



THE FRIDGE DOOR

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Quad 2 Learning Reports will be posted in Edsby today. Paper versions will be distributed later.

Nota Bene

- William Groot

The first half of the year is done! We look forward to Quads 3 and 4 and God's continued providence in all circumstances. God is our Rock! We welcome Mr. Stephen Lopes who will teach two senior PE classes in Quad 3. Mr. Thomas Kooy will be teaching Grade 9 PE with Ms. Weening.

The Fridge Door continues to be sent to your email addresses and is posted on our website. Though it, we communicate things that are going on at the school, make you aware of opportunities and situations, and provide advice. The index at the top directs you to places of interest. If you have thoughts on ways to improve it, email me at groot@tdchristian.ca. As we move forward through the year, let us continue to work together. Look for an Edsby message tomorrow to follow up today's provincial announcement regarding schools after Feb. 10.

What's Upcoming?

Parents/guardians can earn one volunteer hour for attending the following evenings provided they have a child in the grade:

- 1. Grade 12 Course Selections** (for students currently in Grade 11): Thurs., Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. (Zoom)
- 2. Grade 11 Course Selections** (for students currently in Grade 10): Thurs., Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. (Zoom)
- 3. Grade 10 Course Selections** (for students currently in Grade 9): Thurs., Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. (Zoom)
- 4. Family Day is Monday, February 15.** School will be closed.
- 5. Early-Bird Admissions Registration fee** goes up for new student applications after the February 15 deadline.
- 6. Virtual Trivia Night is Tuesday, February 16.** See the poster on page 6 for complete details.
- 7. Talent Night** is Thursday, March 4.
- 8. Estate Planning 101** evening is Tuesday, March 9.

Admissions

- P. Schuurman

We are accepting applications now for the 2021-22 school year. If you have a child in grades 8 to 11 (or know someone who does) and you wish to begin the application process, go to tdchristian.ca/studentadmissions. If you have any further questions, please email me at schuurman@tdchristian.ca.

Save \$150 by applying on or before the February 15 deadline.

Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26 NIV

Today, we began Quadmester 3. New beginnings bring fresh hope and a renewed excitement for learning. Please pray that we will be able to meet again in the school for the majority of this quadmester. Being together brings so much joy!

At the end of Quad 2, we said goodbye to Laura Kooy and Jessica Teh. We are so thankful for their contributions to TDChristian: their love of the subject matter, students, and the Lord shone through in their daily interactions with students and staff. We pray that God will bless them in the days and months ahead! Laura and Brad Kooy are expecting their second child next week and Jessica and Kevin Teh will be embarking on a new career as missionaries to

Japan, as soon as travel permits allow.

Please pray for retired shop teacher, Harry Huyer, who has been in the hospital since late November. Harry, who has Parkinsons, has had to deal with some Parkinsons-related issues lately. Thankfully, he has been improving. Harry is now in Bridgepoint Rehabilitation Hospital where he is undergoing intense physiotherapy. If you would like to send him a note of encouragement, please email him at ariehuyer@gmail.com. Please also pray for his wife, Margaret, and their children and grandchildren as they support him.

The Strategic Planning process initiated by the Board is nearing its completion. The document has been presented to the staff and will be discussed at tonight's Board meeting. We are thankful for the work of the Strategic Planning Team under the direction of Chris Bosch. The Board intends to present the plan at the Spring Membership Meeting in April. We pray that document will provide helpful direction as we continue to learn for service in the light of God's Word.

Please pray for students, teachers, and families who are having a difficult time juggling the demands of remote learning, isolation, and other stressful situations. May we be kind to others (and ourselves) as we continue to navigate through the pandemic.

New! VOLUNTEER HOURS for FlipGive Participation!

This just in ... TDChristian is now **offering volunteer hours** when you participate in FlipGive! Earning volunteer hours has been more difficult this year. We hope that this will help and be an incentive to earn for TDChristian through FlipGive. You may have read about the program in previous Fridge Door's. It's easy and doesn't require any additional costs.

Here's how it works:

For every \$20 that you earn for TDChristian through FlipGive until April 30, you will be awarded 1 volunteer hour. (up to a maximum of 12.5 hours).

All you have to do is:

1. Install the FlipGive app on your mobile device (or access from your computer).
2. Sign up with this link/code: flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=6KGYX6.
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: Johanna DeGier in Brampton, Sondra Burton in Orangeville, Mary Fantilli in Toronto, and Susan VanDenHoek in Halton.

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 one of the following areas and earn additional parent/guardian volunteer hours per month: Richmond Hill, Mississauga/Oakville, Woodbridge/Kleinburg/Bolton, and Bradford/Springdale/Holland Marsh.

