



TCS Newsreel

"Set your hearts on things above, where Christ is...Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." Col 3:1-2

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This past week, I sent out letters to all of your pastors inviting them to our February 10th assembly. If you happen to speak to them, encourage them to join us that morning at 8:30 am for a time of praise and prayer. At the end of the assembly the school is divided up so that each pastor that comes spends time praying with our students for them and for our school. I believe this is a great way for our school and churches to work together. Over the past 4 years we have had about 7 or 8 pastors come out to this special assembly. I would love to see all 22 churches represented. It also gives our pastors a change to see Christian education in action and to see your children in their learning environment. We would love to have you join us that morning as well. So put Wednesday, February 10 on your calendar and together with our church pastors, let's pray for the students of Timothy Christian School.

During this delightful season called winter, it's important that students are prepared to spend their recesses outside and are dressed for the weather. At all grades it would be a good idea to have an extra pair of socks to keep feet warm and dry. Also remember to send along indoor shoes. Students are not permitted to wear their boots in the classrooms and due to water in the halls from the snow, sock feet are not a wise choice. And if there was an emergency, they would be going outside in sock feet. Mittens and snow or splash pants are an excellent choice for all aged students. If you happened to come to school at recess time you can be sure that teachers are outside wearing an extra layer of clothes to keep warm and dry. This is the land of Canada we live in and cold and wet weather can be expected. ☺

I'd like to close by sharing something I read the other day. Hebrews 12:2 states, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith." I am reading once again *Bedside Blessings* by Charles R. Swindoll. I was reminded that we need to fix our eyes on Jesus over and over, day by day, minute by minute. When we are feeling low, when we feel disappointed, when our heart is breaking, when everything is going great and when we think we can do it all on our own, we need to look to Jesus and keep on looking up to Him.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS...

January

12	Pizza orders due
15	Pizza Lunch
21	No Bus Pizza Lunch
20	Pajama & Hot Chocolate Day
22	PD DAY – NO SCHOOL
25	No Bus
27	No Bus
28	No Bus
29	No Bus

February

10	TCS Winter Olympics
12	Pizza Lunch
15	Family Day: NO SCHOOL
24	Basketball Tournament
26	PA Day: NO SCHOOL

TCS CERTIFICATES

Certificates are available for purchase in the office Monday-Thursday from 1-3 pm. Weekly orders are picked up Wednesday (am) and returned Friday's of the following week.

TD CHRISTIAN'S GRADE EIGHT DESSERT EVENING THIS THURSDAY!

TDChristian High School invites all grade 8 students and their parents to our annual Dessert Evening on Thursday, January 14th at 7 pm. Enjoy delicious desserts, see interesting presentations from students and teachers, and tour our new \$3 million dollar expansion.



RSVPs are requested but not required (to RSVP, send an email to bentum@tdchristian.ca). Also, remember that TDChristian's early bird enrollment registration deadline is February 1st, 2010.

FROM THE TEACHER'S DESK

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Girls tryouts continue this **Tuesday & Wednesday** from 3 - 4:45.

Boys will have tryouts on **Tuesday only**.

Team lists will be posted Thursday. If you haven't signed up it's not too late. Hope to see you there!

PRINCIPAL EVALUATION

Last week every family should have received a Principal Evaluation Form attached to the newsreel. Please complete these forms and return to the office in the envelope provided by January 29. Thank you.



PIZZA LUNCHES FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Don't miss out on your chance to enjoy our next pizza lunches scheduled for Fridays January 15 and 29 and February 12. Order today! Complete the order form that was attached to last week's newsreel and submit your order with payment by Tuesday, January 12. Thanks!

ATTENTION LADIES

The Beth Moore Bible study is starting up again at Rexdale Alliance Church. Thursday mornings at 9:30 starting Jan.14 or Monday evenings with supper at 6:30/without supper at 7:30 starting Jan. 18.

Topic: A Women's Heart - God's Dwelling Place.

Contact Norah @ nbreen2@cogeco.ca

FROM FUNDRAISING

Today the order forms for our new Christian Greeting Card fundraiser are coming home! All orders with cheques (made payable to TCS) are due January 25th. The cards will be delivered to the school on February 22.

