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Nota Bene

- W. Groot

This is the final Fridge Door for 2018-19. Seven school days remain in the semester, two days of final evaluations and one day of graduation where 100 students, the Class of 2019, will be celebrated! We look forward to sending out another group of students who, through God's grace and guiding will be given the opportunity to "soar high on wings like eagles." The God who created the heavens and the earth promises to be close to his children. It is amazing and humbling!

The final days of the semester need to be used well by students and staff in order for each of us to finish well. Let's work together to make it happen! Consult Edsby and connect with each other so that deadlines are met and work is completed well. It is about learning for service in the light of God's Word.

Project 20/20 continues. There is much for which to be thankful as we see the hole being dug, the foundations being laid, and the casting slab for the tilt walls being created, one step at a time. Please pray for continued cooperation among our team members from OCA Architects, Maple Reinders and TDChristian. Tackling issues as they arise can cause stress but active and willing participants allow problems to be faced and solved optimally. To date, we have had two main problems – a sewer line was hit and needed repair and a high pressure water line needs addressing to ensure that it is safe under part of our new building. The team is working diligently to determine the best solutions. Thankfully, we have also been able to save work, time and money by changing the basement height to just over nine feet from eleven. If all goes well, the tilt walls will be lifted into place in July. Check the time lapse cameras on our website for updates.

In this year's first Nota Bene, I asked readers to help us write the story of 2018-19. And you have! Thank you. Now, as faithful followers of God, let us write an appropriate conclusion so that we might be able to say that it was indeed a great year of learning. I urge you to tell others what we at TDChristian do well and tell me (or us) where we can improve and how we might do so. The Leadership Team and Board are currently working on how we can more effectively enfold, engage and empower our students to learn for service in the light of God's Word for 2019-20 (and beyond).

iBlock Presentation Evening - June 11 @ 7 pm

The International Block class is hosting a presentation evening at TDChristian on June 11 at 7 p.m. We invite you to come and join us in our celebration as the team shares its learning and experiences. See and hear what the students have accomplished and learn how they have contributed to the work of God's people in the Dominican Republic.

Students will be show work that they've done, present a slideshow with facts and stories about their time, and participate in a Q&A panel to shed light on the program, their thoughts, and experiences especially for interested students.

The event will take place in the Blackbox. Refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

TDChristian High School Graduation: June 26 at 7 p.m.

You are invited to the TDChristian High School Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday June 26, 2019 at the Light Presbyterian Church, 6965 Professional Ct, Mississauga, ON L4V 1Y3 (by Derry Rd. just east of Airport Rd.).

Together, we will thank God together for His goodness to our students, families and TDChristian High School.

Celebrate with us as we recognize and honour each Grade 12 student as a unique contributor to the Class of 2019 (whether or not he or she qualifies for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma). This year's Valedictorian and recipient of the Frank Romp Award, as selected by the class, is Carolyn Kooy.

Students along with their parents and guardians are invited to the Standing Reception at 5:45 p.m. Please note that dress is semi-formal.

Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

Laura Kooy's mom, Connie Nyholt, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, June 2. The family is heartbroken but are glad that she is no longer in pain. We pray that they may feel the love of God and their community surrounding and upholding them as they grieve. Visitation is on Thursday, June 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Glendale Funeral home in Etobicoke (Albion Rd. west of Highway 27). The funeral will be on Friday at 11 a.m. at the New Life Community Church in Brampton.

Mr. Derek Chisholm, Calum's dad, is out of critical care after being there for five weeks. He is still in the hospital and dealing with some significant health issues. Please pray for Derek and his family for a full recovery and for patience as they await wisdom from the doctors on the next steps.

Abby Scholten's dad, Ron, suffered a heart attack over the weekend. Please pray for patience and healing as he undergoes tests.

We are thankful for teachers Jessica Teh, Kyle Van Stryland, and David Feddema who ably served this year while John Templeton, Richard Peters and Ben Freeman took sabbatical semesters. They stepped in and worked diligently to help students learn for service in the light of God's Word. Mr. Van Stryland has accepted a full-time position at Chatham Christian School while Mrs. Teh and Mr. Feddema continue to explore options for 2019-20. Please pray that their transitions to what is next goes well.

Pray for all our students as they prepare for final evaluations.

We thank God for the many incredible presentations students have made this semester. We thank those who attended yesterday's second semester Presentations Day. It was again a great day of celebrating and sharing learning.

Grade 12 students have made their decisions for next year! We pray that they may they be blessed and be a blessing as they finish their semester and approach graduation and feel a sense of peace and excitement as they look forward to beginning another chapter in their lives.

Pray for a safe, restful, adventurous summer for all students, staff, and families. May we all revel in the glory of God's creation!

From the Finance Office

- M. Cate

The 2019-20 Fee Payment Forms were due on May 29. Thank you to families who have already returned their forms. Please send them to the school, attention Ms. Meg Cate. If you have any questions, please contact her at mcate@tdchristian.ca or call ext. 214 at the school.

