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## Nota Bene

- William Groot

During our virtual assemblies, I do a feature entitled, "William's Word of the Week." *Clarity* is today's Nota Bene word. The dictionary defines it as "the quality of being easily understood." As humans, we desire clarity but, especially now, many of us struggle to find it. Here a few things for which I would like to provide clarity.

TDChristian's focus is "Learning for Service in the light of God's Word." We are a school: it is about learning, first. Why? So that we can serve God and others today, as well as prepare for whatever tomorrows we have. How? By seeking direction and guidance through the truths of the Bible.

The Bible has given me, has given us, clarity for a time such as this. It is how we will continue to move forward. I am learning daily to take one day at a time. God promises to give me clarity when I take steps in faith. But, I must step.

From the end of Matthew 6, "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today."

And, what of today's troubles, its "torrents," which can be overwhelming? Later in the same sermon on the mount, Jesus proclaims, "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in "torrents" – this third wave feels like a torrent to me – and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock."

Ultimately the clarity we have is that we are in this together: students, staff members, and families. We are here to help students learn while we learn. You count on us, we count on you. Underpinning it all? God, our Rock and Redeemer.

We go into Quad 4 with that clarity!

## TDChristian's Online Auction



Looking for a great Mother's Day gift? Want to be early for Father's Day or surprise the love of your life with something beautiful and special? Need something to slip into a birthday or thank you card?

TDChristian's Amazing Online Auction launched today, Thursday, April 22. Choose from a wide variety of items: from gift cards to custom cakes, from a live-edge coffee table to a residential landscape design package. Sign up, check out what's on offer and place your bids. Remember to check often – someone else may be outbidding you!

Don't delay! The auction closes on Thursday, May 6 at 9 p.m. Check it out! Choose your items! Challenge others to bid too! Chuckle as you outbid others. Cherish the items you win at the end. Click here for access to the auction: [tdchristian.ca/store/auction/](http://tdchristian.ca/store/auction/). All proceeds go to TDChristian's general fund.

## Clarity on Volunteer Hours

- William Groot

First, thank you to the many families who have been able and willing to work at getting their parent/guardian volunteer hours this year. Bus reps, ambassadors, FlipGivers and FlipGiver reps, Grade 7 and 8 TD-in-a-Box packers, bakers, barbecue supervisors, mentors, clerical support people, and Firehall volunteers are just some of volunteer jobs for which people have volunteered that have made this year run well. We have been blessed by volunteers.

Secondly, we are thankful for how so many people have attended Zoom meetings this year, as well as the few in person ones we have had. We are grateful for those who came on drop off and pick up days. It helped us continue to support our students' learning.

Nonetheless, there are fewer ways to earn hours than in a non-pandemic year. After looking at the number of hours families have earned, the possible hours offered (noting that the number of hours available to every family for Zoom meetings was 12.5 for instance, earn 2.5 hours by attending tonight's meeting, and that Flip-Give is available to everyone), and considering the messages sent to [feedback@tdchristian.ca](mailto:feedback@tdchristian.ca), here is how we are dealing with the parent/guardian volunteer hours for 2020-21:

- The number of required parent/guardian volunteer hours for 2020-21 is 12.5 hours per family.
- Every hour, therefore, is now worth \$80 (i.e. \$1,000 divided by 12.5). Calculations for how much families who are under 12.5 hours will be determined using \$80/hour.
- Any hours earned up to the end of April (including the membership meeting tonight) will be updated in our tracking spreadsheet. Hours will be tallied up by Meg Rosie after April 30 and indicated on the tuition forms for 2021-22. As per usual, if needed, you can earn hours until the end of June for 2020-21. Check the Fridge Door and read Edsby messages for future volunteer hour opportunities.
- Any family that has earned more than 12.5 hours in 2020-21 will have the extra hours credited to parent/guardian volunteer hours for 2021-22.

If you have any questions, please email Meg Rosie at [mrosie@tdchristian.ca](mailto:mrosie@tdchristian.ca) or call her at 905-851-1772 x214.

## What's Upcoming at TDChristian?

- **Tonight, April 22:** Spring Annual Meeting and Launch of the TDChristian Online Auction.
- **Wednesday, April 28:** Quad 3 Learning Reports are mailed.
- **Thursday, May 6** is Grandparents Day via Zoom. See postcard on page 6
- **Thursday, May 6 at 9 p.m.** TDChristian Online Auction closes
- **Thursday, May 13** is our Spring Open House. It will be an online, live event beginning at 6:30 p.m.

