm at TDChristian. Meet parents, guardians, home stay parents, fellow travellers and trip chaperones. Ask questions and fill out mandatory documentation. Your attendance is needed and appreciated.

Falcons Perch

- C. Hoving

The Senior Girls Tier 1 Volleyball team had a fantastic weekend at the OCSSAA (Ontario Christian Secondary Schools Athletic Association) Championships in London. The team played great volleyball and came home with the gold medal after a three set win over Woodland Christian in the final. The team has concluded its regular season in YRAA play and begin playoffs next week with a home game on Tuesday.



The Senior Girls Tier 2 Volleyball team begins its playoffs tomorrow with a game at Bur Oak HS.

The Junior Boys Basketball finished its regular season with a record of 6 wins and 2 losses to finish second in its tier. The team has its final playoff tournament at TDChristian on Wednesday, February 13. The juniors participate in a tournament for junior Christian high School this weekend hosted by Hamilton District Christian High School.

The Senior Boys Basketball team competed in its OCSSAA tournament this past weekend in Hamilton. The team won once and lost three times finishing tied for seventh in the A division. The team lost in the quarter finals to Heritage Christian in overtime by three points in a thrilling game. The boys finished second in its league and will head to Keswick High School on Monday for the final playoff tournament.

The Junior Girls Tier 2 Volleyball has been practising diligently for the last month and begins game action this week. The season started last night at Father Bressani CHS. The team hosts games at TDChristian tomorrow after school. The girls finish off the week with a tournament on Friday at Alexander Mackenzie HS.

The TDChristian varsity hockey team has begun practising as it prepares for Tuesday's tournament hosted by Hamilton District Christian High School. TDChristian's Intramural Hockey League has its final tournament on Friday, March 1 (Project Day 3).

Grade 12 students need to read the postings in the Grade 12 Guidance Group. Important information regarding next steps and scholarships has recently been posted. Read “The Scholarship Report” carefully as there may be scholarship opportunities that you did not know about and for which you may be eligible.

Students with diagnosed learning disabilities need to get in touch with the students services department in the community college or university to which they are applying to inform them of their IEPs. There are transition programs during the summer to help students prepare for university and/or community college. Students are trained in technology, learn how to set up accommodations with their special needs office and learn how to navigate the campus experience. Take advantage of such opportunities in order to get a positive head start on the school year. Check the website of the college or university to which you are applying for further details.

The **Study and Go Abroad Fair** is Canada’s largest international and student travel expo. It offers students opportunities to learn about undergraduate and postgraduate degrees and certificate and diploma programs abroad. See www.studyandgoabroad.com or attend the fair at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on March 3.

The **Interaction Conference at the University of Guelph** is for University bound grade 10 and 11 students. Spend April 24 or 25 on the University of Guelph campus, exploring the community and learning about our academic disciplines and student services. See admission.uoguelph.ca/events for more information.

CEMC Workshop for Grade 9 and 10 Girls: In 2019, this week-long event will be held at the University of Waterloo from May 11 to 18. It includes introductory programming, lectures, labs and hands-on activities that are complemented by social activities. Past participants raved about the great time they had and how the workshop changed their perceptions about computer science and computer scientists. Those selected to attend pay a \$150 registration fee, which covers the cost of travel and accommodation in residence. More information and the online application system are available at <http://www.csgirlsrock.ca>. The application deadline is February 25, 2019. Those selected to attend will be notified around March 22.

Student Volunteer Opportunity: NeighbourLink North York is looking for grade 11 and 12 students who would be willing and interested to participate and help its Spring fundraiser. Grade 12 students are needed to be on the planning committee starting in March and grade 11 students are needed to help with the event in June. If you are interested or desire more information, please contact Beth at 416-512-9154.

Summer Ideas

- The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority is once again offering the **Boyd Archaeological Field School** in the summer of 2018.(August 9 to 25) This two week interdisciplinary program offers a Grade 12U (IDC4U) credit and a DCO3O Creating Opportunities through Co-op. Days alternate between working in the field and in the classroom. Check trca.ca/boydfieldschool if you would like to know more about this exciting opportunity.
- **Explore! Live the Canadian experience!** If you are in Grade 11 or 12, consider taking EXPLORE. This five-week intensive immersion program is adapted to all skill levels. It is an opportunity to travel, learn and practise your French while discovering a new culture. The \$2800 bursary (available to all applicants) pays for most of the cost. You could also apply to **Languages at Work**, which provides opportunities to work in your host community following the Explore program. Check www.myexplore.ca and www.languagesatwork.ca/en.
- This summer, **Redeemer University College will again be offering a one-week intensive summer research fellowship for high school students.** Selected students will have the opportunity to research alongside some of Redeemer’s science faculty and undergraduate students, unpacking real-world research questions and contributing to different areas of study. The fellowship is open to students who will be entering grade 11 or grade 12 in the fall of 2019. There are up to 16 spots available. Application Deadline: March 31, 2019 candidates to be informed: April 2019, Fellowship Week: July 29 to August 2, 2019.
- **Go abroad this summer and earn a course credit** at the same time. Check Blyth Academy International Summer Programs at BlythSummers.ca or Mei International Academy at www.meiacademy.com.
- **Find a summer volunteer or paid job.** Check out summer camps for details or your City Recreation website for jobs in day camps, overnight camps, and at pools. Interviews and hiring often begins in February.
- **Camp Shalom needs staff for their summer camp program!** Positions include counsellors, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, and lifeguards. Now is the time to apply. Check www.countrysidecamp.com for more info.

