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Fall Open House
Who might you invite? Encourage a family with a student in grade 5-8 to learn more about attending TDChristian in September 2019.
Thursday, October 11, 7-9 pm
(RSVPs to admissions@tdchristian.ca are requested but not required)

Nota Bene

- W. Groot

September's end looms. But, as autumn launches we are reminded of God's "Faithful Presence" as we enfold, engage and empower students in their learning. The Christian Schools Canada Conference in Ottawa is called "Faithful Presence" – that is what we, as Christian school leaders, are to offer our communities. But, it is more than leaders who are called to be a faithful presence. Each person is! How can you be faithful in your life? It is a challenge to which each of us must respond.

Two years ago, at the last Christian Schools Conference, attendees were reminded that an important task was to set a course for 20, and even 50 years into the future for our schools. With Project 20/20, we are 14 years into an idea that sprung up in 2004. God is faithful. We have finished Phase 1 – come and see the new entrance. We just received signed site plan approval for the entire project. The building permit is anticipated within a month. When the permit is granted, we will have two years to complete Project 20/20. Including the house, over \$1.9 million has been raised. We will need many, past and present, to lean in to make it a reality as we work at raising the remaining \$3 million. Thank you to those who have made donations. We will be sending more letters and making more calls. Let us know how you can help.

Day to day, things are going well. I am appreciative of the work done by staff and students. The year's first assembly went very well with many contributions from students and staff. Thank you for your prayers and your support! Please continue to work with us as we continue to learn for service in the light of God's word.

NOTE: The first set of Learning Reports will be posted on Tuesday, Oct. 2. Watch for an Edsby message. There are no paper copies. Learning Dialogue information for Oct. 23 will be sent by Edsby message, as well, likely next week.

Grade 11 Toronto Service Trip

Next week Tuesday, October 2, is the first day of this semester's Grade 11 Toronto Service Trip. Mr. Van Eerden's English classes, Mr. Terpstra's Perspectives classes and the Grade 11 Internship Block students will participate in the three-day trip. Students need to arrive at 7 a.m. on Tuesday. Departure time is 7:30 a.m. sharp. Students return on Thursday afternoon in time for the regular school buses to take them home. The signed commitment form states the rules and expectations for the trip. This form, which has a link on the Splash! Page provides details on what students should and should not bring. We look forward to a meaningful and memorable trip that stretches our students to be among others in the downtown area, some of whom experience homelessness and other hardships. Thank you for praying for and supporting our staff and students. Students who were on the trip will have an assignment to complete at home on Friday, October 5. They should also complete work from the other classes they missed on Friday.

Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

This morning all Grade 10 students left for a two-day trip to Beacon Bible Camp to learn about group dynamics and learn more about and how to practice empathy.

We are thankful that the Earth and Space class returned safely from its Algonquin Trip on Monday afternoon. The students met the challenges they faced with good spirits and had an awesome five day, four night experience in God's beautiful creation.

Next week many of our Grade 11 English students leave for their service trip to Toronto. Please pray for them, for the organizations and volunteers they will be working alongside and for meaningful conversations and interactions with the people they meet and serve.

Yesterday the International Advisory Group, in partnership with the Richmond Hill/Vaughan Chinese Community Church, hosted a Chinese Dinner for TDChristian students to celebrate the Mid Autumn Festival. It was a wonderful celebration and time of learning about Chinese culture. Thank you to the volunteers who made this event happen. We are blessed to partner with the Vaughan Chinese Community Church as we support, unfold, and empower our international students.

Ally Crawford's mom, Heather, underwent thyroid surgery recently and is at home recovering. We thank God for its success; pray for full healing and that she will be patient in the journey.

Teacher David Kim's grandmother passed away in Korea at the age 92 on the weekend. Please pray for comfort and strength for the family as they mourn her loss. At a time like this, the distance is extra hard on him and his family.

