



# THE FRIDGE DOOR

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## Nota Bene

- W. Groot

Every week, as part of my work, I publish an internal document for staff called Next Week Now. It contains many different parts but it starts with a title. I love words and word play. This month, given our current circumstances, I entitled the document, *May Days, Maydays or May Daze?!*

*May Days* evoke hope. The weather is changing, spring is upon us and the summer beckons as we head into the last two months of school.

*Maydays* are international distress calls. Based on the French, m'aider which means "help me," it was first used in 1923 and became an official term in 1948.

*May Daze* is a state that many currently feel they are sliding into because of the pandemic. Staying home, experiencing cabin fever and falling into a certain unhealthy monotony.

Which is it for you?

I am a learner and, as shared at the Spring Membership Meeting, seeing the present circumstances as a new adventure allows me to forge a way forward from distress to purpose and renewed hope – from maydays through a May daze into May days.

June is before us. I thank you for your support, your prayers and your efforts. It takes a village to raise a child and many of you have had to deal with your children much more than usual. Most students have been able to rise to the task; they are developing and demonstrating resilience.

We promise to work with our students for the final 16 days of the semester so that however they conclude the semester, they can look back and know that they have learned – not only course curriculum but about themselves and a sovereign God who is our anchor in all circumstances.

Let's finish well!

## TDChristian Class of 2020 Valedictorian

Congratulations to Nathan Bellsmith, this year's Valedictorian, who was chosen by his class peers to speak on behalf of the class. Nathan is the winner of the Frank Romp Award and will speak at this year's virtual graduation which will premiere on June 30 and can be watched more than once.

## Construction of Project 20/20 Continues

- L. Fernhout

The Project 20/20 Giving Catalogue can be viewed on our website at [tdchristian.ca/givingcatalogue](http://tdchristian.ca/givingcatalogue). If you wish to have an official hard copy or know someone who should get one, please email [marg@tdchristian.ca](mailto:marg@tdchristian.ca). She will mail it.

We are very encouraged by the response to the Giving Catalogue. We hope that you find it informative, as well. Several supporters have come forward with offers and initiated discussions about several items. As we learn more, we will let you know. It's exciting! Special thanks to the supporters who already 'purchased' items.

Someone has come forward with a matching gift of \$25,000 for item K from the catalogue (Sound and Lighting System for the Presentation Centre)! This generous donor will match \$25,000 in donations from others so that item K can be purchased at \$50K. So far, we have raised \$6,050 towards this matching gift! Please consider contributing to this unique opportunity where your dollars will be matched up to \$25K in total contributions. Contact Leanne Fernhout [fernhout@tdchristian.ca](mailto:fernhout@tdchristian.ca).

Together with our TDChristian Community, we can furnish the spaces for Project 20/20!

We are thankful for what we have received for Project 20/20. So far we have raised \$3,249,317.11 in gifts and pledges.

Please be sure to watch our Friday Assemblies to get updates on Project 20/20.

God remains faithful through you, our supporting community. We are blessed.

## What's Upcoming? (on our TDCH Woodbridge YouTube Channel)

**TDChristian's Spring Virtual Open House premieres on YouTube this Thursday, May 28 at 7 p.m.** We can't meet in person, but we invite ALL families and their students, especially those with students in grades 5 to 8 to join us ONLINE. Learn about TDChristian's focus, programs, opportunities and advantages from staff and students. Tour the school. Look on the TDChristian website for more details.

**TDChristian's Final Assembly premieres on YouTube on Wednesday, June 17 at 7 p.m.** You (and your family) won't want to miss this one! It will include the Pulse, celebrating Grade 12s, music, athletics and drama. If you are a Grade 12 student who wishes to contribute through leading in devotions, performing a musical piece or sharing photography, poetry, art or something else, please send an Edsby message to Mr. Dykxhoorn by June 4.

