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## COME TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY!

If you know someone who might like to start at or transfer to TDChristian, email [schuurman@tdchristian.ca](mailto:schuurman@tdchristian.ca).

Quadmester 2 starts on Mon. Nov. 16.

## Nota Bene

- W. Groot

Quad 1's conclusion reminds us that students are one step closer to the end of high school. For many of them, and their parents or guardians, it is a time to think about the future: what should I (or my child) pursue? Am I (or is my child) on the right or, at least, good path?

My experience as a teacher from 1981 to 2015, a high school parent from 2001 to 2011, and a principal since 2011 means I have been asked such questions many times. Last week, I heard from a TDChristian grad, Derek Schuurman ('85) who is currently a Computer Science professor at Calvin College and a deep and reflective thinker.

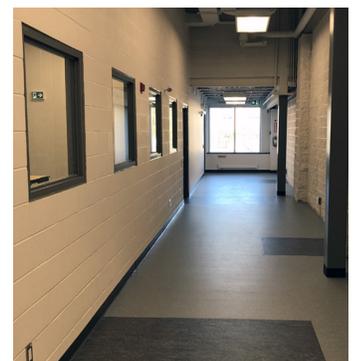
A key approach, we share, in helping students explore the future is to encourage them to pursue something that involves their passions. Move forward prayerfully and with purpose.

To learn more about helping to discern direction, I suggest that you read Derek's article, "Discerning Direction" ([christian-courier.ca/columns-op-ed/entry/discerning-direction](http://christian-courier.ca/columns-op-ed/entry/discerning-direction)). It provides sound advice for students as they consider options and for parents or guardians (and teachers) on how we can support students in making choices.

If you don't have time to read it, here is a significant quote, "Frederick Buechner once wrote that "the place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." As parents, teachers, pastors and mentors, we play a crucial role in helping to encourage young adults by pointing them in the direction of that meeting place."

As we move into Quad 2, we are committed to helping our students learn for service in the light of God's Word by discovering and uncovering their passions and developing and enhancing their skills, abilities, and grit for today and for the future.

## Celebration and Dedication of the New Building: Thurs., Nov. 26 at 7 p.m.



We are excited to celebrate and dedicate the new building with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the beginning of our Fall Membership Meeting. The celebration and dedication will be livestreamed from our YouTube channel, TDCHWoodbridge starting at 6:45 p.m. [If you plan to attend the meeting, please email \[marg@tdchristian.ca\]\(mailto:marg@tdchristian.ca\)](#). She will send you a Zoom link and further instructions. Packages for the meeting will be mailed this week. Parents, guardians, supporters, and members are invited. Parents and guardians can earn 2.5 volunteer hours per family for attending the entire time.

## Project 20/20

- L. Fernhout

On Monday, November 16 the new building will be opened up to students and staff! We are so thankful for all of the work, financial support and prayer that has taken place over the last few years to get to this point. God is good.

If you still wish to have a safe private, personal, or family tour of the new Project 20/20 space please contact me at [fernhout@tdchristian.ca](mailto:fernhout@tdchristian.ca).

We continue to fundraise for Project 20/20 and we ask for your continued support: \$3,350,750 has been raised so far for Project 20/20 plus more for Giving Catalogue items.

Here are ways to continue to support Project 20/20:

1. Project 20/20 Campaign: [tdchristian.ca/giving](http://tdchristian.ca/giving) (monthly giving option is available) or use the pledge form at [tdchristian.ca/project2020](http://tdchristian.ca/project2020).
2. The Giving Catalogue: [tdchristian.ca/givingcatalogue](http://tdchristian.ca/givingcatalogue).
3. Kristina's Wish seat campaign: \$31,000 has been raised = 29 seats. We need 198 more seats. To donate, please go to [tdchristian.ca/wish](http://tdchristian.ca/wish).
4. Prayer: We humbly seek your prayers for the Lord's guidance and provisions for Project 20/20 to finish strong!



## Admissions: Grade 7&8 News

- P. Schuurman

Hello Families! We are busy putting together our very own, hopefully, once-in-a-lifetime ... "TD in a Box!" Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are unable to host our annual Grade 7 & 8 Day. BUT, what a wonderful opportunity to spread the word about TDChristian by sending out a box full of what makes us who we are. If you know of a Grade 7 or 8 student who is not in one of our feeder schools but may be interested in attending, please send an e-mail to me at [schuurman@tdchristian.ca](mailto:schuurman@tdchristian.ca). It would be our pleasure to let them find out about our "TD in a Box!"

We are in need of a few more some volunteers (parents, guardians and students) to help with the boxes. See Edsby message from Mr. Groot on November 10 for details (or go to the Volunteer Section on page 4).

