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Nota Bene

- W. Groot

On Monday, I addressed the students by video. Here is its ending. My hope and prayer is that it may also encourage you.

In March, at the assembly before we shut down for the 2019-20 school year, we read Psalm 46. Similar to Matthew 7:24, 25, it reminds us that God is in control. He knows us. He cares.

When Mr. Dykxhoorn, Mr. Heinbuch, Mr. Hoving, Ms. Schuurman and I met throughout the summer, we realized that dealing with the pandemic would probably be like running a marathon. We needed to make a good plan and then focus on doing our best each day. With God's leading, we could lead. We learned that we can't control things even though we want to. Neither can you. So, like us, stop trying.

Instead, be like the sower in the Bible who sows seed and trusts God to make it grow. Simply doing our best every day, without added pressure or anxiety, should be our aim. God will bless our learning, our teaching, and our relationships. Rely on him.

As Psalm 46 says, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear ..." We may not always feel like God is there, but we must remember that he is. It his promise to us. Each day is another small victory.

As we move into this week, let's work calmly together and with purpose every day so that we can keep learning at school for as long as we can, safely.

May you experience God's peace today and every day, directly, and also through others. Have a great day!

Celebration and Dedication of the Project 20/20 Expansion

We are excited to celebrate and dedicate the addition with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the beginning of tomorrow's Fall Membership Meeting. The celebration and dedication will be **livestreamed from our YouTube channel, TDCHWoodbridge starting at 6:50 p.m.** You CANNOT attend in person due to COVID-19 restrictions.

To learn the three steps to take part in the entire meeting, please email marg@tdchristian.ca. You will be sent a Zoom link and further instructions. Parents, guardians, supporters, and members are invited. Parents and guardians can earn 2.5 volunteer hours per family for attending the entire event (sign into Zoom prior to 6:50 p.m., leave Zoom on while you watch the celebration on YouTube starting at 6:50 p.m., and then return to Zoom after the celebration).

Introducing FlipGive!

- L. Fernhout

Our volunteers have been hard at work testing FlipGive. We've had lots of good feedback and are excited to share this fundraising opportunity with everyone in our community.

To earn a percentage of your gift card and online purchases for the TDChristian general fund, go to FlipGive.com and sign up by using the code, 6KGYX6 Join using your computer or by downloading the FlipGive App to your phone. Any shopping including what you do regularly (groceries, gas, gifts) through your FlipGive account earns cash for TDChristian. Let us know of any tips or tricks to make things easier so that we can share them with others, here, or in an Edsby group.

Join now at https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?fundraiser_name=Brampton%2FHalton+HUB&joincode=6KGYX6. You will earn a \$5 bonus the first time you shop.

Questions? Check with one of our contact persons via Edsby: Johanna DeGier in Brampton, Sondra Burton in Orangeville, or Mary Fantilli in Toronto.

We are looking for volunteers to be contact persons (1 to 2 volunteer hours per month) from the following areas: Richmond Hill, Mississauga/Oakville, Woodbridge/Kleinburg/Bolton, Bradford/Springdale/Holland Marsh. Contact Leanne Fernhout at fernhout@tdchristian.ca to volunteer or to find out more.

FlipGive BIG-earner and Multi-earner!

An *Esso/Mobil 5 Cents off up to 1000L Fuel Discount Card* costs \$50. When you finish the card after purchasing 1000L (about 20 to 30 tanks of gas), not only will you recoup your \$50, TDChristian will receive \$15!

There are two types of discount cards (which you buy through FlipGive on your computer or via your phone).

1. Buy a one-time-use card from FlipGive. Scan the card you print or scan the code using the FlipGive wallet on your phone every time you purchase gas from Esso/Mobil until it is done.
2. Buy an auto-reload card from FlipGive. When you purchase it, set your card to auto reload when it falls below a certain amount. Earnings occur when the card reloads. As with the one-time card, scan the card you printed or scan the code using the FlipGive wallet on your phone every time you purchase gas from Esso/Mobil

If you prefer, you can also purchase e-gift cards for Esso/Mobil which earn 2% for TDChristian. Auto-reload e-cards are also available and allow you to earn on the reloads. That's a multi-earn opportunity!

