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Nota Bene

- William Groot

June brings with it the end of another school year and the promise of summer. Students in Grade Advisory Groups have commented on the consistent rhythm of remote learning thus far in Quad 4. There is a yearning from many students to be back at school, even for a day. Naturally, this is strongest for the Grade 12s who would love more time than that.

The Leadership Team will communicate via Edsby after careful consideration of the email outlining the province's directives that we will likely receive later today or on Thursday. *We will move forward in faith and with purpose to ensure that everyone (including Grade 12s and their families) are updated with our end-of-year plans.*

Thankfully, good learning continues in our classes. Students and their teachers are working diligently to end well on June 18, our final day of classes. As with previous quads, students will be given clear direction on final assignments, projects, tests and, in rare cases, exams. Our aim is to ensure that students continue to learn as well as they can in these times.

I am saddened when students do things the "easy way", getting unwarranted help and support from peers, the internet, and family members. We all want students to do well but what matters more than grades is learning. Integrity is tempting to sacrifice for "practicality." It is something of which we, as humans (myself included) have to be constantly aware. God knows our thoughts, our hearts, and our intentions. Thankfully, by God's grace when we recognize and acknowledge our wrongs, he offers us forgiveness. Let us strive to finish well, with energy and hope.

On a celebratory note, Presentations Day is next Wed., June 9 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. View students' presentations and provide feedback for them and teachers. They are a great way to share learning. View this [video](#) to learn more!

As noted previously, we are working on a semester model for 2021-22, anticipating that the province will allow it. Quad-esters are the back up plan. As done last year, we will communicate regularly throughout it to keep families informed.

As we enter June, I thought it appropriate to publicly thank the following people who are leaving for their work at TDChristian. Each has contributed in significant ways to TDChristian. It is a privilege to have worked with each of them.

- Teacher Fran Josse and Educational Assistant Patricia Ootjers are retiring.
- VP, Patty Schuurman is focusing on her Youth Ministry Directorship at Clearview Christian Reformed Church.
- Teacher Tammy Dibbitts is moving to a school board in eastern Ontario (closer to where her family resides).
- Teacher Christina Sanita is moving on to other challenges and opportunities including getting married this summer.
- Personal Counselor, Marianne Deeks is focusing on her work with Youth Unlimited.
- Board Chair, Brad Van Laare, is moving on after four years on the board and two as the chair. See *Board Matters*.
- VP and teacher, Matt Heinbuch has taken a position at Redeemer Christian High School in Ottawa. He was offered the position a few weeks ago. After much consideration, he and his wife, Julie, decided that moving to Ottawa was the best decision. A key factor was the exciting opportunity to be closer to extended family. Matt came to TDChristian in 2001 and will be completing his 20th year in June. Matt's ability and willingness to take on various roles, tasks, and challenges will be greatly missed. Redeemer is getting someone who has experience as a VP, teacher of many subjects (at least six), athletic director, coach, admissions counselor, guidance counselor and scheduler. We wish the Heinbuchs God's blessings!

Thank you for your support, your prayers, your messages, your feedback. God is and will always be our Rock!

What's Upcoming at TDChristian?

- **Wednesday, June 9** at 7 p.m. is Presentations Day. Provide feedback to our students and teachers at this Zoom event and earn 1.5 Parent/Guardian Volunteer hours. To register for the event email marg@tdchristian.ca.
- **Friday, June 11** is the final Work Day. No online classes will be held on that day. Students are to complete assignments and prepare for the end of the Quad.
- **Wednesday, June 16:** The final Fridge Door for 2021-22 (which will include news on the Spring Appeal)
- **Thursday, June 17** at 7 p.m. our Final Assembly will premiere. It will include student work, awards, and other things to celebrate 2020-21.
- **Friday, June 18** is the last day of regular classes. Note: Final Learning Reports will be mailed in late June.
- **Dates to be determined:** Graduation and Related Events. We will announce them as they are finalized.

Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

We thank God for his incredible love and his assurance that He hears our prayers.

The news regarding the discoveries at the site of the Kamloops Residential School is very difficult and troubling. It reminds us of Canada's tragic history with many indigenous peoples. Let us pray for healing and justice to come out of this chronic and ongoing sadness; let us resolve to be partners in restoration as we seek to root out systemic racial injustice.

There are fewer than three weeks left of school this semester. Some students find it difficult to stay motivated and focussed when the weather is nice and they are tired of virtual learning. Please pray that students will persevere through these last weeks, continue their learning, finish with a sense of accomplishment and most importantly know that through it all they are upheld by a loving Saviour.

