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Nota Bene

- W. Groot

TDChristian's 7th edition of Passion, Wonder, Awe (PWA) is now available and will be mailed to all families and many supporters. It is a wonderful reminder of ways God works in and through the lives of TDChristian students, staff members, and graduates. The PWA editions are posted around the building. They are worth re-reading. If you know of someone we should add to our mailing list for our quarterly @TDs, email their address to Meg Cate at cate@tdchristian.ca.



Last time, I wrote about visiting Mr. James in California during the March break. He taught at TDChristian from 1972 to 1978, impacting many lives, including mine, my wife Lorraine, and some of yours, especially through his love for students and English. He still reads and writes voraciously. I asked him what made him successful as a teacher. The key for him was to be committed to doing as much work or more than any of his students (especially in preparation for his classes); he believed that by doing so, he would be able to consistently engage students in their learning. He noted that because discipline was not a strength engaging students in their learning was an important way to keep students on track. I was impressed by Mr. James life story and his reliance on God as his life has not always been easy. If you desire his contact, information, please email me at groot@tdchristian.ca. He has great memories of TDCH!

Phase 2 of Project 20/20 is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks. The building permit is ready to be picked up once the deferral of development fees from the city is done. We anticipate this will be completed within a week. We are thankful to God for the steady progress in this area. We continue to run the campaign. Your support, in prayer and giving, is appreciated. Every dollar donated now saves future interest on any mortgage.

Grade 11 Toronto Service Trip (April 2 to 4)

- P. Schuurman

On Tuesday April 2, at 7 a.m., students from Mr. Terpstra's Perspectives classes, Mr. Van Eerden's English classes, and Mr. Feddema's International Block class leave for their Toronto trip. The International Block team will return on Tuesday night while the rest of the students return on Thursday April 4 so that they can go home on their regular school buses.

This trip is a required part of the curriculum for both Perspectives and English. Students learn about the complexities of homelessness, the need to respond as Christians, and the inherent worth of each imagebearer of God. Information about the trip is found by clicking the "Grade 11 Trip and Form" link in the 2018-19 Box on the right side of the Splash! Page.

It promises to be another memorable learning trip for our students!

Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

Last week Wednesday, Noah Vander Kooi's mom, Angie, underwent surgery for a removal of a cancerous tumour. The surgery did not go as planned and the doctor was unable to remove the tumour. Angie has been referred to a new team at Mt. Sinai. Please pray for her as she waits for additional tests and new treatment plan. Continue to uphold Kevin, her husband, and Noah, too, as they support her.

We give thanks for the safe return and positive experiences of all during the March Break, including those who travelled with their church youth groups, with the school or with their families, and those who stayed at home.

The Literacy test was written today. It was a stressful time for many of our students. We pray that all the test writers feel positive about their work.

Admissions

- P. Schuurman

Continue to tell others about about TDChristian! We are accepting admissions packages for NEW students at all grade levels and are in the midst of interviewing new families. The stories we hear and things shared about each new student's journey to TDChristian remind us that this school continues to exist because of God's goodness and faithfulness. Help us to continue to enfold, engage and empower students to learn for service in the light of God's Word. If you have any questions or people to refer email Patty Schuurman at schuurman@tdchristian.ca. Learn about how you can earn volunteer hours by referring students.

Housing Needed for a New Staff Member

Hello, my name is Joel Dykxhoorn and next fall I will be beginning my new position at TDChristian. I am very excited to return to the school I attended from 2000 to 2005! Part of the transition involves a move for my family from Strathroy to the GTA. My wife, Rachel, and our two sons Colton (6) and Ezekiel (4) are looking to rent in the Vaughan area when we move in late July. We would like a unit that has at least two bedrooms along with a room/area for the boys to play. If you or someone that you know has a potential house/unit to rent that would be suitable for our family please email me at joeldykxhoorn@gmail.com. If you have any questions feel free to inquire. Thank you! We look forward to joining the TDChristian community in the coming months!

Falcons Perch

- C. Hoving

The Junior Girls Tier 2 Volleyball team finished its season last week with the final tournament at Sutton DHS. Although winless, the girls had a fun day. Thank you to Mrs. Van Schepen for coaching.

Badminton teams are finalized. The Senior team begins Round 1 of Playoffs on Friday at Tommy Douglas SS. TDChristian hosts Junior Round 1 next Tuesday. Coaches are Ms. Schuurman and Mr. Jeremy Stevens.

Boys and Girls Soccer, and Junior and Senior Ultimate began tryouts this week and will continue into next week.

Track & Field will start with an info meeting and sign up tomorrow at lunch. Practices will begin on or after April 8.