Transportation

- J. Dykxhoorn

Thank you to families who emailed updated address information due to a move over the Christmas holidays or thereafter during remote schooling. If you move, please send me an email at dykxhoorn@tdchristian.ca to determine your new bus stop and pick-up and drop-off times.

I have been informed by Call-Em-All, our automated texting service, that they have added Freedom Mobile to their list of carriers. If you are currently with Freedom Mobile and you prefer to receive a text message rather than a phone call in the case of bus delay or cancellation, contact your bus rep to let them know.

From the Finance Office

- M. Rosie

Donation tax receipts for 2020 have been mailed. Receipts for parents and guardians will be mailed by the middle

of February 2021.

School Culture

- J. Dykxhoorn

We continue to look for effective ways to connect students during this lockdown.

Clubs are a way for students to connect. On Wednesdays, after school, the Board Games Club meets on Zoom. In Quad 3, a student-led Business and Investment Club will begin. The Linguistics Club competed online last Thursday. The daily announcements in Edsby are a great place to find out about what is happening at school.

The first-ever **TDChristian Virtual Trivia Night** will be held on Tuesday, February 16. The event is open to students, families, and all of TDChristian community. There will be fabulous prizes and more importantly, fabulous fellowship as we spend an evening answering trivia covering a wide variety of categories. Sign up a team or as an individual player by going to forms.gle/KZrYQmBnFF9o8XBY7. Please note the early-bird registration prize of bonus points for your team! Individual players (or smaller groups) will be joined together or put onto other teams. *We will provide details about earning potential volunteer hours when we have a better idea of how many teams are signed up.*

If you have further questions, email me at dykxhoorn@tdchristian.ca or message me on Edsby.

Board Matters

- Bridget Visser, TDChristian Board Member

Some of the Board's work is obvious – like setting direction and leading meetings. One of its less-known tasks is working with the staff to ensure TDChristian is compliant with the many applicable government laws and regulations. The school needs to comply with rules governing the education of students, but there are other legal requirements as well.

Because TDChristian employs people, receives money from tuition and in donations, and operates a facility, it must adhere to laws regarding human resources, taxes, and workplace safety. Much of the work boils down to accurate paperwork and precise record keeping. It's an important Board task.

The Learning Commons

- M. Jaworski

Quad 3 has started, and with it new courses are beginning. While we wait to be back together in school, students are reminded that learning support is available - get tutoring or help with your assignments. Support hours are daily between 9 and 11 a.m. Virtual Homework help is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. To access it, click on the Zoom links in the Edsby announcements. Someone will be waiting to help with your work. We hope to see you there!

Music Notes

- K. Hayward

As we move into Quad 3 students are reminded that Talent Night is Thursday, March 4. It will be online. We would love students to start planning their contributions. Connect with others or practice pieces. Look for more information in the daily announcements. Mr. Hayward can be reached via e-mail at hayward@tdchristian.ca.

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, 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 students, we have recommended either Friday, March 5 or Thursday, April 1, which are days when the students will be working from home. They may also find it convenient to complete their Mentorship hours over March Break.

The entire project is due on Friday, April 9. 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 move into Quadmester 3, there will be a range of emotions including excitement, curiosity, and anxiety. We continue to to wrestle COVID in our minds, wondering what the next steps will be. It continues to be so

important to take care of yourselves.

As noted in previous issues and the video in last week's assembly, move your body!

Take time to be away from the screens and reset. You will feel better overall, and will be more alert. Walk around in your home or around the block, do pushups, sit ups, jumping jacks, yoga, go for a run, do a quick workout; there are many free options on youtube. Continue to look for those moments of recharge.

Guidance Corner

- E. Dengerink

We are pleased to introduce Andrew Peterkin, a registered Psychotherapist to the Guidance team. He is a graduate of Tyndale Seminary (MDiv. Clinical Counselling). He will join Marianne Deeks in offering individual therapy sessions to students who need mental health support or assistance in dealing with personal, family, or societal issues.

Students who would like to meet with either Mr. Andrew Peterkin or Ms. Marianne Deeks can be self-referred, referred by a parent, teacher, or friend. Contact Mrs. Dengerink via Edsby to set up an appointment. All appointments at this time are on Zoom.

Are you feeling anxious? Are your anxiety levels interfering with daily life? For information about anxiety in youth and adults and resources to help manage it, check anxietycanada.com/.

COURSE SELECTION EVENINGS

Guidance will be hosting Zoom Meetings to assist students with Course Selections for the 2021-22 school year. Parents, guardians, and homestay parents are encouraged to attend, if they wish, with their children.