Please remember the Grade 12 students as they complete their time at TDChristian and look forward to new adventures. Despite uncertainty about the future, we pray that they will have a sense of peace and excitement for it.

Board Matters: Thank you, Brad!

- Rodney Falconer, TDChristian Board Member

Here is an expression with which many of you will be familiar, "You never get a second chance to make a first impression." Almost five years ago, when I attended my first membership meeting, I had the privilege of sitting down beside Brad Van Laare. The impression he left upon me was one that would reflect the reasons we chose to send our kids to Toronto District Christian High School. I remember how anxious I was for that first meeting as our family was new to the school and did not know anyone within the TDCH community. Brad made me feel welcome! He was, and continues to be, a wonderful ambassador for this school.

TDCH has been very fortunate to have Brad as a member of its board the last four years, two of those serving as the chairperson. Last year, Brad's youngest daughter graduated from TDCH which meant he no longer had any children in the school. He selflessly extended his term to help complete things that needed to be done. It is safe to say that while TDCH has made an impression on Brad, Brad left an impression on the community through his dedication as a parent and board member but especially in his role as chair through the years. Brad epitomizes the expression, "Always leave things better than you found them." We wish Brad and his wife, Nellie, much blessing as they seek to find new ways of serving God in the next stage of their lives.

Transportation

- J. Dykxhoorn

Looking for ways to earn 10 volunteer hours next year? I would ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a Bus Rep for one of our routes. It is a great way to make connections with other families at our school and to be part of an essential piece of TDChristian: the safe transportation to and from school of our students.

Bus Reps connect with their bus' families in August to ensure that they are aware of bus stops and route times, attend an August gathering to meet the bus drivers, and work with the school throughout the year with busing concerns from their bus' families.

We need at least two Bus Reps for next year. Email dykxhoorn@tdchristian.ca if you are interested and/or if you have any questions. Please note that since we have existing bus reps, you may end up being a Bus Rep for a route different from your family's.

From the Finance Office

- M. Rosie

A reminder that the 2021-22 tuition forms are due back this Friday, June 4. Please contact Meg Rosie if you have any questions (mrosie@tdchristian.ca or 905-851-1772 ext 214). These forms are essential for planning 2021-22.

Admissions

- P. Schuurman

Hello Families!

We are excited to let you know that at this point, there are over 100 Grade 9 students who are planning to join the TDChristian community for 2021-22. This is great news as we look with hope to a new start in September!

If you have a child in your family ready to begin high school, apply today by clicking [here](#) – this is the place to be!

TDChristian has openings for all grade levels; connecting sooner rather than later is key. Tell others about our school because word of mouth speaks volumes.

Contact Patty Schuurman at schuurman@tdchristian.ca to help us as we make plans for 2021-22. Don't delay!

School Culture

- J. Dykxhoorn

Yesterday, we had **Jersey Day** at school. It was great to see many of our students participate virtually in the event. Next week our plan is **Crazy Hair Day**. Given the amount of time that has passed since hair dressers and hair stylists have been open for business, it should be an epic event!

The Relay for Life event has continued to gain momentum as we gear up towards Relay Week, June 7-11. Today, we reached our \$25,000 fundraising goal. Please keep donating to make what will be the largest amount raised by TDChristian for a Relay for Life event. Our student team has a week full of activities planned for students and staff who registered. It's not too late to join the fun. Students can still register for the event and community members are able to donate to the event by at relayforlife.ca/tdchs.

Follow along @tdchristianrelay on Instagram!

Our Final Assembly is scheduled for June 17 at 7 p.m. It will be an awesome community time where we will celebrate student work from the year, honour staff who are moving on from TDChristian, and celebrate various award winners. As usual, the assembly will premiere on our YouTube Channel, TDCHWoodbridge. Check out the channel to see this year's assemblies to get a taste of what you might experience.

Music Notes

- K. Hayward

Music students at TDChristian are currently engaged in or contemplating end-of-year projects. The Grade 11 Guitar class is recording audio and video for the assembly next week while the grade 9s are finishing their Presentation of Learning work and contemplating recording projects.

We would like to invite community members to participate in a song to honour the 2021 Graduating class. We are hoping to create a "virtual" congregational song video featuring staff and community members. Be on the lookout for details via e-mail or Edsby.

If you have questions about the music program at TDChristian, please e-mail hayward@tdchristian.ca.

The Learning Commons

- M. Jaworski

As we come to the end of Quad 4, students are reminded to finish the school year strong! Those needing assistance in their courses with homework, POLs, or final assignments can access help through virtual Homework Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students with an IEP or a Learning Profile are encouraged to arrange for any accommodations they need as soon as possible for any of their upcoming final evaluations.