## Fire Hall Thrift Store Update

- P. Haffenden

1. The ONLY donations that can currently be accepted are PRE-ARRANGED ONES of furniture. The place is full.
2. We are getting closer! Our Point of Sale (POS) system and credit card machine are in. Hopefully, we can start selling items soon!
3. We are working towards a "soft opening" where families and close friends can schedule a visit. We will send an Edsby message with details.
4. We have ordered re-chargeable gift cards. This will be a great way for us to generate some sales, and work to keeping the cash transactions to a minimum. It is also a great idea for Christmas and a way to help us spread the word.
5. We are in need of more pants hangers and baby clothes hangers.
6. We need additional volunteers who can work regular shifts and be trained for the retail side.

Questions about gift cards and/or volunteering can be directed to Paul Haffenden (email [325@tdchristian.ca](mailto:325@tdchristian.ca).)

## What's Upcoming?

1. **Turnaround Days are today and tomorrow, Fri., Nov. 13.** Students stay home. Teachers prepare for Quad
2. **First day of Quad 2 is Mon., Nov. 16.**
3. **Tuesday, Nov. 17:** Quad 1 Final Learning Reports will be posted in Edsby. Paper copies will be go home with students later that week.
4. **The Celebration and Dedication of the New Building** is at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Nov. 26. (See page 1 for details.)
5. **Quad 2 Remote Learning Day** is on Fri., Dec. 4. Strategic Planning Team meets at the school.
6. **Quad 2 Project Day** is on Fri., Dec. 11.
7. **The Christmas Program** will premiere at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Dec. 17 (YouTube channel, TDCHWoodbridge).
8. **Christmas Break** starts on Sat., Dec. 19 and ends on Sun., Jan. 2, 2021.
9. **Quad 2 ends** on Thurs., Jan. 28.
10. **Quad 3 begins** on Tues., Feb. 2 and March break will likely begin on Mar. 13 instead of Mar. 12.

## Schedules and Edsby

- M. Heinbuch

GRADE 9 STUDENTS may see changes to their classes before Monday as cohorts continue to be balanced for numbers. Students should check Edsby this weekend to confirm classes and rooms for Monday.

Students in Grades 10, 11, and 12 should ensure that the classes that show up in Edsby reflect are the ones you were expecting for Quad 2. Email [schedules@tdchristian.ca](mailto:schedules@tdchristian.ca) if you notice an issue. If you desire a change, a parent or guardian must email the request to [schedules@tdchristian.ca](mailto:schedules@tdchristian.ca). Once you attend a class next week, a change cannot be made unless you are able to attend a class or classes remotely.

## 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 quad 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 who will pass on more information including an invite for a Zoom meeting currently scheduled for November 17 at 7 p.m. (Date subject to change.) At present, it appears that seven students from two other Christian high schools are scheduled to be a part of this program. The meeting will include a brief presentation followed by an opportunity for you to ask questions.

## Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

Yesterday was Remembrance Day. We are thankful for the courage and sacrifices that were and are being made by Canadian soldiers during times of war and in peacekeeping missions. May we, too, be agents of peace in the places where we are called to be.

Yesterday, students wrote their final evaluations for Quadmester 1. We are very thankful that, for many, it went well. As we look forward to a new quadmester, we pray that students will adjust to their new cohorts, enfold their classmates, and be excited about learning!

We have a number of International Students who are currently remote learners but are hoping to join us in the near future. Please pray that the process which will allow them to move to our community will be expedited and that they will be able to join us at the start of Quadmester 3.

Mrs. Nellie Kamerman, Marianne Deeks' (our school psychotherapist) mom, had surgery today to remove a cancerous tumour. Please pray for her recovery – for healing, strength, and courage for her and her family.

## School Culture

- J. Dykxhoorn

Thanks to parents and guardians who indicated their desire for TDChristian to host a Teen Culture event. If you have not done so, and are interested in such a meeting, email [dykxhoorn@tdchristian.ca](mailto:dykxhoorn@tdchristian.ca) or send an Edsby message.

Thanks to those who participated in the Strategic Planning session for parents last week. It was fantastic that over 60 people attended to provide their input and share their hopes and dreams for the future of TDChristian.

As Quad 1 ends, I reflect on the many awesome things that enhanced school culture despite the pandemic: Grade BBQs, Cohort Competitions, and weekly assemblies! Nine clubs are running. Many students formed stronger bonds within their cohorts and many made friends with peers they may never have without this model of schooling.

Going into Quad 2, please pray for students as they move to new situations: a change of subjects, teachers, and classmates. For some the transition will go smoothly; for others, there will be challenges. Please pray, too, for teachers as they transition and seek to do their work well in this new teaching construct and environment.