Mrs. Hartholt, who served from 1968 to 1993 as one of the school's secretaries, died last week at the age of 89. We wish her husband, Albert, and her children and grandchildren (including eight former TDChristian students) comfort and peace. The funeral was yesterday.

Transportation

Student Drop-Off/Pick-up: The new parking lot has led to new traffic patterns. To keep a smooth and safe flow, please adhere to the following procedures or guidelines:

- When dropping off your child(ren) at school, do not use the bus parking lane - designated by the yellow diagonal lines and the words "Bus Lane". Cars that stop there to drop off students can cause traffic flow issues. Some have prevented buses from pulling into their designated spot.
- Use one of these three options when dropping-off students:
 1. drive into the parking lot and park in a designated parking spot
 2. drive around the tear drop island by following the arrows and drop the student off by the fire hall
 3. drive to the front door and drop off the student.
- When picking-up students at the end of the day, there are two options:
 1. drive into the parking lot and park in a designated parking spot.
 2. wait until after 3:05 pm (when all the buses have left) and pick-up by the front door.

Music Notes

- K. Hayward

All TDChristian music groups are up and running. The deadline for joining Concert Band and Choir is quickly approaching. Please send a note to Mr. Hayward ASAP if you are interested in being a part of one of these groups.

- Concert Band meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30 a.m.
- Choir meets during Fifth Periods on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- There are still places available in our extracurricular groups:
 - Jazz Band, which meets on Wednesdays after school
 - Ascension, our Praise Band, which meets on Thursdays after school

Any questions about the music program at TDChristian, can be sent to Mr. Hayward (hayward@tdchristian.ca).

Greetings from the Membership Committee!

Are you interested in becoming a member of TDChristian High School? To learn more, come to the New Members' Meeting on Tuesday, October 23 at 7:30 p.m in room 10. We will share some of the school's history since its inception in 1963, take you through TDChristian's Identity Statement, outline how the school is run (governance and bylaws), and give examples of how members help make TDChristian a viable Christian institution. Following or during the New Members' Meeting you will have an opportunity to share your story of learning about TDChristian. At the end, you can speak to a board member, ask further questions, and/or apply to for membership, as desired.

For more information, click the Membership @ TDChristian link on the TDChristian Splash! Page.

If you have further questions, plan to attend or would like your name kept on file for future meetings, please reply to Board Administrative Assistant, Lynne Elliott, at elliott@tdchristian.ca.

Falcons Perch

- C. Hoving

Our fall sports teams begin their YRAA seasons this week. For scores and standings, go to yaa.com. Please pray for safety as they travel and play. If you are looking for volunteer hours, driving players to games is a great way to do so! Check each team's specific Edsby group for practice and game schedules.

The Junior Boys Tier 2 Volleyball team begins league play with home games at TDChristian tomorrow after school. Next week it has matches on Wednesday at St. Jean de Brebeuf and a tournament at TDChristian on Friday.

The Junior Boys Tier 1 Volleyball team played yesterday and continue with matches next week Tuesday at home and Wednesday at Richmond Hill High School. Next Friday, the team plays in the TDChristian tournament.

The Senior Boys Tier 1 Volleyball has played in two tournaments in preparation for league play. The team finished third in the Mentor College tournament and placed third in its pool at St. Jean de Brebeuf this past Friday. It kicks off league play tomorrow, Thursday night, at St. Therese of Lisieux.

The Girl's Basketball team bounced into their season last night at St. Joan of Arc. The team plays two games next week: Monday at Emily Carr and Wednesday at home.

Cross Country will be participating in the Ontario Christian Secondary Schools Athletic Association (OCSSAA) meet next Tuesday, October 2nd hosted by Woodland Christian.

Intramural hockey update: Players have been assigned to teams and team meetings are happening this week. The season begins next Friday, October 5! The league is looking to hire a parent willing to referee some Friday 3:30 p.m. hockey games this season. Please email hockey@tdchristian with your experience in hockey (formal experience is not required) if you are interested in helping the league. A jersey and whistle will be provided.