New! Fundraiser for Debt Reduction - Leanne Fernhout, Community Engagement Manager

Stock up on Natural Solutions for your health and your family's health, and support TDChristian! Parent Catia Gorman, Wellness Advocate with dōTERRA, will be donating all proceeds of this fundraiser towards Project 20/20 Debt Reduction – between 20% to 30% of every order placed via the dedicated shopping links from June 4 to 13. Over the next few days, various products, natural solutions and tips will be spotlighted in the specific

Facebook Party Group created for this event.

The party will run from JUNE 7 to 13 : www.facebook.com/groups/doterrapartyproject2020/. Join the Facebook Virtual Party group event anytime before June 7.

Catia is excited to be share her knowledge of wellness with everyone that is part of or connected to TDChristian.

These difficult times make it more important than ever to come together as a community and share what we know for everyone's benefit: physically, mentally, and emotionally. Sharing truly is caring.

Note: This announcement nor this event are endorsements of dōTERRA by TDChristian.

FlipGive: Earn Volunteer Hours through the summer

- L. Fernhout, Community Engagement Manager

FlipGive is continuing this summer. Here's how you can earn volunteer hours while doing your regular shopping.

If you are already signed up with FlipGive:

1. Login to your FlipGive account.
2. Click on the team name on the top left hand corner (Toronto District Christian High School).
3. Scroll down below the settings area to where you see 'Switch Account' heading.
4. Click on 'Join Team' with the + button and enter the code L2HTJW.

To sign up for the first time to FlipGive:

1. Join team TDChristian by clicking: [Join Team Link](#). The join code is L2HTJW.
2. You will get a \$5 bonus the first time you shop.

Here is how family and friends can now also participate and help you earn hours:

1. Parents and guardians must first join or sign-up to team TDChristian using the set of steps above.
2. When we see you have joined, we will then set your family name up as team player.
3. Once #2 is complete, family and friends can be invited to join the team by clicking this link: [Join Team Link](#). When they do, they will be given an option via a dropdown menu to choose under which player they want to sign up. Be sure they choose your team as we won't know all of your family and friends. Alternatively, you can invite others to sign up by sending an invite link/join code directly from your account to them.
4. Shop

Here are particulars for this new session of FlipGive (which runs from now until April 30, 2022):

1. Every \$20 you earn for TDChristian earns you ONE parent/guardian volunteer hour up to a maximum of 12.5 hours.
2. After you've reached 12.5 hours, you can earn ONE volunteer hour for every \$40 earned via FlipGive for TDChristian.
3. Earnings from family and friends who are signed up under your team will count towards your total.
4. The maximum number of volunteer hours is 18 hours (to encourage people to diversify their volunteering).
5. Earnings for volunteer hours will be counted for the 2021-22 school year.

Finally, earn volunteer hours by becoming a HUB leader for the FlipGive program. Email Leanne Fernhout at fernhout@tdchristian.ca to learn more.

Grade 11 Mentorship

- S. Van Eerden

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 recommended either Friday, May 21 or Friday, June 11. Only June 11 is left. No new projects or work will be given on this day.

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

We are into Week 6 of our sessions with Ms. White, also known as “Coach Carolyn” (a parent volunteer) who leads the Fit for Summer 8-Week Fitness Club. Students are still encouraged to join! See the announcements for more info. The club runs every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom. You can also join the the Edsby group “TDCH 8 Week Fit for Summer Challenge (TD Fitness Club)” for nutrition tips and links to the past workouts.

Last week, coaches met to discuss awards for our graduating athletes. Although athletics has been greatly affected by the pandemic, the group felt that it was still important to honour the contributions they have made when they were able to compete. This will happen during our Final Assembly on June 17.

Continue to embrace the warm weather and spend time outside. As we head into the last few weeks and wrap up, find time to balance yourself and your work. The finish line is in sight.

Guidance Corner

- E. Dengerink

Post-secondary: Grade 12s have made their decisions about their post-secondary plans. The next steps for those going to university or college are to apply for residence, sign-up for courses, apply for OSAP, and, hopefully, earn some money towards the fees this summer.

Power to Change: Graduating from high school is an exciting milestone. Will you be continuing your studies at a Canadian college or university? Make your faith count. Connect with Power to Change: click [here](#). You can sign up for their newsletter at p2c.com/students/subscribe.

