



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

Over the past two and a half years our school has been going through a School Quality Assurance Program (SQAP). It began with parents, board members and teachers being asked to fill in a questionnaire about TCS. A performance review team of 5 was assembled along with an advisor from the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools. Our team consisted of Richard Ubbens, Wayne Hudson, Ivel Crooks, Alice Velthuisen and myself. The team then reviewed 5 domains (School Identity, School Management, Academic Performance, School Culture and Community Relations). It was an intense job going through all these domains, the surveys, interviewing key school personnel and observing what went on in and around the school. We then wrote a report to the board listing areas which we did well and where improvements were needed. This portion took us about one year. The following Fall a SQAP audit team came in to review our report and verify supporting evidence and documents and then to prioritize recommendations. This team then submitted to the board what needed to be done for the school to apply for accreditation with Canadian Hallmarks Institute (CHI). We then had a year to follow through on the recommendations and improvements. There were approximately 50 recommendations.

The following year was a busy one. Many recommendations were forwarded to the board for approval. Our policies and procedures manual was updated and many improvements were made to the different domains listed above. Just this past spring, three representatives from the Canadian Hallmarks Institute went through all of our documentation, visited classrooms, spoke to parents, teachers, and board members. It is with great enthusiasm that I am able to report to you that we have received accreditation with Canadian Hallmarks Institute. I took the following off their website to help explain what CHI is.

"**CHI** (Canadian Hallmarks Institute) is a non-profit charitable service organization designed to help independent schools monitor and improve academic performance. The published research will give parents access to accurate, in-depth information about independent schools performance standards."

This coming Thursday evening a representative of the board of CHI will be joining us at our spring membership meeting to present to the school its certificate of accreditation. It would be wonderful to have many parents and members out to celebrate this momentous occasion. I look forward to seeing you then.

SPRING MEMBERS' MEETING

We would like to encourage everyone to come out to the school meeting on **Thursday, May 20 @ 7pm**. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the school, its teachers and committees. We have an exciting evening planned including a time of praise, food and fellowship. For your convenience **babysitting** has been made available upon request. See you all there.

Newsreel Announcements:

Email to: tcsadmin@rogers.com

Deadline: Thursdays

CALENDAR OF EVENTS...

May

- 20 TCS Spring Membership Meeting
 - 21 Track & Field Day
 - 23 Pentecost
 - 24 Victoria Day - **NO SCHOOL**
 - 28 School Walk-A-Thon
- NO BUS**

June

- 1 Fine Arts Night 7 pm
 - 3 Master Track and Field
 - 7 Golf Tournament
 - 9-11 Grade 7/8 Class Trip
 - 14 PA Day-**NO SCHOOL**
 - 17 Grade 7/8 Play
- NO BUS**
- 21 **NO BUS**
 - 23-25 **NO BUS**
 - 23 TCS Graduation at Covenant Reformed Church 7 pm
 - 24 TDCH Graduation
 - 25 Last Day of School
Noon Dismissal
 - 28-29 Staff Days
 - 30 Reports Ready for Pick-up
Mailed at end of day

TCS CERTIFICATES

Certificates can be purchased in the office **Monday - Friday**. Weekly orders are picked up **Wednesdays (am)** and returned **Fridays** of the following week.

FUNDRAISING

Keep getting those sponsors for the walk-a-thon to help raise funds for your school! Parents, if you plan to walk, you too can get sponsors. Sponsor sheets can be picked up in front of the office or give us a call and we will send one home with your child.

SINGING AT REXDALE ALLIANCE

This Wednesday we will be walking over to Rexdale Alliance to share some of our Grandparents Day program with their seniors group. We ask that the students wear their TCS Red T-shirts for this occasion. If they do not have one or the one they have is too small, please come to the office and we will exchange or give a new one.

TDCH OPEN HOUSE NIGHTS

We've made our upcoming Open House nights at TDChristian High School more interesting and exciting than ever! Each night will feature our students presenting what they have learned in a variety of subjects, programs and grades. Get a taste of all the fantastic offerings at TDChristian. Everyone is invited to come, especially students in grades 5-8 and their families. Join us **Thursday, May 27**, from 6:30-8 pm for our Open House, followed by the Spring Music Concert (featuring TDChristian's choirs & bands) beginning at 8. Join us **Thursday, June 3**, from 6:30-8 pm for our Open House, followed by the upper level drama production of "Arsenic & Old Lace", beginning at 8.

While an RSVP is not required, we would appreciate it so we can properly greet you. Please tell us what night you plan to attend at bentum@tdchristian.ca.

PIZZA LUNCH REMINDER

The next lunches are scheduled for June 4 and 18. Sorry, we are unable to accept additional orders.

FROM THE TEACHER'S DESK

MRS. UBBENS – GRADE 7/8

*"When the Spirit of God comes into a man, He gives him a worldwide view."
~Oswald Chambers~*

Spelling: Test and assignment this week.

Science: Test comes home for signature on Thursday; test on microscope parts on Tuesday; test on microscope parts and functions on Thursday. Test on cell parts next week.