## Transportation

- J. Dykxhoorn

Bus routes continue to run on schedule and with few to no incidents. In the next week or so, I will communicate a new log-in procedure that will lead to a much better functioning of BusTracker, which is not working very well, at present. My hope is that this new procedure will improve the users' experiences through more accurate and more zoomed-in maps. Thanks for your patience as we work with the company who provides this valuable service.

## From the Finance Office

- M. Rosie

Do you want to earn 2.5 volunteer hours for your family without coming to the school? Join us for the virtual Fall Membership Meeting on Thurs., Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to all parents, guardians, supporters, and members and will include the Celebration and Dedication of the new building (See page 1 for more details). Membership packages will be mailed this week to all members and parents/guardians.

## Board Matters

- Brad VanLaare

Welcome from the TDChristian Board! We hope that you are all doing well and keeping safe.

We are really excited about the Fall Membership Meeting as the beginning of the meeting will include a celebration of the new Project 20/20 building. The meeting will then transition to our regular meeting items including updates on finances, new board member voting, a strategic plan update, a Leadership Team report, and what is happening with the Fire Hall Experiential Learning Centre.

## Volunteer Opportunities

1. Earn volunteer hours by helping to assemble the Grades 7 and 8 boxes. Go to [schoolinterviews.ca](http://schoolinterviews.ca) (use the code "hsecf") for any spots that may be left for Friday this week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Depending on how things went today and go on Friday, opportunities for next week MAY be made available on Friday night. Use the same link and code. For more information, email [schuurman@tdchristian.ca](mailto:schuurman@tdchristian.ca).
2. Calling all shoppers! We need volunteers from the listed geographical locations to test out Flipgive, a funding app that helps groups raise money. Participants can earn cash for TDChristian by buying things they need to get anyway. To see how it works, go to [flipgive.com/how-it-works](http://flipgive.com/how-it-works). Geographical Locations: 1) Brampton/Halton, 2) Mississauga/Oakville, 3) Woodbridge/Kleinburg/Bolton, 4) Toronto, 5) Richmond Hill, 6) Newmarket, 7) Bradford/Holland Marsh/Springdale, 8) Orangeville/Tottenham/Schomberg. We would like volunteers to test it out within a week so that, if it is good, we can roll it out to the community late next week. The idea is that those who test it (and feel comfortable) can become go-to people as others join. If you are interested in learning more or volunteering, email [fernhout@tdchristian.ca](mailto:fernhout@tdchristian.ca).

## The Learning Commons

Yesterday, we officially moved into our new Learning Commons, a place for students to engage in their learning.

As part of Project 20/20, the Learning Commons was created to provide a space for all of our student's learning needs. The Learning Commons is set up to be a quiet and inviting environment.

Not only is the Learning Commons a space for study, it is a place where you can receive help from supportive teachers across all subject areas. Students will be supervised and supported as they work through daily assignments, accomplish online courses, and complete missed tests – all with access to technology.

Thank you to those who have donated and made the Learning Commons a reality. We could not have done it without your support! Note: Of course, while it is a great space, there are still things that would improve it. We are hoping better chairs, cubicles, stools, and a raised counter. If you are interested in knowing more, contact William Groot ([groot@tdchristian.ca](mailto:groot@tdchristian.ca)) or Leanne Fernhout ([fernhout@tdchristian.ca](mailto:fernhout@tdchristian.ca)).

## From the Technology Department

Do you get more Edsby notifications than you would like? Are there some notifications you find helpful, but some you do not? You can change Edsby's notification settings to specify how many, and what type of notifications you receive. To do so, in Edsby go to Account Settings --> Notifications to configure this.



## Falcon's Perch

- C. Hoving

Disappointingly, since the last Fridge Door there are only more cancellations. I met with the other Christian Schools (OCSSAA) on October 29 when we decided to cancel winter championships. OFSAA also cancelled its Winter Provincial Championships. We look with hope to the spring.

We continue to explore if and what we can do safely. As the weather changes and we move inside during Quad 2, we will endeavour to set up indoor intramurals that will meet health and safety protocols.

## TDChristian Clothing

TDChristian now offers an e-store year round with printing being done throughout the year as minimum requirements are met. Check the store at [tdchsestore.com](http://tdchsestore.com) or click the link on the Splash! Page under Family Information.

## Music Notes

- K. Hayward

Congratulations to *Ascension* for its first contribution to "Good Morning, TDChristian." Considering that the group has been together for only a couple of rehearsals, we look forward to some pretty exciting things moving forward.

Members of the Concert Band met for the first time last week. Given the marked increase in the numbers of COVID-19 cases in this area, we have reconsidered our plans to do band in person and are moving to an online model. While this is disappointing, we look forward to being able to explore other ways of making music. Students who are part of the Band are encouraged to follow up on the information posted there so that we can get started.

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

Vocal Lessons are again being offered at TDChristian. Those who are interested should contact Mr. Hayward soon as plans are underway to begin in Quadmester 2.

