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Nota Bene

- W. Groot

Welcome Back! Is the theme on which we focused with the return after a very long March Break – one that included the entire summer. Much has happened in our world to remind us of our limitations as humans but also our resilience. We move forward one step at a time in faith.

Thank you for your support, your prayers, and your input. You count on us. We count on you. Above all, we count on our gracious and powerful God and Father. "Anyone who listens to Jesus' teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock." I have understood more deeply than ever, this summer, that we are on a Rock that will not move.

As the days turn into weeks and months, we will continue to work with each of our students – enfold them into our community, engaging them in learning, and empowering them to serve God and others in and outside the classroom. Our hope and plan are to have students at school as much as we can and as safely as we can. It is about learning – in many ways – for service in the light of God's Word. However, we are ready to help our students learn wherever they are during this still uncertain time.

I write this message with a mix of trepidation and excitement – the adventure is ahead. We go together as God's children. Feel free to contact me or anyone on the leadership team by email, Edsby message or phone.

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- Patty Schuurman, Vice-Principal (Admissions) – schuurman@tdchristian.ca

P.S. Reminder: Use the **COVID Self-Assessment** each morning. It is NOW a **green button on the Splash! Page**. The link is [splash.tdchristian.ca/pdf/202021/COVID-19 Self Assessment.pdf](http://splash.tdchristian.ca/pdf/202021/COVID-19%20Self%20Assessment.pdf)

P.P.S. Masks with respirators should NOT be worn as what the person breathes comes out of the valve.

Project 20/20

- L. Fernhout

Project 20/20 construction is now 95% complete! You have been an incredible blessing to TDChristian's Project 20/20 by giving your time, money, and prayers. Our campaign has reached \$3.3 million, the most TDChristian has ever raised. Given the construction costs and the pandemic, however, we could end up with a loan of \$4.5 million. The Giving Catalogue has raised over \$90,000 in items which includes a matching gift. Kristina's Wish seat campaign has raised \$20,000, enough to buy 19 seats for the Presentation Centre. Although the construction is near complete, the campaign continues! We humbly present the following things that TDChristian's Project 20/20 still needs. Together we can ensure a stronger financial position for TDChristian to continue helping students learn for service in the light of God's Word.

CURRENT NEEDS:

1. Project 20/20 Building: go to tdchristian.ca/giving or use the pledge form at tdchristian.ca/project2020
2. View the Giving Catalogue for items to furnish the new addition at tdchristian.ca/givingcatalogue.

3. Sound and Lighting System: \$5,500 is still needed to complete the matching gift. Email fernhout@tdchristian.ca.
4. Kristina's Wish (seat campaign): Check tdchristian.ca/wish to find out more!

FUNDRAISER FOR PROJECT 2020:

TDChristian alumnus, Byron Elzinga '07, Pampered Chef consultant, will donate all proceeds of this fundraiser to Project 20/20. That means up to 30% of every order placed via the dedicated shopping link before September 25 will be designated to Project 20/20. (Please note that this event is not an endorsement of Pampered Chef by TDChristian.)

Product Spotlight: Stoneware

Stoneware has been in the Pampered Chef product line up since the very beginning, 40 years ago. It continues to be one of the number one selling products, and this year, in 2020, Pampered Chef has refreshed the Stoneware lineup with new material and technology.

Introducing StoneFusion – StoneFusion is everything you liked about our previous stoneware product, taken up a level... this stoneware is broiler safe (up to 550 degrees), preheat for up to 30 minutes, and dishwasher safe ... I know everyone has always told you “don’t use soap on your stoneware, it will make food taste soapy”, well that is no longer true. Simply look for the new ribbon design on the bottom to determine if your stoneware is made with this new StoneFusion material. Backed with a 3-year warranty.

To order use the shopping link at pamperedchef.ca/party/project2020



Firehall Thrift Store Update

- P. Haffenden

So far, over 25 people (students and parents/guardians) have volunteered in the set up of the showroom. We need more volunteers. For more information as to how you can do so, see the form sent with a recent Edsby message or email 325@tdchristian.ca. We need people to set up the space and to sort items for the store. Eventually, we will need weekly volunteers.

Next week, a message will be sent out indicating what, how, and when people can drop off items for the thrift store. Stay tuned. Thanks for your patience.

Finally, if you are able to help with pick ups and drop offs using your own vehicle or helping someone else, email 325@tdchristian.ca.

What's Upcoming?

Project Day Quad 1 is Friday, October 9. Students stay home to work on two-hour long projects (four hours, in total) for each of their two classes.

Thanksgiving Day is Monday, October 12. No school.

Learning Reports will be posted in Edsby after 3 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13.

