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## Nota Bene

- W. Groot

It is an exciting time! Tomorrow is Grandparents' Day at TDChristian, a day for celebrating God's faithfulness from generation to generation and an opportunity to share learning and conversations. In front of the school, the base for the casting slab is being prepared. If all goes well, the slab will be poured within a week. The building expansion has begun. These two things are reminders that we are cast in God's image. He is our foundation. Amazing!

As we head into the homestretch that is the 2018-19 school year, let us continue to work together. Stay connected via Edsby and through meaningful conversations: students and teachers, teachers and parents/guardians, and students and parents/guardians. The third learning report (May 28) should help in determining what needs to be done to help each student finish well.

### **Finally, here follow a few notes about the Prom (which is NOT a school event):**

- The Student-Run Prom is usually exceptionally well-run and an enjoyable occasion; I am impressed by what I hear about the planning that has gone into the actual event this year and anticipate that the event will go well.
- I am concerned about the peer pressure and societal pressures imposed on teenagers by our culture especially AFTER the Prom. Every year, as principal, I hear wonderful stories as well as unpleasant and disappointing ones. We need to be proactive in helping our students make wise and Godly choices.
- I urge parents and guardians to be aware of where their children spend the time AFTER the prom as the get-togethers can range from well-supervised to non-supervised. Every year in the past five, parents have contacted me about some of the after Prom parties their children attended and how disappointed and sad it made them. I have also heard about the good and fun times students experienced. As a parent of four graduates, I know that two weeks before the Prom is a sensible time to connect with your children about their plans and to find out where they are going, what they are doing, and who will be supervising. Above all, talk to them about decisions that they should make before faced with them.

## Notice Book Launch & Spring Open House (Thursday, May 16, 6:00 p.m.)

Did you know that Notice is our annual collection of exemplary, interesting and noticeable student work? Dozens of students have their work highlighted every year (see the list near later in the Fridge). Join us for the unveiling on Thursday, May 16. Students who have work in the book may get a free copy if they attend the event.

It's also our Spring Open House. If you know of any family of students in grades 5 through 8, or of a high school family who is thinking of transferring their child to another school, this is the perfect opportunity to find out more about TDChristian High School. It is also a wonderful way of connecting with interested families as we welcome them to our building. This year Christian educators who are attending Mindshift Canada will be guests at the launch!

Please take time to think about who might enjoy exploring how TDChristian enfold, engages and empowers students! If you have any more questions, email Patty Schuurman at [schuurman@tdchristian.ca](mailto:schuurman@tdchristian.ca).

## Rozema Award Winner 2019: Rachael Weening

Congratulations to teacher, Rachael Weening, the winner of this year's Rozema Award for EXCELLENCE IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE TEACHING. It recognizes her teaching excellence in the International Block program because of the integration of Christian faith and global perspectives in the classroom, because it fosters cultural intelligence in our globalized world, and because the program helps students learn with and from communities in other nations. (See [cardus.ca/research/education/excellence-in-education/](http://cardus.ca/research/education/excellence-in-education/) and [cardus.ca/news/news-releases/york-region-teacher-wins-award-for-global-perspective-teaching/](http://cardus.ca/news/news-releases/york-region-teacher-wins-award-for-global-perspective-teaching/).)

Below see a photo used in the submission for the award.



## Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

Please pray for Len and Melissa Overbeek and their family as they mourn the loss of their three-year old son, Brandon who died suddenly this past Sunday of complications due to an infection. Len is the owner of Tiltwall Canada, one of the contractors working on the Project 20/20 addition.

Holly Habenschuss lost her grandfather, or Ota as she endearingly called him, last week. A very special man.

Please pray for the families in our school who rely on the fields for their livelihood. Many are unable to get on the fields or are dealing with too much water. There have also been unexpected delays of workers from the islands. Please pray for the many other families and communities in other parts of the world, including Ontario, who have been dealing with flooding.

We're thankful that the International Block trip to the Dominican Republic has been going well. Incredible learning has been taking place each day! God's spirit has been working in the hearts and minds of the participants. Please pray for the students and teachers as they wind up their trip and return home on May 17. Check out the blog for updates and specific prayer requests: [edudeo.com/hands/internationaltdld/](http://edudeo.com/hands/internationaltdld/)

Many grade 12 students are waiting to hear about final acceptance offers to universities and colleges. Please pray for them as they make decisions for moving forward while also working at finishing well here at TDChristian.