Guidance Corner

- E. Dengerink

We are thankful that Marianne Deeks (Kamerman), a recent graduate of the Tyndale Seminary Clinical Counselling program, is joining the Guidance Department beginning in October. Marianne has extensive experience working with youth through Youth Unlimited at Stouffville District Secondary School. She will be available for referrals on most Thursdays. Students can be referred by a parent, teacher, friend, or they may refer themselves. Mrs. Deeks can be reached at deeks@tdchristian.ca or through Edsby.

GRADE 12 STUDENTS: Beginning next week, guidance counsellors will meet with Grade 12 students via Edsby informing them when they are scheduled for their 15 minute guidance appointments. The goal is to discuss plans, answer questions, and to set up follow up appointments as needed. Students can prepare for the interview by having questions ready.

A new **Grade 12 Guidance Information Group** has been set up in Edsby. Parents, guardians, homestays, and students can see information regarding important events, dates, scholarships, deadlines, open houses,

university, and college representatives coming to TDChristian and much more! The information will be updated regularly instead of being in the The Fridge Door. Check the Edsby group regularly for information.

GRADE 11 STUDENTS: During the morning of Monday, October 15, 2018, the Christian College Advantage Tour will be at TDChristian. Students can meet representatives from various Christian Universities and colleges from Canada and the USA. Students will attend the general sessions and two college sessions to explore the possibilities and opportunities available at Christian University and Colleges. Interested Grade 12s should contact Guidance.

Are you In Grade 11 or 12 and interested in attending **The GLOBAL LEADERSHIP Summit (Youth Edition)** on Friday, October 19 at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. The Dare To Be You Foundation is sponsoring 100 students to attend a one-day student edition of The Global Leadership Summit! The cost is ONLY \$25 for the first 100 students who register. Find out more at www.dtby.ca/global-leadership-summit.

Volunteer Opportunities

1. From the Drama Department: *Little Women* is looking for people+ who are willing and able to sew dresses for this year's production. If interested, please contact Robyn Postma (Robyn_postma@tchristian.ca) or Fran Joosse (joosse@tdchristian.ca).
2. Event Clean up: We need four people to help clean up chairs and tables on October 11, our Fall Open House and Information Night. If you want to earn one volunteer hour, please email Mr. Hoving at hoving@tdchristian.ca.
3. Drivers for Sports Teams: Driving to and from away games is a great way for parents/guardians to get involved at TDChristian. Not only do you get to watch your child's team play, you can earn volunteer hours and cut down on the school's transportation costs. Please contact a team's coach to ask about volunteer driving opportunities. The breakdown of how hours are earned by driving for athletics is available on the Splash! Page. You may drive even if your child is not on the team.
4. TD Parents Association: Are you looking to complete all your volunteer hours before the end of December? Are you interested in organizing a wonderful community event put on by our students? If so, the TDChristian Parents Association is looking for 2 individuals to join our Dinner Theatre Committee. The evening includes a dinner, play and silent auction. It's a great opportunity to support our students and raise funds to improve our kitchen. You will receive 25 volunteer hours for organizing and running the event on December 1st. Please contact Nicole Bell at Nicolebell22@hotmail.com or 416-389-4192 if you would like more information.

TDChristian Rummage Sale

Mark October 20 from 9 am - 1 pm on your calendars for the fabulous annual TDChristian Fall Rummage Sale! You will enjoy our usual attractions of hot and cold lunch items and beverages available to purchase, a wide selection of cheese and home baking, farm vegetables, seasonal items, our famous "gym full of treasures," and Senior TDChristian music students performing. Bring your friends and family for a wonderful morning of indoor garage saling.

Doing a fall cleanup? Do you have too much clutter? Enjoy more space and feel good about supporting our beloved school. We welcome your donations of items to the rummage sale: gently used clothes and accessories, household and garden items, potted plants, sports equipment, books, tools, toys, small appliances and furniture, DVDs, CDs, decor, arts and crafts, unused gift items, jewellery, china and glassware, Halloween and Christmas items, stationery etc. Please do not include any large appliances or furniture items, computers or baby items such as cribs or car seats due to the complicated nature of safety standards. Donations may be dropped off at the school during the day, between now and the evening of Friday, October 19.