Fall Open House is Wednesday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m.

New Members Meeting is Tuesday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m. by Zoom. If you are interested in learning about and/or becoming a voting member of TDChristian contact Lynne Elliott at elliott@tdchristian.ca.

Annual Edvance Conference (for Christian School Teachers) is Thursday, October 29. Friday, October 30 is a PD Day for staff to assess how things are going and make adjustments in this new type of schooling. Students will not be at school but will be able to use those days to catch up on any work that needs to be completed for the end of the quadmester and to prepare for Final Evaluations on November 10. Officially, Thursday is Quad 1 Work Day and Friday is a PD day.

High School Culture Zoom meeting on Thursday, November 5 at 7 p.m. More details to come.

Last Day of Regular Classes for Quad 1 is Monday, November 9.

Final Evaluations Day for Quad 1 is Tuesday, November 10.

Turnaround Days are Wednesday, November 11 and Thursday, November 12. Students stay home. Teachers are finalizing Quad 1 Learning Reports and preparing for Quad 2.

First day of Quad 2 is Friday, November 13.

Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

In this part of the Fridgedoor, 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 dengerink@tdchristian.ca or marg@tdchristian.ca.

Welcome to another year of learning for service in the light of God's Word! Although things are very different, it is so good to be in community once again. A special welcome to our new Art teacher, Ms. Christina Sanita and all our new students. We hope that they will soon feel at home among us.

Congratulations to Ms. Bauer who married Dan and became Mrs. Jaworski in August. We wish them a lifetime of happiness.

We extend our condolences to Ms. Jooisse as her father passed away early last week. Her dad loved to sing and he is now singing in the heavenly choir.

Katryna Martens', opa, Albert Martens died suddenly on the weekend. We extend our prayers to his family as they mourn the loss of a beloved father and grandfather. May they feel surrounded by the love of God and their community.

Scheduling

- M. Heinbuch

While course changes to Quadmester 1 are no longer permitted, due to the need of maintaining Quad 1 cohorts, changes can still be made to Quads 2, 3, or 4. Keep in mind that some cohorts are full and may have a waitlist. Requests for schedule changes must be emailed to schedules@tdchristian.ca by parents or guardians. Use the 2020-21 Timetable link on the Splash! page, under the "Course Info" menu, to view cohort pairings and when they are offered. Lastly, keep in mind that changes in one quadmester may impact other quadmasters due to conflicts.

School Culture

- J. Dykxhoorn

This week, "Welcome Back! BBQs" were organized and led by the P.E Leadership Class. Thank you to parent volunteers who helped and to the students who did a fantastic job in organizing and leading them. Today, our first assembly was broadcast to students from our YouTube channel, TDCHWoodbridge.

We continue to look for ways to connect students with one another while maintaining physical distance and mask wearing. For many, wearing a mask is challenging and staying in a cohort is, as well. However, students are encouraged to talk with others students in their cohorts. See it as an opportunity to begin new relationships while adhering to mask wearing, physical distancing, and handwashing.

Together, we can do this!

Volunteering Opportunities

1. See the Firehall Thrift section (earlier in this edition). People are needed to pick up, sort, and set up.
2. Help clean TDChristian. Email facilities@tdchristian.ca. Wait for a response to ensure that you are part of the team. Space is limited.

Transportation

- J. Dykxhoorn

The year has started well. There were a few hiccups as a result of overnight vandalism with two of our buses that caused some delays. Our routes are working well. The map size on Bus Tracker is an issue. The company knows about it. Hopefully, the Tracker will be transitioned into a new format a bus at a time throughout the year.

Students MUST wear their masks the entire time they are on the bus. They MUST sit in their assigned seats. A great majority of students have done this well. They are encouraged to continue while encouraging those people who struggle and being direct with those who are defiant. It is for everyone's safety and well-being.

Admissions

- P. Schuurman

Greetings to all! A special welcome to our new families as they become part of TDChristian community! Despite the challenges that COVID poses, know that we are glad and thankful that you and your children join us in learning for service in light of God's Word.

We begin the admissions cycle for 2021-22, as the fall approaches. If you would like to join us – or if you know of families who are looking to explore a high school option – mark Thursday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m. for our Fall Open House. Pass the word along! We would love to show people TDChristian. More details to come. If you have any questions about admissions, email Patty Schuurman at schuurman@tdchristian.ca.

From the Finance Office

- M. Rosie

If you need to connect with the Finance Office, you can reach me at mrosie@tdchristian.ca or via extension 214.

