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Nota Bene

- W. Groot

Over 55 years ago, people gathered together to plan how to form and build a Christian high school that would serve the Greater Toronto Area. Through the blessing of a faithful God, Toronto District Christian High School was built. We continue that work today by enfolding, engaging and empowering students to learn for service in the light of God's word. It is also why we are working diligently to enhance learning opportunities through Project 20/20 (see the Fall Membership package that has been sent to all families and members).

We must remember, however, that the school is made up of people – primarily, students. It is not firstly a building. Only together with families and a faithful supporting community, under the guidance of a gracious God, can we really be a school. As we teach, guide, support, and direct our students we must keep their learning the first priority.

There are many events in November and December through which you can support student learning:

- Learning Dialogues on November 21
- Fall Membership Meeting on November 21 (includes input on character traits desired for our students in learning)
- Boys OFSAA Volleyball from November 22 to 25
- 2000 Candles, our drama production, on November 30 and December 1
- Improv Night (tentative) on December 13
- Christmas Concert on December 14.

We look forward to seeing many of you at one or more of these events.

Grade 7 & 8 Day

- P. Schuurman

How do you make one of our biggest days of the year even bigger? Grade 8 Day is now Grade 7 & 8 Day! On November 16, all current Grade 7 & 8 students are invited to a day full of activities and fun that will give you a great taste of what TDChristian is all about! Parents and guardians are also welcome. We have a special program just for you, including lunch! Current families, who should you invite to Grade 7 & 8 Day? Get more details and RSVP by emailing Patty Schuurman, who is our VP of Admissions (schuurman@tdchristian.ca). Remember, you can earn 10 volunteer hours for helping non-feeder school families enrol their child(ren) at TDChristian.

“Anxiety in Children and Teens” - Thursday, November 9, 2017

TDChristian's Personal Counsellor, Robyn Godber, MC, RP, CCC (www.robryngodber.com) will help us better understand this topic through a presentation that includes:

- What is anxiety?
- Clues to recognize anxiety.
- Tips and strategies to deal with anxiety.
- There will be time for questions, as well.

Current TDChristian families can earn 2.5 volunteer hours for attending and filling out the feedback form.

Fall Membership Meeting

All parents, guardians, members and non-members are invited to attend the Fall Membership Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21. Parents can earn 2.5 volunteer hours (per family) for attending. Items that will be covered or dealt with include:

- Sharing how we've spent and allocated the funds entrusted to the school
- Giving updates on prominent activities in and around TDChristian
- Inviting you to vote on new Board members
- Staff years of service recognition
- Providing updates on Project 20/20

Learning Dialogues

Sign up for the second set of Learning Dialogues (Parent/Guardian-Student-Teacher Interviews).

When? Tuesday, Nov. 21 (3:30 to 6:30 p.m.)

How? Go to schoolinterviews.ca and type the event code: cbqmx and sign up for seven-minute sessions during which parents, teachers, and/or students come together to talk about the student's learning.

NOTE: The Fall Membership Meeting, open to all, starts at 7:30 p.m. that evening as well.

Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

Joni Knibbe, our librarian, underwent shoulder surgery today. Please pray for her healing and recovery. We anticipate that she will return in January. We are thankful that former librarians Joanne Booy, Sophie Vandenberg, as well as Lynne Elliott and parent volunteers are taking her spot during her absence.

This Remembrance Day, we are thankful for the courage and sacrifices that have been made and are being made by those involved in peace keeping missions and by Canadian soldiers during times of war. May we, too, be agents of peace in the places where we are called to be.

Mentorship

- S. VanEerden

Grade 11 Students have begun the process of thinking about, contacting, and securing their mentorship placements. Friday, November 17 is the next due date. At this time, students are required to hand-in their Mentorship Approval Form to their Period 1 teachers. This form requires confirmation from a willing mentor and a plan for how they will spend their time together. It can be found on Edsby in their Period 1 class, or on the TDChristian Splash Page under Mentorship 2017-18. It has also been sent to every student through Edsby Messenger. If you have any questions, direct them to Sean Van Eerden at vaneerden@tdchristian.ca.