**Class of 2020 Virtual Graduation premieres on YouTube on Tuesday, June 30 at 7 p.m.** In preparation all grade 12 students and their parents, guardians and homestay parents will be sent an Edsby message tomorrow from Mr. Hoving outlining what they need to do for graduation. Each student will be assigned a time to come to the school on June 18 or 19 to record their parts. Immediate family members may come to witness the walk across the stage. We will arrange and insist that physical distancing is practiced.

## Locker Clear Out and Returning Items to TDChristian.

This Friday, May 29, all lockers will be opened and contents emptied into labelled bags and kept safely for students to pick up. Empty lockers will have locks removed. Mr. Hoving will keep those and you will be assigned a new lock for the coming year.

When students come to pick up their locker bags, they will have to return any of the following items belonging to the school: textbooks, novels, library books, instruments, photographic equipment, art supplies, computers and any other borrowed items. They may also pick up their art or other work as arranged by Edsby messaging their teachers.

Primary drop off and pick up times:

1. Grade 12 students (and siblings) should come on June 18 or 19 at the time assigned by Mr. Hoving in tomorrow's Edsby message.
2. All other students who need items until June 17, should come on June 23, 24 and 25 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.
3. Band and Music students, as directed by Mr. Hayward (see Music Notes), should come on Friday, June 12 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. to return their instruments, band folders and sheet music.
4. Students who have borrowed computer or computer equipment should return these items on Wednesday, June 24.
5. Students who do not fit any of numbers 1 to 4 may come to the school on any dates starting June 1 except for June 12, 18, 19 and 22. All items must be in by June 25. The contents of unclaimed locker bags will be donated to a worthy cause such as a Thrift Store.

## Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

A community in prayer gives comfort and hope to those who are suffering. We thank God for his incredible love and his assurance that He hears our prayers.

The Faul family was saddened by the news that Joan's mom, Timothy's grandmother, passed away last week. Joan writes "we are saddened but grateful that she won't have to suffer anymore." Please pray for strength and comfort for the entire family.

Sophia and Olivia Montagner's mom, Antoinetta, has been receiving treatment for cancer for since February. It has been a challenging and difficult time for the entire family. Please uphold Antoinetta in prayer for continued strength and healing. As Antoinette said, "*I truly believe in the power of prayer and collectively as a whole – know God listens*".

There are three weeks left of school this semester. Some students find it difficult to stay motivated and focussed on school when the weather is nice. Please pray that these students can persevere, continue their learning, finish with a sense of accomplishment and, most importantly, know that they are held by a loving Saviour.

Please remember the Grade 12 students as they complete their time at TDChristian and as they look forward to new adventures. Despite uncertainty about what lies ahead, please pray that they may have a sense of peace and excitement for the future.

## School Culture

- J. Dykxhoorn

Our daily assemblies continue to air every morning at 8:50 a.m. This week we heard an amazing devotional from Erin Mooney in Grade 10 who spoke on contentment. View it on our YouTube channel, TDCH Woodbridge.

We continue to celebrate student work, hear about school events, and spend time in community in this way as well. We are in the process of planning our Final Assembly, June 18, which will be highlighted by a celebration of our Grade 12 students.

## Transportation

- J. Dykxhoorn

Looking for ways to earn 10 volunteer hours next year? I would ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a Bus Rep for one of our routes. This is a great way to make connections with other families at our school, and to be part of an essential part of TD, the safe transportation to and from school for our students.

Our Bus Reps assist in checking that our families are aware of their bus stops and route times by making connections in August, attend a meeting in August where you will meet "your" bus driver, and work with the school throughout the year if there are busing concerns from one of your families.

We are still looking for at least one Bus Rep for next year. Email [dykxhoorn@tdchristian.ca](mailto:dykxhoorn@tdchristian.ca) if you are interested or if you have any questions. **Please note:** since we have existing bus reps, you may not end up being the Bus Rep for the route that your own family rides.

## Admissions

- P. Schuurman

You are ALL invited to our first ever, Virtual Spring Open House on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 7 p.m.! This unique event will provide you with a stunning opportunity to "step into the building" and meet our caring and competent staff and students. Find out why **YOU BELONG HERE!**

Please go to our YouTube channel, TDCH Woodbridge, on May 28 at 7 p.m. for the premiere. Of course, anyone can watch it after that time, as the episode remains on the channel.

