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*As you turn into TDChristian's new entrance from Woodbridge Avenue, you're immediately struck by a stunning new facade of shimmering glass and bright sunlight. Stepping into the airy and spacious atrium, you notice a group of students working together, focused around a Geography project.*

Glancing around, you spot other teens reading, doing homework, or socializing. And a few steps away, through an open door, you catch a glimpse of a warm and inviting presentation centre, where an English class is engaged in a student presentation.

"Wow," you think, "is this the same TDCH that I know?"

In a word, no. This is Project 20/20, TDChristian High School's newest building project, the sixth since the school was built in 1965. Once completed, Lord willing by the year 2020, Project 20/20 will add approximately 12,000 square feet of new space to the school.

"This is an exciting time in the life of our school," says principal William Groot. "Every building project makes the learning and experience at TDChristian that much richer. The atrium, library space, and Science classrooms that came out of Project 2010 are always filled with students. The Commons, part of the 2001 building project, is utilized in countless ways every single day."

Project 20/20 is focused on two main objectives. The first is to create new welcoming, functional, and flexible spaces. The second is to create a dedicated, intimate place for presentations, for both our students and the larger community.

"As a school, we are intentional about students presenting their learning," says Groot. "It's one of the ways we try to be different at TDChristian. A test typically shows the teacher what a student doesn't know. But a presentation shows you what a student actually knows. We think the process of researching, preparing, rehearsing, polishing, presenting, and finally, receiving feedback from an audience, has lifetime value for our students."

We know that the school does not tackle building projects on its own. We remember the faithfulness of so many people during previous campaigns, and we are grateful for the ongoing assistance of our larger community of supporters, including past and current parents and students.

We hope you will join with us and share in the excitement of Project 20/20 and what it will do for students and the future of our school. As always, we seek God's guidance, provision, and blessing as we make plans for the school God has entrusted to us.

**PLEASE TURN TO THE BACK PAGE to find out how you can be involved with Project 20/20.**

## Highlights of Project 20/20:

- A state-of-the-art **Presentation Centre** will feature excellent sound and sight lines. It will have comfortable, flexible seating for any kind of presentation, workshop, production, or event.
- If you've been to an event at our school, you know how crowded and loud the foyer outside the Commons can be. The **new Entrance Atrium** will be a welcoming way to enter the school. It will also provide another learning space for students and a gathering space during events (with additional washrooms as well!).
- Two new **classroom spaces**, including one backstage in the Presentation Centre and an oversized classroom on the second floor. Plans are still underway for which of our unique and special programs (such as International Block, ESL, and Internship Block to name a few) will use this room, but it's flexible enough for each to use it, and for future uses we haven't even thought up yet!
- A **Shop enhancement** will provide more room for emerging technologies such as 3D printing.
- An **enlarged Main Office**, with more space and better flow, will more effectively serve our students, parents, and visitors.
- A **new driveway** off Woodbridge Avenue will greatly improve safety and enhance curb appeal.

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## Where

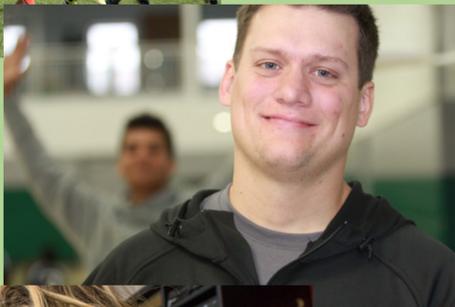
## Project 20/20

## stands right now:

- A **Building Committee and a Campaign Committee** have both been formed.
- An **architect and builder** have been chosen and **preliminary drawings** have been completed.
- An estimate of \$3.9 million (including furnishings and finishing) has been completed.
- \$400,000 has been pledged before the official pledge drive has even begun.
- **Students, staff, and community members** continue to contribute ideas.

# PRAISE

One great benefit of being on the staff of a Christian school is that we can regularly meet together in our workplace for devotions and prayer. But we also love it when you pray for us. To that end, we asked our staff to come up with items for thanksgiving and items for petition. Here are 20 of each that we have chosen to share:



## 20 things to thank God for

- the Grade 9s and other new students who are settling into our school's rhythm and culture.
- the wonderful community-building we experienced during the Homeroom Competitions on October 21.
- lots of positive and affirming feedback from parents, guardians, and homestay hosts on the value of our service trips.
- students who love learning.
- our new Phys Ed Office, which is big enough to allow for organization and has a great shower.
- the opportunities presented by the fire hall adjacent to TDChristian, which the school takes possession of early next year.
- the clubs in our school, including Robotics, Prayer Group, Writers' Guild, and the new SCUBA club starting in Semester 2. They are places where students can share their gifts and passions and can feel included and welcome.
- all the students who are going out on a limb and sharing their gifts publicly in this year's musical *The Pirates of Penzance*, from December 1-3.
- our new Recording and Practice Room off the Music Room.
- the positive and exciting Grade 8 Day we had on October 19.
- the things we often take for granted, such as healthy bodies, safety on our buses, food, friendship, and shelter.
- great family support as we work together to build community in our school.
- our new Executive Administrator, Mr. Colin Hoving, already an integral part of our staff and key to several programs. Lovin' the Hoving!
- our homestay families, who warmly welcome our international students and work diligently with them.
- our shiny, newly painted gym floor that makes the gym look spectacular.
- the Project 20/20 pledges received so far.
- our alumni and how they stay connected to our school.
- the little changes to classrooms that make teaching better, including new whiteboards, interactive tablets, speakers, and fresh paint.
- our first ever Grade 10 Careers overnight trip. It was a great time of bonding and discussing this year's theme: empathy.
- our hard-working volunteers and all the many ways they support us.