Music Notes

- K. Hayward

This week, some of our students were treated to a concert by the Hannaford Youth Band. This talented group of University and high school students also performed for pupils from Kleinburg Christian Academy and Timothy Christian School. This brass and percussion ensemble presented a fantastic concert of music which included spirituals, movie soundtracks, cartoon themes and technically difficult contemporary works. Hopefully we will be able to host this amazing ensemble again.

As we move closer to December, all students performing in the December 14 concert (Concert Band and choir members, Grade 9 music students) are encouraged to diligently work on their music for the concert.

Parents, guardians and those responsible for transporting concert band members to rehearsals will want to be aware that there will be no rehearsal on Thursday, November 16 and no rehearsals in January.

Please send any questions about the music program to Mr. Hayward at hayward@tdchristian.ca.

Grade 10, 11 and 12 students: SHAD is an opportunity to be challenged, to network for life and to connect to future internship opportunities. Attend this transformational month-long summer program at one of 13 Canadian universities. SHAD exposes you to advanced topics and supports students to discover new ways to learn, engage, experiment and excel. Check it out at www.shad.ca.

Young Leaders Wanted: A week in Ottawa on Parliament Hill! The Forum for Young Canadians is Canada's premier civics education program for students aged 15-19 years old. Forum brings over 100 students per week to Ottawa for an intensive academic adventure, immersing them in the exciting world of national politics and public affairs. Check out www.forum.ca for more information and to apply.

Experience University for a week! Starting on May 6, 2018, students will have the opportunity to learn beyond the high school classroom with engaging and challenging courses that motivate them to explore and apply new knowledge. They return to school with renewed energy, an excitement for learning, and ideas for post-secondary and career planning. Check out esu.queensu.ca for more information. Registration opens December 1.

Colleges and Universities

Many post-secondary institutions offer Fall Tour Days. Check the websites for dates and times.

Grade 12 Students: Application time is here! You will receive your PIN numbers this Friday. This will allow you to begin applying for Ontario Universities during November and December. You can already apply to Community Colleges. Just log on to ontariocolleges.ca.

Guidance will hold an information session with you on Friday after the assembly. Please let your guidance counsellor know if you have any concerns or questions. Remember that private universities and colleges or out of province institutions have their own websites where you can apply.

Not sure what to do next year? Outtatown is for any student (ages 17 to 22) with a high school diploma and the courage and willingness to dig deep and take risks. They welcome students who are looking for a discipleship year full of adventure, learning, service, travel, friendship and faith development. Check Canadian Mennonite University for further details at www.outtatown.com

Carleton University is holding an information session at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga for students interested in Engineering and Design on Saturday, November 18. To register go to: <https://admissions.carleton.ca/explore-engineering-design/>

House of Commons Page Program: Each year, 40 students graduating from high schools and CEGEPs are selected from across Canada to participate in the Page Program. Pages are undergraduate students who are registered as full-time students at one of the four universities in the National Capital Region. They work on a part-time basis during their first year of study. Check out ourcommons.ca/page for more information or speak with your guidance counsellor.

Portfolio Mentorship: Vaughan Public Library is partnering with the City of Vaughan and Level Studio to offer a free, one-on-one portfolio review for high school students. This is a great opportunity for art, technology, and design students to receive mentoring from experts in their desired field. Bring any art and design pieces you have to the one-on-one portfolio session at a library near you. Visit www.level-studio.ca/portfolio-mentorship for more information and registration.

Dates and Locations: Saturday, December 2 at the Civic Centre Resource Library and Sunday, January 7 at the Bathurst Clark Resource Library.

Scholarships

Please note that not all scholarships are based on academic achievement. Many reward creative thinking, community involvement and extra-curricular participation. Scholarships take time to research and to apply for, but are worth the effort if you qualify.

- Yconic awards thousands of dollars in scholarships. Go to their website, create a yconic profile, answer a few questions and check out your scholarship matches. Furthermore, you can get access to articles and useful content that will help you navigate your academic journey. It's fast, it's free, it's easy!

- TD Bank Scholarships: if you're a young Canadian who has made a difference in your community, we want to hear from you. Up to \$70,000 in scholarships plus paid employment and mentorship opportunities for students in their final year of high school with an overall average of 75%. Check www.td.com/scholarship to see if you qualify. Deadline: November 17, 2017.

