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Nota Bene

- William Groot



Community, at TDChristian, manifests itself in many ways: people participating, volunteering, listening, assisting, praying, and giving. Many have prayed for and give to TDChristian in its work of learning for service in the light of God's Word. Committed, inspired, motivated, and thoughtful people continue to pray and give. The new planer for the STEM place is an example of donors giving to an area that is special or significant to them. We are grateful for those who pray and give to the general cause as well as specific ones.

Thank you for being a part of this imperfect but God-seeking learning community. You count on us. We count on you!

Two Additional Notes:

1. We are working diligently to mount this year's school play via livestream. We are looking for a home for the eight play people (six students, Mr. Peters and his wife) to be used primarily for sleeping from April 8 to 19.
2. Get the word out – see Job Postings for 2021-22 by clicking [here](#).

Take a 3D Virtual Tour of TDChristian

See what our school looks like after the Project 20/20 expansion. See our interesting learning spaces in this highly detailed 3D Tour: tdchristian.ca/virtual.

Take a TOUR today!



What's Upcoming at TDChristian?

- **Grade 11 Course Selections** (for students currently in Grade 10) are due tomorrow in the office.
- **Grade 12 and Fifth Year Course Selections** (for students currently in Grade 11 and 12) are due Friday in the office.
- **Project Day:** Mon., Mar. 8. Students stay home and work on their projects. No busses will run. School will be closed.
- **Estate Planning and Will Clinic:** Tues., Mar. 9 at 7 p.m. Earn parent/guardian volunteer hours. See pg. 8 for details.
- **Quad 3 Midterm Learning Reports** will be posted in Edsby on Wed., Mar. 10.
- **March Holiday Monday:** Mon., Mar. 15. No school. No buses will run.
- **March Holiday Monday:** Mon., Mar. 22. No school. No buses will run.
- **New Members Meeting:** Thurs., Mar. 25. Read *Board Matters* in this edition of the Fridge Door for more information.
- **April Break (replaces the March Break):** Students will have a break from Fri., Apr. 9 to Mon., Apr. 19. Quadmaster turnaround days for staff members will be Fri., Apr. 9 and Mon., Apr. 19.
- **April 19: "The 39 Steps" Drama Production by livestream and Launch of the Virtual Auction (tentative)**

Admissions

- P. Schuurman

We are accepting registrations for the 2021-22 school year. If you have a child in grades 8 to 11 who is not currently attending TDChristian and you wish to begin the process of enrolling, go to tdchristian.ca/studentadmissions. Families of current students will be sent tuition forms in the spring for re-enrolment.

E-mail schuurman@tdchristian.ca with your questions. Please let other people know that they belong at TDChristian!

From the Finance Office

- M. Rosie

If you have recently changed your home address, phone numbers or email addresses, please update your information in Edsby to ensure our records are accurate. Thank you!

School Culture

- J. Dykxhoorn

Despite the pandemic there are many club options available to students, both online and at school. Students are encouraged to read the daily announcements, watch the weekly assemblies, and check out the club list on the "Student Life@TD" bulletin board near the downstairs washrooms. A listing of clubs is available on the Splash! Page.

This year's talent show, like the rest of the past year, is going to be a little different. Instead of an evening, as originally planned for March 4, we are going to share the fantastic talent submissions we received as part of a weekly segment in our Good Morning TDChristian TV Show/Assembly. We have great songs, art, and hair braiding that we can't wait to share! If students have other talents they would love to display, they should contact me.

A planning team for a *Relay for Life* event at TDChristian has formed and continues to meet. The team is excited to attend the Relay Conference on March 19 to learn of possibilities for the event despite the pandemic.

Volunteer Hours for FlipGive Participation!

- L. Fernhout

TDChristian is offering volunteer hours for participating in FlipGive! Earning parent/guardian volunteer hours is easy!

TIP OF THE WEEK: Want to earn \$15 for TDChristian with one simple purchase? Check the Esso/Mobil 5 Cents off up to 1000L Fuel Discount Card which costs \$50. When you finish the card after purchasing 1000L (about 20 to 30 tanks of gas), you will have recouped your \$50! Set the card for automatic reload and continue earning! The \$15 is a big boost towards earning a parent/guardian volunteer hour. (1 hour = \$20 in earnings)

Here's how the program works: For every \$20 that you earn for TDChristian through FlipGive until April 30, you will be awarded one parent/guardian volunteer hour (up to a maximum of 12.5 hours).