Summer School information for local Public and Catholic School Boards can be found on the TDChristian 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. Students who are in danger of failing a course should register for the reinforcement course (two weeks in most boards) as soon as possible. It is much easier to sign up and drop out than try to get in at the last minute. Courses often fill up quickly. You must contact Mrs. Dengerink in order to register and for course approval.

Ontario Summer Jobs helps working-age students from 15 to 30 years old gain jobs and experience through a range of summer job opportunities. They connect students to free self-marketing and job search services in all employment sectors. Check www.ontario.ca/summerjobs and www.youthconnect.ca to see what is available this summer.

Centre Stage

- R. Peters

The fate of the production of “The 39 Steps” will be determined in June. It appears, despite many people’s efforts, that it will be canceled completely or postponed to 2021-22.

Library Shelf

- J. Knibbe

Because we are now at the end of the school year, all library books and classroom textbooks or materials borrowed from the library or your teacher (or their replacement costs if lost or damaged) are due on June 18, 2021.

More information about how to return these items will be sent to families via the next edition of The Fridge Door and/or an Edsby message to all of our families.

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 2001.



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 @TD-Christian 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

Earn 1.5 Parent/Guardian Volunteer hours by joining us on Presentations Day on Wednesday, June 9 at 7 p.m. Provide Feedback to our students and teachers at this Zoom event. To register, email marg@tdchristian.ca for the Zoom link.

Volunteer opportunities available at the FireHall Thrift Store. See attached letter for details.

Firehall Thrift

Firehall Thrift Update

June 1, 2021

To all TDCH students, members and associates:

During the Spring Membership Meeting, I provided an update about the Thrift Store status. While we continue to wait for the Covid Lock down to end and for our municipal licensing review for our retail operation, we are pushing forward with our e-commerce business.

There are a couple of ways to get involved, help the store and ultimately benefit the community:

- 1: **Please go on our web site** (firehallthrift.ca) and register/subscribe to our Insider's Club. After doing so, we will send you a discount code that will allow you to save 10 % on your next purchase through the web site. This will be a one-time code.
2. **Send this information to your friends** and point them to our site. If they sign up for our newsletter, they will also qualify for a one-time discount code.
3. If you are in need of volunteer hours, **send us a special request to info@firehallthrift.ca**. Simply say, "please send me a volunteer promo code". We will assign you a unique code that can be linked to your promotion. You can send that code to all of your friends and contacts to sign up for our Insider's Club. They will receive a 10% discount as described in point 2 above. In addition, for every \$25 that your friends spend on our web site, you will earn 1 volunteer hour. **
4. Plan to volunteer! Based on the forecast, we will be able to open up our doors as an e-commerce show room, sometime by about the middle of June. We will need a number of people interested in working at the store, either sorting, pricing, or for retail operations starting around that time. Meanwhile, get your vaccination, and rest up to help us launch in a big way.

Thanks again for helping us help our community.

Sincerely,

Paul Haffenden

Firehall Thrift

*** The value that your friends spend on the site is cumulative and not subject to a minimum of \$25 by any one friend. This program will run for 3 months from the time you are issued a special code.*

Summer Camp Staff Leader
Job Description

Community Christian Reformed Church of Richmond Hill is looking to hire Summer Camp Staff Leaders for our Church Camp Programs!!!

Are you looking for a fun and enjoyable summer job position? Community Church is your place to work! Successful applicants will work from July 5- August 20 this summer as part of our Summer Camp Staff! This is a Government Student Grant position, so the applicants must be between the ages of 15 and 29 and committed to return to full time school in September 2021. It is a 7 week paid position, 30 hours per week.

The primary roles will be:

Planning and helping to lead summer camps for youth here at our church. We will be hosting 4 summer camps over these weeks, as well as helping to run some community events. The leaders will be required to lead Bible Stories, Games, Crafts, Singing, Prayer, and other activities. Creative opportunities will also be available for helping to plan some of our fun camp ideas and activities as well.

Successful applicants will have experience working with children in a supervisory role, will possess camp working experience, including Vacation Bible Camp, Summer Camp, and/or Day Camps. Church camp experience is a bonus.

Applicants must be able to lead and coordinate their own cohort group of 7 children.

Helping to create online videos and promotional posters.

STEAM experience will be considered a major bonus for applicants.

Applicants must be able to work independently as well as part of a team at our church location.

All applicants **MUST** be students that are committed to returning to school full time in September 2021

Deadline to apply is Tuesday June 8th.

Please forward your resume, cover letter, and a hot pizza to:

Pastor Jack Klooster at:

jackklooster@community-church.ca

(Only kidding about the hot pizza kind of)