## Time Lapse Construction Cameras

- T. Buwalda

Project 20/20 Building Construction has begun and we have two time lapse feeds running at all times. You can watch anytime at [tdchristian.ca/project2020videos](http://tdchristian.ca/project2020videos).

## Dress Code

- P. Schuurman

As the weather warms up and the new spring and summer fashions arrive in stores, we ask that students, parents and guardians work with us to ensure students dress for school in clothing that works within the parameters of our school's dress code policy. It is important that we work together on this!

## Music Notes

- K. Hayward

On May 3, members of the choir enjoyed the day in St Catharines while attending the Ontario Christian High School Choral Festival. We had the opportunity to make new friends and sing praises to God with over 300 students from eleven Christian High Schools. Our guest conductors inspired us to integrate our faith and music while demonstrating excellence.

Concert Band WILL HAVE a rehearsal on the Tuesday, May 21, the day after Victoria Day as it will be our last opportunity to have a full rehearsal before the concert of May 23.

Our annual Spring Concert will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 23. It will feature music from the movies, Scottish folk music, a march, and spirituals.

If you have any questions about Music @ TDChristian, please e-mail Mr. Hayward at [hayward@tdchristian.ca](mailto:hayward@tdchristian.ca).

## Falcons Perch

- C. Hoving

The Badminton teams wrapped up their seasons with the OCSSAA Christian schools tournament hosted by Smithville Christian School at Brock University. Jason Chan and Matt Lloyd won the Senior Boys Doubles (B Division) and Ellie Soh won Midget Girls Singles (B Division). Thank you to Mrs. Schuurman, Mrs. Dengerink and Jeremy Stevens for coaching.

Boys Soccer lost a close game 3-2 to Mentor College last Monday. The boys continue with two games today against Durham College and Quinte Christian as they prepare for the OCSSAA Tournament this weekend hosted by Kings Christian Collegiate.

The Girls Soccer team began its season last night with a loss at Holy Cross. The girls are back on the field tonight at Villanova College and travel on Friday to their OCSSAA Tournament hosted by Hamilton District Christian High. Junior Ultimate had a good showing at its tournament last week in Aurora. The team played well despite winning one game and losing three. For many players it was their first game action. The team kicks off league games Thursday at Maple High School.

The Senior Ultimate team has had a strong start to its season winning the Aurora tournament and starting YRAA play with a pair of wins. The team plays tonight at home and is at a tournament at Richmond Hill HS on Friday.

The Track & Field team enjoyed a good day in Brampton on Monday taking part in the OCSSAA meet. Notable results: Tamilore Olufemi (1st in 100m, 2nd in 200m), Evan Bodini (1st in High Jump, 3rd in Long Jump), Victoria Peraza (2nd in 100m, 4th in Long Jump and Triple Jump), Evan Straatsma (2nd in Triple Jump), Adrian Straatsma (3rd in Triple Jump), Leah Van Zeumeren (2nd in High Jump), Sam Lorimer (4th in 800m), and Jacob Groot (5th in 1500m). Thanks to staff members Joel Sjaarda, Colin Hoving and Kyle Van Stryland for their coaching and work with the team.

## TDChristian Clothing

Spring clothing is now available and can be found at [www.tdchsestore.com](http://www.tdchsestore.com). A link to the website is also on the Splash! page under Family information.

### Post-Secondary

**Graduation Requirement: Grade 12 students and parents** are reminded that a mandatory requirement for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma is the completion of **40 Community Service Hours**. If you still do not have those hours completed, you need to be looking for volunteer opportunities. Signed documentation needs to be handed in to Marg in the office. Forms and guidelines (which must be followed) are available on the Splash! Page.

**Grade 12 students:** Offers from universities will be taking place throughout May so check for them regularly on the OUAC and the university portals regularly. June 3 is the deadline for accepting a university offer. If you plan to live in residence make sure you apply and pay the registration fee on time! Do you need help? Check with your guidance counsellor.

