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## Nota Bene

- W. Groot

"It's about learning" was a line I often used as a teacher – especially when students talked to me about grades. Listening to concerns about whether marks were right and fair had to be discussed thoughtfully and approached through the lens of "it's about learning." Without that focus, discussions could denigrate to numbers; opportunities to learn were lost.

Especially during this pandemic, we must commit to a learning mindset. As a mathematician, numbers are crucial but they must be used well as we make decisions. Together – students, families, and school – with the support and guidelines of the Ministry of Health through the York Region Public Health Unit, we will continue to learn how to best move forward for the safety of all: physically, mentally, and emotionally.

Above all, we must be ready spiritually. Thank you for your notes of encouragement, your questions, conversations, and prayers. Difficult decisions may lie ahead of us but we are grounded on the Rock that is our God. As school leaders we, too, are learning for service in the light of God's Word.

### Extra notes:

Our initial hope was to have members of the Class of '20 gather at the school in the new addition in October around Thanksgiving and also pick up their Ontario Secondary School Diplomas and Certificates. Because of provincial restrictions, the gathering will not be possible. However, diplomas and certificates have arrived at the school. Over the next few weeks, we will distribute them, where possible, via family members and community connections. Contact Marg ([marg@tdchristian.ca](mailto:marg@tdchristian.ca)) if you want to come to the school to pick up your, your relative's or a friend's package.

**Strategic Planning** is beginning. Staff members will be consulted in October. A grade 12 class will provide its insight on November 5. From 7 to 9 p.m., on November 5, a Zoom meeting will be held from about 7 to 9 p.m. for parents and guardians. **Please keep this evening free as we would appreciate your input to help TDChristian plan for the future. Parents/guardians will be able to earn volunteer hours for participating.** Email [marg@tdchristian.ca](mailto:marg@tdchristian.ca) for the link.

## Project 20/20

- L. Fernhout



The fall edition of the @TDChristian will be mailed soon. Read about Project 20/20, the start of 2020-21, and sign up for a private tour of the Project 20/20 space. We praise and thank God as the school was granted occupancy last Thursday. Students are now using the new front doors to enter in the morning and leave at day's end. We will begin using the entire building, the Lord willing, on Day 1 of Quad 2, Nov. 13.

The campaign continues. So far, \$3,340,000 has been raised for Project 20/20 plus over \$100,000 for Giving Catalogue items.

To give to the Project 20/20 Campaign, go to [tdchristian.ca/giving](http://tdchristian.ca/giving) or make a pledge using the form at [tdchristian.ca/project2020](http://tdchristian.ca/project2020).

Through four donors, funds were raised for a much better Saw Stop Table saw for the STEM space than we anticipated! (See photo to the left).

To bless the day-to-day learning at TDChristian, see the Giving Catalogue at [tdchristian.ca/givingcatalogue](https://tdchristian.ca/givingcatalogue).

The Tech Department found a fine deal on laptops for the Learning Commons. We anticipated purchasing ten for \$1,500 each (as noted in catalogue). We were able to purchase 15 for \$600 each (taxes included). If you would like to make a donation for one or more of them, donate online or send a cheque. Be sure to note to what you are donating.

**Kristina's Wish Seat Campaign:** \$24,221 has been raised – over 85 donors thus far – enough to purchase 23 seats at \$1,070 per seat; 204 seats are still needed to fill the Presentation Centre. To donate go to [tdchristian.ca/wish](https://tdchristian.ca/wish).



## Learning Commons

- M. Jaworski

Did you know that your child can get academic support daily? From Monday to Thursday, homework help is available! Homework Club runs from 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. in the Learning Commons/Library. Students need to be picked up by 3:30 p.m. Teachers from all subject areas are available to support you. For information or to sign up for regular help, email [jaworski@tdchristian.ca](mailto:jaworski@tdchristian.ca) or [knibbe@tdchristian.ca](mailto:knibbe@tdchristian.ca). See you there!

## Fire Hall Thrift Store Update

- P. Haffenden

We are NOT yet able to open, but we can use your help as we continue to work inside the store as the team prepares for the launch of the e-store. Website work is being done.

