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## Nota Bene

- William Groot

There are three more at-school days in Quad 3 and I have three notes to share. Each is an OPPORTUNITY!

**International Block, a semester-long program for Grade 11 and 12 students** will be run next year through EduDeo and with other Christian high schools. This incredible experience involves stretching oneself by being part of a six-week trip to a Central American country, likely Nicaragua. Two of my children went and it helped shape who they are. To find out more contact me. There is a Zoom meeting for interested students and their parents at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 8. Check it out. It might be for you.

Unsure about what you are doing next year? Grade 12 and graduates of 2020 (yes, those from last year) are encouraged to check out Act Five, a gap year program run by Redeemer University and supported by TDChristian and four Christian high schools. Write your next chapter in the story. **Act Five is a 7+ month Christian gap year program filled with adventure, travel, service, learning and mentorship.** Four TDChristian students (Rianna Ho, Robyn Postma, Gillian Brouwer and Ryan Vroom) have been part of the first two classes of this life-shaping program that includes earning university credits. Talk to me if you are interested. Or, go to [active.ca](http://active.ca).



Finally, this weekend, **we celebrate our victory in Jesus Christ**, who paid the ultimate price for our sins through his death. Praise God that he also rose victorious from the grave so that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. In a time of uncertainty, anxiety, and difficulty for many, we can rest in the knowledge of God's goodness and grace.

Let's finish Quad 3 well.

### Teacher or Teacher Aide Opening for Part of Quad 4

We are looking for people to teach any or all of the following courses from April 19 to around May 21: Grade 9 Girls PE, Grade 9 Astronomy Quarters, and/or Grade 10 Atmosphere Quarters. To learn more, contact Mr. Groot ([groot@tdchristian.ca](mailto:groot@tdchristian.ca)).

## What's Upcoming at TDChristian?

- **Good Friday:** Fri., April 2. *No school.*
- **Easter Monday:** Mon., April 5. *No school.*
- **Quad 3 Work Day:** Wed., Apr. 7. *No buses will run. Students use this day to complete school work or to study.*
- **Final Day for Quad 3:** Thurs., Apr. 8. *All classes will run and some will have final evaluations.*
- **April Break (for students):** Fri., Apr. 9 to Mon., Apr. 19. *Staff members will be working on Apr. 9 and 19.*
- **Drama Production "The 39 Steps" livestream:** Mon., Apr. 19 at 7 p.m.
- **April 22:** Spring Annual Meeting and Launch of the Online Auction. See *Board Matters* for important details.

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

- P. Haffenden

The Fire Hall Thrift website is OPEN for online shopping and curbside pickup. Over 300 items are for sale in many categories. Have a look!



New donations cannot be accepted at this time, as we are full. Information on when you can donate and/or volunteer at Fire Hall Thrift will be announced on the website when we know the details.

## TDChristian's Online Auction

Are you ready? The countdown is on!

TDChristian's Amazing Online Auction starts Thursday, April 22 on TDChristian's website at [tdchristian.ca/auction](http://tdchristian.ca/auction). Support the school by bidding on dozens of items, like jewelry, culinary experiences, electronics, artwork, and more!



- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

## Praise & Petition

We are thankful for the spring temperatures and the opportunity to enjoy lunches outdoors! Flowers, budding trees, sunshine, and warmth give us hope. Our greatest hope, however, lies in Christ. Thanks be to God for the sacrifice Jesus made for us and our new life in him. May we all reflect on Christ's love and his great gift to us this Easter.

The end of Quad 3 is in sight. Please pray for a strong finish to it and a relaxing break prior to the start of Quad 4!

Bethany Nieuwstraaten's grandfather passed away a week ago. We pray for peace and strength for his family as they grieve through such difficult times: without communities there to surround them with love via hugs and visits.

Covid case numbers continue to rise in Ontario. We pray that the number of infections will go down as more and more people are vaccinated and as we all focus on following safety protocols. We would love to remain in school for the remainder of the school year!

Please continue to pray for those who are struggling. Many people in our communities are dealing with grief, loss, social isolation, and health issues. They need our love and support.

## Transportation

- J. Dykxhoorn

Planning for next year's bus routes will begin in earnest over the next month. Please continue to update me on address changes or potential moves as they arise. Thanks!

