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Nota Bene

- W. Groot

This past weekend, I attended the MoveIn 10th Anniversary Celebration in Guelph. MoveIn (movein.to) is an organization whose vision is, "Moving in to high-needs areas in the heart of the city, among those who haven't heard the Good News." It is an exciting initiative. To be part of MoveIn requires no paperwork or fundraising; the task is to move in among the urban poor. It requires prayer and commitment as everyday Christians walk alongside others, together with them, on their journeys. While and in doing so, people hear and experience the gospel. The "MoveIners", as they are called, become part of and contribute to their neighbourhoods.

What inspired me to write about this event is two-fold.

The first is that MoveIners are empowered to make a contribution – they are a blessing and are blessed. It is often trying as many of the people they meet are in tough situations. There is sadness and difficulty but there is also community and joy as stories are shared. God uses people to make a difference and uses others to bring change to them. That is a part of what we hope for students who attend TDChristian

This brings me to my second point.

In the crowd of about 400 people, I met six TDChristian graduates. The song leader, now a fire fighter, was a graduate of 1998 who spent six years in MoveIn while in Hamilton. I encountered a 2012 grad, an engineer, who is in the same Kitchener MoveIn location as a 2008 grad who is finishing seminary and then moving to Halifax in another MoveIn location. Two other married grads (2010 engineer, 2011 business admin) are currently in a Toronto location. Finally, the remaining grad (2011) who lives in another Kitchener MoveIn location, is in digital communications and internet sales.

TDChristian is a place where students learn how to contribute to the world using what they have learned in school (minds) and their communities (hearts). It was a privilege to hear their stories, as it is to share them with you today. It is wonderful, and humbling, to learn how God has used these grads to make an impact among the urban poor and how they, too, have grown.

P.S. Reminder of the Will Clinic on Feb. 28 (same night as the Talent Show). See the ad or Feb. 6 Fridge Door for details

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.

Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

Karen Hollander, Haley's mother, had a successful angiogram last week Wed. followed by a Gamma Knife treatment, which targets the malformed veins and blood vessels that contributed to the stroke and related issues. Although there is only one Gamma Knife procedure required, it takes three years to fully work. We thank God for the good news thus far. Please pray for Karen's initial recovery from the procedure, which should take about a week, and for good results and a full recovery over the next months and years. Please also pray for her family as they support her and each other.

Caleb Smith lost a dear grandfather, George Leng this week. Please prayer for peace and comfort.

Course selections are due at the end of next week. Please pray for wisdom for our students and parents as they navigate the challenge of choosing a future direction for post-secondary education and beyond.

Please pray for the final preparations that are underway for the March break trips to Europe, Belize, and the Dominican Republic. Excitement and nervousness is building for these wonderful opportunities to serve and learn about our neighbours in Christ.

From the TDChristian Finance Office

M. Cate

The 2018 tax receipts will be mailed by Feb. 28. Tuition forms and re-enrolment will occur in late May.

Admissions

- P. Schuurman

Thank you for spreading the news about our school to your friends and family! Word of mouth is always the best way to let others know about TDChristian.

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 as soon as possible with your intentions or the possibilities for next year, as that helps our planning. Admissions packages, found under the Admissions tab on tdchristian.ca, should be delivered to the main office. If you have questions or concerns, please email Mrs. Schuurman at schuurman@tdchristian.ca.

Grade 11 Toronto Service Trip (April 2 to 4)

- P. Schuurman

Grade 11 students currently in Mr. Terpstra and Mr. Van Eerden's classes have their Toronto Service trip from April 2 to 4. This trip is a required part of the curriculum for both Perspectives and English. It has been a memorable and significant trip for many past students. At present, the plan is for Grade 11 International Block students to attend on April 2.

Important information about the trip can be found by clicking the "Grade 11 Trip and Form" link second from the bottom in the 2018-19 Box on the right side of the Splash! Page. Thank you to the many students and families who have already handed in their completed forms. Those who have not yet done so will receive a blank form from Marg. It needs to be filled in and signed by the student and a parent or guardian, and then returned to Mr. Terpstra during first or second period on or before February 28.