Proposed Project 20/20  
exterior entrance

## Can You See It?



Proposed Project 20/20  
presentation space



# PETITION

## 20 things to commit to God

- Project 20/20: our planning, our fundraising, and later, our building. Pray for the community members already on our committees: John Campbell, Chris Diomedi, Peter Elgersma, Kristen Ferkranus, Steve Heidman, and Art Van Halteren.
- our transportation challenges: as the GTA continues to get more congested, pray that we might find better and more efficient ways for students to get to TDChristian.
- our Open Houses in January and May, that Grade 8 students (the class of 2021) and their families will be led to make TDChristian their high school.
- our students who struggle with mental health issues. Pray for our guidance counsellors Evelyn Dengerink and Alice Vanderkooy, and personal counsellor Robyn Godber, as they reach out to those students.
- *The Pirates of Penzance* musical and all the work that still needs to be done. Pray for the success of the show and the Dinner Theatre fundraiser on Saturday, December 3.
- our Grade 12s as they make their plans for after TDChristian. Pray that, wherever they go, they will use and build on what they learned here.
- our international students as they settle into a new community and culture, and the homestay families seeking to enfold, encourage, and support them.
- our Christmas Concert on December 15, especially the Grade 9 Music classes as they perform publicly for the first time in high school.
- safety on all of our school trips this year: service trips to downtown Toronto, Belize, and the Dominican Republic, and other trips like sports tournaments, the European Battlefields Trip, and more.
- the families who willingly sacrifice to send their children to our school. Pray that as a school we can continue to find ways to help families send their children here.
- our Mentorship students in Grade 11 as they look for adult mentors and explore a career. Pray for deep and meaningful connections between mentors and students.
- our affiliated Christian elementary schools, who share our goal of providing high quality, student-focused, Christian education.
- students who struggle to find their place or identity in Christ. Help them to grow closer to God, to ask questions, and to find answers or direction in their quests.
- a sense of belonging for every student who attends TDChristian, and for all of us, a determination to notice, affirm, and include others.
- our Resource teachers, Michelle Bauer and Laura Kooy, and Patricia Ootjers, our Resource educational assistant, who work so hard to support so many students academically.
- our Presentations Day on Wednesday, December 7, as scores of students prepare to present their learning in front of an audience.
- wisdom for how we can most effectively budget time, effort, and money at school.
- grace for students who are struggling with challenges outside of school.
- a renewed vision for Christ-centred learning, and all the necessary resources to carry that vision out, now and for decades to come.
- a vision for the world in which we live, both nearby and far away, and the creativity, wisdom, and courage to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus in it.

## Connecting Project 20/20 with our TD students

*In an October school assembly, Grade 10 student Madelin Gennaro interviewed Project 20/20 Campaign Committee member and alumna Kristen Ferkranus (Class of 2007). Here are some of the highlights of that interview.*

**MG:** Kristen, most of us in this audience will graduate before 2020. Why should Project 20/20 matter to us?

**KF:** Madelin, for years and years there have been people praying for you. They didn't know who you were, they didn't know you'd be taking Robotics classes or Eco classes, and they for sure didn't know you'd be taking photos with drones. But for more than 50 years, people you don't know have been investing in you. They wanted you to have the best in Christian education. Project 20/20 will make our school even better, and you students, along with many others, can help keep this legacy going.

**MG:** So how can we get involved as students?

**KF:** One of the things I always appreciated about being a student and later an alumna of TDCH is that I knew my voice mattered to the school. We need your ideas and input about what those new spaces—the big and beautiful atrium, for example—will actually look like. You can also help with the fundraising, either on your own, as a class, or as a homeroom; you could choose to raise money for



Madelin Gennaro (left) with Kristen Ferkranus

furniture, technology, even artwork. Every contribution counts; it doesn't have to be big. And the last thing you can do is simple: pray for Project 20/20!

**MG:** Anything else?

**KF:** You guys all have things to offer. If you're interested in architecture, sit down with our architects. Maybe you're excited about design, or maybe you have ideas about tech. You can contact me and the Committee will connect you with the right people. We want your voice to be part of Project 20/20.

