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Nota Bene (Latin for "note well")

The passage of time amazes me! The current graduating class members were born in 2002, the year after the 9/11 tragedy. The significance of the events of that time have affected us immensely including how safe people feel and how they travel. More significantly, it has affected how our current students began their lives.

TDChristian students are part of Gen Z. In one of last year's parent/guardian evenings, we noted what that means about how they view the world. It is certainly different than Gen X, of which most of our parents are a part (1965 to 1983) and Millennials (or Gen Y). The Barna Group, a respected research organization focused on determining links between faith and culture, has a compelling report on Christians who are Gen Z compared to those who are not. See www.barna.com/research/gen-z-morality/ to learn more. A key point it notes is that the moral landscape has vastly changed.

How do we act and react as Christians in this culture?

At the heart of learning is service to God and others. As Christians, we are called to love God, first. Secondly, we are to love others as we love ourselves. At TDChristian, we do this by enfolding students into a community led and supported by a caring and committed Christian staff. We engage them in learning that challenges them to discover and develop their talents, abilities, and gifts. Rigour, grit, creativity, projects, and presentations are important components. Through these, our students are empowered to serve God and others in and out of the classroom. We call it "learning for service in the light of God's Word." Our teachers embody it. Our desire is to inspire our students to do likewise.

Part of this year's journey of growing is the expansion of the school: Project 20/20. See actual progress on the construction site by visiting tdchristian.ca. We ask for your continued support in prayer and financially. We are working diligently to ensure our mortgage is as low as possible. Our aim is make it much lower. If you want to learn more about how you can help or to whom we should reach out, contact me or our Campaign Fundraising Manager, Leanne Fernhout (fernhout@tdchristian.ca).

Our focus this year is Romans 12, a chapter rich in encouragement. At Back in the Groove Again, attended by over 500 people, we focussed on verses 10 to 12, "Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying." We call it *Love in Action*.

God is faithful. He leads and guides. Therefore, we can and do work together. You count on us. We count on you.

Onward into 2019-20!

New Families, Future Directions, Learn About Resource Meetings

Come to the Commons tomorrow, Thurs., Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. to gather together before splitting up into the *New Families* and *Future Directions* (see Guidance Corner for more information) *Meetings*. The *Learn About Resource Meeting* will follow later in the evening. Parents or guardians who attend the entire meeting and fill out a feedback form can earn up to 2.5 volunteer hours per family. Students normally attend the Future Directions meeting but not the other ones.

Reminder: Fall Open House & Information Night for Grade School Families Oct. 10 (6:30 p.m.)

School Photo Day is Wednesday, September 18

All students need to have their pictures taken for our school yearbook and free student ID cards. To purchase photos, students must fill in a school photo form and bring the payment directly to the photographer on Sept. 18. Photo forms were handed out at Back in the Groove Again but can also be picked up from Marg in the office.

Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

We are thankful for God's goodness through another summer away from school! Many of our students, as well as staff members, and their families enjoyed opportunities to focus on other things including holidays and leisure time. Some students went to summer school, while others worked, volunteered or served others. We praise God for the memories made by many and thank him for the safety he afforded us.

In the PRAISE AND PETITION part of the Fringedoor, we try to inform you of the joys and struggles within our community. If you have items that you would like us to note, please email Evelyn Dengerink or Marg Laswick.

Welcome to another year of learning for service in the light of God's Word! A special welcome to our new students in Grades 9-12. We are thankful that our Grade 9 class had a good Service Trip last week. We pray that all students will feel at home among us.

Mr. Derek Chisholm, Calum's dad, did not have a good summer. In August, he took a turn for the worse and is currently on life support and unresponsive. This is very difficult for Calum and his mom, Sung Ja, and two cousins, Helen and Julia, who are now living in the home and attending Timothy Christian School in Etobicoke. Please pray that God may give them the strength and his nearness as they await God's will in this trying circumstance.

Angie Vanderkooi, Noah's mom, is doing well and is back at work. She has begun targeted therapy in Newmarket and has experienced no side effects. The medical team (and the family) are happy and hope that this continues for the entire treatment time which is anticipated to be three years. We thank God for his care and blessings.

We thank God that Karen Hollander, Haley and Avery's mom, is doing well, driving again and was at Back in the Groove Again. She has been free of seizures and strokes for 14 months. She and the family are optimistic for the future as she continues her recovery.