Many universities and colleges, as well as other organizations offer help with the **transition process** from high school to post-secondary. Check websites for dates and times. If you have a learning disability be sure to register with Student Accessibility Services at your chosen institution soon after you have accepted your offer. This will ensure that accommodations can be in place in September.

**Carleton Enriched Support Program:** Don't miss out on university! **ESP** is a full-time program that offers the opportunity to enrol in first-year university courses, earn admission to a degree and strengthen your academic skills. This is for high school and university students with the potential to succeed at university but who do not meet the traditional entrance requirements. Check out [carleton.ca/esp](http://carleton.ca/esp). for further details. While the application deadline is June 1, 2019, you are encouraged to apply earlier.

**Power to Change:** Graduating from high school is an exciting milestone. Will you be continuing your studies at a Canadian college or university? Make your faith count. Connect with Power to Change on your campus. [P2c.sh/find-mycampus](http://P2c.sh/find-mycampus). You can sign up for their newsletter at [p2c.com/students/subscribe](http://p2c.com/students/subscribe).

For high school graduates transitioning to post-secondary, consider going to **TRANSITION 101** in Toronto (Knox Presbyterian Church) on Saturday, June 1. Connect with God's mission on campus, God's community on campus and God's work in you. Check [transition101.ca](http://transition101.ca) for details.

Still not sure what to do? Check out the gap year program **ACTFIVE** at [checkactive.ca](http://checkactive.ca). It is supported by TDChristian, Redeemer University and four other Christian high schools. Students need not be in the university stream to apply.

### Summer Thoughts

**SUMMER SCHOOL Registration is available now in all school boards.** As TDChristian does not run a summer school program, students needing or desiring summer school credits do so through their local public/catholic school board. Students who are in danger of failing a course should register for the upgrade course (two weeks in most boards) as soon as possible. It is much easier to sign up and drop out than try to get in at the last minute. Courses often fill up quickly. Information regarding summer school is on the Splash page. Contact Mrs. Dengerink for more information.

**Ontario Summer Jobs** helps working-age students (15 to 30 years old) gain jobs and experience through a range of summer job opportunities. They connect students to free self-marketing and job search services in all employment sectors. Check [ontario.ca/page/summer-jobs-students](http://ontario.ca/page/summer-jobs-students).

**Encounters with Canada** is a national youth program for teens 14 to 17 years old, offering week-long career-themed leadership experiences in Ottawa. Meet other students from across Canada who share similar interests. Learn about careers from professionals, meet politicians, ambassadors, athletes, and business people and explore our capital city. For more information check [ewc-rdc.ca/pub/en](http://ewc-rdc.ca/pub/en)

## Vaughan Film Festival: Monday, May 13, 6:30 p.m. Colossus Vaughan

Students from TDChristian have two films that are part of this year's Vaughan Film Festival: Student Panel. See a night of student films on Monday, May 13 at 6:30 pm on the big screen at Cineplex Colossus in Vaughan. TDChristian students have won the best film award twice in previous years; we think this year we can win it again! For tickets and info, go to [www.vaughanfilmfestival.com/2019lineup](http://www.vaughanfilmfestival.com/2019lineup).

Interested in the film and TV industry? The Vaughan Film Festival has a special panel discussion event for high school students on "Women In Film." Panelists include actress Fatima Ptacek, stuntwoman Tally Rodin, and composer Tori Letzler. Be part of an interactive discussion with these talented women who will be speak about their experiences in the industry and offer salient advice to young up and comers. It's on Tuesday, May 14 in the afternoon. To find out more, contact Communications Technology teacher Tim Buwalda.

## Grade 10 French

The students in Grade 10 French will welcome their twins from Stettler, Alberta on Friday, May 10. They will stay until May 16.

## Focus Day 4 Field Trips, Wednesday, May 15

Mrs. Teh's Grade 9 English and Ms. Bauer's English as a Second Language classes will travel to Toronto for Team Scavenger Hunts. Busses leave TD at 9 a.m. and return in time to go home. Students can bring a lunch or purchase one while downtown. Students are reminded to wear appropriate clothing for the weather and comfy footwear as we will be outside for the majority of the day.

The Grade 12 Biology class is going to the Ontario Science Centre. The class will leave at 9 a.m. and return to school by 2:30 p.m. Students may bring a packed lunch or purchase one at the Science Centre cafeteria.