Login at FlipGive or download the app right to your phone. Order today! These options make a great gift!

NOTE: This fundraiser is in no way an endorsement by TDChristian of FlipGive and the companies from which it provides earnings for TDChristian. TDChristian does not encourage additional spending beyond the purchases you would normally make or plan.

Fire Hall Thrift Update

- P. Haffenden

We are opening to TDChristian Members, Alumni, Parents, Guardians and Home Stay Parents for MEMBERS DAYS on Friday, November 27 (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and Saturday, November 28 (9 a.m. to Noon).

In order to reserve a spot so that you can make purchases from the vast inventory of donated items available (see photos), go to schoolinterviews.ca and use the code "pbg8w".

NOTES due to COVID-19:

1. The maximum number of people in your party is FOUR.
2. You will be required to sign in at the door when you arrive.
3. You must wear a mask.

We look forward to seeing you!



What's Upcoming?

Celebration and Dedication of the Project 20/20 Expansion (and the Fall Membership Meeting) is tomorrow at 7 p.m., Thurs., Nov. 26. (See page 1 for more details.)

Quad 2 Remote Learning Day is on Fri., Dec. 4. Strategic Planning Team meets at the school.

Quad 2 Project Day is on Fri., Dec. 11.

The Christmas Program will premiere at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Dec. 17 (YouTube channel, TDCHWoodbridge).

Christmas Break starts on Sat., Dec. 19 and ends on Sun., Jan. 2, 2021.

Quad 2 ends on Thurs., Jan. 28.

Quad 3 begins on Tues., Feb. 2 and March break will likely begin on Mar. 13 instead of Mar. 12.

Co-operative Education: Quad 4 (including going to Manitoulin Island)

Co-op Education will be offered in Quad 4. Grade 11 or 12 students who are interested in taking the course must arrange their own placement with an employer to be approved by TDChristian. Students who are considering co-op must message Mrs. Dengerink and include their potential co-op placement. Each student's timetable will have to be evaluated to make sure all required courses are being taken or available in quads 2 and 3.

MANITOULIN ISLAND OPPORTUNITY for Grades 11 and 12 students in Quad 4: EduDeo has cancelled the International Block trip to Nicaragua due to the pandemic.

In the meantime, Henry Lammers, the International Block teacher from London Christian High has been looking for in-province options. He has been in contact with Daystar Native Christian Outreach on Manitoulin Island. At present, there is a very good chance that students will be able to go on a six week trip there during Quad 4. He is currently in the process of working out the arrangements; it sounds very meaningful and fun. It will likely consist of two co-op credits. There will be a cost for lodging and food on the island. If you like to learn more about this opportunity, email Mr. Groot.

Admissions: Grades 7&8 News

- P. Schuurman

"TD in a Box" is a great hit! If you know of someone in grade 7 or 8 who is thinking about attending TDChristian, please let me know by sending their contact info to schuurman@tdchristian.ca. We have a gift for them to help them get a sense of who we are. Supplies are going rather quickly, and the word is that these boxes are "Outstanding!" (real quote, not just me:) Many thanks to the volunteers who helped fill the boxes – it was a fun-filled day!

If you have a child coming to TDChristian for September 2021, please go to <http://tdchristian.ca/studentadmissions> and then click on "Admissions Application" to complete your online application. If you have any questions at all, please let Patty Schuurman know.

Pass the word around. See our YouTube channel TDCHWoodbridge for why it's exciting to be here!

Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

Last week, we were shocked and saddened to learn of the death of OPP office Marc Hovingh. Marc and his wife, Lianne (VanEgmond), are TDChristian graduates of the Class of '86. Please pray for Lianne, their four children, and their community as they mourn the loss of a husband, dad, and beloved community member.