If for any of the following your answer is “yes”, email Paul at [325@tdchristian.ca](mailto:325@tdchristian.ca).

1. Anyone interested in looking into Metal Recycling and Electronics recycling? Making such connections would generate revenue for items that we might otherwise throw out.
2. Do you have good coat hangers or coat hangers for children's clothing?
3. Have a large item that you wish to drop off? We will begin to schedule week day drop off times beginning the week of Oct. 19 with the plan of eventually having standard drop-off hours.
4. Interested in volunteering (parents, guardians or students)? Include when and what you would like to do.

## Fall Open House

- P. Schuurman

It's next week Thursday, October 22 and starts at 6:30 p.m. – in person and remotely.

Bring a prospective family – have them explore TDChristian as a high school option. Or, pass along the information to them. Word of mouth is a great way to tell others about TDChristian! A tour of the expansion is included!

For those who prefer to access this event online, we will email you a Zoom link.

Either way, RSVP to [schuurman@tdchristian.ca](mailto:schuurman@tdchristian.ca) as soon as possible to be part of this great event!

If you have any questions at all about admissions please email Patty Schuurman at [schuurman@tdchristian.ca](mailto:schuurman@tdchristian.ca).

## What's Upcoming?

**Fall Open House** is Thursday, October 22 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Attend in person or remotely (see above).

**Student Photo Retake Day** is Friday, October 23. If you are unhappy with your photos, missed the first time around or want to order photos, this is the day to come. Please take the undesired photos or the form and payment for a new order. Students who only wish to have a student card or have their yearbook photo can do so for free. Order forms can be picked up in the office.

**Grade 12 Grad Photos** begin Friday, October 23 and continue into the following week. Cleaning and distancing protocols will be in place. An email with instructions about how to sign up for a time slot was sent to Grade 12 students and their families/homestays/guardians. A more detailed Edsby message will be sent within a week.

**New Members Meeting** is Tuesday, October 27 at 7 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](mailto:elliott@tdchristian.ca).

**Annual Edvance Conference** (for Christian School Teachers) is Thursday, October 29. This is a Quad 1 Work Day for students to catch up on any work at home that needs to be completed for the end of the quadmester and to prepare for Final Evaluations that may occur any time before or on November 10.

**Friday, October 30 is a PD Day** for staff to assess how things are going and make adjustments in this new way of schooling. Students are encouraged to use it to finish Quad 1 work and to prepare for final evaluations.

**Grade 9 Take Your Kids to Work Day** is Wednesday, November 4. See the article later in the Fridge Door for more details.

**Strategic Planning Meeting for Parents/Guardians** on Thursday, November 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. Identify ways to help TDChristian move forward into the future. To be part of and contribute to this exciting and significant process, email [marg@tdchristian.ca](mailto:marg@tdchristian.ca) for the Zoom link. This event will tie into or replace the High School Culture night.

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

**Final Evaluations Days for Quad 1** are Tuesday, November 10 and Wednesday, November 11. Most students will be done on Tuesday. On Wednesday, teachers will be complete Quad 1 marking and writing Learning Reports.

**Turnaround Day is Thursday, November 12.** Students stay home while teachers prepare for Quad 2.

**First day of Quad 2** is Friday, November 13.

**Quad 2 Project Day is now on December 4, 2020. December 11 will be a regular school day.**

## Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday which gives us pause to think about the multitude of incredible things for which we can be thankful. Pray that we live with an attitude of gratitude for God's grace lavished on us every day.

Please pray for the Open House which takes place on Thursday, October 22. May families become informed and excited about the educational opportunities and wonderful learning community available at TDChristian.

We praise God that the new addition has been approved by the City of Vaughan and we have an occupancy permit. We are excited to be able to use the new spaces in the next quadmester! Thank you to Rod Dengerink, Maple Reinders, OCA Architects, and the many trades people who contributed to building the beautiful new spaces.

## School Culture

- J. Dykxhoorn

Cohort Competitions are wrapping up within a week. A big thank you to PE Leadership students for their work in planning, and leading these daily events. Participating students have shown fantastic spirit and have been very fun to watch. It's been an enjoyable and safe way for us to experience and celebrate school spirit.