We will review the Course Selection process using myBlueprint, post-secondary requirements and options to keep in mind when selecting courses, and hear from teachers and/or students about specific courses.

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If you or your children would like to attend a meeting, send an email to marg@tdchristian.ca indicating which meeting you plan to attend. She will respond with a Zoom link. *Parents or guardians can earn one volunteer hour for attending provided they have a child in the grade.*

March Break Opportunity

Queen's University: Introducing - Engineering Innovation March Break Virtual Program, March 15 to 18, 2021 for high school students. Cost is \$395. Learn about Engineering, Design, Presentation Skills, Entrepreneurship and more. Design and Pitch your own mobile application to better the world! Learn and apply the Design Thinking method in teams to learn more about how innovation and change is shaping the world and Queen's University.

Engineering Innovation is a partnership program between Queen's Engineering Connections, the Dunin-Deshpande Innovation Centre and the Enrichment Studies Unit and includes 35 hours of live program delivery. Find out more at: esu.queensu.ca/programs/marchbreak/?utm_source=E-blastSchools&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=2021

SUMMER IDEAS

Earn your **Grade 11 Biology University credit** through the Toronto Zoo school this summer. For more information, go to torontozoo.com/tz/zooschool for more information.

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 myexplore.ca and 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 myexplore.ca for more information.

It's only February 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.

Camp Shalom needs staff for their summer camp program! Positions include counsellors, kitchen and maintenance staff, and lifeguards. Check ontariochristiancamp.ca/get-involved/apply-for-staff/ for more information. Now is the time to apply. Interviews start in the middle of February.

InterVarsity Pioneer Camp is also looking for staff. Check pioneercampontario.ca/ for opportunities to volunteer or for a paid position.

Centre Stage

- R. Peters

“39 Steps” rehearsals carry on online, with our brave cast of four, and crew of two (and their perhaps even braver parents) making preparations for our production in just over a month and a half. Given public health protocols, this will undoubtedly be a “livestream” affair.

Please pray for all those involved; for health, for wisdom, and for strength in getting a show on its feet that will be like no other show we’ve done before at TDChristian!

Library Shelf

- J. Knibbe



Last Friday it was great to see 140 students and family members (and pets) during our pick-up and drop-off day. Thank you for taking the time to look for and return library books and textbooks. Your help is much appreciated!

TDChristian Archives

- J. Knibbe

Additions to the Collection: Many thanks to a 1979 TDChristian graduate who donated a diploma folder in which the diplomas were presented that year. Another exciting donation was a women’s ring from 1970 from Alice Vanderkooy (see photo below). If someone has a men’s rings from the same era, please send us a photo and/or donate it to the archives. I would love to hear from you!

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.

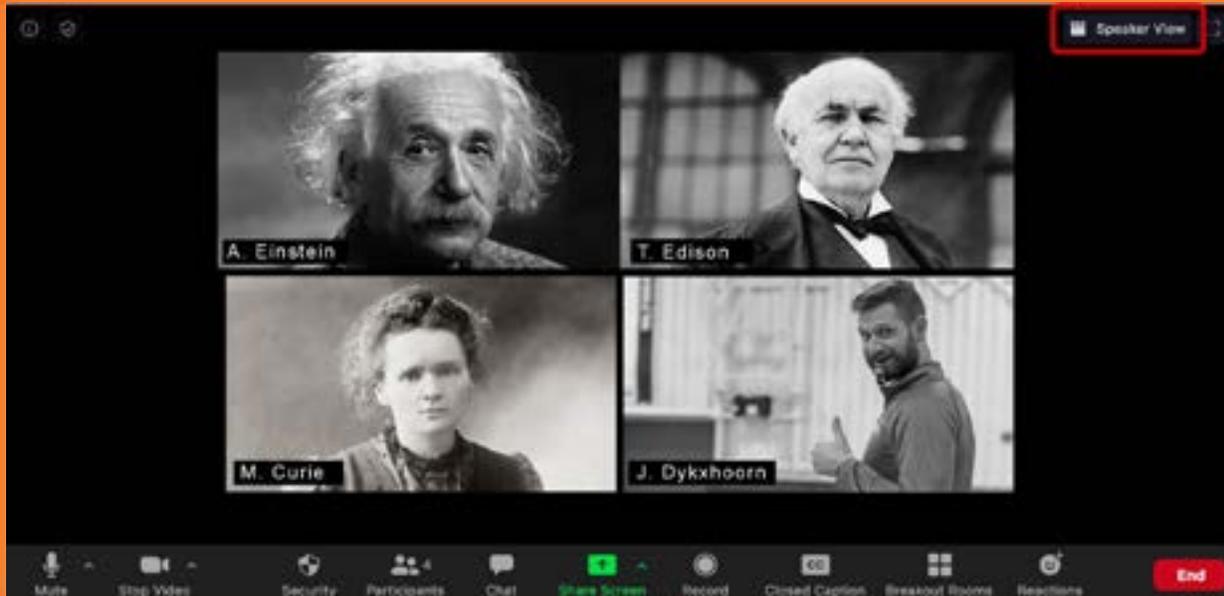
@TDChristian Newsletter: We love to keep in contact with our alumni and send them the @TDChristian quarterlies! We encourage you to send us your email address via alumni@tdchristian.ca.