Grade 10, 11 & 12 Art students will be travel to the Art Gallery of Ontario. Students are required to bring their sketchbooks, a good lunch (we are not buying lunch) and money if they wish to buy some art supplies (we will also visit the store 'Above Ground' for a short time).

## Volunteers Needed

If you are a parent/homestay parent or guardian of a student in either Mrs. Teh's Grade 9 English or Ms. Bauer's English as a Second Language class, we would love to have you join us in helping out with the Scavenger Hunt. We are looking for 3 to 4 adults to come along. Please email Ms. Bauer ([bauer@tdchristian.ca](mailto:bauer@tdchristian.ca)) if you can join us on May 15 for the day!

### Parent Volunteer Opportunity - From Home

One place we advertise is on a site for independent and private schools called OurKids.net. Earn volunteer hours for writing a review to help others discover TDChristian. Obviously we are hoping for positive reviews, but we want you to be honest as well. Interested? Email Communications Coordinator Tim Buwalda ([buwalda@tdchristian.ca](mailto:buwalda@tdchristian.ca)) for details.

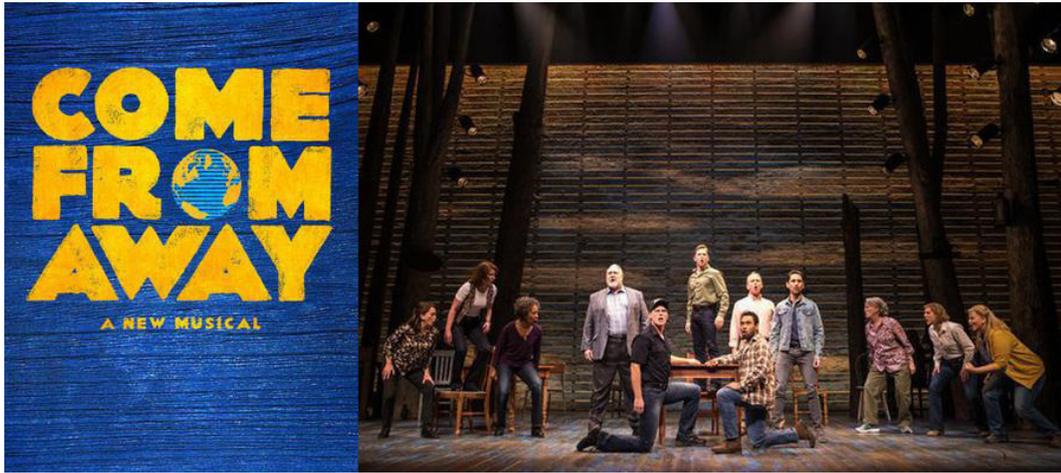
### Presentations of Learning Day Volunteers Needed

Semester Two's Presentations Day is Tuesday, June 4 from 8:55 a.m. to 2:55 p.m. Interested in seeing TDChristian students presenting their learning? Families can earn volunteer hours for visiting classes and giving feedback to our students... no experience necessary.

Contact Mr. Buwalda at [buwalda@tdchristian.ca](mailto:buwalda@tdchristian.ca) and book times that work for you (morning, afternoon, or preferably, the whole day). We usually have over 25 volunteers. We would love to have that many again or more.

## Dinner & A Show

Last week students caught a matinee of “Come from Away” and were blown away! Parents, guardians, students, and alumni are all invited to catch the show June 25; you only have till tomorrow, Thursday, May 9 to register by going to [www.tdchristian.ca/dinnerandashow](http://www.tdchristian.ca/dinnerandashow).



# BOOK LAUNCH PARTY & SPRING OPEN HOUSE

## Notice

The people of  
TDChristian High School  
making and doing  
2019



Join us to celebrate the incredible learning of our students at the launch of the 2019 edition of *Notice*.

It's also our Spring Open House. See student work, meet students & teachers, tour the school, and find out why YOU BELONG at TDChristian High School.



**THURSDAY, MAY 16, 6 PM**



Everyone's Invited!  
RSVP to [schuurman@tdchristian.ca](mailto:schuurman@tdchristian.ca)

[TDChristian.ca](http://TDChristian.ca)