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## Nota Bene

- W. Groot

This past week, I shared a link with teachers about "Learning Through Reflection." The book chapter can be found at [ascd.org/publications/books/108008/chapters/Learning-Through-Reflection.aspx](http://ascd.org/publications/books/108008/chapters/Learning-Through-Reflection.aspx). In the first paragraph, we learn that in order to get into the habit of linking and constructing meaning from experiences, we must reflect on them. Our experiences must not simply be just things that happened. For this reason, all students begin collecting work from each of their classes starting in grade 9. Our intent is to have students take the artifacts, stored primarily in MyBlueprint, reflect on them and then share about three significant ones to help them describe their high school journeys.

When I reflect on my own journey, I am amazed at how God works in my life even when things are difficult or trying, or I am struggling and weary. As I reflect back on the first six months of this school year, there is much for which to be thankful: exciting projects, excellent learning, safe transportation, many engaged and involved students, parents and guardians who care and connect, and a building that is taking shape slowly. There have also been significant challenges: dealing with vaping, the coronavirus (COVID-19), and students who struggle with rules or relationships. Through it all, God is our anchor. When we reflect his love, there is always hope. As we move into the March break, I pray that each person may be refreshed and renewed in that love and that hope.

## Project 20/20

- L. Fernhout, Campaign Fundraising Manager

Project 20/20 construction is moving right along! Have you been to the school lately? Have you watched the live construction cameras on our website? It's very exciting!

We recently posted Hebrews 3:4 on our Instagram and Facebook page which says, 'For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.' We know that God is far superior to us, that he is the ultimate Builder, Creator and Sustainer. We give God the glory for what has all been accomplished, and we pray for our Lord's guidance and provision in carrying Project 20/20 through to completion.

A quick update: the front curtain wall is 60% complete, the roof 25%, the electrical 75%, HVAC 80% and plumbing 75%. Once these areas are complete, the interior finishing work will begin. The fundraising for Project 20/20 is at 53% of the \$6 million goal. There is no doubt that a substantial amount of funds are required in order to complete the work. There is no better time than now, for us to pull together in and beyond the TDChristian community. There are many opportunities and ways to give to Project 20/20. Visit [tdchristian.ca/project2020](http://tdchristian.ca/project2020) to get a pledge form. Donate online at [tdchristian.ca/giving](http://tdchristian.ca/giving). Contact Leanne Fernhout for more information at [fernhout@tdchristian.ca](mailto:fernhout@tdchristian.ca)

## Will Clinic

Whether you need to start one or update it, a will is a crucial document that needs attention. Will your spouse get everything if you die? Not if you don't have a will. Will you get to choose who will be the guardian of your children? Not if you don't have a will. We are here to help! For helpful information, delicious desserts and a volunteer hour, attend the FREE Estate Planning Seminar on Thursday, March 5 at 7 p.m., the same evening as the TDChristian Talent Night. Please email Anne Vos ([vos@tdchristian.ca](mailto:vos@tdchristian.ca)) to confirm your attendance.

## What's Upcoming?

**The TDChristian Talent Show** is tomorrow, March 5, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. (estimated end time).

Tickets are \$6 prior to the event and \$8 at the door. A ticket covers admission, a pizza slice, and a drink. Parents/Guardians and homestay parents of grade 9 students are reminded that if their children stay after school for the Talent show, they must remain on school property until they are picked up after the show. For all students: Once they enter the talent show at 5:30 p.m., they will not be able to leave the building until the end, when their arranged ride comes and picks them up.

**TDChristian's March Break** begins on Friday, March 13 and ends on Monday, March 23. Classes end on Thursday, March 13 and resume on Tuesday, March 24.

**Learning Dialogues, Thursday, March 26 (3:30 - 5 and 6 - 8 p.m.):** Sign up for the first set of Learning Dialogues (Parent/Guardian-Student-Teacher Interviews) by going to [schoolinterviews.ca](http://schoolinterviews.ca) and type in the event code "sq6jz".