If you have questions or concerns about the Music Program, please email [hayward@tdchristian.ca](mailto:hayward@tdchristian.ca).

## Guidance Corner

- E. Dengerink

**Grade 10, 11 students:** "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." The application deadline is December 7, 2020. See [shad.ca](http://shad.ca) to apply or for more information.

**Act Five:** Are you interested in a gap year program for next year? Act Five's Christian gap year program (by Redeemer University in conjunction with five Christian High Schools, including TDChristian) combines faith-development, adventure, community, career mentorship and university courses might be the fit for you! If you're interested in taking a year off to discover who God is, having the space to breathe and think about your future, feel free to reach out to the Act Five admissions counsellor Sarah Bittel at [actfive@redeemer.ca](mailto:actfive@redeemer.ca) or go to [actfive.ca](http://actfive.ca).

**Grade 12 Students:** November is a month for Open Houses and Campus Tours for colleges and universities. Check the grade 12 Guidance Group for Virtual Open Houses and Fall Preview Events. Universities are hosting Webinars and Liason Presentations during the week; join them to get details on programs, residence, scholarships and more.

The **November/December issue of The Scholarship Report** is now in the Grade 12 Guidance Group. Check it for ideas on scholarships for which you may be eligible.

**National Portfolio Day** is Sunday, November 15 from noon to 4 p.m. Get expert advice on the portfolio process, feedback on your portfolio pieces, and speak with an advisor! This year's virtual event will allow students to still meet one-on-one with many universities, including OCAD. Register [nationalportfolioday.live/](http://nationalportfolioday.live/).

## Centre Stage

- R. Peters

On Monday, the 4Funzies performed their long-form improv "Slay the Tapdancing Jellyfish" for a physically-distanced group in the Black Box theatre and an appreciative crowd on Zoom – thanks to all those who attended! We taped the entire event so those who wish to see it (or see it again), can do so. Email [peters@tdchristian.ca](mailto:peters@tdchristian.ca) to obtain a link to the recording. Well done, Mia and Charlotte! You had us captivated for an entire half hour, and the time flew by. We were all having so much fun along with the two of you! (See Instagram #tdchristianhighschool for photos.)

## Virtual Auction

- Dinner Theatre Committee

TDChristian is now accepting contributions for our very first Virtual Auction. This exciting event will take place in the new year and proceeds will go to the TDChristian Drama department to support theatre productions, like this year's production of *The 39 Steps*.

Have a service or experience to give? Please provide a certificate outlining the details. We are also looking for items, gift cards and monetary donations for our auction. All contributions can be sent to the school clearly marked "Virtual Auction." Please contact Linda at [dinnertheatre@tdchristian.ca](mailto:dinnertheatre@tdchristian.ca).

## Library Shelf

- J. Knibbe

Book Club met last Friday to discuss an Agatha Christie mystery novel, "The Murder of Roger Akroyd" which, we had been told, is a book that breaks all the rules of traditional mystery writing. For most of us, the ending came as a complete surprise!

**Outstanding Textbooks and Library Books:** Please return any library books and textbooks that belong to TDChristian. Reminders have been sent out. Drop them off.

## TDChristian Archives

- J. Knibbe

**Photos and Videos:** Thank you to TDChristian community members who recently donated photos taken on a service trip to Cumberland, Maryland! 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 or their email addresses to [alumni@tdchristian.ca](mailto:alumni@tdchristian.ca).

**Everything else:** If, while reorganizing and cleaning up files, you come across anything from TDChristian, such as Newsletters, play programs, graduation programs, posters, school clothing ... in other words, just about anything, please let us know so that we can add them to our archives. Contact Joni Knibbe via [knibbe@tdchristian.ca](mailto:knibbe@tdchristian.ca).

## Croquette Fundraiser

- M. Laswick

The croquettes have arrived at the school!

Although a team will not be travelling to Belize in March 2020, we look forward to the day we can be together again with our friends. In the meantime, we will continue to raise funds and pray for them. Cost is \$50 for a case of 36, pre-cooked, all-beef croquettes (we had to increase the price as COVID affected the costs incurred by our supplier). If you are interested in purchasing croquettes, email [marg@tdchristian.ca](mailto:marg@tdchristian.ca) to work out payment and pick up or delivery.

## Supporting Students Campaign – Contact Your MPP

- W. Groot

Every Ontario Student Needs To Be Safe From COVID-19.

All schools in Ontario are facing mounting costs! But 1 in 5 are getting no support or funding to ease the pressure. We must protect the health and safety of all Ontario students.

Go to [supportingstudents.ca](http://supportingstudents.ca) and send information to your MPP. It takes about five minutes and sends a clear and sensible message to our government to do the right thing.

I have done so. Will you? Thanks for considering it.