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Check job postings
on our website ...
you might know
somebody who
may be interested!

Nota Bene

- W. Groot

The end of the semester is a great time to see the fruits of students' learning. Tomorrow is Celebrations of Learning and the Winter Open House. We would love to see you there to view student work, see students at work and presenting, giving feedback to them and to us. At the same time, you can rub shoulders with potential new families. If you come from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., you can earn two volunteer hours, as well. That is per person. Make it a date!

Project 20/20: Going Green at TDChristian

L. Fernhout, Campaign Fundraising Manager

Many years ago, TDChristian hosted a GOING GREEN Conference for students at the school. It was part of the initiative that birthed Environmental Block. We are on the verge of another new start – the opening of the new building later this year. The substantial completion date is the beginning of March. However, we will take our time after that getting things ready for the official opening.

Here are some things to watch for or help make happen:

- TDChristian's Annual Report Card comes out this month. Besides summing up 2019, it provides updates on Project 20/20 and Fire Hall Thrift (opening this spring as well).
- If you are interested in providing **seed money** via a \$10,000 loan for Fire Hall Thrift, please contact William Groot or Paul Haffenden. We have a number of investors but need three or four more.
- Past Fridge Door updates on Project 20/20 have provided the number of gifts that are needed to reach the \$6M goal. The **green line** in the chart below indicates the percentage of dollars in each category since September.
- Please consider which Gift Category you can help make **greener!** Donate online to Project 20/20 by contacting Leanne Fernhout at fernhout@tdchristian.ca or doing so online at at www.tdchristian.ca/giving.

Category	up to \$5K	\$5–10K	\$10–25K	\$25–50K	\$50–100K	\$100–250K	\$250–500K	\$500K +
% Raised	18%	15.5%	17.7%	—	13,3%	40%	70%	—

TOTAL raised thus far is \$3,159,525

What's Upcoming?

Pancake Breakfasts for all grades are coming. Watch for dates at school.

First day of the Second Semester is Wednesday, January 29.

Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

Pray for all our students as they prepare for and work on their summative evaluations for their classes. Final evaluation days start next week Friday!

University and College applications are due in the next few weeks. Please pray for the Lord's guidance, direction, and patience as students complete their applications and await for offers of acceptance.

Quite a few of our students and staff are dealing with persistent colds and the flu. Please pray that they are restored to full health very soon!

School Culture

- M. Heinbuch/J. Dykxhoorn

Students and staff experienced a great Spirit week before Christmas. People had fun dressing up and having their photos taken. At the assembly, many students shared their work and learning from this semester. More will share at this week's assembly.

At the assembly, we celebrated the results of the Cram the Coats contest. Homeroom I won breakfast by bringing in the most coats. Overall, over 140 coats were donated, along with many mittens and touques, to the Church of the Redeemer as arranged by alumna, Gloria VandeKemp. Well done TDChristian!

We are looking forward to the Pancake Breakfasts for each grade in the upcoming weeks as students prepare for final evaluations.

Board Matters

- Teresa Veenstra and Rodney Falconer, Board Members

What is Contract Partnership committee?

It is another reminder of the uniqueness of the TDChristian community.

Consisting of three teachers, two board members and three members from TDChristian's supporting community, the committee's mandate is to construct a new contract for the teaching staff. The current contract expires on July 31/20.

The committee discusses salaries, benefits and working conditions for the teaching staff. Given the recent unrest amongst the various school boards in Ontario, we are blessed to have a process in place that allows for the free sharing of views, thoughts and concerns. It is important that everyone's voice is heard in a caring environment. Please pray that the committee will know of the Lord's blessing and guidance as it continues to meet throughout the next few months.

Transportation

- J. Dykxhoorn

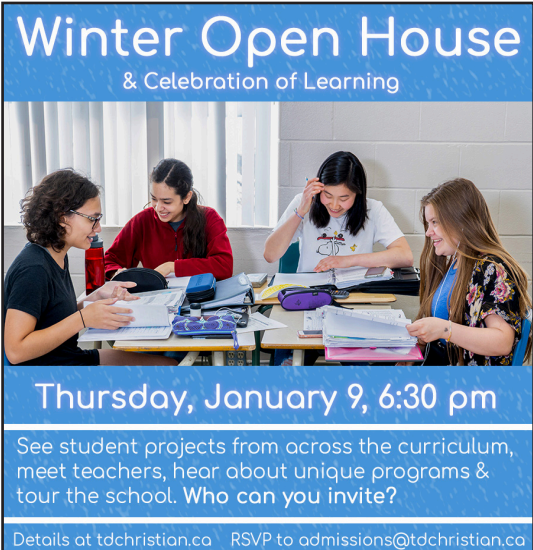
Overall, things have gone well in our busing routes over the past number of weeks and months. Thank you for your patience as we made a few alterations to our times. I'm happy to report that these changes have worked well and our buses have been arriving to school on time very consistently.

