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Nota Bene

- William Groot

This is an exciting week for two main reasons: TDChristian Grandparents' Day Assembly is TOMORROW and it is Teacher Appreciation Week. I am thankful for God's faithfulness from generation to generation via grandparents and day to day via our team of committed and passionate teachers.

Grandparents Day Assembly Promised to Be a Great One! Premieres at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 6.

It is ready to go and is full of fun content, little surprises, and *hundreds* of grandchildren. We hope as many grandparents, families, and students watch it as possible. 2020's Grandparents Day assembly has more than 2,000 views. Spread the word. The direct link to tomorrow's assembly is <https://youtu.be/NG3S7EYLpwk>. After the assembly, we encourage students and grandparents to connect as it is a Work Day. Remember: the assembly can be watched anytime after 9 a.m.

Teacher Appreciation Week

In this time of remote learning, I was encouraged to read an article about the importance of connection. It is what many of TDChristian teachers are doing really well according to the Grade Advisory Groups with which I meet weekly. See [Students Are Struggling. They're Asking Us to Slow Down and Focus on Relationships.](#) Thank you, teachers!

You count on us! We count on you! As we complete Quad 4, let us remind each other and remember, God is our Rock!

What's Upcoming at TDChristian?

- **Thursday, May 6** is Grandparents Day via Zoom. See postcard on page 6
- **Thursday, May 6 at 9 p.m.** TDChristian Online Auction closes
- **Thursday, May 13** is our Spring Open House. It will be an online, live event beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

We are thankful to report that Ms. Weening's liver donation surgery went extremely well and she is recovering at home. View the TDChristian assembly by clicking [Friday, April 30 edition](#) to hear her story and devotions. It's on YouTube.

Our hearts go out to grade 10 students, Sofia and Olivia Montagner, their dad Michael, and their extended family as their mom, Antonietta, passed away last week from cancer. The funeral was on Monday. Please pray for strength, comfort, and peace and that they may be surrounded by God's love and the love of their communities, including TDChristian, as they mourn and grieve this incredible loss.

We are thankful that we can continue learning remotely. However, we also pray that we may be able to safely return to in-person learning even for a few weeks. There are many students and staff members who would like to have the closure that comes with being in the building in their classes for the end of the 2020-21 school year.

Buy Online: TOMORROW is the Final Day for the Online Auction!

Go to the TDChristian Splash! Page and bid on a great selection of items donated to help raise funds for TDChristian!

Buy Online: firehallthrift.ca

- P. Haffenden

We continue to move forward with rezoning with the hope that Firehall Thrift can open when it is safe. In the meantime, go to firehallthrift.ca to find out what you can buy and how you might earn parent/guardian volunteer hours through push marketing.

Transportation

- J. Dykxhoorn

Did you know that (pre-pandemic) there are approximately 18,000 school buses that travel a combined two million kilometers in Ontario every school day? TDChristian currently contributes 13 buses and roughly 1,400 km of travel/school day. This certainly seems better than walking uphill to school both ways!

From the Finance Office

- M. Rosie

Tuition forms for the 2021-22 school year will be mailed to each family later this month.

Admissions: Spring Open House on May 13

- P. Schuurman

Hello Parents and Guardians of Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8 Students!

We warmly invite you to our Spring Open House on Thursday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. which will be live streamed via Zoom. Check out TDChristian High School right from your own home!

Feel free to invite others to find out about TDChristian or come and learn more knowing that your son or daughter will be entering Grade 9 this September. Spend some time with us! Hear from current students what learning at TDChristian has been like during the year, both in-person and remotely.

We look forward to seeing many people at this live stream event you won't want to miss! Please email Patty Schuurman an RSVP to her e-mail address schuurman@tdchristian.ca. She will send you the Zoom link. If you have not received the Zoom link by Wednesday, May 12 at 5 p.m., please let her know. Hope to see you on May 13!

Board Matters

- Steve Martin, TDChristian Board Vice Chair

Thank you for investing your time to join us at the TDChristian Annual Spring Membership Meeting on April 22. Although we are all looking forward to when we can again meet in person, we are thankful to have the technology that allows us to meet online.

The exceptional quality of learning for which TDChristian is renowned does not happen by accident. In part, it is as a result of investment and intentionality by many committed people over many years. During the meeting we were able to celebrate together the incredible contribution of several departing and retiring staff members and the faithful provisions of our God as we work through the challenges of learning during a pandemic.

Members of the TDChristian society serve important roles in providing input and support for the ongoing growth of this esteemed institution. To any who would like to explore the possibility of joining the society, we will be hosting a New Members meeting again in the fall. Thank you again for your ongoing support!