Music Notes

- K. Hayward

The music department is tuning up for the Elementary School Band Festival held at TDChristian on April 5. Students who assist in the leadership of this event will need to be at school from 8 a.m. until about 3:30 p.m. Since it is Project Day 4, students will need to arrange transportation to and from school.

Details about the annual Ontario Christian High School Choral Festival to be held on May 3 will follow as we get closer to the event.

There will be no Band rehearsals on the morning of April 23.

If you have any questions about music @ TDChristian, please send an e-mail message to Mr. Hayward.

March Break Trips

(Canadian Battlefields Trip (Mr. Robinson)

During the March Break, a small group of students, parents and Mr. Robinson joined Maitland's Air Cadet Corps in exploring Holland, Belgium and France. TDChristian students have the opportunity to go on the EF Canadian Battlefields trip every two years. The trip provides travelers with insights into the region's vibrant geography, culture and history with an emphasis on the two world wars. While the weather, this March, was a bit cold and wet, the fellowship was warm and the experiences were rich. We will share our adventures at two different times: April 1 during our assembly and on April 25 during TDChristian's membership meeting.



Belize Service Trip (Mr. & Mrs. Dengerink, Marg)

The 11 students and three chaperones who travelled to Belize during the March break arrived back safely though they miss the warmth of the Belizean people and culture. It was an incredible trip. The team worked very hard under the hot sun at Santa Elena Roman Catholic School digging, mixing concrete, tying rebar, welding and going into classrooms. Recess times were filled with lots of playing as an army of children flocked to run, jump and play with the TDChristian students; it may have been even more tiring than the work.

The team felt the love from the school community, hosts Richard and Lucille, the local workers from whom they learned, and the folks that passed by as team members walked to work and through town. Everyone fell in love with the slow, laid back pace of the country.

On off-days the team worshipped at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, climbed Mayan ruins, took a river cruise, went cave tubing, visited the zoo, experienced a local market and bonded as a group.

Thank you to everyone who supported the team – financially, prayerfully

and through lots of encouragement.

Dominican Republic Service and Cultural Learning Trip (Ms. Weening)

Fifteen people recently embarked to the Dominican Republic (DR) for a service and cultural learning trip. This short-term experience piggy-backed off TDChristian's existing relationships with partners in the DR. Students kept busy as they poured a concrete roof and painted the interior of a house for a ministry partner. The team moved to a second location, another ministry centre, to complete various jobs. Students built bunk beds, a dining table, doors, and constructed an office. They also went to a batey (a remote cane-cutting village) to work on a church.

In addition to service work, students were involved in a feeding program, visited an orphanage for differently-abled children as well as a batey, a 30-minute drive into the sugar cane fields. Other activities included leading games and Sunday School activities in a village and participating in worship in three vastly different churches.



All in all, the group experienced a varied, culturally-rich, immersive and busy twelve days. When reflecting on the trip as a whole, nearly all the highlights featured interactions with various Dominicans. Given the beautiful, inclusive, unconditionally-loving nature of Dominicans, such reflections are not surprising. They are a wonderful gift of God through people.

Guidance Corner

- C. Hoving

- **College and University applicants** should check university and college emails, mail and websites for information on scholarship deadlines, personal information forms, auditions and mandatory information or testing sessions. Missing a deadline may mean missing an opportunity to be accepted to a program of choice.
- Students should make sure to set up accounts with the schools to which they applied to in order to get all the information needed to make decisions by the stated deadlines.
- **University and College Tours:** Prior to making your final post-secondary institution choice make sure you go on a campus tour! Sign-ups are available on the university or college website.

Grade 10 and 11 Students: The Interaction Conference at the University of Guelph is for grade 10 and 11 students who have a passion for learning and a desire to continue their education beyond the secondary school level. This year, there will be over 40 sessions that aim to introduce university living and learning through informative and interactive sessions led by Guelph's faculty and staff. The \$30 fee lunch. Check admission.uoguelph.ca/interaction for more information. The registration deadline is April 8, 2019.

The **2019 US College Expo** will be held at Roy Thomson Hall on Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Meet with American Universities, NCAA, Common App, Admissions and Financing Experts and more. More information can be found at uscollegeexpo.com/toronto-roy-thomson-hall.

Summer Ideas

Summer School information for local public and Catholic School Boards will be coming soon. Students can attend to recover a credit or to take a new course. If you would like to earn a credit while studying abroad check <https://blythsummers.ca/> or <http://www.meiacademy.com/2018-all-mei-summer-study-abroad-programs/> for more information.

The *Faculty of Science at York University* offers their Helix Summer Science Institute, as well as a new program, Spark Lab. The Helix Summer Institute is an enrichment program that runs during July. It is designed for high achieving high school students who are passionately interested in science and mathematics. For more information, go to helix.science.yorku.ca/. The Spark Lab program offers week-long sessions designed for students who want more hands-on science to explore physics, biology and chemistry through lab work. Courses run throughout July and August. Check helix.science.yorku.ca/spark/ for more information.