## Book and Class Materials Drop Off and Pick Up: Volunteer Hour

A huge thank you to all of the students and their families for the return of classroom texts and library books this past week. Your response is so important and encouraging. It was wonderful to see you all! There are still some remaining packages that have been prepared for students that need to be picked up. You will receive 1 volunteer hour for your family when you do so.

For those families who still need to return books and other materials, you will be awarded 1 volunteer hour if you drop these things off at the school on or before April 29. A reminder Edsby message will be sent out next week for books and materials that are still outstanding.

## Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

Teacher Rachael Weening is in the hospital after successful liver donation surgery. It is an incredible gift! Please pray for her and the anonymous recipient as they recover.

Lorenzo Sisti's grandmother died earlier this week. We pray that he and his family will feel comforted and surrounded by Christ's love and the love of their community.

Please pray for the Lord's guidance and peace as the Grade 12 Students continue to plan for their future. It can be a stressful time waiting for college or university offers and/or deciding what to do after high school.

After a lovely break from school, we are back at school remotely. Our hope and prayer is that Covid case numbers in Ontario will go down quickly as we stay at home and that vaccination numbers will go up so that we may return to in-person learning before the end of Quad 4. Please pray for all levels of government as they make important decisions in order to keep citizens safe and healthy.

## Buy Online: [firehallthrift.ca](http://firehallthrift.ca)

- P. Haffenden

We continue to move forward with rezoning with the hope that Firehall Thrift can open when it is safe. In the meantime, go to [firehallthrift.ca](http://firehallthrift.ca) to find out what you can buy and how you might earn parent/guardian volunteer hours through push marketing. More at tonight's Spring Annual (Membership) Meeting.

## Transportation

- J. Dykxhoorn

As we move, once again, to remote learning for an extended time, please keep our bus drivers and their families in your thoughts in prayers as they continue to face uncertainty in their jobs and in their day-to-day routines.

Please continue to update Mr. Dykxhoorn with any potential address changes for next year as planning for next year's routes will begin in earnest over the coming month.

## From the Finance Office

- M. Rosie

Tuition forms for the 2021-22 school year will be mailed out by May 14.

## Admissions

- P. Schuurman

We continue to receive inquiries and applications for the upcoming school year, 2021-2022. If your child is entering Grade 9 this September, then we ask that you please use our online platform, SchoolAdmin. Simply go to this link [www.tdchristian.ca/studentadmissions](http://www.tdchristian.ca/studentadmissions) on our Admissions page. Then click on "Admissions Application" to begin the process. If you have any questions, please email Patty Schuurman at [schuurman@tdchristian.ca](mailto:schuurman@tdchristian.ca).

Tell friends and family about our Spring Open House on Thursday, May 13. We will be hosting an online event so that those who are curious about TDChristian can explore the many courses and opportunities we offer. Whether students are in Grade 8 or younger – all are welcome to join us for this eye-opening, livestream experience! For more information, or to send your RSVP, please e-mail Patty Schuurman. Thanks for passing along the good news!

## Board Matters

- J. Kuyvenhoven, TDChristian Board Member

In October 2020 the Strategic Planning team embarked on a journey to build a Strategic Plan for TDChristian for 2021 to 2024. Over the past months, the team worked very hard under the guidance of Chris Bosch of Chisel Consulting and the Board was presented with the plan. We are excited to report that we, as a Board, approved this plan at our March meeting. We trust this will be a launching pad for success in the years to come. We ask that you pray for our teachers, administration, leadership team, and the Board as we begin the process of carrying out the Strategic Plan.

We will be relaying high-level details of the Strategic Plan at tonight's, April 22, Spring Annual (Membership) Meeting. We hope you can join us.

## School Culture

- J. Dykxhoorn

As we begin another stretch of remote learning I want to encourage everyone to keep participating in the discipline of celebration. As we celebrate the work of our students and our staff in learning for service in the light of God's word, we will also increase our capacity for joy. Joy is still in our world for us to experience. Joy is something I hope for all students, staff, and for the greater community. Keep finding the small victories to celebrate, as we continue to cultivate a culture of joy in the days ahead.

Today was our second "Relay Day" at TDChristian. Despite the move to remote learning, many students participated by wearing blue and raising awareness of colorectal cancer.

A team of students is working with Mr. Dykxhoorn to run a Relay for Life event at TDChristian in June. Please pray for these students as they face the uncertainty of event-planning in the midst of the ever changing health protocols and recommendations. More details for the Relay event will be shared in the coming weeks as the team looks forward to an awesome event, whether virtual, in-person, or a hybrid.

## Community Engagement Volunteer Opportunity!

- L. Fernhout

We are looking for volunteers to be Ambassadors in their churches on behalf of TDChristian!

**Objective:** To support churches with information and tools that will keep people informed about TDChristian and its focus of “Learning for service in the light of God’s Word.”