## From the Finance Office

- M. Rosie

Tuition forms for the 2021-22 school year will be sent with prepaid envelopes and mailed in mid-May. Please ensure that your information is correct: mailing address, phone numbers, email and names of all students who will attend in September.

## Admissions

- P. Schuurman

We are accepting registrations for students in all grades. Students who are not currently at TDChristian but are planning to begin this September 2021 should register using our online application platform, SchoolAdmin. Please do so sooner than later to help us better plan for 2021-22. Please note that current Grade 9, 10, 11 and 12 students do not need to apply on SchoolAdmin; tuition forms will be mailed in May to their families.

The "Student Admissions" link is <https://www.tdchristian.ca/studentadmissions>. Click on "Admissions Application." This will launch you to a new screen to begin the process. If you have any questions, please email Patty Schuurman at [schuurman@tdchristian.ca](mailto:schuurman@tdchristian.ca). We would love to have your child(ren) here at TDChristian!

## Board Matters

- Brad Van Laare, TDChristian Board Chair

On behalf of the TDChristian Board, I invite all parents, guardians, and supporters of TDChristian to our Spring Annual (Membership) Meeting scheduled via Zoom at 7 p.m. on April 22.

You will be able to attend in the comfort of your own living room, if you desire. For those that have never attended a membership meeting, it is one of two annual meetings (fall and spring) during which the Board shares with our great supporting community what is going on at the school.

We are excited to share our finalized Strategic Plan for the school, present the 2021-22 budget, hear an update from the leadership team and celebrate the retirement of Fran Joesse, who began teaching at TDChristian in 1984. It is a great opportunity to understand more about the school and for parents/guardians to earn 2.5 volunteer hours.

We look forward to having you join us on April 22 at 7 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please email Lynne Elliott at [elliott@tdchristian.ca](mailto:elliott@tdchristian.ca). She will send a Zoom link and a PDF of the Spring package sometime after April 8.

## School Culture

- J. Dykxhoorn

A HUGE thank-you to the student leaders who planned the “March Madness” event at school. Cohorts participated in cookie decorating, as well as escape room and bingo challenges. Highlights of this event and the winners can be seen in the most recent episode of “Good Morning, TDChristian” on our YouTube channel, TDCH Woodbridge.

Tomorrow, (Thursday), we celebrate the first of our “Relay Days” which are a part of our school’s participation in Relay for Life. A team of 12 students and I are planning Relay for Life at TDChristian. The event is scheduled to take place in June. More details will roll out over the coming weeks as local health guidelines continue to evolve and change.

## 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 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!

You can earn ONE volunteer hour for this school year for April if you get started now. 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.

## Course Selections

- M. Heinbuch

Course selections have been completed for 2021-22. If you wish to make changes, contact your guidance counselor or have a parent or guardian request a change by emailing [schedules@tdchristian.ca](mailto:schedules@tdchristian.ca).

## The Learning Commons

- M. Jaworski

As we come to the end of Quad 3, students are reminded to finish strong! Those needing help in their courses with homework, POLs, or final assignments can access help through Homework Club either in person or virtually. Students with an IEP or a Learning Profile are encouraged to arrange ASAP for the accommodations that they will need for their upcoming evaluations on April 8.

## FlipGive

- Leanne Fernhout, Community Engagement Manager

Earn volunteer hours for using FlipGive for this school year until April 30! During April we will run a 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.

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

Georgetown/Halton Hills/Milton: Susan VanDenHoek

Brampton South: Johanna DeGier

Richmond Hill/Markham: Alla Pereboeva

Bradford/Holland Marsh/Newmarket: Maureen Lawson

Orangeville/Caledon: Sondra Burton

Toronto/Rexdale/Etobicoke: Mary Fantilli

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.

Not on Edsby? Send an email to [passwords@tdchristian.ca](mailto:passwords@tdchristian.ca) requesting access. Contact Leanne Fernhout at [fernhout@tdchristian.ca](mailto:fernhout@tdchristian.ca) to become a FlipGive contact for Brampton North, Mississauga/Oakville, Nobleton/Kleinburg/King, Vaughan/Woodbridge, or Willowdale.