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: [Join Here](#)
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.

Questions? Send an Edsby message to the contact person in your area:

- Halton – Susan VanDenHoek
- Orangeville – Sondra Burton
- Brampton – Johanna DeGier
- Toronto – Mary Fantilli
- Newmarket/Bradford/Springdale/HollandMarsh – Maureen Lawson
- Richmond Hill – Alla Pereboeva

Not on Edsby? Send an email to passwords@tdchristian.ca requesting access. Contact Leanne Fernhout at fernhout@tdchristian.ca to become a FlipGive contact for Woodbridge/Kleinburg/Bolton or Mississauga/Oakville.

Estate Planning Seminar (Earn Parent/Guardian Volunteer Hours)

There is still time to register for the upcoming Estate Planning Seminar on Tuesday, March 9 at 7pm! See the flyer included. Because this is sponsored by the Christian School Foundation and Christian Stewardship Services, you can attend at NO COST! Register here: [Estate Planning 101](#)

Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

Praise the Lord that the days are getting longer and spring is around the corner. Sunlight and warmer temperatures bring hope for a brighter tomorrow!

Course selections are due this week. We pray that students are excited to see what the future holds in the coming year. Please keep in mind our grade 12 students as they begin to hear from universities and colleges in regards to acceptances. Decisions can be stressful; we pray for direction and peace.

March has changed significantly in the last two weeks. We pray that students and teachers will have the energy and enthusiasm needed to deal with a later spring break.

Firehall Thrift

- P. Haffenden



The sign is on the building, the store is full of items, and a website is ready to be launched. An announcement will be made within the next week for how items can be viewed, purchased online and picked up from Firehall Thrift.

In the meantime, an application to get the zoning required to open Firehall Thrift to the public has been submitted to the City of Vaughan. The timeline is uncertain. We are working diligently to have it approved prior to the city's summer recess. Until items are moved out, we are unable to take in any more donations. We will let you know as soon as we can. Thank you for your support, prayers, and patience. It has been a long journey but we will persevere.

Transportation

- J. Dykxhoorn

On our last snow day, we experienced a larger than normal "fail rate" on the mass bus cancellation text that was sent. I noticed this quickly so I sent a voice message to families that would normally only receive a text. Our texting service is working at diagnosing the problem. The service hypothesizes that our mass text could have been filtered out by certain carriers who deemed the message as "SPAM." Some filters have been strengthened in an attempt to protect their users. I will be using recommendations on which words to use in future messages to help avoid the issue from reoccurring. Thank you for your understanding!

Become a Member of TDChristian

- C. Loopstra, Board Member

If you are not yet a member of TDChristian, the Board encourages you to attend the New Members' Zoom Meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 25.

During the meeting you will be asked about your connections to TDChristian and what inspired you to become connected to the school. You will be given an overview of TDChristian's governance structure, policies, and Identity Statement, as you determine whether or not you wish to apply to become a member.

Membership has its privileges. Annual meetings are held in November and April. They provide an opportunity for members and others to share ideas, contribute to, and discuss what is happening at the school. Most importantly, members vote on key issues including finances and ongoing school plans that help shape TDChristian's future.

We look forward to sharing an evening with you together as you explore membership and learn more about TDChristian! To get a Zoom invite to the Zoom Meeting on March 25 or to find out more about it, email Board Administrative Assistant, Lynne Elliott, at elliott@tdchristian.ca.

In 2020, I became a voting member of the TDChristian community. As a parent of three students attending this school, not only was this a natural next step for me, but it came at an important point along the school's timeline as the Board prepares to present the school's new strategic plan at the April 22, 2021 Spring Annual Meeting. Becoming a member now allows you to have direct input on the direction of the school. as it springboards into the next 3 to 5 years.

The Learning Commons

- M. Jaworski

Our new space continues to develop each day. Thank you to Mr. Freeman and to Ellie Soh from the Green Industries class for the beautiful plants that have been added. We look forward to seeing what else is added in the coming weeks.

Students are reminded that help and support is available for everyone. In-person homework club runs every Monday to Thursday from 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. Virtual Homework Club runs every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. All students are welcome.

Music Notes

- K. Hayward

This has been a tough year for the music program at TDChristian. However, we move forward with expectation and hope for the remainder of this year and 2021-22. We are thankful that Grade 9 Music and Guitar were on the schedule this year. Music lessons have also been possible due to the Presentation Centre space.