Math: Students are working on review for the cumulative year end test (gr. 7) or exam (gr. 8) -- June 8 is the day.

Drama: Working on the play - no scripts by the beginning of next week.

Bible: Biblical hero typed due today (300 words); today's hero typed due Tuesday (one full page landscape). Check your rubrics for completion rather than redoing the work.

Media: Students should be completing one media assignment each Monday to Friday.

Track and Field: Come dressed to handle the weather: sweatshirts, sunscreen, water bottles. We will be outside all day.

Mme Hudson - French

Grade 7

Vocab quizzes are being replaced by verb quizzes for a while.

French Club is offered every Thursday at noon.

Grade 8

Vocab quizzes focus on adjectives this week. You should know all 4(or 5) forms of each adjective. 3 at a time.

Wed., May 19: Registre d'écoute due. Although we won't likely have French that day, forms may be submitted anyway. Students who submitted one last week should not submit a new one. Next one is due *Fri., May 28*.

French Club is offered every Thursday at noon.

MS. MIEDEMA – GRADE 5/6

- **Science: Model of an Atom Projects** are due on Wednesday. The model may be a poster with 3-D components or a 3-D model of an atom. Specific requirements were given on a handout to the students. I'm looking forward to seeing their creativity in action.
- **Track and Field** is THIS Friday. It's a fun day to be outdoors, play games, and participate in athletic activity. See the announcement in today's newsreel for what students should bring along. **On Monday May 17 and Wednesday May 19, the students will be running the 1500m and 400m races.** Students need gym clothes and running shoes.
- **Walk-a-thon:** Have you been collecting sponsors? The walk-a-thon fundraiser is on Friday, May 28. It's an important fundraiser for our school, so all should participate!
- **Gr. 5 Music:** We enjoyed the concert at the TSO tremendously! Whether it's rock, jazz, folk, classical, or another genre, there is something special about experiencing live musical performances. Please make sure students complete and hand in the Concert's follow up assignment. Thank you to our chaperones, Mrs. Fernandes, Mr. Blom, Mr. Porter, Mr. Straatsma, and Mr. Duong. **Recorder:** Keep on practicing! The Fine Arts night is coming soon on June 1. Students should practice: #99, 102, 105, 108 and "Branle" (#23 in back) in Recorder Time.
- **New Memory Work:** John 3: 16-21 (Due Wed. May 26)
- **News in a Nutshell Reporters:** Alyssa, Andrea, Krista. Be prepared to present your news on Thursday.
- **Devotions Leaders:** Tuesday – Natalia; Thursday – Alyssa

This week:

Wed. May 19 Performance at Rexdale Alliance – wear red TCS t-shirts.
Model of an atom due.

Thurs. May 20 Spelling Test: Lesson 29

Fri. May 21 Track and Field Day

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Have you registered yet? Timothy Christian School's Annual Tee-off fundraising Golf Tournament is just around the corner on Mon., June 7. Don't golf?? We also have a "golf clinic" available on that day where you are given instruction and have the ability to play 9 holes as part of the day. What a great way to learn a new sport and meet other Christians. If you are unable to join us during the day, you are welcome to join us for dinner. The fee for dinner is \$50.00. Registration and further information is available online at info@timothyteeoff.com or you can call the school directly at 416-741-5770. Hope to see you there!

GREAT WOLF LODGE!

This exciting weekend has become a tradition for many families! October 28 & 29, 2010 (OSCTA Convention) are PA days for our Christian school students. For a splashin' Great Wolf time in the Niagara Falls resort, take advantage of our excellent group rates for this long weekend: \$159/night for up to 4 persons and 2 additional guest are allowed in each room for an additional fee of \$30 each. October 30th is also available for the same price this year. More options are available online. All prices include waterpark passes. To book your room, go to www.greatwolf.com/locations/Niagara/ or call: 1.888.878.1818. Be sure to enter our **Group Code - 1010ALLI** into the group code field. Book early to avoid disappointment. The booking deadline is September 30, 2010. If you have any further questions, please contact Tammy Veld at rtveld@mountaincable.net or 905.765.3869.

Next week:

Wed. May 26 Memory Work due.
Thurs. May 27 Spelling Test: Lesson 30
Fri. May 28 Walk-a-thon

Mme. Hudson

Grade 6: Vocab quizzes are being replaced by verb quizzes for a while. French Club is offered every Thursday at noon.

MRS. HUDSON - GRADE 3/4

As we anticipate Track and Field Day on Friday, just a reminder: Students should bring extra drinks, easy snacks/lunches (no microwave lunches), dress in layers, and wear hats and sunscreen. It should be a wonderful time to enjoy the outdoors and celebrate God's gift of healthy bodies.

A letter came home on Friday about Different Dragons projects. Please go over the project options with your child and return the form to school by tomorrow, if possible.

On Wednesday, the school will be visiting Rexdale Alliance Church to perform some of our "Grandparents Day" numbers for their seniors. Students should wear their red TCS shirts. They may change at noon if necessary. If your child does not have a red TCS shirt or it no longer fits, please contact the office and we will make sure you receive another one—no charge.