- Burger King Scholarship: high school seniors, Burger King employees and their dependent children: deadline is December 15, 2017. Check www.bkmclamorefoundation.org/ for details.
- Check the University you are considering applying to for information on their Presidential and Chancellor Scholarships! Each university has scholarships unique to their school and to specific programs

Volunteer Opportunities (for an overview, see [Volunteering @ TDChristian on the Splash! Page](#))

OFSAA Boys Volleyball Championships at TDChristian and Humber College: Nov. 22 to 25

1) We will be looking for student and parent or guardian volunteers to help throughout the tournament. If you are interested in being a part of the tournament or sponsorship, send an e-mail to hoving@tdchristian.ca or buwalda@tdchristian.ca.

2) Below see a list of volunteer opportunities. Please contact Colin Hoving at hoving@tdchristian.ca if you can help.

- 5 parents to do laundry for 4 teams each on Thursday night.
- 30 parents to donate baked goods (nut free) and fruit for hospitality for our volunteers, coaches, referees.
- 8 parents to donate pots of soup or chili.

TDChristian Parent Volunteer Committee - 2000 Candles Dinner/Theatre December 2

We need 9 speciality cakes - cakes that are decorated/frosted - **must be nut free** - 2 hours given for each cake. Contact Nicole Bell (nicolebell22@hotmail.com) or (416) 389-4192.

Athletics

- C. Hoving

Our fall sports are winding down, with some left in playoffs.

- The Senior Boys Tier 1 Volleyball have had a very good last few weeks. The boys advanced to the final in their TDChristian Invitational tournament and came home with the OCSSAA Championship at Quinte Christian this past weekend, winning for the first time since 1998. They host a league quarterfinal playoff game tonight.
- The Senior Boys Tier 2 Volleyball wrapped up its season last week, advancing to the second round of playoffs before losing to Bur Oak. Thank you to Mr. Buisman and Mr. B Vrieling for coaching.
- The Girls Basketball team have won their first two playoff games and have advanced to the semi-finals in their tier which takes place on Monday, November 13. The girls also participated in the OCSSAA Championships this past weekend against very tough competition.

Winter Tryouts

Junior Girls Tier 1 Volleyball (J. VanSchepen) - Monday, November 13th @ 7:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 15th @ 3:00 p.m., and Friday November 17th @ 7:00 a.m.

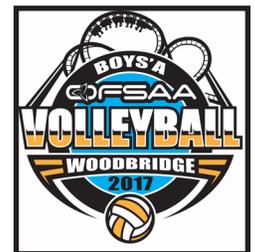
Senior Girls Volleyball (R. Weening) - Monday, November 13th @ 7:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 15th @ 3:00 p.m., and Friday November 17th @ 7:00 a.m.

Junior Boys Basketball (J. Sjaarda, D. Kim and E. Vrieling) - Thursday, November 9th @ 3:00 p.m., and Monday, November 13th @ 3:00 p.m.

Senior Boys Basketball (Parent Ken Gray, C. Hoving, and B. Vrieling) - Wednesday, November 15th @ 7:00 a.m. and Friday, November 17th @ 3:00 p.m.

OFSAA Volleyball

OFSAA Boys Volleyball is less than a month away! TDChristian will be hosting the event at the school and Humber College from November 22 to 25. November 22: Registration and Banquet, November 23, 24: Pool Play and Quarterfinals, and November 25: Championship Saturday.