Former teacher, Alice Vanderkooy, continues her treatment for cancer. The tumour has shrunk and she is scheduled for surgery on Sept. 23. She is thankful for the support and prayers of many and our God who upholds her.

Christine Martens, custodian Laurie's mother and William Groot's sister, continues to battle with cancer. She is in palliative care, dealing with discomfort and pain, but is still alive. Please pray for her and her family. God continues to show his mercy and love through this difficult journey.

School Culture

- M. Heinbuch/J. Dykxhoorn

Overall, we have had a positive start to the TDChristian school year. If you have questions about different aspects of student life at TDChristian and the culture we desire, you can find many answers in our Family & Student Handbook (FSH) by clicking its link on the TDChristian Splash! Page.

In particular we want to remind students and their families of our dress code guidelines, found on page 9 of the FSH. As stated by a feeder school principals, "please help us keep to these standards as it is difficult for [staff] to be the *clothing police*. We would much rather interact with your sons and daughters in more positive ways."

As necessary, we will enforce the dress code by having the student change into gym clothes and/or get sent home. In order to help your child avoid such consequence, please do a clothing check before he or she leaves in the morning.

Let's start the school year on a positive note!

Transportation

- J. Dykxhoorn

Thank you for your patience as we work with our bus company to fix the glitches that have caused problems with the bus tracking information. We are aware of some issues that we have had with our bus tracking software. The company who provides that GPS service has been notified and they are hoping to provide a permanent fix soon.

I am in the process of updated our “Call-Em-All” lists which will be used to send out mass “broadcasts” about bus cancellations due to things such as inclement weather or bus breakdowns. If you are a Freedom Mobile, make sure your bus rep has the phone number at which you need to be voice called as Freedom Mobile cell phone users are not able to receive the automated texts generated by our system.

Service Trips

- C. Hoving

Grade 9 Toronto Service Trips

On Wednesday morning, over 55 boys boarded the bus and headed to downtown Toronto for their two day service trip. We enjoyed beautiful weather. It was a great trip! The boys were terrific. The service agencies with whom we partner were most appreciative of the help provided. On Thursday morning, we welcomed 45 girls for their two days of service.

Both groups experienced a street walk, ate pizza dinner, participated in games and listened to a talk on how we can give dignity to those who are experiencing homelessness and hardships in the downtown area. Besides that, we had a great time meeting and getting to know others!

Grade 10 Beacon Trip

A commitment form was sent home in the August mailing (also available on the TDChristian Splash! Page) for students and parents/guardians to fill out, sign and submit to the school. All Grade 10 students will be going on this trip to Beacon Bible Camp from Wed., Sept. 25 to Thurs., Sept. 26 as part of their period three classes. Please ensure that this commitment sheet is handed in to the office by this Fri., Sept. 13. On the sheet, families can read information about the trip.

Students will take their regular bus in on the Sept. 25 and return to TDChristian at 6 p.m. on Sept. 26. If you wish to be picked up from or dropped off at the 400 and 9 car pool, please e-mail Marg (in the main office) by Sept. 18. We are thankful for the support we receive for this trip. If you have any questions or concerns about this mandatory curricular trip, please contact Mr. Hoving at hoving@tdchristian.ca.

Grade 11 Toronto Service Trip

A commitment form was sent home in the August mailing (also available on the TDChristian Splash! Page) for students and parents/guardians to fill out, sign and submit to the school. Students in this semester’s English and Perspectives classes, as well as Grade 11 Internship students are scheduled to go to Toronto from October 8 to 10. Please ensure that this commitment sheet is handed in to the office by Fri., Sept. 13.

On this sheet, you will also read information about the trip. Students will meet at the school at 7 a.m. on Tues., Oct. 8 so to be able to arrive at our first placements around 9 a.m. This trip is part of the Grade 11 English and Perspectives classes and has often been a highlight for Grade 11 students.

We are thankful for the support we receive for this trip. If you have any questions or concerns about this mandatory curricular trip, please contact Mr. Hoving at hoving@tdchristian.ca or connect with your child’s teacher, Mr. Van Eerden, Mr. Terpstra or Mr. Sjaarda.

Admissions

- P. Schuurman

Welcome new families! It was awesome to see many of you at our kickoff on August 29, Back in the Groove Again. There was a great energy in the school and an eagerness for the new year ahead.