Everything else: If, while reorganizing and cleaning up, you come across anything from TDChristian, including newsletters, play programs, graduation programs, posters, or school clothing, that we could add to the archives, email me at knibbe@tdchristian.ca.

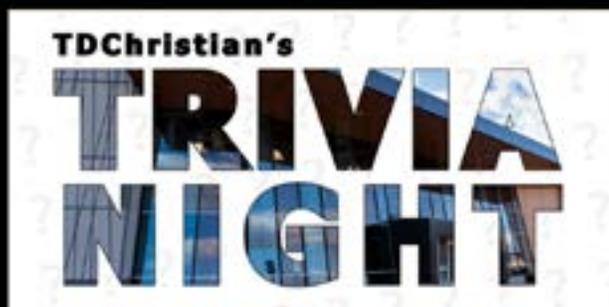
Volunteer Opportunities

1. See the FlipGive announcement on pg 2.
2. Attend the Course Selections evening for your child’s grades (see What’s Upcoming or Guidance Corner).
3. Attend the Estate Planning seminar on Tues., Mar. 9 and earn 2 volunteer hours (see poster on pg. 8).
4. Grade 9 Families were sent a survey link today via Edsby. We would love your feedback! Complete it by 8 p.m. on Thurs., Feb. 4 and earn an half-hour of Parent/Guardian Volunteer time.

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN THESE PEOPLE?



PROVE IT!



Hosted by Mr. Dykxhoorn

Join us over Zoom for a night of fun, where you work together in teams to uncover answers on a variety of topics. Did we mention there's prizes?

Teams (max: 8) must include TDCH students but can also include family members and friends!



Tuesday, February 16, 7 pm

Enter by yourself OR enter an entire team.

Earn extra points when you sign up by February 10!

Sign up today by clicking here:

<https://forms.gle/DYmeYaDn2EjMh5vaA>

TDCHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL AUCTION

We are **NOW** accepting donations for
our **FIRST VIRTUAL AUCTION** this Spring

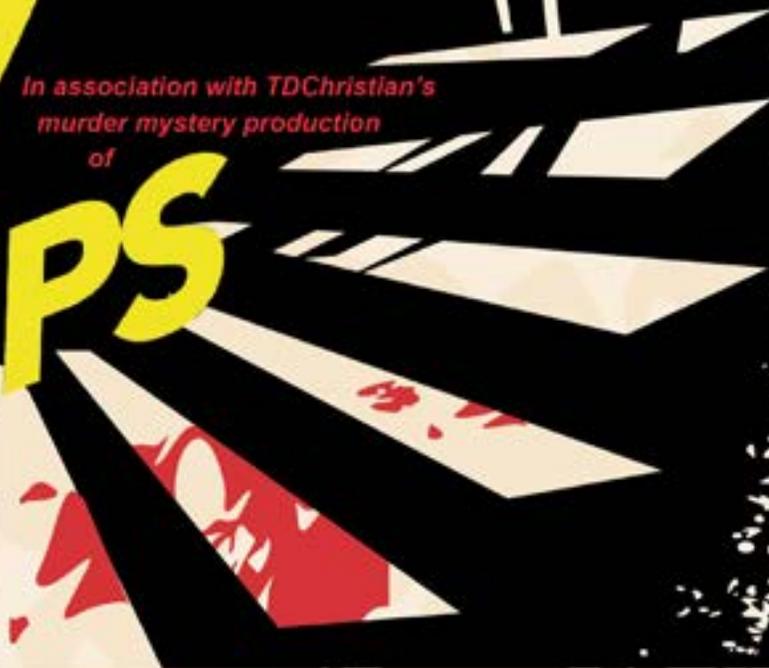
Have a service or experience to give?
Please provide a certificate outlining the details.

We are also in need of items, gift cards
and monetary donations.

Please direct questions to dinnertheatre@tdchristian.ca

THE 39 STEPS

*In association with TDChristian's
murder mystery production
of*



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!**