We pray for the people and families in our communities, TDChristian and local, who have loved ones who are not well, mentally or physically. We think especially of those who cannot be visited because they are in a seniors' home, a hospital, or other place.

Grade 12 and 5th year students are working on decisions for next year while managing their course load and their lives outside of school. Please remember them in your prayers.

Grade 7 and 8 day is a highlight of November. This year we could not host students in the building so "TD in a Box" was created and distributed among students in the feeder schools. Please pray that students and parents learn more about all that TDChristian has to offer, as we enfold, engage, and empower young people to learn for service in the light of God's Word so that they seriously consider enrolling their children at TDChristian.

School Culture

- J. Dykxhoorn

We are excited for the first of two official celebrations of the Project 20/20 expansion. It will take place on Thursday morning during our morning assembly (which will start at 10:40 a.m.). Watch along on the TDCHWoodbridge YouTube channel and then come back for the second celebration which will be a livestream for the greater TDChristian. The pre-event will begin at at 6:50 p.m.

We continue to look for ways to safely engage and empower our students through various activities and events. TDChristian is participating in the City of Vaughan Toy Drive. **Students can bring in new, unwrapped toys to the school office. Let's fill the back of a pickup truck.** In addition, students are involved in planning various events including Spirit Week and a Ping Pong Tournament.

Clubs continue to meet, following safety protocols, which is a highlight for many students. A group has started planning for Relay for Life. Student leaders are excited about the possibilities that might exist for us to run this event as a school community in the spring. Stay tuned for more details.

Transportation

- J. Dykxhoorn

New seating plans have been implemented for our buses as per the recommendations from the Ontario Government. Overall, drivers have been very happy with the students, the great majority who are wearing their masks and staying in their assigned seats. Thanks to the students who have been and continue to practice these important safety protocols. Keep these good habits up throughout the duration of the pandemic.

From the Finance Office

- M. Rosie

Tuition payments and donations to the school must be in the mail by Dec. 31, 2020 in order to qualify for a 2020 tax receipt. Cheques or cash received in 2021 will be put towards the 2021 tax receipt.

Board Matters: Prayer and Planning

- Steve Martin, Board Vice-All

As we progress through the Strategic Planning process to discern the future path for TDChristian, we recognize the essential need for prayer. We have heard that 'nothing of eternal significance ever happens apart from prayer', and we know that learning for service in the light of God's Word has the potential for immense eternal significance.

God has seen fit to bless the work of TDChristian for close to 60 years. We look forward to a future of even greater impact for his kingdom as we strive to be a light in our community, making his name known and bringing glory to God in all that we do.

We invite you to participate in this critically important planning process by joining our prayer team. Would you be willing to commit to meeting for prayer, either in person or virtually, with other like-minded people to seek God's favour and guidance, as we dream about the TDChristian of the future? The Strategic Planning team would cherish your prayers.

If you are willing to serve on the prayer team, please email Lynne Elliott at elliott@tdchristian.ca.

The Learning Commons: Get Tutoring and Support for Your Learning

Homework club meets Monday to Thursday from 1:45 to 3:30 pm in our brand-new Learning Commons.

Online homework assistance is also available through Zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays. At the beginning of Homework Club, simply click on the Zoom link found in the Edsby announcements to receive support for your learning. We are here to help you!

Falcon's Perch

- C. Hoving

Although we are unable to offer school sports, and despite colder weather, throw on your coats and boots and get outside as much as you can. It is great for your mental health to get some fresh air and a break from the screens and inside.

Thanks to the leadership of a few Grade 12 students, we are finalizing plans for a cohort ping pong tournament that will take place during lunch. More information will be in the morning announcements.