If you missed the evening or if you have any questions as a new parent, guardian or homestay parent to TDChristian, then please attend this Thursday night’s event for New Families. We will address school culture, trips and Edsby, just to name a few topics. Students normally do not attend the New Families Meeting.

Come and meet staff and other parents, guardians and homestay parents. Learn more about who we are and of what you are now a part! Thank you again for choosing TDChristian and joining this fantastic community. God’s blessings as we partner together in learning to serve Him in light of His Word.

Finally, pass on information about our Fall, Winter and Spring Open Houses, the first of which is on Thurs., Oct. 10 at 6:30 p.m. (Program begins at 7 p.m.). Earn volunteer hours by recommending a family not attending a current feeder school who enrolls its child at TDChristian next year.

Mentorship (for Grade 11 students)

- S. VanEerden

Mentorship@TDChristian will get underway this week. The goal of the first semester is for every grade 11 student to find a mentor willing to invite them into their workplace for three days between January 22 and 28. As they begin to think more seriously about their future careers, students find this experience to be enriching, eye-opening, and empowering. This semester, students must think about possible mentors (due September 26), find a mentor (due October 29), and write a short report on their mentor called Get-To-Know Your Mentor (due Nov. 1).

You can find dates, assignments, and expectations at the Mentorship link on TDChristian's Splash! Page. If you are interested in being a mentor or hosting someone at your workplace, you qualify for up to 18 volunteer hours. If you have any questions, please contact Sean Van Eerden at vaneerden@tdchristian.ca.

Falcons' Perch

- C. Hoving

Welcome to a new year of TDChristian Falcon Athletics! Our fall teams are concluding their team tryouts this week and starting practices. Please refer to the Splash! Page (summer mailing) for the initial practice schedule for each team. For the most up-to-date schedule, check the Edsby group of each team.

Volunteer Parent Drivers

Driving to and from away games is a great way for parents to get involved at TDChristian. Not only do you get to watch your child play, you can earn volunteer hours and cut down on the school's transportation costs. Please contact each coach to ask about volunteer driving opportunities. The breakdown of how hours are earned by driving for athletics is available on the Splash! Page.

Senior team members will be receiving Student Transportation Consent Forms this week. These need to be filled out and returned to coaches before the tournaments and games begin (which is soon).

Game Schedules

Coaches will receive game schedules late next week and teams will begin season games the week of September 23. Team schedules, including practices, and information will be posted in each team's Edsby group.

Teams and Coaches

Here are the fall teams along with their coaches and assistants

Boys Junior Tier 2 Volleyball (Ms. Ev Dengerink), Boys Junior Tier 1 Volleyball (Mr. Joel Dykxhoorn, Mr. Bruce Vrieling), Boys Senior Tier 1 Volleyball (Ms. Tammy Dibbits, Ms. Rachael Weening), Junior Girls Basketball (Ms. Michelle Bauer), Senior Girls Basketball (Mr. Matt Heinbuch), Cross Country (Mr. Joel Westerhof). Please feel free to email or Edsby message coaches with specific questions about the team.

TDChristian Intramural Hockey League

Students who desire to play intramural hockey this year and who have not yet played hockey at TDChristian are invited to the one-hour Intramural Hockey Newcomers Skate and Play event this Friday. This is not a tryout as all players who sign up for intramural hockey can play on a team. It is an opportunity for you to get on the ice early, and it gives us a chance to see you play! Rides to the rink after school are provided! Please e-mail hockey@tdchristian.ca to request a ride. If you cannot attend our newcomers event but are considering playing intramural hockey at TDChristian, you must email hockey@tdchristian.ca on or before Friday. *For all players, the deadline for signing up and paying for hockey this year is Friday. The Intramural Hockey sign up form is on the Splash! Page.*

Volunteer or Paid Referees

If you are interested (parents, guardians, others) in volunteering or being paid to referee intramural, non-contact hockey on Friday mornings and afternoons, please contact Mr. Eric Vrieling (evrieling@tdchristian.ca).

Concussions

If your son or daughter suffers, or has suffered, a concussion, please refer to our concussion resources on the Splash! Page, especially the concussion protocol which includes steps to be followed before a student returns to school. All families are encouraged to watch the concussion video. About 20 TDChristian students suffered concussions last year, some at school, some away from school and not just in sports.