The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority is offering the *Boyd Archaeological Field School* in the summer of 2019. It is scheduled for August 9 to 25. This two week interdisciplinary program offers a Grade 12U (IDC4U) credit and a DCO30 Co-op credit. Days alternate between working in the field and in the classroom. If you would like to know more about this exciting opportunity, visit trca.ca/boydfieldschool

Summer Camp Work and Volunteer Opportunities

- Camp Shalom needs staff for its summer camp program! Positions include counsellors, maintenance and kitchen staff, and lifeguards. Check www.countrysidecamp.com.
- Muskoka Bible Centre needs staff for its summer programs. Check steppingstones.muskokabiblecentre.com for more information.
- Camp Widjitiwin also has summer work opportunities for students. Make a difference this summer! Apply by going to widjitiwin.ca/work-at-widji/.
- Christian Horizons Family Retreat needs volunteers from August 26 to 30, 2019. The retreat is a unique opportunity for families living with disability to enjoy a vacation together in a safe, fun and rejuvenating atmosphere. Connect with families who live with disability while being encouraged by the Word of God through teaching, worship, and fellowship. Check www.christian-horizons.org/what-we-do/family-camp for more information.
- Beacon Bible Camp in Gravenhurst offers camp programs for teenagers as well as volunteer opportunities for one or more weeks. Visit beaconbiblecamp.com/ for more information.

1:11 Arts Camp

All across Canada (and the world!), Christians are rediscovering the power of the arts to share the gospel. For many young artists, this means unprecedented opportunity to develop their skills in a way that serves God. Since 2011, 1:11 Ministries has been running an annual camp in the Niagara Falls, Ontario area, for young dancers 9 to 18 (all levels of experience). With 5 or more hours of dance classes per day along with in-depth Bible studies and arts workshops that expose students to other forms of creative expression, 1:11 Arts Camp is an amazing opportunity for students to grow in excellence as dancers and in their walk with God.

Camp runs from July 29 to August 3, 2019. Find more information at www.one11ministries.com/artscamp. Group and sibling discounts are available. Attending students may also audition to take part in 1:11's upcoming Christmas tour Holy Night.

Community Service Hours Opportunity

NeighbourLink North York is looking for grade 11 or 12 students who would be interested in volunteering at our spring fund raiser "Hello Spring" garden tour and English tea on June 8th in North York. This fund raiser would be a great way for students that still need their community service hours to gain them. Or to just have a great volunteer experience at a fun fund raiser. Please email neighbourlink1@295.ca we are looking forward to hearing from you.

Dinner & A Show: Parent/Guardian/Teacher Version

In just over a month, many of our students will be travelling downtown to catch the smash-hit musical, "Come From Away." When we put word out for students who were interested, we heard back from an overwhelming number of parents, guardians and teachers, too. However, we can't accommodate either at a student group rate.

But fear not! TDChristian is now running "Dinner & A Show: Parent/Guardian/Teacher Version" in June 25. You can catch the international sensation "Come From Away" after dinner at the Hothouse Restaurant, all for \$110. To book your seat, register under the "Calendar" tab at tdchristian.ca/. If you are interested, go to this link and fill out the Interest Form. <http://www.tdchristian.ca/dinnerandashow>.



Upcoming Trips

The Improv Team will be going to Ottawa from April 1 to 5 for the Canadian Improv Games Nationals with Mr. Peters.

The grade 10 French class will be going to Stettler, Alberta for a student exchange from April 5 to 12 with Ms. Joose and Mr. Freeman.

The grade 12 French class will be going to Montreal, Quebec from April 17 to 20 with Ms. Joose.

Grade 12 Students: Photos from the Past Needed ASAP

- T. Buwalda

Kindergarten Photos of Grade 12 students are needed ASAP.

If you are the parent/guardian/homestay of a grade 12 student, we need a picture from his or her kindergarten years for graduation and the yearbook. If you could ensure a that a printed photo is brought to the office for Marg to scan or send a digital copy to Mr. Buwalda by email (or Edsby). This is NOT a surprise so your Grade 12 child can bring it in, as well.

Please do his before April 10. Sooner would really be helpful.

From the Art Room

- J. Tenyenhuis

The Art Room is in need of large cookie tins (to store items) and electric griddles, or frying pans (for encaustic painting).

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9 o'clock

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This year marks the
60th anniversary of
WILLOWDALE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL.

Please join us for a
PANCAKE BREAKFAST &
OPEN HOUSE
as we celebrate
God's faithfulness.

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