Important for Art

All art students need to bring their sketchbooks and drawing pencils to every class.

In grade 9, art home work involves one sketchbook assignment and one art research assignment per week.

For art students in grades 10 to 12, there is one art history assignment due per week. An open book test in late April test will depend on the homework completed – so do your homework!

ACT FIVE at Redeemer (Gap Year Program - active.ca)

Find Direction from New Experiences! Live in a home in Hamilton, travel the world!

Act Five is a brand-new eight-month Christian gap year program (sponsored by **TDChristian**, Hamilton District Christian High School, Smithville Christian High School, Woodland Christian High School, London Christian High, and Redeemer University College) filled with adventure, travel, service, learning, and mentorship. Experience all of this in a close-knit community of no more that 12 students as you figure out together where you are going next, why your faith matters, and how you want to live in the world.

Through ACT FIVE you can...

- Figure out future pathways
- Deepen your faith and knowledge of scripture
- Form lasting relationships with peers and mentors
- Earn University credit

Attend the ACT FIVE Info Night (7pm on February 13 @ Redeemer University College), or talk to Mr. Groot. Students in grades 10 or 11 who are interested for future years can also attend the meeting or talk to Mr. Groot.

The Early Application deadline of February 15 is fast approaching.

Training Opportunity in a Skilled Trade (Grade 12 Students)

De Boer Tool in Brampton is looking to hire up to 8 people to work in its factory as CNC operators/programmers. The company has had success in the past hiring students right out of high school and training them. The owners who are Christians have reached out to TDChristian to present this as an opportunity to students who are looking to get into a trade and the work force after graduating from high school.

The company believes that this is a good opportunity for motivated students who don't have post secondary education plans and want to find skilled jobs that can lead to careers in the manufacturing industry. DeBoer Tool has an in house training program to train individuals from the ground up with no previous experience. Contact the guidance office for more details.

Will Clinic (free and earn volunteer hours, too)

TDChristian is hosting a will clinic on February 28 at 7 p.m. Learn, for free and without any obligation or strings, about Estate Planning from Christian Stewardship Services (CSS) (see the promotion for it on the following page). Earn 1.5 volunteer hours for attending. This is the same evening as the Talent Night allowing you to pick up your child at the end of their evening and yours. RSVP to vos@tdchristian.ca. **Testimonial note from Mr. Groot:** "We met with CSS years ago, thinking what's the catch? There isn't one. This organization is set up to help people estate plan and give support with regards to making wills. They do so as service, supported by charities who know that when people plan well, the charities they choose to support are better able to achieve their mission."

ESTATE PLANNING 101



377 Woodbridge Avenue,
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All age groups can benefit from an Estate Plan.

Without a sound plan, government and the courts may have a say,
but with a current plan it's YOUR way!

**TDChristian High School is hosting a complimentary estate planning seminar
and dinner to help you address questions about Estate Planning.
Thursday, February 28th, 2019 @ 7:00pm at TDChristian High School.**

Featuring: Partners from our Foundation and Christian Stewardship Services

Enjoy delicious desserts and the opportunity to have your questions answered by experts who share your values.

Can't make it out that evening? We can arrange a visit to your home at your convenience –
contact Henry Koornneef at hkoornneef@christianschoolfoundation.ca or by calling 1-877-340-9555
or contact Christian Stewardship Services at info@csservices.ca or 1-800-267-8890

RSVP to vos@tdchristian.ca

* One guest will receive a complimentary Power of Attorney for property and personal
care from Susan Duggan at Duggan Law Office 647-923-8062 (total value \$150).



An Evening with The Fidgets!



Join us as we welcome one of Canada's funniest improv teams for a night of laughs fit for the entire family, including their famous Mouse Trap game!



You're part of the show as the entire performance is based on the audience's suggestions. Who knows what will happen?

You'll also laugh for a good cause. All proceeds support TDChristian's International Block trip to the Dominican Republic!

7 PM, FRIDAY, February 15, 2019

@ TDChristian High School, 377 Woodbridge Avenue, Woodbridge



Tickets: \$20 Adults
\$15 Students
\$10 Grade 8 and below
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