Music Notes

- K. Hayward

We are excited about the possibilities of making wonderful music at TDChristian this year!

Students new to TDChristian have the opportunity to join the Concert Band, Choir, Praise Band (Ascension) or Jazz Band. Those who are still interested in joining any of our ensembles should speak with Mr. Hayward ASAP.

Grade 9 students will join the choir on Thursday. Concert Band rehearsals will begin on Thursday (7:30 a.m.). Parents, guardians or homestay parents who are willing to carpool or offer rides to other students who live in the same area are asked to contact Mr. Hayward (hayward@tdchristian.ca).

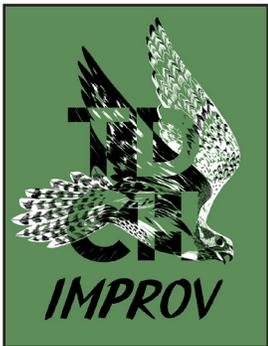
Ascension will meet on Thursday after school. Jazz band will begin next week on Wednesday. Both groups meet between 3:00 and 4:30 p.m.

Students interested in taking vocal lessons during the school day should speak with Mr. Hayward ASAP.

If you have a question about the music at TDChristian email Mr. Hayward at hayward@tdchristian.ca.

Centre Stage

- R. Peters



Centre Stage is our new regular feature on all things drama department! Check every Fridge Door to find out what's happening in drama at TDChristian!

TDChristian's Improv Team Kicks Off Its 2019/2020 Season!

We're only two weeks into the new school year and our improv team is already preparing for what is sure to be a stellar year. Six Grade 12 students (part of our Toronto Regional gold-winning team from last year) have been joined by six Grade 11s (the silver-winning team from the Junior Tournament last year). We have been invited to lead a workshop at the Edvance Conference next month, and we will be working closely with a group of Grade 7&8 students from Providence Christian School. Next Friday at lunch you can catch them on stage (and every subsequent Friday lunchtime) for adLIBB (Lunchtime Improv in the Black Box). Half a dollar gets you half an hour of improv hilarity, with proceeds going towards our trip to Ottawa for the Canadian Improv Games National Tournament!

From the Art Room

All Art students need a to bring a spiral back sketchbook and drawing pencils to every class they attend. All assignments are posted in Edsby.

Guidance Corner

- E. Dengerink

Students are assigned to specific guidance counsellors who are and will be responsible for them through their time at TDChristian. Students in Homerooms A to J are with Ms. Judy Van Schepen (ext. 220) and Homerooms K to U have been assigned to Ms. Evelyn Dengerink (ext. 212).

Ms. Marianne Deeks (ext. 221) is our school therapist. She is at TDChristian on most Tuesdays throughout the school year. Students who would like to be referred to her, may connect with their guidance counsellor or contact her directly at deeks@tdchristian.ca. Students who prefer to talk to a male counsellor can connect with Mr. Heinbuch.

If parents, guardians, homestay parents or students have concerns or questions, please contact the appropriate homeroom teacher or guidance counsellor.

Future Directions

Tomorrow evening, Thurs., Sept. 12, we will hold an information session for Grade and 11 and 12 parents, guardians, homestay parents and their students. Attendees will get an overview of the year as well as post-secondary options. We will explain what preliminary research needs to take place and how parents, guardians and homestay parents can support students in this next phase of their educational path. If you are a parent who has already gone through this process and have wisdom to offer, we would love to hear from you at this meeting. We look forward to seeing you. Students are encouraged to attend. Earn volunteer hours for attending.

The Grade 12 Guidance Group will be set up on Edsby this week. Students and parents, guardians, and homestay parents can access Information about scholarships, open houses, deadlines, university/college lunch visits at TDChristian, Information fairs, and so much more by checking this group regularly!

- **September 27 to 29:** The Ontario University Fair takes place at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Students in Grades 11 and 12 are encouraged to attend with their parents or guardians so as to help them make informed decisions about post-secondary universities. Use www.ouf.ca to plan your visit. Students who cannot attend can check www.ouf.ca/uip for a schedule of more local information sessions. The UIP travels across Ontario, offering fair or presentation-style events in most Ontario regions. As well, many universities offer Fall Campus Day visits. Check the websites of individual universities for further information.
- **Monday, October 21:** TDChristian hosts the Canadian Christian University Tour during the morning. More information will be provided in future Fridge Doors and in announcements.
- The **Ontario Community College Fair** (www.ocif.ca/) is on October 23 and 24 at the Enercare Centre.