TDChristian Clothing

The cutoff date to get ensure your order is delivered prior to Christmas is this Friday, November 27. To place your order click the link on the Splash Page! or go directly to tdchsestore.com.

Music Notes

- K. Hayward

Today was the first day of vocal lessons at TDChristian since March. If you are interested in taking lessons, please contact Mr. Hayward ASAP. Lessons are taking place in the new presentation centre where there is plenty of space for physical distancing and the sound is great!

Students interested in singing who have not signed up for choir are encouraged to contact Mr. Hayward ASAP.

As we draw nearer to Christmas, and we contemplate future assemblies and presentations, musically-inclined students are asked to consider contributing their talents. Interested students should contact Mr. Hayward as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made to assess and place performances.

If you have questions or concerns about the Music Program, email hayward@tdchristian.ca.

Grade 11 Mentorship 2020-21

- S. Van Eerden

Because of the pandemic, Mentorship looks a little bit different this year.

First and foremost, it is directly connected to English and New Testament classes; only students in those courses are doing Mentorship right now.

Secondly, it only requires a five hour placement which can be completed in one day. In discussion with the students, we have recommended either December 4 or 11, days when the students will not be learning in school. Alternatively, students may find it more convenient to complete their hours during the Christmas Break.

The entire project for Quad 2 students is due on January 6. Details of Mentorship can be found on Edsby in the English class library.

Guidance Corner

- E. Dengerink

Application time is here!

Students have received the necessary information to help them with their applications. Students may also book an appointment with their guidance counsellor for assistance.

- Ontario Public Universities – January 15, 2021 for equal consideration
- Ontario Community Colleges – February 1, 2021 for equal consideration
- Christian Universities and Colleges usually having rolling application deadlines.
- Universities and Colleges outside of Ontario also have their own deadlines. Check their websites and apply soon.

Students who are applying to schools outside of Ontario or a Christian institution should contact Guidance so that their transcripts can be sent to the desired schools.

Grade 12 students should be checking the Grade 12 Guidance group for information about Virtual Open Houses and scholarships regularly.

UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

SHAD Canada is a STEAM and entrepreneurship program for students in Grade 10 and 11. It attracts students with high aptitudes for risk taking, curiosity, excellence and resilience, and prepares them to take on social and economic challenges. The month-long program includes a real-world design challenge that asks students to work on issues such as food security, water management and waste. See shad.ca for more information. The application deadline is December 7, 2020.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

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. Students can also apply to **Languages at Work**, which provides opportunities to work in the host community following the Explore program. Check myexplore.ca.

YOUTH EXPLORE is a three-week intensive French-immersion program that is offered during the summer for people with any skill level in French. Explore (ages 13 to 15) participants are awarded a place and funding which covers tuition fees for the course, instructional materials, meals, and accommodation. Students discover another region of Canada while learning French in classes adapted to their language level. Check myexplore.ca for more information.

Centre Stage

- R. Peters

Every night, after regular classes have finished for the school day, the lights are still on in the Black Box. On Mondays, the Senior Improv Team meets. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the Junior Team meets. The teams are preparing for the Canadian Improv Games tournament (hopefully) to be held this spring. On Wednesdays, the cast and crew of "The 39 Steps" rehearses for this hilarious production, coming up (most definitely!) in 2021.

Library Shelf

- J. Knibbe

Outstanding Textbooks and Library Books: Please return any library books and textbooks that belong to TDChristian.

Book Club plans to meet once more before the Christmas break. We just finished "And Then the Sky Exploded" which presents the story of a boy who wrestles with the opposing realities of the human tragedy of Hiroshima and the fact that his great grandfather worked on the Manhattan Project.

TDChristian Archives

- J. Knibbe

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.

Everything else: If, while reorganizing and cleaning up files, your home, or a closet, you come across anything from TDChristian, such as Newsletters, play programs, graduation programs, posters, school clothing – in other words, just about anything that we could add to the archives – please let us know. Email knibbe@tdchristian.ca.