**New Members' Meeting on Thursday, March 26 at 7:31 pm in room 10:** Are you interested in becoming a member at TDChristian High School? To learn more, come to this meeting. We will share some of the school's history since its inception in 1963, take you through TDChristian's Identity Statement, outline how the school is run (governance and bylaws) and give examples of how members help make TDChristian a viable Christian institution. During the New Members' Meeting you will have an opportunity to share your story of learning about TDChristian. At the end, you can speak to a board member, ask further questions and/or apply for membership, if desired. For more information, click the Membership link on the TDChristian Splash! Page.

If you have questions, plan to attend, or would like your name kept on file for the New Members' Meeting in March, email Board Administrative Assistant, Lynne Elliott, at [elliott@tdchristian.ca](mailto:elliott@tdchristian.ca) or sign up as part of Learning Dialogues.

**The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)** is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31 for Grade 10 students throughout Ontario. New senior students, students who were previously eligible but have not yet written the test, and students who were unsuccessful on previous attempts may also write the test. Preparation is ongoing in all Grade 10 classes this semester. Senior students have or will be given individual practice packages. Any student writing the test may also come to After-School Homework Club on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:45 pm for help and practice.

## Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

Jack Parson's grandfather, Bill Hegi, passed away last night at the age of 91. He had been in hospital since Friday, and was surrounded by his family as they said goodbye. Please pray for peace and comfort.

Please pray for a restful March break for students and staff and for safe travels for those who are venturing away from home, especially those on the service trip to the Dominican Republic. The final itinerary for the Europe trip will be determined this week as Italy is off of the itinerary. We pray that a safe and approved alternative will be found.

Pray for our international students, many who planned to go home for March break but now have to stay in Canada due to travel restrictions. Please pray for their families in China.

## School Culture

- M. Heinbuch/J. Dykxhoorn

This week, and last week, various homerooms were led by the Student Events Group in some Bench Ball. It was fun to see friendly competition between homerooms and a high-level of energy in the gym on a Monday morning.

Yesterday we had a Fundraising Day at TDChristian. Students sold ice cream floats, baked goods, and other items in support of the organizations with which they are connected or with whom they will be serving in the near future.

Thursday night is the Talent Show at TDChristian. We anticipate a fun evening during which we can celebrate the many talents that God has given to students. Tickets are on sale at lunch all week!

Our assembly for last week was postponed due to the Snow Day. This week we will learn about the International Block opportunity for next year (which includes students from five Christian schools). We will also spend time learning about and celebrating Black History Month.

## Transportation

- J. Dykxhoorn

We are thankful for the safety and skills that our drivers have shown over the past month dealing with slippery and snowy road conditions. Given the wide range of weather that we were hit with at the end of last week, we are also thankful for your understanding in our decision to close school twice. Thank you to those who notified us of issues with the Bus Tracking on some of our routes. There was a software error that Geo-Ref was aware of and trying to fix. Our hope is that it will be taken care of soon. We apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused.

## Admissions

- P. Schuurman

For current families who have not registered their children for grade 9 starting this September, please do so ASAP at [tdchristian.ca/studentadmissions](http://tdchristian.ca/studentadmissions).

The sooner we know who is coming to join TDChristian as a grade 9 student this fall, or any grade, the better we can prepare for the exciting year ahead! Spread the word and if you have any questions at all, please let Patty Schuurman know at [schuurman@tdchristian.ca](mailto:schuurman@tdchristian.ca).

## Pastors' Breakfast

At this year's event, John Terpstra led with a thoughtful presentation on faith in teenagers. About 14 students – panelists and table guests – shared their thoughts and faith by being well-spoken, genuine, and forth-coming. We were thankful for the pastors, youth leaders, youth and church staff who came and enjoyed the breakfast on Tuesday, February 25. Our hope is that they will tell families and students about TDChristian.