Scholarships

Not all scholarships are based on academic achievement. Many reward creative thinking, community involvement and extra-curricular participation. Scholarships often take time to research and apply for, but can be worth the effort. Yconic.com matches you with thousands of scholarships and other awards. It's fast, it's free, and it's easy!

- Lorain Awards offers scholarships to certain universities in Canada for students who have an 85% average and hold Canadian citizenship or residency status. "We seek well-rounded students who demonstrate character, promise of leadership and strong commitment to service in the community." See www.loranscholar.ca. You can apply online. Deadlines are October 17 and October 24, 2019.
- The Horatio Alger Ontario Scholarship program seeks to honour students who have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record and a commitment to going to a public college or university in Ontario. See horatioalger.org/ontarioscholarship for more information. Deadline is October 25, 2019.

Library Shelf

- J Knibbe

Do you love to read? Would you like to get to know other TDChristian students who feel the same way about books? Join TDChristian's Book Club.

Along with several other Christian high school students in Ontario, we will be reading 10 books throughout this school year. In April, TDChristian will be hosting "The Final Word", the event that rounds out the book club year.

Sign up by coming to the library! Bring your questions to Ms. Knibbe.

Volunteer Opportunities

Please email Mr. Ben Freeman (freeman@tdchristian.ca) if you can help with either of the first two volunteer requests for our Environmental Block program.

1. **Garden tools.** We need donations of the following items, or parent-volunteers that can look for sales & purchase them this fall (you will be reimbursed): two wheelbarrows, four garden bow rakes (not leaf), six shovels (round point), two garden edgers & four hand pruners.
2. **Haz Mat.** We are looking for a family that could support our school's "hazardous materials" collection and bring items to the appropriate recycling depots. This would include old paint cans, electronics, and household batteries. This volunteer work can cover all 25 hours in a year, and is an ideal opportunity for a family that is normally at the school at least once every other school month.
3. **The school store is need of lunch time cashiers.** If you can spare an hour or so once or twice a week to collect money at the school store, please contact Elaine Roorda for more details (roorda@tdchristian.ca).
4. **Drama room workday volunteer opportunity!** The Black Box Theatre costume/prop room is in desperate need of a makeover and organization, so we are holding a work-bee weekend this fall (dates TBA). Do you have gifts in laundering/sewing/sorting/painting or even carpet-laying? We need you! Earn volunteer hours in a fun atmosphere while helping our Black Box shine like a crazy diamond! Contact Mr. Peters for more details at peters@tdchristian.ca.
5. If you are interested in being a **scribe for a student**, here is your chance! We need parent/guardian

volunteers on Wed., Oct. 2, Thurs., Oct. 3, and Wed., Oct. 30 from 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. Volunteers will receive up to 1.5 volunteer hours. Please contact Ms. Contos at contos@tdchristian.ca

6. We are looking for parent/guardian volunteers to **assist with our Grade 10 Beacon trip**. The trip is overnight from Wed., Sept. 25 to Thurs., Sept. 26 and the work would be primarily in the kitchen. You would get 15 volunteer hours. Please contact hoving@tdchristian.ca for more information.

7. If you are heading to an evening event at TDChristian and looking to gain a few volunteer hours we are always looking for help to clean up and put away tables and chairs at the end of the event. Contact Mr. Hoving by emailing hoving@tdchristian.ca or via Edsby.

8. We are looking to purchase five composite park benches for the **Place of Grace** at the front of our property. If you have a connection or can purchase them at a great price, please connect with Rod Dengerink or William Groot this week. Earn volunteer hours depending on what arrangements are made.

Earth, Space & Science Trip to Algonquin Park

- D. Robinson

TDChristian's 17th trip to Algonquin Park leaves on Thurs., Sept. 19 and returns on Mon., Sept. 23. Our trip has its base at the Whitefish Group campsite. We will be learning about God's creation through trails, lakes, rivers, museums and star gazing. This will be our first time trying to find native pictographs on Rock Lake. We plan to return in time for busses. Students should train a half hour a day to be physically prepared for the demands of this trip.

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The Louvre

Monaco
Cathedral

Tower of Pisa



St. Peter's
Basilica

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Tour number 2167451PS



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