On Friday tune into this year's first "Good Morning TDChristian" episode. A livestreamed assembly hosted by the Grade 9 PULSE class. It will be available on the TDCHWoodbridge YouTube Channel at about 10:50 a.m.

Many clubs have started, either online or physically-distanced at school. Clubs are a great way for students to stay or become connected despite the pandemic. Daily announcements on Edsby are a great place to find out what clubs are running and to read about others that may be starting soon.

Finally, parents and guardians, please note that the TDChristian Strategic Planning session on November 5 will either replace or be combined with the High School Culture night. More details to follow!

## Take Your Kids to Work Day

- M. Heinbuch

November 4 is this year's date for the national annual event known as Take Your Kids to Work Day. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year's career exploration event is going virtual.

Students will have the opportunity to attend virtual sessions in four different industries (entrepreneurship, health care, skilled trades, and technology) throughout the day. The Learning Partnership is making arrangements with industry leaders in each of these sectors to provide Grade 9 students with opportunity to examine these career paths. The logistics for this event, including when and how TDChristian students can participate, will be determined in the next two weeks. TDChristian may move Take Your Kids to Work Day activities to November 5 or 6 in order to structure a virtual event for all students at the school.

Visit [thelearningpartnership.ca/take-our-kids-to-work](https://thelearningpartnership.ca/take-our-kids-to-work) if you:

- are a parent or student and want to know more about the day or the Learning Partnership
- are an employer who is willing to host your son or daughter or family friend to provide a more personal online experience for a grade 9 student

Families wanting a more personal experience, or employers willing to provide personal online experience, can register at the the Learning Partnership to receive updates and details.

## Fall Food Drive for the Good Shepherd Centre

TDChristian's Fall Food Drive supporting the Good Shepherd Centre ends tomorrow, Friday, October 16. Bring items in to the main office to ensure that they are part of the delivery. Thank you, ahead of time, for your generosity.

## Volunteering Opportunities

If you are interested in moving our new hand washing stations to their locations throughout the school, email [facilities@tdchristian.ca](mailto:facilities@tdchristian.ca) to arrange a time for you to come in and help.

## Transportation

- J. Dykxhoorn

Buses continue to run on time. Routes are working well. It is important that students remain in their assigned seats as it is a requirement of our bus company. It is also essential for effective contact tracing in the event there is a positive COVID-19 case at school.

If you have decided to change to or from on-campus learning for Quad 2, please email [dykxhoorn@tdchristian.ca](mailto:dykxhoorn@tdchristian.ca) or send me an Edsby message as soon as possible as I will need to make adjustments to the bus information. Thanks!

## From the Finance Office

- M. Rosie

Please check your Edsby account to make sure we have the correct email address, address, and phone numbers. Let us know if we need to update our records. Thanks!

## Board Matters

- Liz Blaauwendraat

Do you love TDChristian? Are you looking for ways to be more engaged and involved at the school? Do you support students learning for service in the light of God's Word?

If you answered yes to at least one question and you are not yet a member, the TDChristian Board encourages you to attend the New Members' Zoom Meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 27, 2020.

During the meeting you will be asked about your connection to TDChristian and what inspired you to become connected to the school. You will be given an overview of TDChristian's governance structure, policies, and Identity Statement, too, as you determine whether or not you wish to apply to become a member.

Membership has its privileges. Being a member gives you a voice and a vote at membership meetings. Membership meetings are held in November and April. They provide an opportunity for members to share ideas, contribute to, discuss, and vote on key issues including finances and ongoing school plans that help shape TDChristian's future. The best way for you to stay connected, be informed, and feel the pulse of TDChristian is by becoming a member!



We look forward to sharing an evening with you together as you explore membership and learn more about TDChristian!

To get a Zoom invite to the meeting or find out more information email Board Administrative Assistant, Lynne Elliott, at [elliott@tdchristian.ca](mailto:elliott@tdchristian.ca).