## Music Notes

- K. Hayward

Quad 3 is quickly coming to an end. While we look forward to students studying music in Quad 4, we are really interested in hearing about the musical adventures of TDChristian students during the pandemic.

Have you learned a new song? Picked up a new instrument? Developed some "mad" skills? Started an online musical partnership? Contact Mr. Hayward and let him know what you have been up to. We want to hear from you!

Send any questions you have about the music department to Mr. Hayward at [hayward@tdchristian.ca](mailto:hayward@tdchristian.ca).

## Grade 11 Mentorship

- S. Van Eerden

Because of the pandemic, Mentorship looks 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.

For Quad 3, the entire project is due, next week, on Tues., Apr. 6, the second last day of the quad.

If you are in English and New Testament classes for Quadmester 4, check the Edsby message sent with the assignment so you know what is required of you. You may want to do it during the April Break to get it done in advance.

Finally, 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 celebrate the incredible gift of Jesus' death and resurrection during the Easter weekend, take some time to be outside and soak in the wonderful gifts we have been given in creation. Consistent warmer weather is on the horizon. We look forward to being outside more often in Quad 4 during our breaks.

Congratulations to Grade 12 student Leah Van Zeumeren on capturing the Recreational division of our Ping Pong tournament. The Competitive division final between Grade 10 student Nathaniel Soh and teacher Mr. Kim will take place tomorrow at lunch.

## Guidance Corner

- E. Dengerink

Universities are beginning to announce plans for Fall 2021. Many are planning for on-campus learning! Check the websites of the schools you are interested in for more information. This may be a key factor in your decision making!

**New Scholarship: Power to Change – Students** is committed to helping students take their next steps towards Jesus, in part by fostering environments that help people explore the connection between their studies and their spirituality. This scholarship is designed to encourage a healthy transition to post-secondary both by offering funds and by facilitating connections to the faith communities on campus. For details see [www.p2c.com/students/scholarships/](http://www.p2c.com/students/scholarships/).

**University of Guelph Interaction Conference:** This two-day conference on April 28 and 29 is for university-bound grade 10 and 11 students. It is an opportunity to discover the University of Guelph community and to learn more about academic disciplines! Registration details available very soon. Check [admission.uoguelph.ca/events](http://admission.uoguelph.ca/events).

**Grade 11 Students:** Spring is when Mrs. Dengerink and Mrs. Van Schepen meet with Grade 11 students to discuss their future plans. You may meet in person or via Zoom. Please check your Edsby messages to find out when a meeting with your counsellor will be scheduled; better yet, request a meeting with your counsellor first.

**Summer School information for local Public and Catholic School Boards** will be available in the next few weeks. You can already check out what the Peel District School Board is offering by clicking [www.peelschools.org/ADULTEDUCATION/SUMMERSCHOOL/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.peelschools.org/ADULTEDUCATION/SUMMERSCHOOL/Pages/default.aspx) and the York Catholic School board by checking out [www.ce.ycdsb.ca/secondary-programs/](http://www.ce.ycdsb.ca/secondary-programs/).

**Students who wish to take a summer school course to recover a credit or for an extra credit** must check with Mrs. Dengerink prior to signing up! TDChristian does not offer a summer school program.

**Summer Opportunity:** The YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange (SWSE), is a national program offering opportunities for youth to improve their second official language skills, explore another part of Canada, and gain valuable work experience. The program is federally funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage, so it is offered at a minimal cost of \$125. For more information go to: <https://swse.ymcagta.org/>.

Briefly, here is what the SWSE program offers to youth:

- The opportunity to live and work in a French-speaking community in Québec for 6 weeks
- Paid, full-time summer employment in the non-profit sector - A reciprocal homestay – youth are hosted in each *other's homes to deepen the cultural exchange*
- The support of local YMCA staff who also coordinate weekly group activities
- New relationships and friendships that continue beyond the duration of the program

## Centre Stage

- R. Peters

The next two weeks are a culmination of everything we've been working on outside of class this year in the Drama Department at TDChristian.