There have been a few instances when drivers have been distracted by some students who are either standing, moving around or playing loud music but, overall, our bus drivers are thankful for our students and how they interact together on the bus.

Admissions

- P. Schuurman

We invite YOU to attend our Winter Open House & Celebrations of Learning on Thursday January 9, beginning at 6:30 p.m.! Come for a quick walkabout through the school at 6:15 p.m., if you wish. Two Parent/Guardian volunteer hours can be earned for each parent or guardian who comes at 6:30 p.m. and attends the four presentations sessions.



The poster features a photograph of four students sitting at a table, looking at papers and books. The text on the poster is as follows:

Winter Open House
& Celebration of Learning

Thursday, January 9, 6:30 pm

See student projects from across the curriculum, meet teachers, hear about unique programs & tour the school. Who can you invite?

Details at tdchristian.co RSVP to admissions@tdchristian.co

The Winter Open House celebrates our students' learning. NEW and CURRENT families are welcome to join us for this event to view student presentations, interact with staff and students, examine student work, and listen to a former student share about their TDChristian experience. Something for everyone! Spread the word around!

We are accepting admissions packages for new students (not current students to be re-enrolled). Register before February 1, 2020 before the cost of registration goes up. If you have any questions at all about admissions, please e-mail Patty Schuurman at schuurman@tdchristian.ca. Word of mouth is the best way to advertise TDChristian!

Grade 11 Mentorship

- S. VanEerden

Students should do their Mentorship placements between semesters. They should look into the requirements for the presentation and journals before they go as they will help students know what they need to do while on their placements. It is important to note the rubric, as well as a Mentorship Completion Form, which mentors need to complete.

Mentorship Presentations will take place during the second week of second semester in all Grade 11 classes. The mark for Mentorship work will count for 4% in all second semester Grade 11 classes. All relevant documents can be found in the Mentorship group, on the TDChristian Splash! Page, and in the Edsby library of first period classes. Students who have questions or concerns should contact Mr. Van Eerden.

Falcons' Perch

- C. Hoving

The Junior Boys Basketball team resumed play with a game at home yesterday night against St. Elizabeth. It continues with another home game tomorrow night against Langstaff SS before taking a break for exams.

The Senior Boys Basketball team played last night, losing a home game against St. Elizabeth. The team heads to Durham Christian High School for a tournament tomorrow before wrapping up league play before the exam break, next Tuesday, at Father Bressani CHS.

The Junior Girls Volleyball and Junior Girls Tier 2 Volleyball teams play their counterparts at Stephen Lewis SS in exhibition games this evening. The Tier 2 team heads to Vaughan SS for a tournament on Friday.

The Senior Girls Volleyball team swings back into league play today with games against Holy Cross CA and Father Bressani CHS. The girls are in a tournament Friday at Alexander Mackenzie HS to wrap up the first semester.

We are assembling a school hockey team for its annual tournament on February 18 in Hamilton. Students must apply for consideration to be on the team. Check the Edsby group "2020 Varsity Hockey Team" for the form and more details. Contact Mr. Eric Vrieling, if you have any questions.

Music Notes

- K. Hayward

Band Choir and Jazz band are all currently on a break allowing students to focus on their other course work. Each of these ensembles will resume in February.

Parents and other transportation providers are reminded that band resumes on Tuesday, February 4 at 7:30 a.m.

With the exception of guitar students, students who are currently using instruments provided by the school must return them to the music room on or before Wednesday, January 15. Instruments must be on site in order to be inspected.

On Thursday March 5, the skilled, the talented, the funny, the bizarre and the curious will congregate at TDChristian to participate and/or take in the annual Talent Show! Watch the announcements over the next few weeks for details of how YOU can take part. Parent volunteers will be needed that night to assist with setup and cleanup. Contact Mr. Hayward to find out more.

If you have questions about the music program at TDChristian, contact Mr. Hayward at hayward@tdchristian.ca.

HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Drama Department! Our Improv Team hit the ground running from our first day back; on Monday we had a practice (officially kicking off our Canadian Improv Games preparation) followed by a trip downtown to BadDog Theatre to see two professional improv shows (“D&D Live!” and “One of us is a Killer”). Later this month, Jenn Ferris (producer for “One of us is a Killer”) is going to run our Senior AND Junior teams through a workshop to help our team adapt this murder/mystery improv format into our adLIBB performances. Watch for more details over the next month!