Spelling words for Grade 3: confusion, with, another, vacation, again, its, it's, that's, plus personal word lists.

Spelling words for Grade 4: inspiration, hesitated, perked, spellbinding, decent, scowl, demanded, and personal word lists.

Ms. Chiang

Social Studies: This week we will be finishing off our First Nations Unit by presenting our projects to the class.

Bible: Our Bible test is on Tuesday. Our new unit is on Psalms and Proverbs.

Ms. Miedema

Gr. 4 Music: We enjoyed the concert at the TSO tremendously! Whether it's rock, jazz, folk, classical, or another genre, there is something special about experiencing live musical performances. Please make sure students complete and hand in the Concert's follow up assignment. Thank you to our chaperones, Mrs. Fernandes, Mr. Blom, Mr. Porter, Mr. Straatsma, and Mr. Duong. **Recorder:** Keep on practicing! The Fine Arts night is coming soon on June 1. Students should practice: #99, 102, 105, 108 and "Branle" (#23 in back) in Recorder Time.

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

Wed., May 19: Performance for Seniors at Rexdale Alliance Church. Wear red TCS shirts.

Thurs., May 20: Spelling Test and lesson due.

Fri., May 21: Track and Field Day

Mon., May 31: Library

MRS. HAYASHI – GRADE 1/2

Wow! We only have six more weeks of school left. I can't believe how quickly the weeks are going by. Praise God for his goodness. It's such a great feeling to know that our great and powerful God walks along with us every day!

This week we continue to welcome our volunteer, Miss Sandy, to our class. This will be her last week with us. We would like to thank her for helping us out over the last three weeks and we wish her God's blessings as she looks for a teaching job of her own.

Here is an update of what we are doing in grades one and two. In Math both grades are learning about place value. Grade one is learning about place value to 99 and grade two is learning place value to 999. This week grade two will also be working on two-digit addition. We are working on memorizing our addition and subtraction facts as well. In Language we are writing poems. Last week we wrote rhyming poems. For some students, it was their first time writing a rhyming poem! Each student's poems will be published into a little booklet that they can take home. In Socials we finished our unit on the jungle. I was impressed with how well students did on the final test! This week we will be sending Bruce the Bear off to Hawaii so that he can teach us about this beautiful place that God has made for us. In Gym students are doing well with improving their Track and Field events. Don't forget to dress appropriately for Track and Field day on Friday. Please make sure your child is wearing proper running shoes.

BOOKOMETER UPDATE: Our final goal that we need to reach is 550 books! We are presently at 480 books! Once we reach this goal, we are going to have a party day. Keep reading those books grades one and two! We can do it! A special thank you to those students who remember to read books every week! It shows great responsibility!

Word Wall Words Gr.1: stop, put, mine, sent, room

Word Wall Words Gr.2: us, into, very, teach, think

Extra Spelling Words Gr.2: There are no extra words this week.

Spelling Test: The spelling test is on THURSDAY.

Memory Work: Matthew 28:18-20 will be recited on Thursday, May 20th.

Show and Tell: There is no show and tell on Friday because of Track and Field.

Scholastic: May orders have been made and should come in next week.

MRS. GROOT & MRS. PORTER – JK/SK

This is a busy week. Track and Field day is on Friday. **WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!** We are excited and looking forward to the blessings of a fun day. **PLEASE JOIN US.** Please provide easy snacks (no spoon/fork type of snacks/lunches please), lots of drinks and a healthy lunch. There is a schedule attached to the newsreel.

On Wednesday afternoon we (the whole school) are going to the Alliance Church to perform for their seniors group. The JK students will ride with Mrs. Lise. Please bring your **BOOSTER SEAT**. The SK students will walk with me and the rest of the students.

On Thursday evening we have our membership and parent evening. Even if you are not a member you are most welcome to attend. A special "kindergarten" video presentation will be shown that evening. So if you would like to see it - please come to the meeting. More details are in the newsreel.

We are continuing our review in Language Arts.

At this point in our planting projects nothing has 'popped up', but we remain hopeful. We planted our bean seeds only last week so we need to be patient and give them some time. Unfortunately our Zinnia seeds have not come up.

We went to the Library. You may keep the books for two weeks as next week is a holiday. Enjoy!

Please remember hats, sun screen and water bottles for those sunny, warm days.

Our Walk-a-thon is coming close. Keep asking for those sponsors. Do you have a wagon we can borrow? Please let me or the office or Christine Baek know if you can come for the morning or lend us your wagon.

Finally, our trip to the Farm is fast approaching and we still need drivers. If you can drive and come for the morning and lunch (if the weather is good), please let me or Christine Baek know as soon as possible. Thank you.

FROM THE GOLF COMMITTEE

We would like to encourage you to patronize our sponsors and prize donors with your business in the future. Without them, Timothy's Annual Tee-Off wouldn't be successful. Give them the chance to compete for your business!

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