School Culture

- J. Dykxhoorn

Tomorrow is Grandparents Day and I am always struck by the generational support that TDChristian receives. Watching students share their learning, gifts, and talents is always a highlight of this day. I strongly encourage you to view this year's assembly on our YouTube channel, TDCHWoodbridge or use the link: [GP Assembly](#). The assembly is something that everyone can enjoy: so watch it! Feel free to share it with your friends and neighbours too!

"Relay Days" continue at TDChristian on Friday. The Relay for Life team wants to encourage students and staff to wear purple to help raise awareness for pancreatic cancer. Our Relay for Life events will take place in June. Stay tuned for ways that you can support our students in their goals to raise money for cancer research.

Finally, I want to encourage all of our community to continue to connect with each other. If you haven't heard from a friend in a couple of weeks, reach out and see how they are doing! Continue to look for ways to rejoice with those who are rejoicing, and to mourn with those who are mourning. Finally, let's continue to uphold each other in thought and prayer as we walk through another season of the pandemic together.

The Learning Commons

- M. Jaworski

We are well into the final quadmester of learning for 2020-21. As assignments and tests pile up, students, parents, guardians, and homestay parents are reminded that with permission, students can come to the Learning Commons to study, to work, and to receive help and support from teachers and EAs who are present.

Ways students can receive support from the Learning Commons:

1. **Come in person** to school and learn here. During remote learning, you have instant access to teachers and EAs who are willing and able to support you with school work and helping you answer questions you may have. Contact Mrs. Jaworski to get permission and to make arrangements.
2. **Attend Homework Club:** In-person or virtually, in-school homework help is available from Monday to Thursday from 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. and Virtual Homework Club is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. Zoom links can be found in the daily announcements.

Music Notes

- K. Hayward

On Monday May 3, hundreds of thousands of children, youth, teachers, parents and community members across Canada joined #TogetherInHarmony for Music Monday.

Music students at TDChristian along with many others, have been treated to some fantastic performances by student and professional musicians across the nation. Every year the event encourages performances by all participants in an anthem. Over the last few years the anthem has been sung to music written by jazz piano great Oscar Peterson. Here is a link to the lyrics of the anthem: [Anthem lyrics](#).

Tune in to the Grandparents Day event on Thursday, to see and hear performances by TDChristian students.

Contact Mr. Hayward if you have any questions about the music program at hayward@tdchristian.ca.

Grade 11 Mentorship

- S. Van Eerden

Because of the pandemic, Mentorship is looking a little bit different this year. First and foremost, it is connected to English and New Testament classes more directly, so only students in those courses are doing Mentorship right now. Secondly, it only requires a five-hour placement. The hope is that this can be completed in one day, either online or in person, depending where we are at that time.

In discussion with the students, we have recommended either Friday, May 21 or Friday, June 11. No new projects or work will be given on either of these days.

The entire project is due on Friday, June 18, which is the last day of Quad 4. The details of Mentorship can be found on Edsby in the English class library. Feel free to contact Mr. Van Eerden directly with any questions that arise.

Falcon's Perch

- C. Hoving

We have had the pleasure of welcoming Ms. White, *Coach Carolyn* (one of our parents) to lead Tuesday afternoon *Fit for Summer 8-Week Fitness Club*. We had our second workout on Tuesday. We encourage students to join! See the announcements for more info as the club runs every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom!

As always and despite the dreary weather, find ways to be active! Take breaks and move your body indoors and outdoors, if possible, throughout the day. It will help your work and you will feel better. Set alarms or reminders; it is easy with remote learning to be caught up in the same space for longer stretches without noticing it.

Centre Stage

- R. Peters

Congratulations to our Junior and Senior Improv teams on their National Tournament Performances! Our previous best showings in the Canadian Improv Games National Tournament were 6th and 18th respectively. While this is DEFINITELY an "asterisk" year, we were nevertheless able to field two teams, and came in 13th and 11th in the country!

Our drama department is now under the capable hands of alumnus Jade Hoekstra, who is teaching Grade 10 Drama and coaching our Senior and Junior Improv teams. While Mr. Peters is technically on sabbatical... he's keeping "an ear to the ground". He is thrilled to hear all the rave reviews that Jade is garnering!

Congratulations to Halton/Georgetown/Milton HUB! You've won our friendly HUB competition for the month of April by earning \$388.71 for the month bring your season total to \$827.47! Anyone from this HUB who earned a minimum of \$20 this season has been awarded a bonus volunteer hour.