Board Matters

- Peggy Raspa, Board Secretary

Welcome BACK! As a board we are excited that TDChristian's staff and students have returned to on-campus learning. Much dialogue, planning and hard work this summer by the Leadership Team (LT – William Groot, Joel Dykxhoorn, Matt Heinbuch, Colin Hoving, and Patty Schuurman) was dedicated to preparing for this momentous occasion. While we recognize that COVID 19 and its challenges may still require fluidity and flexibility to this school year, we give much thanks and appreciation to our Lord for His provisions and also acknowledge the diligence and passion with which our LT has set the ground work for students to be back to school and IN-SCHOOL. THANK YOU!

Project 20/20 achieved substantial completion on Sept. 1 (i.e. 95% completion) and there is much anticipation around accessing our new facilities – stay tuned to Principal's messages and future Fridge Door publications for specifics! Thank you to past and present Board and Building Committee Members for their part in making TDChristian an even greater place to learn for service in the light of God's Word!

With the building portion of Project 20/20 almost complete (the Campaign continues), the Board will be moving forward with excitement towards future plans for TDChristian. The board is examining the possibility of hiring a consultancy firm to develop strategies to plot a three to five-year course for TDChristian.

Our plan is to share this road map with the TDChristian Community at our Spring 2021 Membership Meeting. Please pray that we would clearly hear and follow the Lord's leading as we set our eyes on the future of His school.

Through it all, let us continue to encourage one another to Rejoice, pray and give thanks! (1Thessalonians 5:16-18)

In closing, "may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is FAITHFUL, who also WILL DO IT (1 Thessalonians 5:23)"

Grade 11 Mentorship

- S. VanEerden

Because of workplace uncertainty caused by COVID-19, Mentorship will be different this year. We have worked to create an assignment that focuses more on service and connection than on career exploration, although that is still an option for students are interested. Students will be expected to connect with an adult in a place where they can learn, volunteer, and further discover God's call in their lives. The most important change is that it will be contained completely in the English 11/New Testament class where students will be presented with the information and the assignments.

Falcon's Perch

- C. Hoving

As outlined in the August mailing, fall sports are currently cancelled for the leagues and affiliations that we participate in. As we get into a routine at school, we will look at opportunities for sports that can be done safely outside and inside, likely after school.

Music Notes

- K. Hayward

Music @TDChristian is adjusting to our current realities. Plans are currently being assessed for the possibilities of starting of Ascension (our praise band), concert band, choir, and jazz band.

Once plans are finalized they will be shared with the school community. Those interested in being a part of these groups are encouraged to look for further information to be shared, hopefully, by Thanksgiving.

Guidance Corner

- E. Dengerink

Who is your guidance counsellor? Students via their homeroom designation are assigned to a guidance counsellor who will work with them through their time at TDChristian. Students in Homerooms A to J are with Mrs. Judy Van Schepen (ext. 220). Homerooms K to U have been assigned to Mrs. Evelyn Dengerink (ext. 212). Homerooms are not meeting currently but students are able to see which homeroom they belong to on Edsby.

Mrs. Marianne Deeks is our school therapist. She is available via Zoom this year. If you would like to be referred to her, you should connect with your guidance counsellor.

Students who prefer to talk to a male counsellor will be referred to or may connect with Mr. Heinbuch.

If there are concerns or questions, you would like the school to address, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers or their guidance counsellor. Edsby is often the fastest and best way to make initial contact.

Future Directions: Tonight (Sept. 17), we will hold an information session for Grade 11 and 12 parents, guardians, homestay parents, and students at TDChristian. People may attend via Zoom. Registration for this event is now closed. Participants will get an overview of the year as well as post-secondary options. We will explain what preliminary research needs to take place and how you can support your children in this next phase of their educational path. NOTE: In February, we will hold a similar event for families with students in Grade 10.

College & University Information: The Grade 12 Guidance Group is live on Edsby. Students, parents, guardians, and homestay parents can access Information about scholarships, open houses, deadlines, university/college virtual visits at TDChristian, and more by checking this group regularly! To join, message Mrs. Dengerink via Edsby.

The Ontario University Fair is not taking place this year. Instead, students can sign up for Information events and Virtual Tours will specific universities. Check the OUF website ontariouniversitiesfair.ca to sign up for information from individual universities.

The Ontario Community College Fair will be a virtual event on October 21 and 22. Registration for this event is coming soon. Check ocif.ca for further details.

Scholarships: Please note that not all scholarships are based on academic achievement. Many reward creative thinking, community involvement, and/or 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." For further information, visit www.loranscholar.ca. You can apply online. Deadlines are October 15 and October 22, 2020.

The Horatio Alger Ontario Scholarship Program 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 horatioalger.ca to see if you qualify. Deadline is October 26, 2020.