There are still spots available for our “SketchPro 2020” class. This class teaches students how to create comedy sketches from page to stage. Think you AREN'T funny? Or, would you like to be even funnier than you are? Then, this is an essential class for you. Mr. Peters has trained with Second City in Chicago and Toronto, and has learned from some of the best (seriously... one of his teachers is now a writer for Saturday Night Live, and other writes for “Baroness Von Sketch!”) Want an even better reason to take the course? There are strong (and growing) links between humour and intelligence... click the link below for details and sign up for SketchPro Today!

www.lifehack.org/378304/there-any-link-between-humor-and-intelligence

Guidance Corner

- E. Dengerink

Schedules: Students in grades 10, 11 or 12 who want to make changes to their second semester schedule may request course changes by having a parent/guardian email schedules@tdchristian.ca. Requests for changes can be made until Monday, February 3. To find out what courses are offered and when, visit the Splash! page, click on the Course Info menu, and then select the Timetable link at the bottom of the drop-down menu.

Course Selections for the 2020-21 school year will be begin in February. Students will be informed of the process and potential course offerings during the week of February 3. Students will then have several weeks to complete their course selections via MyBlueprint.

University and Community College

- University and College Tours: The time between semesters is a good time for university and college tours! Sign-up with the school of your choice and check it out. You can request a tour on dates that work for you.
- University Applications are due January 15, 2020 by midnight. Check your e-mail regularly for information from each university you applied to. There may be supplementary applications that you need to fill out. Do them well and on time; if you miss the deadline you will not be given an offer of admission to the program.
- Community College Applicants: The application deadline is fast approaching! You must apply by February 1 for equal consideration.
- To apply to schools outside of Ontario or to Christian Universities or Colleges, you will need to fill out separate applications. Please notify your guidance counsellor if you are applying to a private university or Bible college, or if you are applying out of the province of Ontario.
- If you are applying to post-secondary programs that needs a portfolio, check the websites carefully for portfolio deadlines so you are not taken by surprise.

SKILLS TO SUCCEED AT UNIVERSITY (Brought to you by Academic Skills at Trent University)

In a recent Globe and Mail editorial, a professor wrote that university is not a harder version of high school. At university, students are challenged in more ways than assignments and exams. They can also learn a lot from those experiences by practicing a few key skills.

Here are FIVE important qualities that can help students be successful at university, besides just studying hard:

1. **Time Management:** University students spend less time in class but do more work than in high school. Students need to learn to juggle 20 hours of class time, 15 hours of assignments and reading, and in some cases, a part-time job or extracurriculars.
2. **Personal Responsibility:** University students control their own education and need to learn to act in their own best interest, an important life skill in decision making.
3. **Self-direction:** A university education should be the result of their choices, their abilities, and their desires. When students set the path of their education, they are more invested and committed to learn.

- 4. Persistence:** Challenges and obstacles are common and can take different forms. Students need to learn to keep trying, learning, and asking questions to find the rewards that come from hard work and dedication.
- 5. Resilience:** University is a place where students shouldn't be afraid of making errors. Focusing on doing their best work and learning from mistakes prepares students to face new challenges and obstacles throughout life.

Summer Options!

- Explore! Live the Canadian experience! If you are in Grade 11 or 12, consider taking EXPLORE. This five-week intensive immersion program is adapted to all skill levels. It is an opportunity to travel, learn and practise your French while discovering a new culture. The \$2800 bursary (available to all applicants) pays for most of the cost. You could also apply to Languages at Work, which provides opportunities to work in your host community following the Explore program. Check www.myexplore.ca and www.languagesatwork.ca/en
- Youth Explore is a three week intensive immersion program for youth aged 13 to 15. The \$2000 bursary pays for most of the cost. Improve your French, meet new people, and explore Canada! Check www.myexplore.ca for more information.
- Thinking of going abroad this summer and earning a course credit at the same time? Check out Blyth Academy International Summer Programs at BlythSummers.ca. or Mei International Academy at www.meiacademy.com.
- It's only January, but it's time to consider finding a summer volunteer or paid job. Check out your favourite summer camp for details or your City Recreation website. There are lots of jobs in day camps, overnight camps, and at your local pool. Interviews and hiring often begins in February.

Library Shelf: Join the Book Club

- J Knibbe

Please note that students must return all library books and course textbooks before final evaluations. For example, if you have a textbook for your period one class (in the morning on the first final evaluations day, January 17), you must return the textbook that morning, at the latest, in order to participate in your final evaluations. Please return all books to your teachers or the school library by Tuesday, January 14. If you have lost a book or it has sustained a great deal of damage, you will be asked to pay for the book's replacement cost. If you have questions about this process, please talk to your teachers or the librarian.

Book Club will reconvene on Tuesday, February 4 to discuss the eighth book on our reading list. Written by Alan Bradley a Canadian mystery writer, *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* is the first book in a ten-book series. Flavia de Luce lives in Buckshaw, a crumbling British mansion in the English countryside in 1950. The youngest of 3 sisters, she spends a lot of her time in her great-uncle's chemistry lab and is especially passionate about poisons. This, the first of her mystery-solving escapades, begins when a dead bird is found on the doorstep with a postage stamp pinned to its beak.