If you would like to be part of a video conference before and after the open house, please email Patty Schuurman at [schuurman@tdchristian.ca](mailto:schuurman@tdchristian.ca) to get the proper Zoom link.

If you are a long time supporter, a current family, a new family, or a first-time guest to TDChristian, this is a wonderful opportunity to check out what's happening "at school" from the comforts of your home or the convenience of your phone!

It may be affirming to know that TDChristian has been working hard to continue meaningful learning experiences as we serve God's Kingdom. Please join us! Please pass the word along and share this event with friends – the more we talk to others about the benefits of TDChristian, the better!

## From the Finance Office

- M. Cate

The tuition forms for the 2020-21 school year will be mailed by the end of the week. Please review the family information and use the form to provide changes or corrections to phone numbers and email addresses. Forms are due back at school by Wednesday, June 10. A stamped return envelope will be included for your convenience. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me using [mcate@tdchristian.ca](mailto:mcate@tdchristian.ca). We are here to help you!

## Board Matters

- L. Elliott

On behalf of the TDChristian Board of Directors, thank you to each parent, guardian, homestay parent and member who attended the very first virtual Membership Meeting. By the numbers, it was a huge success, with 221 people in attendance, joining everywhere from Woodbridge to Nigeria. Virtually and together we honoured June Tenyenhuis, approved next year's budget, voted in three new Board members and re-elected one other, received updates on Hubs, Project 20/20 and Fire Hall Thrift and unveiled Notice 2020. If you are interested in being a Hub host or finding more about it, contact [marg@tdchristian.ca](mailto:marg@tdchristian.ca).

We learned that we can do a virtual membership meeting, even with the complexities of voting and confirming attendance. We are thankful for a team of staff who worked hard behind the scenes. We also learned that we can do better. Thank you to those who submitted questions ahead and to those who have given helpful feedback. If you have suggestions or comments to help us improve, please email them to [secretary@tdchristian.ca](mailto:secretary@tdchristian.ca). As a Board, we, too, continue to learn for service in the light of God's word.

It is our hope that in the months ahead, we can return to gathering in person as a community. However, until then, we move ahead in the certainty of God's unfailing love, acknowledging that it is far greater and deeper than we had previously imagined.

## Falcon's Perch

- C. Hoving

This past Friday we had the privilege of meeting as coaches and determining this year's awards winners. We were thankful as we reflected on the significant contributions many graduates made towards our sports teams and the overall program. I will give a final overview of the Athletes of the Year award in the last Fridge Door. All of this year's award winners will be announced during the final assembly on June 18.

Tomorrow, I will meet with Athletic Directors in York Region (YRAA), our local league. We will start the conversation of what sports might look like in the fall. There is lots to consider as we look at the possibilities ahead. Many of our athletes who compete in spring and summer sports outside of school are now receiving cancellation notifications. We think of them, and others who desire to compete and who enjoy sports as we navigate through these times of uncertainty and disappointment.

## Music Notes

- K. Hayward

TDChristian music students are nearing the end of their arduous journey. They are to be commended for their hard work and persistence.

Parents and guardians of instrumental music students who are currently using instruments (band folders and sheet music) on loan from or through TDChristian are asked to assist their charges in preparing these items for return to school as noted in the locker clear out section. It is critical that students complete the inventory forms which will be sent out over the next couple of days. A paper copy of this form must be returned inside the case of the instrument(s) being returned.

Students in band and choir are reminded to review Edsby for important end of semester announcements.

This is the last week that band and choir will meet for formal Zoom chats, you can expect to see evidence of their work in the coming weeks.

Please direct any questions about the music program to Mr. Hayward via e-mail to: [hayward@tdchristian.ca](mailto:hayward@tdchristian.ca)

## Guidance Corner

- E. Dengerink

**Post-secondary:** June 1 is the deadline for accepting a university offer. Offers of acceptance are completed through OUAC. Students must follow the steps carefully and be sure to receive a confirmation number upon acceptance.