- Tomorrow, Thursday, our improv teams will be taping their performances for the Canadian Improv Games National Tournament!
- On Thursday, April 8, our ShowPro class will be getting their Covid tests and going into self-isolation in preparation to form an April Break bubble to prepare for and perform our production of "The 39 Steps" (based on the Alfred Hitchcock classic film). Our live stream of the show will be April 19. We hope to see you all then!

Please keep all our teams, cast, and crew in your prayers. A single case in any of our respective cohorts over this last week of Quad 3 could send us back to the drawing board. Thanks for all your support.

## Library Shelf

- J. Knibbe

Last Friday, TDChristian's Book Club met once again. Led by Meagan and Risa, our discussion was about "The Starlight Claim", written by Tim Wynne-Jones. The book tells a thrilling story about a young teen who must face a dangerous situation at his family's cottage in a wintry setting, alone. Most agreed it was a good read.

**Archives Collection:** For several years, teacher Richard Vanderkloet created small wooden mementoes as gifts for TD graduates. The example pictured here was given to both Grade 12 and OAC graduates in 1995.



If you remember receiving a similar gift at your grad breakfast, and still have it, please send us a photo of it 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** will include the construction of a bank of display cases in the History Hall, 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 and the like, you come across anything from TDChristian, 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

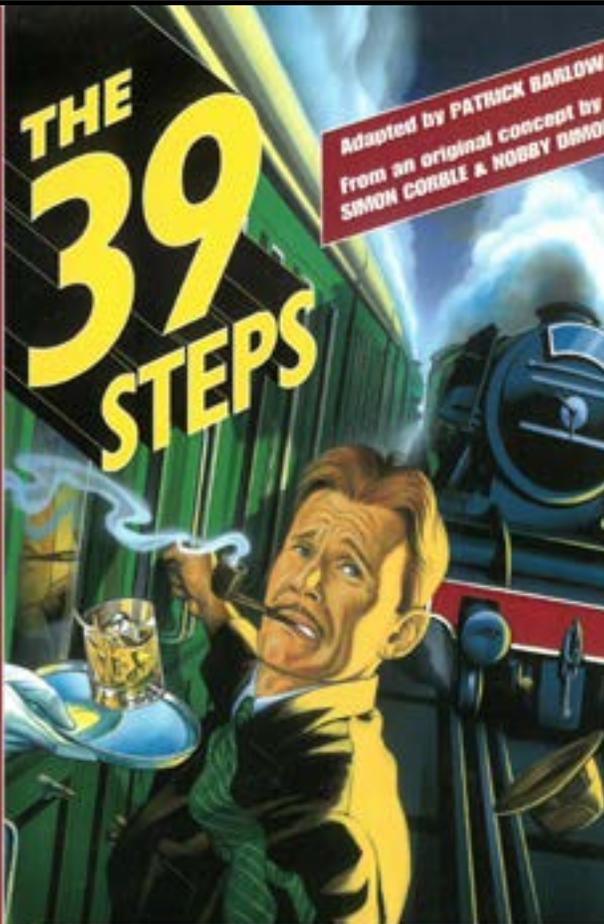
1. See the FlipGive announcement in this Fridge Door to earn up to 12.5 hours by simply using this app while doing regular shopping.
2. Become a Church or Feeder School Ambassador. See the announcement in this Fridge Door.
3. If you are able and interested in doing small monthly jobs around the school, such as replacing ceiling tiles, light bulbs and ballasts, etc. please contact Rod Dengerink at [rdengerink@tdchristian.ca](mailto:rdengerink@tdchristian.ca).
4. Remember to send an email to [elliott@tdchristian.ca](mailto:elliott@tdchristian.ca) to indicate that you wish to attend the Spring Annual (Membership) Meeting. See details under Board Matters in this Fridge Door.
5. Scribes needed for Thursday, April 8. Please contact Michelle Jaworski at [jaworski@tdchristian.ca](mailto:jaworski@tdchristian.ca) if you are able to help. If you do not hear back from us, we have enough folks in place.

TDChristian High School presents...

# THE 39 STEPS

Adapted by PATRICK BARLOW  
From an original concept by  
SIMON CORBLE & HOBBY DMMO

Monday, April 19, 2021  
LIVE at 7 PM  
on YouTube.com/  
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**We are all stronger when we are together!**

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

Thursday,  
May 6,  
2021