## Drama Camp

If you are a student going into grade 8 or 9 in September 2020 and enjoyed shows like “Who’s Line Is It Anyway?”, you’ll love this week of improvisation and laughter. The camp originally scheduled for August 24 to 28 will now occur from August 31 to September 4 (one week later). For more information, please contact Mr. Peters at [peters@tdchristian.ca](mailto:peters@tdchristian.ca). The cost is \$150 if you reserve a spot by April 30. After that, the price goes up to \$200. Forms can be found on the TDChristian Splash! Page.

## Falcons' Perch

- C. Hoving

The Junior Girls Volleyball team continues YRAA league play on Thursday night at home. The final playoff tournament is next week.

The Senior Girls Volleyball team lost in the semi-finals of the York Region A/AA playoffs to Jean Vanier CHS, 3 games to 1. The girls season continues as they head to OFSAA to compete as one of the 20 best “A” (schools with 500 students or fewer) from March 9 to 11. It will be hosted by Walkerton District Community School.

If all goes well, Badminton will begin next week. We need confirmation from York Region on what the league will look like based on current strike action. More info will be in the morning announcements.

The TDChristian Intramural Hockey season culminates on Friday with the year-end tournament. Team Silver, Team Maroon and Team Blue will vvy for hockey's most-coveted trophy. Families and friends are invited to attend. The puck drops Friday at 9 a.m. at the CAA Centre in Brampton. Don't miss it!

## Music Notes

- K. Hayward

Tomorrow night, Thursday March 5, the skilled, the talented, the funny, the bizarre and the curious will participate in and/or observe the annual TDChristianTalent Show! Tickets are \$8 at the door and includes pizza and pop. On display will be lots of talent including a magic act, classical music, dance, and, of course, some fine vocal talent and guitar playing. Support and enjoy the skill and artistry produced by the students at TDChristian.

There are no band rehearsals on March 24 or April 14.

Music students who have projects in the music room need to collect them ASAP. Recycling is imminent.

Parents or guardians of choir members should expect to receive a confirmation form regarding the Choral Festival schedule for May 1. All members of the choir will be participating. The evening concert includes our students as part of a choir of over 400 singers. It's a great event. Keep watching this space for more details.

If you have any questions about the music program at TDChristian, please email [hayward@tdchristian.ca](mailto:hayward@tdchristian.ca).

## Centre Stage: TDChristian Team Wins Bronze

- R. Peters

Two weeks ago, it looked like the team would be bumped out of contention, but the first night of preliminaries (in which our team played) was clearly the strongest pool, with 3 of the top final 5 teams playing. The Saturday finals boasted some incredible improv, and the TDChristian team managed to rise two spots in the standings from 5th to 3rd, clinching the Bronze. However, it was not quite enough to earn the team a berth in the nation's final tournament of 20 teams to be held in Ottawa. It was a very impressive showing by the team. Congratulations!

Next up for the TDChristian team will be its performance of the longform improvisational murder mystery, "One of us is a Killer" over successive lunch times in the Black Box.

## Guidance Corner

- E. Dengerink

**March Break Tours for University and Colleges:** March is a great time to visit the universities and colleges. Sign-up for a tour or attend an Open House. Students don't have to be in grade 12 to go on a tour – plan ahead and check them out! Information is available on university and college websites.

**Interaction Conference at the University of Guelph for University bound grade 10 and 11 students:** Spend the day on the University of Guelph campus, exploring the community and learning about academic disciplines and student services. April 22 and 23, 2020. Check [admission.uoguelph.ca/events](http://admission.uoguelph.ca/events) for more information.

### SUMMER IDEAS

The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority is once again offering the **Boyd Archaeological Field School** in the summer of 2020 (August 7 to 23). This two week interdisciplinary program offers a Grade 12U (IDC4U) credit and a DCO30 Creating Opportunities through Co-op. Days alternate between working in the field and in the classroom. Check [trca.ca/boydfieldschool](http://trca.ca/boydfieldschool) to learn know more about this exciting opportunity.