## Grade 11 Mentorship

- W. Groot

The new Mentorship program has begun. Students in Quadmester 1 Grade 11 English and Perspectives classes who have not yet completed their mentorship placements can do so on October 29 or 30. After students connect with an adult for five or more hours in a place where they learn, volunteer, and/or further discover God's call in their lives, they complete a journal-like assignment, and do a class presentation.

## Falcon's Perch

- C. Hoving

We received an e-mail last week from the York Region Athletic Association. The YRAA governs sports for league we play in that includes the York Region District School Board and York Catholic District School Board. At this time, the indication is that winter sports will be cancelled with the hope that some sports will begin in the spring. This is similar to OFSAA which will make a decision on winter sports' championships on or before November 1.

**TDChristian Clothing:** TDChristian's e-store is now open year round. Printing will be done throughout the year as minimum requirements are met. Click the e-store link on the Splash! Page under Family Information or go directly to the store at [tdchsestore.com](http://tdchsestore.com).

## Music Notes

- K. Hayward

We look forward to starting Concert Band and Jazz Band in the Presentation Centre where the ventilation is good and physical-distancing can be easily attained.

Students who have not yet signed up for music groups and are interested in doing so must contact Mr. Hayward in person or by Edsby before Wednesday, October 21 at 9 a.m.

Ascension, TDChristian's Praise Band, will have its first rehearsal today, Thursday, after school. Students who would like to join the group should contact Mr. Kim in person or by Edsby ASAP.

Email [hayward@tdchristian.ca](mailto:hayward@tdchristian.ca) if you have any questions about the music program.

## Guidance Corner

- E. Dengerink

Grade 12 Students are and will be **meeting their guidance counsellors** in regards to their post-secondary plans.

**Information regarding the Ontario College Information Fair, Scholarships, Open Houses and Virtual Tours** are available on the Grade 12 Guidance Information Group on Edsby. There are many opportunities available to learn about college and university programs through Virtual Tours and webinars. Registration is required.

**From the Ontario Ministry of Education:** For the 2020-21 school year, the ministry is revising the 40-hour community involvement graduation requirement so that students will not be adversely impacted by the ongoing challenges related to COVID-19. *"For the students graduating in the 2020-21 school year, the community involvement graduation requirement will be reduced to a minimum of 20 hours of community service. This recognizes that graduating students have had barriers to earning their community involvement hours last school year and there may be continued barriers this school year."*

Students may wish to consider **virtual volunteering** such as becoming a technology mentor to seniors. Opportunities can be found through Spark Ontario ([sparkontario.ca](http://sparkontario.ca)).

**Community Service Hours forms** are available on the TDChristian Splash! Page. Completed forms need to be turned in to Marg in the office. Please ensure forms are handed in with all the necessary signatures and information or they will have to be returned.

## Centre Stage

- R. Peters

Rehearsals move apace for our production of "The 39 Steps."

The Senior Improv Team is meeting weekly. The Junior Team will be announced next week!

At the end of this semester our performers Mia Vanleeuwen and Charlotte Kiervin-Starkey will be performing an improvised TWO PERSON SHOW for an online (and limited in-person) audience! If you are interested in seeing these two create half an hour of improvised madness, email [peters@tdchristian.ca](mailto:peters@tdchristian.ca)!

## Library Shelf

- J. Knibbe

TDChristian's Book Club, consisting of 14 students and two staff members, met for the first time last week. This Friday we will discuss "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas," written by John Boyne. The author, in an interview, said that he doesn't consider the book to be either an adults' or a children's book, but rather, a story. It is a story about the Holocaust from the point of view of a child.

### Outstanding Textbooks and Library Books

There are several textbooks, classroom novels, and a few library books still outstanding from last year. Search for and send or bring back books that belong to TDChristian. Emails will be sent to those families as a reminder. Thank you for checking today.

## 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 email address via [alumni@tdchristian.ca](mailto:alumni@tdchristian.ca).

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.

## 2020-21 School Directory

- M. Laswick

If you would like a hard copy, please e-mail [marg@tdchristian.ca](mailto:marg@tdchristian.ca). She will send one home with your child.



# 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](mailto:schuurman@tdchristian.ca)** today.



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