Save the Date for the TDChristian production of Little Women

TDChristian presents *Little Women*, by Louisa May Alcott. Productions run on November 29 and 30 with a Dinner Theatre and Silent Auction on Saturday, December 1. Last year's dinner theatre sold out! You don't want to miss this. More details to follow in the next Fridge Door.

Mentorship

- S. VanEerden

As of today, September 26, all Grade 11 students should have completed the first mentorship assignment, Mentorship Possibilities. The next step is to make that planning a reality and set-up and confirm a mentorship placement. The due date for a confirmed mentorship placement is Monday, October 29. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact vaneerden@tdchristian.ca.

Grade 9 Take Your Kids to Work Day - Date Change (November 14)!

The date for the "Take Your Kids to Work" day has been moved from Wednesday, November 7 to Wednesday, November 14, 2018. Grade 9 students from many schools across the country, including those from TDChristian High School, will participate in the "Take Your Kids to Work" program. More details to follow, but now is a good time to start looking for a placement for your child/homestay student. Students do not have to go to a parents' place of work: it can be that of a relative or family friend.

Grade 11/12 Earth Space & Science Class Trip to Algonquin

We have returned to warm beds, electricity and plumbing, but for five days we explored five trails, four lake systems, and the visitors' centre. The high winds that knocked out power to many parts of Ontario kept us on shore for one more day than expected, but the students were patient and flexible. The obstacle opened up opportunities for a stronger trip in the future. Students should be working on completing a trail guide with point-form notes every evening for homework in preparation for their Algonquin report.

Belize Croquette Fundraiser

Fifty boxes of croquettes have arrived at TDChristian for our annual fundraiser. It's Fall and the cool weather is coming. This makes a quick, delicious meal for the whole family or a nice appetizer for a get together. A case of 36 precooked, beef croquettes for only \$45. Contact Marg if you would like to order a box or two (marg@tdchristian.ca).

Canadian Battlefields Trip Opportunity: March Break 2018

Have you thought about what to do during March Break 2019? Go to Europe for the 75th Anniversary year of D-Day.

Sign up to participate in the 2019 Canadian Battlefields Tour in France, Belgium and The Netherlands and see the history of World War I and II come alive! Convince a friend or a family member to sign up for this trip before the end of September, and get \$50 off for both you and your friend.

Talk to Mr. Robinson and check out the link on the TDChristian Splash!page for further details. We are planning an information for interested parents, students and/or other adults on Tuesday, October 23 at 7:30 pm at TDChristian. This is the same night as Learning Dialogues.

From the Art Room

Students in Visual Art Class must have their sketchbooks in class daily.

Global Leadership Summit - October 19 Burlington Performing Arts Centre

In Grade 11 or 12 and interested in attending The Global Leadership Summit (Youth Edition)? *The Dare To Be You* Foundation is sponsoring 100 students to attend a one-day student edition of The Global Leadership Summit! Cost is ONLY \$25 if you register soon. Open to all students in Grade 11 or 12. Check www.dtby.ca/global-leadership-summit.