Thanks to everyone who participated for the season which ended April 30. All volunteer hours from FlipGive have been tallied and submitted to the school for tracking. FlipGiving raised \$1,900 for TDChristian! Thank you!

We are now starting a new fundraising session with FlipGive. Please see the following details on how to participate. DO NOT continue to shop through the previous team as it will be shutting down in the coming days. This is a process and takes a few days as funds have to be transferred out. Orders and earnings that occurred after April 30 cannot be tracked or counted towards your earnings/hours.

For this new fundraising season, join in one of two ways.

If you are already signed up with FlipGive:

1. Login to your FlipGive account.
2. Click on the team name on the top left hand corner (Toronto District Christian High School).
3. Scroll down below the settings area to where you see 'Switch Account' heading.
4. Click on 'Join Team' with the + button and enter the code L2HTJW.

To sign up for the first time to FlipGive:

1. Join team **TDChristian** by clicking: [Join Team Link](#). The join Code is **L2HTJW**.
2. You will get a \$5 bonus the first time you shop by

What's new and exciting? Family and friends can now also participate and help you earn hours. Here are the steps:

1. Parents and guardians must first join or sign-up to team **TDChristian** using the set of steps above.
2. When we see you have joined, we will then set your family name up as team *Player*.
3. Once #2 is complete, family and friends can be invited to join the team by clicking this link: [Join Team Link](#). When they do, they will be given an option via a dropdown menu to choose under which player they want to sign up. Be sure they choose your team as we won't know all of your family and friends. Alternatively, you can invite others to sign up by sending an invite link/join code directly from your account to them.
4. Shop!

Here are particulars for this new session of FlipGive (which runs from now until April 30, 2022):

1. Every \$20 you earn for TDChristian earns you ONE parent/guardian volunteer hour up to a maximum of 12.5 hours.
2. After you've reached 12.5 hours, you can earn ONE volunteer hour for every \$40 earned via FlipGive for TDChristian.
3. Earnings from family and friends who are signed up under your team will count towards your total.
4. The maximum number of volunteer hours is 18 hours to encourage people to diversify their volunteering.
5. Earnings for volunteer hours will be counted for the 2021-22 school year.

Finally, earn volunteer hours by becoming a HUB leader for the FlipGive program. Email Leanne Fernhout to find out more at fernhout@tdchristian.ca.

Guidance Corner

- E. Dengerink

Grade 12 students: Quadmester 3 final grades were sent to OUAC and OCAS and should appear in OUAC and/or OCAS accounts. Students should check for accuracy, especially for courses taken outside of TDChristian. If there are any errors or omissions, please contact Mrs. Dengerink. Students should check their university or college portal for important information regarding deadlines, residence applications, and scholarships.

Students who have not received an offer from all universities, do not despair! May 27 is the latest date universities are required to send out an offer of admission or a refusal. The final round of offers will be taking place in the next couple of weeks.

Many universities offer a summer transition program for students with disabilities, including guidance from a Program Coordinator, academic support from a Learning Strategist and training in the use of assistive technology. Contact the universities' student support center for further information.

Summer School information for local Public and Catholic School Boards can be found on the TDChristian Splash! Page. TDChristian does not offer summer school. Virtual summer school is available through your local school boards. Students can attend to recover a credit, upgrade a course, or to take a new course. You must contact Mrs. Dengerink if you would like to register and for course approval.

Library Shelf

- J. Knibbe

Thank you to all of the families and students who have returned textbooks and library books recently. Several students and their parents will receive Edsby messages in the next few days with information about books that still need to be returned to the school. Thank you in advance for responding to the communications that are sent!

TDChristian Archives

- J. Knibbe



Many thanks to Soraya Bonvanie (Class of '79) who donated her class ring and graduation charm, which we look forward to eventually putting on display!

Project 20/20 includes the construction of a bank of display cases along the History Wall, in which we plan to display many items from the collection. Stay tuned for further developments!

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, you come across anything from TDChristian including newsletters, play programs, graduation programs, posters, and school clothing, that we could add to the archives, email me at knibbe@tdchristian.ca.



TDChristian High School's

SPRING OPEN HOUSE



THURSDAY, MAY 13, 6:30 PM

Discover why **YOU**
belong here!

Join us on May 13 to hear from students and teachers, see our building, explore our unique programs and see why this is the school for **YOU!**

*Join us live
via Zoom* 



To receive your Zoom link,
email VP Admissions Patty Schuurman at
schuurman@tdchristian.ca today.