### Role and Responsibilities:

- Provide Information folders to church leadership and church members. Put us in touch with anyone who may be interested in knowing more about TDChristian.
- Deliver @TD newsletters and Annual Report Cards to your church for member mailboxes or Information Centre.
- Advocate to deacons or church leadership for financial support through offerings or gifts.
- Support TDChristian in providing your church with bulletin and other announcements.

### Ways that we thank ambassadors:

- TDChristian Church Ambassadors who are TDChristian parents or guardians will receive ONE volunteer hour per month for 12 months (starting May 1, hours can count towards the 2021-22 school year). They will be required to fill out a questionnaire/checklist each month. This helps us track what’s being done within the church to help achieve the objective and to support ambassadors in their role.
- They will receive TDChristian apparel!

TDChristian Church Ambassadors who are TDChristian parents or guardians will receive ONE volunteer hour per month. If you start now, you will still be able to get THREE volunteer hours for this current school year (April, May, June). If you are ready to sign up or you have more questions, please contact Leanne Fernhout at [fernhout@tdchristian.ca](mailto:fernhout@tdchristian.ca) or call (905) 965-6733.

## The Learning Commons

- M. Jaworski

We are officially in our last quadmester of learning. Hopefully students enjoyed their April Break and are ready to get back into their final courses for the year. Students, parents, guardians, and homestay parents are reminded that students with permission can come to the Learning Commons to study, to work and to receive help and support from teachers and EAs who are present.

Ways to receive support from the Learning Commons:

1. Come in person to school and learn here. During remote learning, you have instant access to teachers and EAs willing and able to support you in doing your work and helping you answer any questions you may have.
2. Attend Homework Club: in-person or virtually, in-school homework help is available from Monday to Thursday from 1:45 to 3:00 p.m. and Virtual Homework Club is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:45 to 3:00 p.m. Zoom links can be found in the daily announcements.

## FlipGive

- L. Fernhout, Community Engagement Manager

Earn volunteer hours for using FlipGive for this school year until April 30! Be sure to join our friendly competition among HUBS! Whichever HUB/area raises the most earnings with FlipGive in April wins. Each member of the winning HUB who earns a minimum of \$20 to the winning total will earn ONE bonus volunteer hour! Get your team spirit going by encouraging others to participate. Questions? Contact your HUB/area representative (see below).

### Here are the steps to participate:

1. Install the FlipGive app on your mobile device (or access from your computer).
2. Sign up with this link/code: 6KGYX6 at <https://www.flipgive.com/teams/join>
3. Make all your purchases through FlipGive (online or gift cards for in-store).
4. TDChristian will take care of the rest and track your hours based on earnings.

If you’ve already signed up but haven’t made a purchase yet, there’s still plenty of time! You have until April 30 to earn volunteer hours for this school year. Every \$20 in earnings is ONE parent/guardian volunteer hour. Contact Leanne Fernhout ([fernhout@tdchristian.ca](mailto:fernhout@tdchristian.ca)) to become a FlipGive contact person in your area.

Starting May 1 after 12 p.m., a new earning season with FlipGive will begin. Families will have the opportunity to have friends and family sign up under them to contribute to their earnings. The new earning season goes towards the next school year 2021-22. Some restrictions apply. More details are coming soon.

## Music Notes

- K. Hayward

Quad 4 is finally here! While things are far from what we are used to, there are at least students studying music in grades 9 and 11. We look forward to the possibility of being able to make music together in person. In the meantime, we are still very interested to learn about the musical journeys of students at this time. Contact Mr. Hayward and let him know what you have been up to, musically speaking! Send any questions you have about the music department to Mr. Hayward at [hayward@tdchristian.ca](mailto:hayward@tdchristian.ca) or via an Edsby message.

## Grade 11 Mentorship

- S. Van Eerden

**Mentorship 2021:** Because of the pandemic, Mentorship is looking a little bit different this year. First and foremost, it is connected to English and New Testament classes more directly, so only students in those courses are doing Mentorship right now. Secondly, it only requires a five-hour placement. The hope is that this can be completed in one day, either online or in person, depending where we are at that time.

In discussion with the students, we have recommended either Friday, May 21 or Friday, June 11. No new projects or work will be given on either of these days.

The entire project is due on Friday, June 18, which is the last day of quad 4. The details of Mentorship can be found on Edsby in the English class library. Feel free to contact Mr. Van Eerden directly with any questions that arise.

## Falcon's Perch

- C. Hoving

As we enter another season of online learning without an end date, I encourage each of you to find ways to give yourselves breaks from the screen. Although the weather is a little unpredictable these days, try and get outside and go for a walk, run, or just sit without your phone and take a break. Inside, just have some quiet time or do a workout. Taking time to break from the screens will help your work and your mental health.