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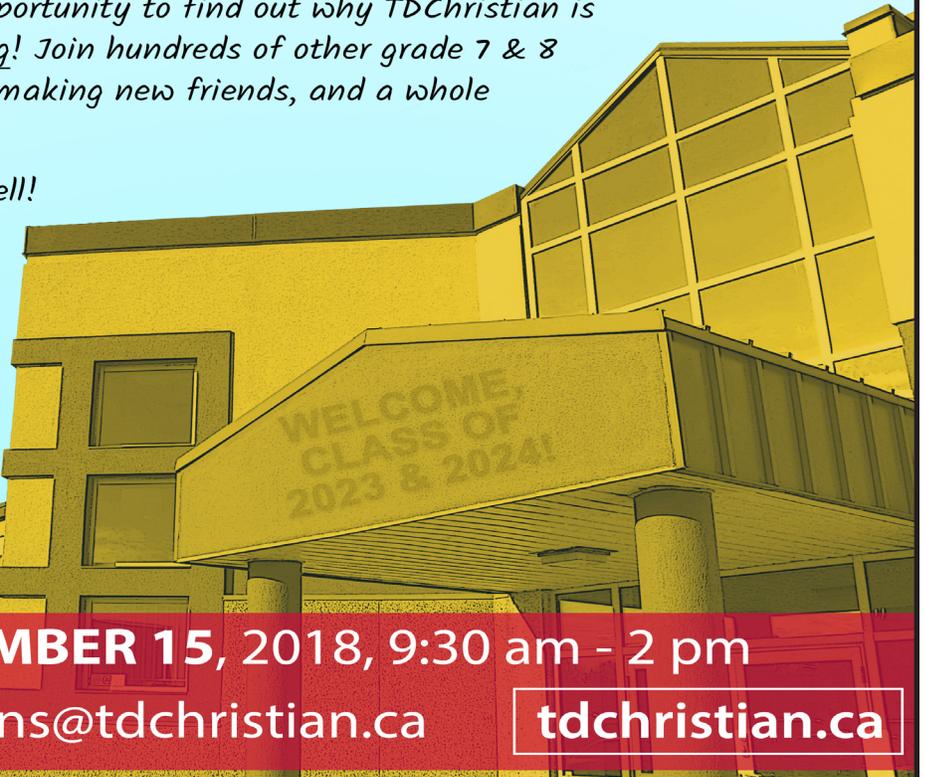
Join us for GRADE 7 & 8 DAY AT TDCHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL.

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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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018, 9:30 am - 2 pm

RSVP to admissions@tdchristian.ca

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COMPASS Survey

Please read the following letter explaining this survey. It will be the seventh time TDChristian has participated in it. It has assisted us at TDChristian with respect to our vending machine, food service, bullying, physical activity and more.



October 1, 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Our school will be participating in the 2018-19 COMPASS survey. Researchers from the University of Waterloo will ask students to complete a 40-minute questionnaire about healthy eating, physical activity, sedentary behaviour, smoking, alcohol and drug-use, bullying, school connectedness, academic achievement, and mental health. The survey is confidential and no names are written on the surveys. This means that the name of your child will not be linked with their survey responses. The surveys will be stored at the University of Waterloo and only research staff will have access to the completed surveys. The survey responses will help researchers gather details about youth health, and this information will be shared with our school to help improve school policies and practices related to health. Both the school board and our school have given approval to conduct the study. The survey is repeated once each year, following the same students. There are no known or anticipated risks to participation in this survey.

On October 22nd, 2018, students in grades 9 to 12 with parental permission, and who themselves agree to participate, will be asked to take part in the survey. Students are free to withdraw from the survey at any time, without penalty.

If you do not wish your child to participate, please call the COMPASS School Research Coordinator, Breanne Reel, at 1-844-819-8388 or contact Marg Laswick at the school office by October 22nd. Consent will be assumed unless you notify us otherwise. If you leave a message, please include:

- your child's name,
- your child's grade,
- the name of your child's school, and
- the name of your child's teacher.

This project has been reviewed and received ethics clearance through a University of Waterloo Research Ethics Committee (ORE#17264). If you have questions for the Committee contact the Chief Ethics Officer, Office of Research Ethics, at 1-519-888-4567 ext. 36005 or ore-ceo@uwaterloo.ca.

To view a copy of the survey questions or for more information about the COMPASS project, please visit www.compass.uwaterloo.ca, or contact COMPASS Research Coordinator, Breanne Reel, at 1-519-888-4567 x38271 or bmreel@uwaterloo.ca

Please note that in cases where researchers believe that a student may need protection from harm, researchers must by law report this information to authorities.