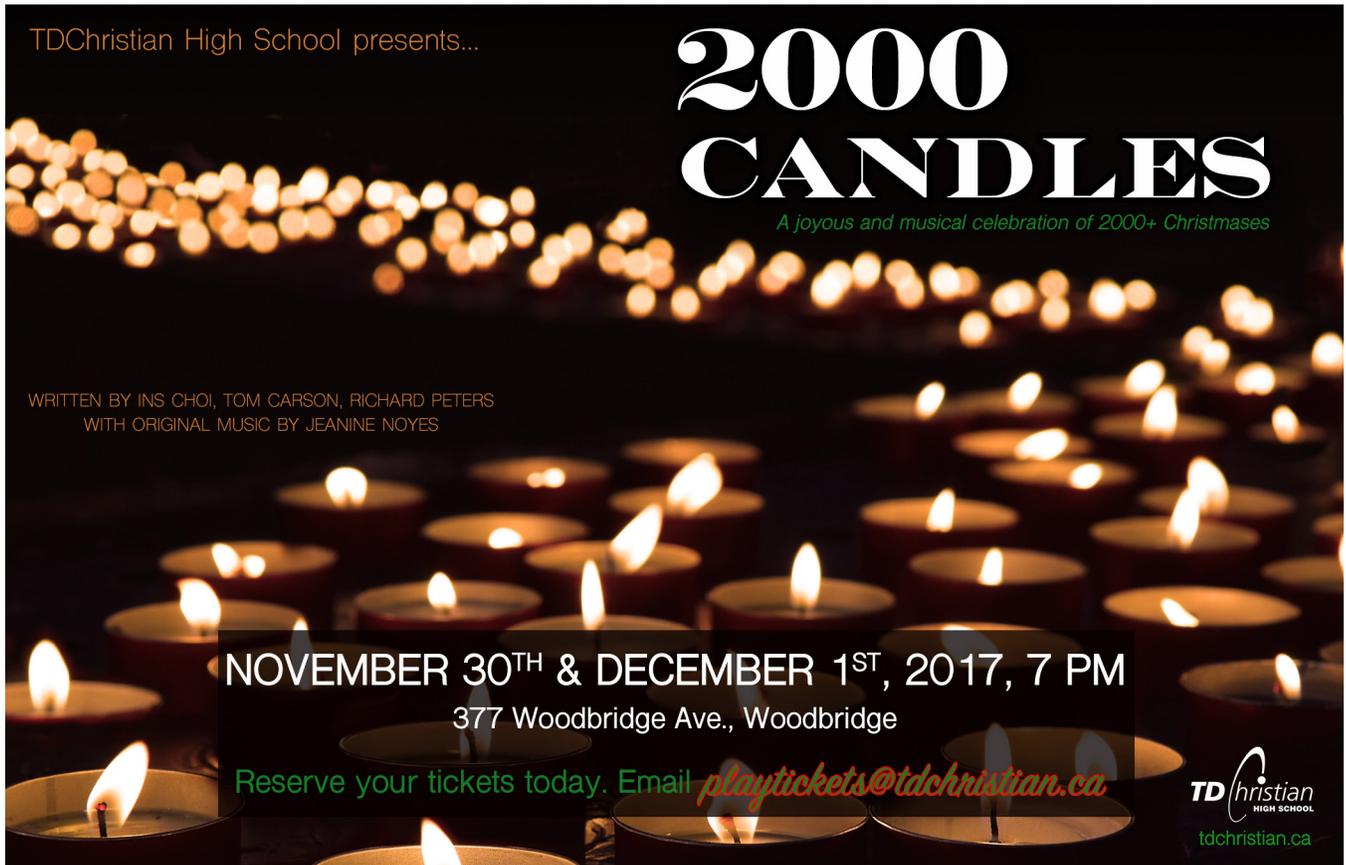


TDChristian Clothing

We hope to have the online store active from November 17 to December 2 to ensure that orders will be at school prior to Christmas. An announcement will alert students as to when it is open and we will put a link on our website as well so you can log on to the store. Samples will be available to see during lunch over the two week period as well.

From the Art Room: Please save plastic (especially bubble wrap) for the Art department.

We need your help: It's that time of year again that we ask that you consider donating a silent auction item for our dinner theatre evening being held Saturday, December 2. We are looking to have a selection of items for bidding including sporting event tickets, theatre tickets, electronics, business services, jewelry etc. Note that we recognize all individuals/businesses that donate these items. Please contact Dave Jackson at david.jackson2@veritivcorp.com. The deadline for these items to be received is Wednesday, November 29.



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Do you know of a business that could benefit from advertising in the program for this year's stage production of 2000 candles? Contact Jocelyn Kwan (Jocelyn_Kwan@tdchristian.ca) for more information. Reach a couple of thousand people for pennies a person!

GRADE 7 & 8 DAY

Thursday, November 16, 9:30 am - 2 pm

Grade 7 & 8 Day is your best opportunity to find out why TDChristian is the high school where you belong! Join hundreds of other grade 7 & 8 students for a day of exploring, making new friends, and a whole lot of fun. Lunch is provided.

Separate parents' program as well!



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A 3D architectural rendering of a modern school building with large windows and a yellowish-tan facade. The text 'WELCOME CLASS OF 2022 & 2023!' is overlaid on the building's facade.

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& 2023!

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