Admissions @TDChristian

- P. Schuurman

Thank you to everyone who has supported and encouraged people to check out TDChristian. Whether it is by word of mouth, by showing up at events with interested families, or sharing what it's like to have your children at TDChristian, we just want to say a big "THANK YOU."

We appreciate your time and heart for TDChristian! Your role is key in telling/showing others what this school and community are all about. For more information or inquiries e-mail Patty Schuurman at schuurman@tdchristian.ca.

From Mr. Heinbuch's Desk

School Calendar: You may have noticed that the TDChristian school calendar looks different. We have switched to an online calendar as we believe that it will be more useful, current and informative than the present pdf version. Click on the "Notes" beside events to get more details about it. Our plan this summer is to obtain a calendar subscription so people can import the TDChristian Calendar directly into their iCal or Google Calendar on their own digital devices.

Transportation: We are working on bus routes for next year. Every year, as the school population changes, our routes are tweaked. Traffic congestion and road construction (particularly in the Vaughan area) are constant pressures on our transportation network that also affect our routes. This will likely be felt by families who live north of Hwy 9, and south of Dundas St/Bloor Ave. In order to accommodate as many families as possible, we are working diligently to get students to and from school as quickly as possible. Sometimes this adds time to other students. We are doing our best to make it a better overall system. Students will be informed of their stop locations and times via the mail package sent out to families in August.

Student Timetables for 2019-20: We have been working on these during the past few weeks, especially, and they are nearing completion. The plan is for students to see or get their schedules for next year before school is out for the summer. At the very latest, they will be mailed with the final Learning Reports in late June/early July.

Falcons Perch

- C. Hoving

The Girls Soccer team finished off its season with another win. The team came third in its division with 4 wins and 2 losses. Only the top two teams advanced to the playoffs. Thanks to Mr. Heinbuch for coaching.

Junior Ultimate wrapped up its season at the YRAA Playoff tournament this past Monday. Although winless on the day the team showed great improvement and growth over the season. Thank you to Ms. Dibbits and Mrs. Ootjers for coaching.

The Senior Ultimate team capped off their YRAA season in style by winning the YRAA Championship for the second year in a row. The team finished the regular season with a perfect record of 12 wins and no losses. It was able to continue its strong play through to the championship. The team is finishing its season today, Day 2 of the two-day Ontario High School Ultimate Championships in Bowmanville. This afternoon they participated in the Bronze medal game. Thanks to Mr. Buisman and Ms. Weening for coaching and to Mrs. Ootjers for her organization and support.

As Athletics wraps up at TDChristian, we thank parents/guardians/home stays for their support again this year through driving, cheering, and working with coaches to provide great experiences for our students.

Music Notes

- K. Hayward

"Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent."

Thank you to all who were a part of our Spring concert, "Make me an Instruments of Thy Peace": the wonderful audience, all of the performers, and finally, the tech crew and staff who looked after everything from setup to parking to sound and lights.

As we draw to the end of the semester, I would like to thank the students who were a part of the music program for their time, energy, perseverance and dedication. I want to particularly thank the parents, guardians and home stays who supported us through driving to rehearsals and attending our concerts. Thank you, as well, to our Grade 12 students who will be moving on to the next stage of their lives.

The following students have been recognized for their contributions to the music department:

CHOIR AWARDS

• Student selections

Rookie Male singer of the year – Joshua Mahon Rookie Female singer of the year – Rachel Alkema
Senior Male singer of the year – Jamie D'Alessandro Senior Soprano singer of the year – Megan Hudson

BAND AWARDS

- **Student selections**

Rookie player of the year – Andrew Lea

Senior Woodwind player of the year – Bethany Chong

Senior Brass player of the year – Jamie D'Alessandro

COSMO AWARD WINNER: Bethany Chong

The Cosmo Award is presented to a Grade 12 student for his or her commitment and dedication to the music program as evidenced by their involvement during their time at TDChristian. The selected student receives a gift certificate and plaque from Cosmo Music in addition to having his or her name added to the list of Cosmo Award winners on display at the school.

We congratulate all of those recognized this year for a job well done!

Music students are reminded that all binders, books, instruments and music must be returned to the music room before the end of classes on June 14. Have a great summer!

Guidance

- E. Dengerink

Summer School Registration is available in all school boards. TDChristian does not run a summer school program. Students needing to attend summer school may do so via their local Public or Catholic School Board. Students who are in danger of failing a course should register for a Reinforcement Course (two weeks in most boards) as soon as possible. Students may also take an Acceleration Course if approved by Guidance. Information regarding summer school is on the Splash! page. Contact Mrs. Dengerink for assistance with registration.

Important dates:

- **Ontario Community College Applicants:** Check due dates for the payment of tuition fees at the college of choice. Students who are not accepted into their chosen programs can use the FIND-A-PROGRAM feature on the Ontario Colleges website to search for up-to-date information about other programs offered across the province and their availability (open, closed, wait-list).
- **University Applicants:** Check deadlines for applying for residence and registering for courses. OUAC also offers a Program Vacancy service beginning in June. Students can see what's available by checking that website.