Students have shared and will share their musical talents in assemblies and Good Morning, TDChristian! We are looking at ways to celebrate music during Grandparents Day.

More importantly, we are giving our students the options to choose music in Grades 10 to 12 next year with the hope of reviving Concert Band and Choir as well. Music is an important and meaningful way for us to give glory to God. Please pray that the full music program will return in September.

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, and 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 Monday, March 8, March 15, or March 22. No new projects or work will be given on any of these days.

The entire project is due on Tuesday, April 6, which is the last regular day of Quad 3. Details for Mentorship are found on Edsby in the English class library. Contact Mr. Van Eerden directly with any questions that arise.

NOTE: Students in English and New Testament for Quad 4 have been sent an Edsby message with the assignment so they know what is required in case they want to complete it during the April break. Although there will be more days offered to do Mentorship during Quad 4, it may save stress by getting it done early.

Falcon's Perch

- C. Hoving

It's been great to be back in the building and see students in the halls again and having four Phys. Ed. classes running. Yesterday we kicked off the Ping Pong tournament at lunch. It was a lot of fun. We will continue to look at ways that students can do things outside of the classroom in a safe manner.

As we move through March, we hope the weather turns for the better. Continue to look at ways to be active inside and out, as a way to help you deal with the effects of the pandemic.

Guidance Corner

- E. Dengerink

March Virtual Tours for University and Colleges: March is a great time to visit the universities and colleges that you are considering attending in the fall. Sign-up for a virtual tour or attend an Open House. You don't have to be in grade 12 to go on a tour – plan ahead and check them out! Information is available on their websites.

Trent University is offering in-person tours of their campuses. You must book a date and time prior to going. Check on the link for more information. [trentu.ca/futurestudents/undergraduate/applicants/accepted-offer/discover-days-events/book-tour-peterborough-campus](https://www.trentu.ca/futurestudents/undergraduate/applicants/accepted-offer/discover-days-events/book-tour-peterborough-campus).

University of Guelph Interaction Conference This two-day conference on April 28 and 29 is for university-bound grade 10 and 11 students. This is your opportunity to discover the University of Guelph community and to learn more about academic disciplines that interest you! Registration details available very soon. Check admission.uoguelph.ca/events.

Centre Stage

- R. Peters

The cast and crew of "The 39 Steps" recently reflected that mounting a school show in the midst of a pandemic is an experience unlike any they have ever had. The best description came from one of our actors - "It's like you're back in the days of the pioneer. You have your wagon, your supplies, and your family, and you're making a long journey, but you really don't have any sense of WHERE you are actually going. You have an okay idea of what you'll do when you get there, but because you REALLY don't know what the destination is going to look like, it's pretty hard to prepare for it in your head."

We are very much on this sort of journey. And we keep traveling, in faith. Our show dates have been moved, given the change in the March Break. We are now planning to perform the evening before the start of Quad Four (April 19). Keep us in your prayers as we slowly see the frontier reveal itself in front of us!

P.S. If you have a place for the eight of us (four cast, two crew, myself and my wife) to stay from the nights of April 8 to April 19, please contact me or Mr. Groot.

Library Shelf

- J. Knibbe

Book Club: It was great to be able to meet in person last week to discuss *The Enigma Game*. The next book on our agenda, entitled *The Starlight Claim*, a story of mystery and adventure during the winter in northern Ontario, will be our focus at our next meeting on March 19.

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 1999.

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 20/20 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.

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

1. Attend the Estate Planning and Will Clinic on Tuesday, March 9 and earn two volunteer hours.
2. See the FlipGive announcement on page 2 to earn up to 12.5 hours by simply using this app while doing regular shopping.

ESTATE PLANNING 101



All age groups can benefit from an Estate Plan.

Without a sound plan, government and the courts may have a say, but with a current plan it's YOUR way!

Toronto District Christian High School is hosting a complimentary estate planning seminar to help you address questions about Estate Planning.

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 @ 7:00 pm via Zoom.

**Featuring: Partners from our Foundation
and Christian Stewardship Services**

RSVP here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcucO2sqzwyGdQvL_U2orfB3Gpy9duyvMVS

**For further questions, email
Leanne Fernhout at fernhout@tdchristian.ca**

***TDChristian parents, earn TWO volunteer hours when you participate in this seminar!**