## Guidance Corner

- E. Dengerink

### College and University Applicants

*Grade 12 students:* Quadmester 3 final grades have been sent to OUAC and OCAS and should appear in your OUAC and/or OCAS account. Be sure to check for accuracy, especially if you are taking courses outside of TDChristian. If there are any errors or omissions, please contact Mrs. Dengerink. Check your university or college portal for important information regarding deadlines, residence applications, and scholarships.

The latest "Scholarship Report" is available on the Grade 12 Guidance website. Need help? Check with your guidance counsellor.

### Making Informed Financial Decisions After High School – from myBlueprint.ca

You'll want to mark Wednesday, April 28 at 4:00 p.m. in your calendar because we've got a special value-add webinar collaboration happening. It's one for students to attend, too.

Join Barry, Kevin, and Simpreet, Branch Managers with Scotiabank to learn how your students can make more informed financial decisions post-high school.

This webinar is all about preparing students for the financial decisions they will encounter after graduation.

If your students have questions related to finances post-high school, have them submit their questions ahead of time. Our experts will be answering the most popular ones throughout the session!

Yes, the webinar will be recorded. To register go to [education.myblueprint.ca/finlit-panel/](https://education.myblueprint.ca/finlit-panel/)

**Many universities offer a summer transition program for students with disabilities**, including guidance from a Program Coordinator, academic support from a Learning Strategist and training in the use of assistive technology. Contact the universities' student support centre for further information.

**Summer School information** for local Public and Catholic School Boards can be found on the TD#Splash page. TDChristian does not offer summer school. Virtual summer school is available through your local school boards. Students can attend to recover a credit, upgrade a course, or to take a new course. You must contact Mrs. Dengerink if you would like to register and for course approval.

## Centre Stage

- R. Peters

On Sunday, April 11th, at 2pm, the cast and crew of “The 39 Steps” arrived at the school to form our performance bubble. This capped off two weeks of isolation for each student, including a final three days after negative Covid tests, during which students isolated from the rest of their families. Needless to say, we were all very excited to finally be together, and “get crackin’” on the show.

Alas, it was not to be. Just over 24 hours into our adventure, the Ontario Government announced that schools would not be returning in person after the break. The same announcement demanded all classes currently in session move to online by Thursday, April 15. We said tearful goodbyes.

Nevertheless, we are extremely grateful for the four days we had together and are giving ourselves some time to regroup before deciding how we will pivot ... possibly, one more time (likely at the end of June).

Thank you for all your prayers and support. Please continue to pray for us as we move forward, once again, in faith that the show must, indeed, go on!

## Library Shelf

- J. Knibbe

**Book Club:** We hope to have one more meeting to round out the year, possibly over Zoom. Enola Holmes – The Case of the Missing Marquess by Nancy Springer, is a novel about the much younger sister of famous detective Sherlock Holmes. The book includes descriptions of conditions in London society in the 1880s, and follows Enola as she tries to find her missing mother.

Please feel free to send me an Edsby message if you need to **borrow a library book**. I will follow up your request and if I have the book available, will have it ready for pickup in the main office for you.

## TDChristian Archives

- J. Knibbe



**Archives Collection:** For several years, teacher Richard Vanderkloet created small wooden mementoes as gifts for TD graduates. The example pictured here was given in 1998.

If you remember receiving a similar gift at your grad breakfast, and still have it, it would be great if you could send us a photo of the object and the year that it was given. We are also happy to accept the actual object if you would like to donate it to the archives collection.

**Project 2020** includes the construction of a bank of display cases along the History Wall, in which we plan to display many items from the collection. Stay tuned for further developments!

**Photos and Videos:** Anyone who has photos or videos of past TDChristian events is encouraged to send them our way. We would be happy to scan and return them.

**@TD Newsletter:** We love to keep in contact with all of our alumni and send them the @TDChristian quarterlies! We encourage you to send us your email address via [alumni@tdchristian.ca](mailto:alumni@tdchristian.ca).

**Everything else:** If, while reorganizing and cleaning up files etc., you come across anything from TD, such as Newsletters, play programs, graduation programs, posters, school clothing, that we could add to the archives, email me at [knibbe@tdchristian.ca](mailto:knibbe@tdchristian.ca).

## Volunteer Opportunities

Read through this Fridge Door to find multiple volunteer opportunities.

**We are all stronger when we are together!**

Join us for  
**GRANDPARENTS  
DAY  
ONLINE 2021!**



Thursday,  
May 6,  
2021