Grade 11 Students: Think ahead...although it is only June 2019, we recommend Grade 11 students take advantage of their summer break to research programs and campuses that interest them. MyBlueprint is a program available to all our students to research and find information on post-secondary directions. Students can do some of the quizzes to discover more about their learning styles and interests, look up careers connected to subjects they enjoy, listen to people as they share what they like and dislike about their jobs. Students can check with guidance if they need their login information. The TDChristian Splash! page has a link to MyBlueprint, as well as more information for students and their families.

Dates to put on your calendar for Fall 2019:

- Future Directions Night at TDChristian – September 12
- Ontario Universities Fair – September 27 to 29. See www.ouf.ca.
- Christian University Advantage Tour at TDChristian – October 21
- Ontario College Information Fair – October 23 to 24. See www.ocif.ca.

Student Volunteer Hour Opportunities: Summer is a wonderful time to volunteer at Camp, Vacation Bible School, or the Farmer's Market. Opportunities are almost endless. Students should check to make sure activities are on the approved list, keep track of their hours, get forms signed, and turn them in next September. Have fun serving in your community!

From the Library

- J. Knibbe

Book Returns

Students must return all library books and course textbooks before writing their final evaluations. All textbooks must be returned to teachers and all library books to the school library by Friday, June 14. If a student has lost a book or it has been damaged, he or she will be required to pay the book's replacement cost. Students who have questions about this process, should talk to their teachers or the librarian as soon as possible.

Please return any textbooks or library books that display the TDChristian stamp. We are always happy to receive books that have been missing from our collection.

Summer Reading

Students in Grade 9, 10 or 11 who will be returning in September 2019 may borrow TDChristian library books over the summer. Summer borrowing will be available on both Final Evaluation days, June 18 and 20.

TDChristian Book Club

WHEN: Meetings are scheduled between October and March. Snacks included!

WHAT: Discuss 10 different books from a prepared list.

THEN: Host the yearly wrap-up event, "The Final Word". Book club members from other Christian high schools will join us.

For more information, speak with Mrs. Knibbe in the library or check out the Woodland Christian High website for more information: sites.google.com/a/woodland.on.ca/library-resource/book-club.

Volunteer Opportunity

Looking to help students effectively demonstrate and explain their learning while earning volunteer hours at the same time? Contact Ms. Contos at scontos@tdchristian.ca or Ms. Bauer at bauer@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 June 18 and 20. In your email, please state the days and times 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.).

Christian Schools Foundation: Director Needed

The Board of the Christian School Foundation (the "Foundation") has identified a vacancy on the Board of Directors which should be filled at our Annual General Meeting in October 2019. The Board currently consists of seven Directors, and our by-laws indicate that the Board will consist of between eight and eleven Directors. The Board wants to take the number of Directors up to the maximum level of eight, preserving additional Director positions for future geographical expansion of the Foundation.

While the Board has not yet completed a formal skills matrix for Directors, we are looking to add to the Board an individual with deep commitment to Christian education, previous Board experience, and possible skills in finance, investment management or governance.

If you are interested in being considered for this position, please contact Lynne Elliott at elliott@tdchristian.ca.

FINAL EVALUATIONS SCHEDULE

Students of All Grades

Monday, June 17 – Study Day – students may not come to school. No buses.

Wednesday, June 19 – Study Day – only students with permission may come to school. No buses.

Grade 9

Tuesday, June 18

9:40 a.m. Period 1 Classes: French or Science

12:45 p.m. Period 2, Day 1 Classes: Art, Music, Drama, Shop, or PULSE.

Note: Period 2, Day 2 classes will complete their work during the final week of school.

Thursday, June 20

9:40 a.m. Period 3 Class: Math (early start of 9:15 a.m. with teacher's permission) or PE

12:45 p.m. Period 4 Classes: Geography, English, or English/Learning Strategies/ESL

Grades 10 to 12

Tuesday, June 18

9:40 a.m. Period 1 Classes (Note: some grade 12 final evaluations may begin at 8:55 a.m.)

12:45 p.m. Period 2 Classes (Note: some grade 12 final evaluations may begin at 12:15 p.m.)

Thursday, June 20

9:40 a.m. Period 3 Classes (Note: some grade 12 final evaluations may begin at 8:55 a.m.)

12:45 p.m. Period 4 Classes (Note: some grade 12 final evaluations may begin at 12:15 p.m.)

Notes

1. All students must remain in the class for the entire time.
2. All courses have final evaluations. Courses that do not have scheduled time on the final evaluation days have final evaluations done 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.
4. If school is cancelled for any reason, final evaluations will be moved to the next available week day.
5. Students who have a spare or supervised spare are expected to work quietly in the library or other empty supervised room.
6. The assumption is that 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 or connect with him in person.

GRADUATION 2019



Wednesday, June 26
7 pm

Join us at Light
Presbyterian Church

6965 Professional Crt.
Mississauga, ON (Derry Road,
just East of Airport Road)