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Fridge Door Message

- William Groot, Principal

In the past, we sent out the “Fridge Door” every two weeks to let everyone know about what’s happening at TDChristian and a heads up to what’s directly ahead!

This year, we are working on a new format. However, we need to work out some of its wrinkles. Therefore, to begin this year, we are sending you this message. The message is packed with information and opportunities. It ends with a Zoom PRAYER GROUP opportunity that includes our theme from Hebrews 13.

Enjoy!

WHAT’S UPCOMING?

#1. This Thursday, Sept. 16 at 7 p.m.: Future Directions Zoom meeting for Grade 12 students and parents, guardians or homestay parents. The meeting has been shortened to ONE hour (approx.) and includes information on university, college, apprenticeship and other post-secondary applications and options. Attendees who fill in a feedback form after attending will earn 1.5 parent volunteer hours (as the meeting has been shortened). Email marg@tdchristian.ca for the Zoom link. Grade 11 parents or guardians may also attend with their children.

#2. This Thursday, Sept. 16 at 7 p.m.: New Families Meeting at TDChristian. The focus will be on families meeting each other, sharing how the start has gone, and connecting with Ms. Gretton (VP Learning and Math), Ms. Templeton (Science), Mrs. deBoer (Resource), Mr. Peters (Drama and options), and me (focus on non-grade 9 families). We will also demonstrate a few things in Edsby. (Families who attend can earn 2.5 volunteer hours). If you wish to attend, please email marg@tdchristian.ca by Wednesday.

#3. Tuesday, October 12 is Project Day 1. Students will have a four to six hour project for their period 1 classes.

#4. Thursday, October 14 from 3 to 8 p.m.: Learning Dialogues. Parents, guardians, homestay parents and students can meet with teachers about their classes. We will determine if this is done by Zoom or in-person closer to the date.

SCHOOL LIFE: Yesterday was our first assembly day. Given the pandemic, each grade met in the commons during one of the periods. Students heard about our theme, “serve daily” based on Hebrews 13 with a focus, this time, on verse 16, “And don’t forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.” Then they found out about clubs, something that is part of TDChristian’s Strategic Plan theme of “Belonging and Flourishing.”

CLUBS: Mr. Dykxhoorn presented over 30 options for first semester clubs (including Choir for which students can earn 0.5 credit each grade) during Monday’s assemblies. Students must make their choices by the end of the day today using an online survey sent to them through Edsby. We are planning to begin clubs on Tuesday, September 21.

LEARNING COMMONS: After School Homework Help is available mainly for students in Grades 9 and 10 on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 2:25-4:00 pm. If you are interested in having your child attend, please send Mrs. Michelle Jaworski and email or Edsby message including their name and the day(s) with which you would like them to be present. Attendance will be taken as with classes. Learning Coordinator Contact Information: Homerooms A-K - Mrs. Michelle Jaworski (jaworski@tdchristian.ca), Homerooms L-U - Mrs. Janice deBoer (deboer@tdchristian.ca)

FROM Ms. GRETTON: Thank you for welcoming me to the TDChristian community! My role as Vice Principal of Learning includes leading our professional development plan and visioning new directions for learning at TDChristian in collaboration with our awesome staff. A significant change is our new weekly schedule (including asynchronous

learning) which you can find in the Family & Student Handbook (link on Splash! Page). Please Edsby message me if you have any questions. I look forward to getting to know you this year!

ATHLETICS:

#1. We have begun tryouts for Boys Soccer with anticipation to play in the York Region fall league. We will keep those trying out up-to-date with any changes.

#2. There are currently no fall seasons in York Region for Girls Basketball or Boys Volleyball. We are going to begin some informal time beginning next week for both sports. It will focus on skill development and scrimmaging. If we can put teams together for either sport we will schedule tryouts and announce them via daily Edsby announcements.

MUSIC:

#1. Music @ TDChristian is about to re-launch. We have enough students signed up to participate in Concert Band (0.5 credit), Jazz Band, Choir (0.5 credit) and Ascension, our Praise Band. But, we could use more. Students who have not yet done so need to send Mr. Hayward an Edsby message as soon as possible. Band is from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Choir is during Club Periods on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

#2. Vocal lessons are also starting soon. Interested students or their parents or guardians should contact Mr. Hayward by e-mailing hayward@tdchristian.ca.

TRANSPORTATION:

#1. Thank you for your patience as we adjust routes and timing. All busses have arrived on time this week which is a positive development. We will continue to adapt as needed.

#2. If you are having issues with bus tracking, please email hoving@tdchristian.ca. Mr. Hoving will pass it along to the bus tracking company to troubleshoot.

#3. Students must follow the COVID protocols of mask wearing and staying in assigned seats.

#4. There are currently no bus passes to go on buses other than those assigned to students.

VOLUNTEERS: DRAMA @TD is looking for parents with skills in the trades. Are you an electrician or in construction? We'd love to have you help us out in one of the most dynamic teaching/performance spaces at TDChristian! Over the summer we have added a balcony to our Black Box stage, and this year we are getting the room ready for the day we can welcome post-covid audiences. We'd love to have you earn your volunteer hours with us. Contact Mr. Richard Peters (peters@tdchristian.ca) for more information.

FINANCE: If you have questions for the finance office, you can reach Meg Rosie at mrosie@tdchristian.ca or at extension 214.

PRAISE and PETITION:

#1. We thank God for a good start and that we are able to be in person.

#2. Please pray for those who are adjusting to high school or a new high school.

PRAYER GROUP: Do you have the gift of intercession and are interested in praying for our school community? Do you have 30 minutes on a Thursday night to volunteer your time to pray? Please join a group of parents or guardians every Thursday evening, starting Oct 7 from 7 to 7:30 pm, by Zoom to pray for TDCH and earn yourself some volunteer hours at the same time! Contact Ruth at ruthsolski@gmail.com if you are interested in joining. *"Therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."* Hebrews 13:15,16