MRS. UBBENS – GRADE 7/8

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.”
~Ephesians 6:18~

The eggs have arrived! Our grade 7 and 8's are learning the challenges of hens raising their young beginning by sitting on the eggs. Together we hope to hatch chickens and lead the school into understanding the wonders of new life in baby chicks! If you are in the school please ask one of the students to share with you what is going on. (Gestation period is 21 days)

January 11 is day 6

Spelling: test and assignment this week

Writing: African animal researched writing - good copy was completed in class today - typed copy due Tuesday

Math: (last week the math plans were changed and we began new units): this week (8) Relations test Wed; (7) Data Management test Wed - review for both will be completed tomorrow

History: the Middle Ages creative project assignment progress check Thursday Jan 14 (expected outline handed out) - will receive a grade out of 50; final due date for presentations Thursday Jan 21 (no extensions please)

Art: white cotton cloth (2m) needed for this Friday (a number of students still have not brought in the cloth)

Writing / Art: students have been given an Art History period and requested to select a work of art and artist for a Writing assignment as well as an Art Replication - please assist them finding a work of art that is suitable, as well as books or internet on the time period in Art History, and get it approved by Jan 20 ready to do research on Friday and begin writing in class Monday Jan 25 - they will unfortunately lose the class time if they come unprepared

Parent/Teacher Conferences: schedule to come home Tuesday

Mme Hudson - French:

Grade 7 - Vocab quizzes will begin this week. 5 new vocab words will be assigned for quizzing each class until the list is complete. Learning 5 words every 2 days is much more manageable than trying to learn 40 the last couple of days before the test (and will stay in your memory longer!).

Grade 8 - Fri., Jan. 15: Registre d'écoute due.

We will be reviewing old verbs and learning new ones in the next few class periods. Expect regular quizzes.

SPIRIT CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT

Upcoming events and dates:

Wednesday, January 20, 2010 – Pajama Day and Hot Chocolate Day!

Ever felt like rolling out of bed and going straight to school? Well, now you sort of can! Wear your pajamas or your most comfortable clothes to school on this day! Since the weather is really cold, Spirit Club decided to give you a treat to warm up! The delicious hot chocolate will be served after lunch recess.

Wednesday, February 10, 2010 – TCS Winter Olympics!

We know that many of you would rather be playing in the snow than sitting in a classroom. So, this event was brought into action! On this day, you will gather into your school teams and do some fun activities! Each activity will be outside, so please wear your snow pants, mitts, hats, boots, and scarves. Thank you!

MS. MIEDEMA— GRADE 5/6

- **Literature:** Students should complete reading their book report novel by Friday. During the week, some time will be provided for reading in class, but most of the reading will need to be completed at home. Character lists and chapter summaries must also be done by Friday. Further instructions about how to complete the book report will be provided to the students this week.
- **Bible:** Our new unit is a study of the Gospels, starting with the stories of Christ's birth and early years. For one lesson, each student must bring 2 Christmas cards to school by Friday. The cards must be chosen critically: one card must reflect the true meaning of Christmas, and the other does not.
- **Science/Writing: Rocks and Minerals Report** Topics and information books should have been at school today. This week, students will begin researching their topic and writing research notes by organizing their information under headings. Time will be provided in class for this, but students will also need to work on this at home. Please refer to the timeline/instruction sheet.
- **Health:** The Lord willing, lessons will begin next week for 2 periods a week (Monday and Wednesday) until March Break. Grade 5 will be taught by Mrs. Lise and Grade 6 by Ms. Miedema. An information package about the Grade 6 units was sent home today. Gr. 6 students: bring a baby photo of yourself to school for Monday, January 18.
- **Sainte-Marie among the Hurons:** An information letter about our overnight class trip to Sainte-Marie among the Hurons was sent home with the students last week. If did not receive it or if you have any questions/concerns, please contact Ms. Miedema.
- **Scholastic Book Club:** Flyers were distributed last week. All orders are due by Wed. Jan. 13,
- **Gr. 5 Music:** Practice #47, 50, 52, 58, 61 and "Dance" p. 79, "Folk Song" p. 80. Remember to initial the practice calendar.
- **Devotions Leaders:** Tuesday - Haemin; Thurs - Herin
- **News in a Nutshell Reporters:** Jared, Krista, Herin. Be prepared to present your news article on Friday.
- **Math: Changes Coming:** Starting next Monday, the Grades 5/6 students will be separated for Math instruction. Grade 6 will continue to be taught by Ms. Miedema. Gr. 5 will be taught by Ms. Chiang. If you any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Miedema.

Mme. Hudson

Gr. 6 French - Grade 6: Vocab quizzes will begin this week. 5 new vocab words will be assigned for quizzing each class until the list is complete. Learning 5 words every 2 days is much more manageable than trying to learn 40 the last couple of days before the test (and will stay in your memory longer!).

This week:

Mon. Jan. 11 Rocks and Minerals research books due at school
Wed. Jan. 13 Scholastic orders due
Thurs. Jan. 14 Spelling Test: Lesson 14
Fri. Jan. 15 Finish reading book report book.

Next week:

Mon. Jan. 18 Gr. 6: Baby photo
Thurs. Jan. 21 Spelling Test: Lesson 15

MRS. HUDSON - GRADE 3/4

Well, we've nicely settled back into the school routine again. The snow has also made recess extra fun. Please have snow pants, gloves, hats, etc. at school every day so that you can participate fully in the winter recess experience. Indoor shoes are also essential so we don't get wet socks.