*Have ideas about Project 20/20? Students (and anyone else) can contact Kristen at [Kristen@ferkranus.ca](mailto:Kristen@ferkranus.ca).*



Students outline proposed Project 20/20 exterior wall

# What's New at TD:



## 140 GRADE 8 STUDENTS @ TDCHRISTIAN

On October 19, more than 140 Grade 8 students visited TDChristian for Grade 8 Day. It was a busy, exciting, and action-packed day; you can see video highlights at [www.tdchristian.ca](http://www.tdchristian.ca).



## 14TH ANNUAL TRIP TO ALGONQUIN PARK

In September, teacher David Robinson and his Earth and Space Science class went on their five-day field trip to Algonquin Park. This trip was the fourteenth of its kind; so far, 250 students have travelled to Algonquin as part of the course. "It's literally my favourite time of the school year," says Robinson. "What better way to teach about glaciers than to climb through and over glaciofluvial landforms?"



## EPIC HOMEROOM BATTLES @ TD

In late October, the school's 21 homerooms challenged each other in an epic battle we call Homeroom Competitions. Students brought in nonperishable foods for The Lighthouse's food bank, and then the Grade 12 Phys Ed Leadership team led the homerooms through a series of fun events. While there was plenty of excitement and school spirit to go around, in the end there could be only one winner. Homeroom R took first prize (a pizza party).

## PENZANCE PIRATES COMING TO TD

TDChristian's production of the musical *The Pirates of Penzance* takes place on December 1, 2, and 3. The performance on December 3 is a dinner theatre and includes a gourmet meal in addition to an exciting silent auction. Tickets can be purchased by sending an email to [playtickets@tdchristian.ca](mailto:playtickets@tdchristian.ca).

TDChristian High School presents...

Gilbert and Sullivan's

# The Pirates of Penzance

December 1 & 2 @ 7 pm  
December 3 @ 7 pm (Dinner Theatre show)

To reserve your tickets, email [playtickets@tdchristian.ca](mailto:playtickets@tdchristian.ca)  
Adults \$20, Students \$10, Pirates \$25  
[tdchristian.ca](http://tdchristian.ca)

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## Your Project 20/20 Involvement

### Project 20/20

- BUILDING COMMUNITY •

### VISION

#### SPECIAL NOTE:

## Be a part of it!

While the board and staff of TDChristian High School have already been hard at work on Project 20/20, the membership will officially vote on proceeding with the project at the Fall Membership Meeting on Tuesday, November 22, at 7:30 pm. Everyone, including members, parents, guardians, and homestay hosts, is invited to attend and give feedback. Members will then vote on whether to go ahead.

# Alumni News

## Attention Alumni!

Please keep us posted regarding reunions, marriages, births, career moves, and any other important milestones. Simply email [alumni@tdchristian.ca](mailto:alumni@tdchristian.ca). Don't worry if you're late in reporting – we're still interested!

### • Marriages

- Colin Adema (08) and Beth Ellens (08) were married October 3, 2015.

### • Births

- Rachel Groot (05) and Diego Merino welcomed their second child, Adrian Johannes, on October 5. Adrian is a brother for Leora.
- Amanda Sjaarda (03) and Tim Sreedharan welcomed their first child, Caleb Josiah, in November 2015.

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### VISION

## INVEST in the future of exceptional learning at TDChristian!

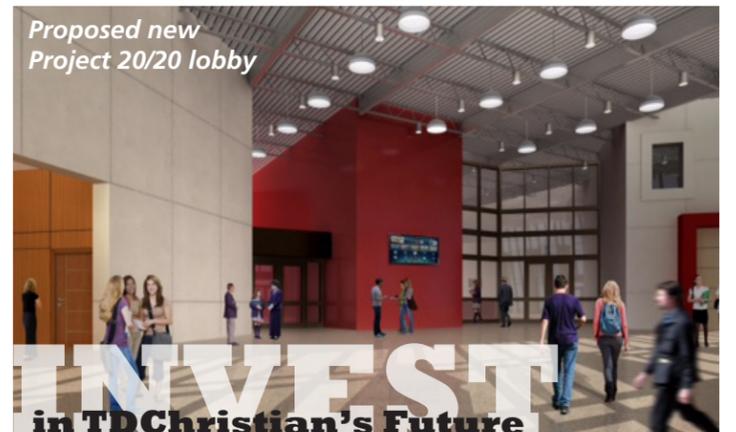
### You can support us

- by being part of a Project 20/20 Feedback Group.
- by praying for Project 20/20's direction, leadership, and completion.
- by speaking to principal William Groot.
- by pledging a financial commitment.

### Email us at

[project2020@tdchristian.ca](mailto:project2020@tdchristian.ca)

and we will get in touch with you!



### Upcoming Events

**TDChristian Fall Membership Meeting**  
November 22, 7:30 pm

**The Pirates of Penzance**  
December 1 & 2, 7:00 pm

**The Pirates of Penzance Dinner Theatre**  
December 3, 5:30 pm

**Semester 1 Presentations Day**  
December 7,  
9:00 am–3:00 pm

**Christmas Concert**  
December 15,  
7:00 pm

**Winter Open House**  
January 19,  
7:00–8:30 pm

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