The TDChristian Library has purchased this entire series, and the books are available for borrowing throughout the school year.

Volunteer Opportunities

Looking to help students effectively demonstrate and explain their learning while earning volunteer hours at the same time? Contact Ms. Contos at contos@tdchristian.ca in the Resource Department. We are looking for parents and/or guardians to act as scribes (writers) for different students completing their Final Evaluations on January 17 and 21. In your email, please refer to the days and times that you are available (time slot #1 from 8:45 a.m. to 11:50 p.m., time slot #2 from 11:45 p.m. to 2:55 p.m.) Additionally, we need scribes for January 20 from 9am-1pm.

Items Wanted

1. Our grade 9 PULSE Class is building a spaceship set and is looking for interesting/unique dials, gauges, joysticks, gears, and equipment to use for props and decoration. It doesn't even have to work. What weird treasures do you have for us? If you may have something we could use, please Esbsy message or email Mr. Buwalda at buwalda@tdchristian.ca. The stranger the better!
2. Our upcoming Graphic Design class is looking for your old magazines in all categories. Please bring them in for Mr. Buwalda before February 1.

From the Art Room

All Art students are required to bring an 8 1/2" by 11" (approximately) sketchbook and drawing pencils to class daily. This is integral to the course.

Croquette Fundraiser

There are still a few boxes left from our second order of 36, pre-cooked, all beef croquettes for \$45. If you are interested in a box or 2, please email Marg (marg@tdchristian.ca).

FINAL EVALUATIONS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2020

All students:

Wednesday, January 15 – Last regular school day for first semester.

Thursday, January 16 – Study Day – students may not come to school. No buses.

Monday, January 20 – Study Day – only students with permission may come to school. No buses.

Grade 9:

Friday, January 17:

9:30 to 11:40 a.m. Period 1 Classes: Math or Science

12:45 to 2:55 p.m. Period 2 Classes: STEM, Art, Music, Drama, PULSE (as directed by their teachers)

Tuesday, January 21:

9:30 to 11:40 a.m. Period 3 Classes: PE or Geography

12:45 to 2:55 p.m. Period 4 Classes: French, English or English/ESL/Learning Strategies

Grades 10 to 12:

Friday, January 17:

9:30 to 11:40 a.m. Period 1 Classes (Note: Some grade 12 final evaluations may go from 9:00 to 11:40 a.m.)

12:45 to 2:55 p.m. Period 2 Classes (Note: Some grade 12 final evaluations may go from 12:15 to 2:55 p.m.)

Tuesday, January 21:

9:30 to 11:40 a.m. Period 3 Classes (Note: some grade 12 final evaluations may go from at 9:00 to 11:40 a.m.)

12:45 to 2:55 p.m. Period 4 Classes (Note: some grade 12 final evaluations may go from at 12:15 to 2:55 p.m.)

Notes for ALL students:

1. Students must remain in the class for the entire time.
2. All courses have final evaluations. Courses that do not have scheduled time during the final evaluation days will complete final evaluations during or as part of regularly scheduled classes.
3. Students must pay all monies owed the school including library, textbook and athletic fines before writing final evaluations. Students who have not will need to make arrangements with a vice-principal before being allowed to begin the final evaluation.
4. If school is cancelled for any reason, final evaluations will be moved to the next available week day including a Monday, if Friday is a snow day.
5. Students who have a spare or supervised spare are expected to work quietly in the library or other empty supervised room unless they come in later or leave early.
6. The assumption is that all students will attend their scheduled final evaluations at the stated times. Exceptions for educational reasons must be requested through the Resource Department and have administrative approval. All other exceptions must be approved by Mr. Heinbuch. E-mail heinbuch@tdchristian.ca.
7. The days from Wednesday, January 22 to Tuesday, January 28 are “turn around days” between semesters. They are also possible Mentorship placement days for Grade 11 students. There is no school on these days. Second semester begins on Wednesday, January 29 for all students.

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Fall Rummage Sale

Thank you to the community for your assistance in this fundraiser!!!

PARENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS... Your contributions were most appreciated. We graciously thank the following FARMERS, GREENHOUSES, and STORES for their wonderful donations to our school:

JC AGRI ORCHARDS, King City
FOOTHILL GREENHOUSES, Kettleby
Hwy. 9 FARMERS MARKET, Schomberg
HILLSIDE GARDENS, Bradford
MID VALLEY GARDENS, Bradford
ROBS NO FRILLS, Oak Ridges
ROUND THE BEND FARM, Kettleby
ZOMERS GREENHOUSES, Milton

Thank you to everyone who contributed and donated to our Rummage Sale Fundraiser this year. Your assistance was most appreciated and the \$3500 raised will assist in the setting up of the Presentation Space, Theatre-Lighting, Curtains etc.