Students should check their e-mails frequently for updates from universities as to plans for the fall semester. Plans are quickly taking shape and all universities have committed to informing future students about what the fall semester will look like. If you are not excited to start university or college on-line, you may defer your acceptance for a year or possibly until the winter semester. Check your institution's deferral policy for more information.

**Power to Change:** Graduating from high school is an exciting milestone. Will you be continuing your studies at a Canadian college or university? Connect with Power to Change on your campus. [P2c.sh/findmycampus](https://p2c.sh/findmycampus). You can sign up for their newsletter at [p2c.com/students/subscribe](https://p2c.com/students/subscribe). Make your faith count.

Grade 12 students: Did you know that “**The Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)**” provides financial support to post-secondary students and high school graduates who are unable to find work due to COVID-19. This benefit is for students who do not qualify for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) or Employment Insurance (EI). See [canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/emergency-student-benefit.htm](https://canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/emergency-student-benefit.htm).

**Summer School Registration** is available now in all school boards. TDChristian does not run a summer school program. Students needing to attend summer school can do so via their local public/catholic school board. Students who are in danger of failing a course should register for the upgrade course (two weeks in most boards) as soon as possible. It is much easier to sign up and drop out than try to get in at the last minute. Courses often fill up quickly. Information regarding summer school is on the Splash! Page. Contact Mrs. Dengerink for more information.

**ONTARIO SUMMER JOBS** helps working-age students (15 to 30) gain jobs and experience through a range of summer job opportunities. They connect students to free self-marketing and job search services in all employment sectors. Check the following websites: [ontario.ca/summerjobs](https://ontario.ca/summerjobs), [ontario.ca/careers](https://ontario.ca/careers), and [youthconnect.ca](https://youthconnect.ca) to see what is available this summer.

### Community Service Hours

**Grade 12 students:** if you have any completed Community Service Hour Forms at home, send them to Marg via Edsby or email [marg@tdchristian.ca](mailto:marg@tdchristian.ca). We know the Ministry of Education announced that any unfinished hours would be waived this year, but we do keep copies in your OSR records. It's always a good thing to have those for future reference.

## Centre Stage

- R. Peters

Come join our faithful crew of audiences members for adLIBB (Lunchtime Improv in the Black Box ... but online) this Thursday at 11:50 a.m. Shout out to our super fans who have barely missed a one! Our team is branching out to puppet and non-puppet improv. We're having a blast, and we do all the work (based on your suggestions). Need a laugh during these crazy Covid days? Email [peters@tdchristian.ca](mailto:peters@tdchristian.ca) for the link and we'll see you there!

## Library Shelf

- J. Knibbe

**Wanted! Library Books!** Every student who borrowed books from the TDChristian library will have received an Edsby message with the details. Information as to how and when to return the books has been communicated elsewhere in this week's Fridge Door.

Students should CHECK their Edsby messages and send a reply. Students are responsible for returning books and textbooks. Students who have lost books or who attempt to return damaged ones will be required to pay for the book's replacement.

Current students in Grades 9, 10 or 11, who plan to be back next year, can Edsby message the librarian, Mrs. Knibbe, to renew the library books for the summer.

## TDChristian Archives

- J. Knibbe

We hope to celebrate TDChristian's 60th anniversary in 2022-23. In preparation, I have been in contact with the valedictorians from each graduating class. Len Bos was the valedictorian in 1971. If you know of his whereabouts, please connect with him and have him contact me at [knibbe@tdchristian.ca](mailto:knibbe@tdchristian.ca). Thank you!

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.

## From the Art Room

Grade 11 and 12 students who wish to keep the self portrait pop art that is hanging in the Commons, can pick it up from the school but must pay \$40 to cover the cost of the canvas. Any pieces left at the end of the school year will be recycled.

**Take a Look!**

**VIRTUAL  
OPEN HOUSE**

Thursday, May 28  
7 pm

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