Grade 11 Mentorship

- S. Van Eerden

Mentorship has officially wrapped up. There have been many great reports of positive and engaging experiences that have made an impact on future decisions for our Grade 11 students. Please remember to thank your mentors for the time and energy they have invested. Thank-you all for your participation in the program.

Class of 2009 Ten Year Reunion: April 6 at TDChristian

We will celebrate the class of 2009 on Saturday, April 6 from 7 to 10 pm at TDChristian. If you are an alumni and would like to join the festivities, please contact Shelby Contos at scontos@tdchristian.ca.

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.



On Feb. 26/19:
Let's talk about the
Heart Mind
HOPES Fears
Faith
of today's teens.

Course Selections for 2019-2020

- M. Heinbuch

Students in grades 9 to 11 (and students in grade 12 who wish to return for a semester or two) need to complete their course selections in MyBlueprint and follow the instructions for printing the Sign-Off Sheet. All course selection Sign-Off Sheets need to be signed by the student and a parent/guardian and handed into the main office by the following dates:

- Grade 10 Course Selections: Thursday, February 28
- Grade 11 Course Selections: Tuesday, February 26
- Grade 12 (and 5th year) Course Selections: Wednesday, February 27

Instructions for course selections, applications for special programs (TA, International Block, Internship Block) and course descriptions can be found on the Splash page under "Course Info." Students who are unsure of their return should submit the sheet, as well, with a note indicating such. Doing so allows us to improve our timetable and puts them in a better place to get their desired courses.

Music Notes

- K. Hayward

February is a busy month of planning and executing. In addition to the Talent Show, the Elementary School Band Festival is looming and students are busily working on new repertoire.

Parents or guardians of students interested in taking vocal lessons during the school day can contact Mr. Hayward. There are spaces available for students wishing to study voice with Ms. Melro (see Fridge Door of Feb. 6).

On Thursday, February 28, the skilled, the talented, the funny, the bizarre and the curious will all be here at TDChristian to participate in and enjoy the annual Talent Show! Interested students should sign-up for the show on the bulletin board next to the vending machines. There will be only one more day of tryouts, so don't wait. We are also looking for students who do things that may not fit on a stage: equestrians, figure skaters, cheerleaders, gymnasts, dancers, those who participate in extreme sports are invited to show video clips of themselves in action. Tickets go on sale next week! Take advantage of the "early bird" price as prices go up on the day of the event.

Reminder: there are no band rehearsals on February 26, March 19 or April 23.

Questions about the music program at TDChristian? Email Mr. Hayward at hayward@tdchristian.ca

Falcons Perch

- C. Hoving

Senior Girls Tier 1 Volleyball have moved through the first three games of playoffs, advancing to the A/AA finals tomorrow night at Thornlea versus Thornlea at 6 p.m. A berth at AA OFSAA.

Senior Girls Tier 2 Volleyball were eliminated in playoffs to Bur Oak HS in four sets. The girls finished off their season yesterday with a tournament at Markville HS. Thank you to Mrs. Dengerink and Ms. Dibbits for coaching.

Junior Boys Basketball wrap up their season tomorrow with their final playoff tournament that we are hosting. The Falcons play their first game in the six-team tournament at 9 a.m.

Senior Boys Basketball advanced to the final of their playoff tournament, before losing to the top seed Stouffville DSS. Thank you to Mr. Hoving, alumni Peter Groot (2007) and Mr. B. Vrieling for coaching.

Junior Girls Tier 2 Volleyball have kicked off their season with two sets of league games. Although winless, the girls are improving and getting better. They have also participated in two tournaments the past two Fridays and have picked up some wins. The girls continue with their season tonight with games at Woodbridge College and their TDChristian Invitational on Friday. Come and watch the girls play.