In Math, grade 3 completed a unit on geometric solids on Friday and is now beginning a unit on place value to 9,999. Grade 4 will begin a unit on place value to 999,999 later this week.

Spelling words for Grade 3: enough, hopeless, journal, went, to, first, before, let's, plus personal word lists. Personal word lists will come home this week.

Spelling words for Grade 4: nonliving, swimming, valuable, unpleasant, plus personal word lists. Personal word lists will come home this week.

Books on landmarks were due at school today. If you forgot, please bring one tomorrow.

Mrs. Lise

Gym: We are learning how to pass, throw and dribble in Basketball.

Bible: We began a new unit on Ruth. The students will be tested next Thursday the 14th. A review sheet has come home.

Memory Work: Memory work for this unit is Ruth 1: 16-17. This is due Thursday the 14th of January.

With Mrs. Hayashi returning next week, Ms Chiang will be teaching Bible, Gym and Science/Socials to grade 3 and 4, giving me more time to do principal work.

Ms. Chiang

Gr. 3/4 Science: This week we will be beginning a research project. The objective of this project is to look at an object (i.e. airplane, house, skateboard) and decide what rocks and minerals make up that object. The students will be given time in class to complete this project.

At home, remember to review the properties of minerals (hardness, lustre, transparency, colour, streak, cleavage, fracture, magnetism) as well as the types of rocks (igneous, sedimentary, metamorphic) as there will be a quiz on these terms near the end of the week.

Ms. Miedema

Gr. 4 Music: Practice #47, 50, 52, 58, 61 and "Dance" p. 79, "Folk Song" p. 80. Remember to initial the practice calendar.

Here's a summary of what's coming up:

Thurs., Jan. 14: Spelling test (personal word lists). Spelling assignments due. Bible test.

Mon., Jan. 18: Library—Please return books to take out new ones. Landmark resource books should be at school.

Thurs., Jan. 21: Scholastic Book order due. Cheques payable to Scholastic Canada Ltd.

MISS CHIANG – GRADE 1/2

What an amazing year! It is hard to believe that this is my last week in the grade 1/2 class. I have had so much fun teaching everyone! It has been a wonderful experience getting to know the students and their families. I pray that everyone has a fantastic remainder of the year. I also wish Mrs. Hayashi the very best as she takes over the class next Monday. I know the students and I are very excited about her return.

In Math, grade one has been focusing on addition to 8. This week we will be taking a closer look at subtracting to 8. They are doing a great job using blocks to help them understand the question and to find the answer. Grade two will be looking at place value this week. They will practice counting on and counting back. They will also be working on putting numbers in proper order.

In Science, the class made wonderful posters on different land forms last week. They worked hard on designing a poster that contained all the important information. They also presented their posters to the class. Great job! This week we will be looking at the different parts of soil.

In Reading, grade one will be reading about what an elephant might use their trunk for. They will be completing information webs to help organize the information they read. Grade two will be starting a new unit about "getting together". We will start by reading a poem that uses numerous action words.

Show and Tell: Group A: Student's choice.

Word Wall Words: Grade 1 – boy, girl, children, friend, zoo

Grade 2 – boy, clock, house, mail, truck

Extra Spelling Words Grade 2 – tens, ones, group

Spelling Test: Friday

Scholastic book orders: due Tuesday

Mrs. Lise

Bible: Just like Daniel we need to continue praying and not worry about the consequences for doing what is right.

Gym: In January we will continue playing Ringette.

I have enjoyed teaching Bible and Gym to grade 1 and 2 this year. With Mrs. Hayashi returning next Monday, she will be taking over these subjects. It has been a joy to spend this time with your children.

MRS. GROOT & MRS. PORTER – JK-SK

Wow! What fun we are having in the snow. Even though it may not be your favourite season, we certainly can marvel at the beauty of God's creation when it is blanketed with snow. Thank the Lord for warm homes, work places (unless you work outside) and schools. The children are getting better at dressing themselves to go outside and play. When they get to dress and undress out of their snow suits and other winter wear three times a day, that's a lot of good practice. Some children have used their extra socks. Thank you parents for providing them.

Our letter of the week is: Ss Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior. Psalm 68:19a Ss is also for snow. This week's sight word is 'the'.

Look for the Home Activity page coming home today. Attached to it is the January Scholastic book order. It is due Wed. Jan. 20. We went to the library. Enjoy snuggling and reading those books.

This week we also begin our math activities about shapes: identifying and describing the attributes of 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes, creating shape rubbings, forming shapes on geoboards, playing games, stamping patterns with shapes, and creating pictures with shapes. Ask your child what they are doing in class. Have you found any shapes at home? How many points and sides does the shape have? What is the name of the shape?

We are missing one of our class books: What is in your Pocket? It has been missing since before Christmas. If you have that book at home (it was in a brown manila envelope) please return it to school. Thank you.

God bless you with a splendid week.