**Redeemer University** will be offering a one-week intensive **summer research fellowship** for high school students. Selected students will have the opportunity to research alongside some of Redeemer's science faculty and undergraduate students, unpacking real-world research questions and contributing to different areas of study. The fellowship is open to students who will be entering grade 11 or grade 12 in the fall of 2020. Up to 16 spots are available. The Application Deadline is April 17, 2020. Successful candidates to be informed in early May that they will be able to attend the Fellowship Week from July 27 to July 31. The cost is \$150 and covers part of the food and lodging. Check [redeemer.ca/academics/non-degree-programs/research-fellowship/](http://redeemer.ca/academics/non-degree-programs/research-fellowship/) for more information.

**Explore!** Live the Canadian experience! Consider taking EXPLORE. This five-week (16+ years of age) or three week (13 to 15 years of age) intensive immersion program is adapted to all skill levels. It is an opportunity to travel, learn and practise French while discovering a new culture. Participants in Explore receive funding that covers tuition fees for the programs, instructional materials, meals and accommodations, workshops, and other mandatory activities. Discover another region of Canada while learning French. Have an adventure and make new friends summer! Check [myexplore.ca](http://myexplore.ca) for more information.

Experience University this summer at Queen's University. For more than 30 years, the **Enrichment Studies Unit (ESU) at Queen's University** has connected students in grades 7 to 12 with challenging and inspiring academics alongside the dynamic learning and living environment of university life. Providing an inclusive and unmatched mix of opportunities, ESU makes an unmistakable difference: nurturing curiosity, fostering development, and enriching the potential of all students. Check [esu.queensu.ca](http://esu.queensu.ca) for more information.

**Thinking of going abroad this summer and earning a course credit at the same time?** Check out Blyth Academy International Summer Programs at [BlythSummers.ca](http://BlythSummers.ca) or Mei International Academy at [www.meiacademy.com](http://www.meiacademy.com).

**Camp Shalom** needs staff for its summer camp program! Positions include counsellors, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, and lifeguards. Now is the time to apply. Check [countrysidecamp.com](http://countrysidecamp.com) for more information.

**Intersity Pioneer Camp** is looking for summer students to volunteer or work at camp. For more information, check [pioneercampontario.ca](http://pioneercampontario.ca).

## Volunteer Opportunities

Looking to help students effectively demonstrate and explain their learning while earning volunteer hours at the same time? Contact Ms. Contos at [contos@tdchristian.ca](mailto:contos@tdchristian.ca) in the Resource Department. We are looking for parents and/or guardians to act as scribes (writers) for different students completing their Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test on Tuesday, March 31.

## Course Selections

Course selections for 2020-21 year are now overdue. Students who have not completed them should do so. Changes can only be done by parents or guardians calling the Guidance office or emailing [schedules@tdchristian.ca](mailto:schedules@tdchristian.ca).

## Library Shelf

- J. Knibbe

*Recently added to TDChristian's library: The Man Who Made Things out of Trees by Robert Penn*

The author, after much research, finds the perfect ash tree, has it cut down, and then, over a period of time, has many objects made from the wood, including a desk, a toboggan, six axe handles, a canoe paddle, wheels, arrows, spoons, catapults, a coffee table and, even, a prototype bicycle. He describes his visits with the artisans who produce these objects, talks about the history of the use of wood, particularly ash, for different useful objects, and explains many of the scientific facts about the wood and trees with which he is working. "The book chronicles how the urge to understand and appreciate trees still runs through us all like grain through wood."

Parents and guardians are encouraged to drop in at the TDChristian library. You are welcome to borrow books too!

## Bless People in DR Communities: Donate Now

A crew of 19 students is heading out on a service learning trip over the March break. It would love to be able to bless the local communities among which they work. What is most needed are clothing donations, medicine, medical supplies, school supplies, common tools and eye glasses. If you can help in any way, please contact Ms. Weening or drop off donations directly at the school.

## Croquette Fundraiser

There are still some boxes left in the school freezer. If you would like a quick, delicious meal at your fingertips, contact [marg@tdchristian.ca](mailto:marg@tdchristian.ca). A box of 36 pre-cooked all beef for \$45. All proceeds support our friends in Belize.