The varsity hockey team played in the annual Hamilton tournament yesterday, losing two close games 2-0 and 3-2 before winning a thriller 7-6 in the consolation game. Thanks to parent, Mr. Edwin VanScheepen, and staff member, Mr. Eric Vrieling, for coaching.

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

- L. Kooy

On Wednesday, March 27, most grade 10 students, new senior students, students who were previously eligible but have not yet written the test, and students who were unsuccessful on their previous attempts will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT).

Preparation for this test is ongoing in all grade 10 classes this semester. Other students who need to write have been given individual practice packages. Any student writing the test this year may also come to After-School Homework Club on Tuesdays from 3-4.45pm for preparation, practice or extra help.

Grade 12 students should read all postings in the Edsby Grade 12 Guidance Group. Important information regarding next steps and scholarships have recently been posted. "The Scholarship Report" provides scholarship opportunities information that many students do not know about and for which students are surprised they are eligible. Read it.

Redeemer University in Ancaster received an \$11 million grant that will be applied to reduce tuition for next year by 42% to \$9,800 for the entire school year. Tuition will be frozen at this rate until 2022. Check redeemer.ca to see if Redeemer might be right for you. You can still apply for 2019-20.

University and College Visits: March break is a great time to visit the universities and colleges that you are considering attending in the fall. Sign-up for a tour or attend an Open House.

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 how the workshop changed their perceptions about computer science. Those selected to attend pay a \$150 registration fee, which covers the cost of travel and accommodation in residence. More information is available at www.csgirlsrock.ca. The online 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.** It's time to consider finding a summer volunteer or paid job. Check summer camps for details or your city's Recreation website. There are lots of jobs in day camps, overnight camps, and at your local pool. Interviews and hiring often begins in February. Golf courses have job fairs this weekend and next. Check at your local course for jobs in maintenance, landscaping, or hospitality.

- **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.
- **Worldview Leadership Camp 2019:** Interested in a week-long apologetics and worldview training camp this summer? The Ezra Institute for Contemporary Christianity is hosting a **WORLDVIEW LEADERSHIP CAMP** for students ages 14-18. It is designed to help equip them to defend their Christian faith in the midst of the intellectual and practical challenges of our culture, to apply God's Word to every sphere of life, and to direct their lives towards building a culture that loves and honours Jesus Christ. This summer we're offering **TWO** weeks of Worldview Leadership Camp: June 20 to July 6 or August 18 to 24. See ezrainstitute.ca for more.



Fidgets

- D. Feddema

People from TDChristian's and the surrounding community enjoyed a hilarious and engaging night of improvised comedy highlighted by The Fidgets. We hosted approximately 125 people and raised over \$600 that will go towards the International Block program.

Thank you to all who came out or who supported the evening through their donations; this night could not have happened without you

Thanks to the Senior Improv team who opened up the night with high quality improv and who welcomed in the Fidgets with a group game of "four-square".

Thanks to our student volunteers who ran the tech for the show, and to the parents who baked the cakes for the auction. Thank to the I-Block team who helped organize and run the night.



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.

Canadian Improv Games: Toronto Regionals this Week

The Canadian Improv Games Toronto Regional Tournament is this weekend. See our Senior Team as they shoot for another berth in the Nationals in Ottawa. Our Juniors placed second in all of Toronto, can the Seniors do better? Come see the team compete this Friday in the preliminaries at TDChristian this Friday from 7 to 9pm! Hopefully, they will move on to the Regional Finals this Saturday. See the ad below for more details.

In the Spirit of Loving Competition No.42

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

TORONTO



FEB 19 - RH KING ALL @ 7PM
FEB 20 - EARL HAIG SECONDARY
FEB 21 - IONA CATHOLIC SECONDARY
FEB 22 - TD CHRISTIAN
FEB 23 - FINALS @ CARDINAL CARTER



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Thursday, February 28th, 2019 @ 7:00pm at TDChristian High School.**

**Featuring: Partners from our Foundation
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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 –
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or contact Christian Stewardship Services at info@csservices.ca or 1-800-267-8890

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