Learning Commons

- M. Jaworski

We have started a new year of learning at TDChristian. Many of you reached out to Resource via email or over Edsby. Hopefully, you have heard back from our department regarding your questions. If have not, or you would like to know more information as to how Resource works here at TDChristian, please contact your child's Learning Coordinator. Mrs. Michelle Jaworski connects with students in homerooms A to J (jaworski@tdchristian.ca). Mrs. Joni Knibbe is the liaison for homerooms K to U (knibbe@tdchristian.ca).

Centre Stage

- R. Peters

On the school show front, we were very sad to have to cancel our Spring Alumni Production of "39 Steps" (based on the classic movie by Alfred Hitchcock) this past June. We are happy to announce that we will still be performing this hilarious Broadway adaptation early in the new year with a cast of only FOUR! Because of the pandemic, we

will likely have an extended run (allowing for small audiences) as well as a livestream, early in the new year, so stay tuned!

This past Monday, our improv team met in the Black Box for the first time in over half a year! For those new to TDChristian, every year, our team regularly competes in the Canadian Improv Games Toronto Tournament (the most competitive tournament in the country). Over the past five years, we have won bronze once, and gold twice! This year the competition is moving completely online requiring significant modifications. However, our players are more than up to the task. We are currently looking at ways to bring back adLIBB (which stands for Library Improv in teh Black Box) to audiences in some form.

We have some even more exciting news for the days ahead that but we are not yet at liberty to disclose it. These are challenging times, but as improvisers we are thriving because we know how to adapt on a dime.

Library Shelf

- J. Knibbe

Welcome back! It's great to see many people back in the building.

For students new to TDChristian, and as a reminder to returning students, a few points about Library use at TD Christian:

- You don't need a TDChristian library card to borrow books.
- A book can be borrowed for a 4-week period. You will receive an Edsby message just before it is due. It is possible to ask for a renewal over Edsby.
- If the librarian is unavailable, students can borrow a book by leaving a note listing the full name of the borrower, the book's title, and the last 5 digits of the TDChristian bar code (a sticker on the back of the book).
- Because the library is being used as the Learning Commons, many of the non-fiction titles have been packed up temporarily to make room.
- The fiction section of the library is still fully available. If a student needs a particular book, and can't find it, just ask the librarian.
- The Science Fiction/Fantasy section, a favourite of many students, is available in a different library location.

TDChristian Archives

- J. Knibbe

We love to keep in contact with all of our alumni and send them the @TDChristian quarterlies! We encourage you to send us your address to alumni@tdchristian.ca. We will send you these four exciting publications which feature the Start of the Year, A Report Card on the Calendar Year, a double-issue featuring alumni, projects, and the people of TDChristian, and our Grads, who they are and where they are going.

We are looking for any information, programs, and photos about drama presentations at TDChristian for 1964-65, 1965-66, 1966-67, 1968-69, 1975-76, 1977-78, 1977-78, 1981-84, and 1987-88. Play programs, particularly for these years, would be great additions to the archives. We can scan and return any items that you wish to keep.

School Store

- E. Roorda

To place your order, go to the Splash! Page, click the blue box "LUNCH ORDERS", choose the lunch item and date, click view cart, proceed to check out, fill in the form and pay.

On line ordering for next week is complete. Orders for the week of Sept. 28 to Oct. 2 can be made from the morning of Monday, Sept. 21 until Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 4:00 p.m. This pattern will continue until further notice. Items ordered will be delivered to the place students eat their lunches (usually their morning classrooms).

Note: School store lunches are available for ordering via online only.

A Message from the Environmental Block Class

To help with health and safety restrictions, students are being asked to return all lunch items to their back-pack. Specifically, we are not able to do container recycling at school like usual.

Please:


- put all container recycling from drinks or your lunch into your back-pack to recycle at home.
- use the blue recycling bin in classrooms ONLY for most paper products besides paper towels or tissues.
- put all other waste in the garbage containers place in classrooms. Thanks for your participation.

Edsby

Thank you to the many parents who have confirmed their edsby accounts for their child/children. For those who also indicated corrections to your information, we are currently working through the change requests. Kindly refrain from re-submitting the requests while these updates are taking place. Change requests will be completed by Tuesday, September 22.



TDChristian's Fall Open House



**Families of grades 5-8:
Discover why you belong here!**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 6:30 PM
Join us In Person or Online via Zoom*

Meet teachers, see our amazing learning spaces, explore our unique programs and be one of the first to tour our brand new building expansion, **Project 20/20!**

To RVSP (for in person or online), email
VP Admissions Patty Schuurman at
schuurman@tdchristian.ca today.



**Strict safety guidelines and social distancing will be followed.*

