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Nota Bene

- William Groot

"William's Word of the Week" has been a segment in assemblies this year (see our YouTube channel, TDCHWoodbridge). It is a direct descendant of student Patrick Clark's "Word of the Day," originally featured in the PULSE, our TV show.

Last week's word was "revivification" which means the renewal or restoration of life. This week for many of us it has been a renewal – an important part of our lives has been restored. We are treasuring these times.

However, we must also be careful: avoid congregating, wear our masks properly, and stay at home if we don't pass the screening protocol. Our students and our community have done well. Let's continue to be vigilant.

For students who continue to learn remotely, my hope is that they experience revivification after the Family Day weekend and a snow day. They, too, are important members of the TDChristian community.

Finally, our ultimate revivification is in Christ. Kristina Pazic, one of last year's grade 9 students, died one year ago this week. She has experienced it. Until we reach our times, we will continue to learn for service in the light of God's Word.

P.S. If you have Patrick Clark's contact info let me know or have him contact me via groot@tdchristian.ca; it would be a treat to have him contribute a "Word of the Day" for this year's students.

What's Upcoming?

- **Grade 11 Course Selections** (for students currently in Grade 10): Thurs., Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. *Parents/guardians can earn one volunteer hour for attending provided they have a child in the grade. Email marg@tdchristian.ca for a link.*
- **Grade 10 Course Selections** (for students currently in Grade 9): Thurs., Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. *Parents/guardians can earn one volunteer hour for attending provided they have a child in the grade. Email marg@tdchristian.ca for a link.*
- **Pastors & Youth Workers' NO Breakfast:** Tues., Feb. 23 at 9 a.m. *Invite your pastors and/or youth workers to this event. RSVPs should be emailed to schuurman@tdchristian.ca. A Zoom link will be sent.*
- **Remote Learning Day:** On Wed., Feb. 24 students stay home and Zoom into their classes. No busses will run. The Learning Commons will be open. Email jaworski@tdchristian.ca to arrange to be at school.
- **Remote Learning Day:** On Wed., Mar. 3 students stay home and Zoom into their classes. No busses will run. The Learning Commons will be open. Email jaworski@tdchristian.ca to arrange to be at school.
- **TDChristian Virtual Talent Show:** Thurs., Mar. 4 at 6 p.m.
- **Project Day Quad 3:** Mon., Mar. 8. Students stay home and work on their class assignments. No busses will run. The Learning Commons will NOT be open.
- **Estate Planning and Will Clinic:** Tues., Mar. 9 at 7 p.m. Earn parent/guardian volunteer hours. See pg. 8 for details.
- **Quad 3 Midterm Reports** will be posted in Edsby on Wed., Mar. 10.
- **March Holiday Monday:** Mon., Mar. 15. No school. No buses will run.
- **March Holiday Monday:** Mon., Mar. 22. No school. No buses will run.
- **New Members Meeting:** Thurs., Mar. 25. Email elliott@tdchristian.ca for more information.

NOTE: The March Break has been moved to April. Students will have a break from Fri., Apr. 9 to Mon., Apr. 19. Quadmester turnaround days for staff members will be Fri., Apr. 9 and Mon., Apr. 19.

Admissions

- P. Schuurman

We are accepting registrations for the 2021-22 school year. If you have a child in grades 8 to 11 who is not currently attending TDChristian and you wish to begin the process of enrolling, go to tdchristian.ca/studentadmissions. Families of current students will be sent tuition forms in the spring for re-enrolment.

E-mail schuurman@tdchristian.ca with your questions. Please let other people know that they belong at TDChristian!

Pastors' and Youth Workers' Breakfast

Invite your pastor and/or youth director to our Zoom Breakfast on Tues., Feb. 23, from 9 to 10 a.m.

Andrew Peterkin, one of our school therapists, will talk about mental health during the pandemic. What's the impact on teens? What are the signs? How can we work with teens, reactively, and proactively?

All those interested are more than welcomed to attend this Zoom event. RSVP to schuurman@tdchristian.ca to receive a Zoom link before Monday at 5 p.m. While we would love to serve a warm breakfast at this annual event, your pastor/youth director will need to supply their own breakfast.

From the Finance Office

- M. Rosie

All tax receipts for 2020 have been mailed to donors, parents, and guardians.

New! VOLUNTEER HOURS for FlipGive Participation!

TDChristian is offering volunteer hours when you participate in FlipGive! Earning parent/guardian volunteer hours has been a challenge this year. We hope that this will help and be an incentive to earn for TDChristian through FlipGive.

Here's how it works: For every \$20 that you earn for TDChristian through FlipGive until April 30, you will be awarded one parent/guardian volunteer hour (up to a maximum of 12.5 hours).

All you have to do is:

1. Install the FlipGive app on your mobile device (or access from your computer).
2. Sign up with this link/code: [Join Here](#)
3. Make all your purchases through FlipGive (online or gift cards for in-store).
4. TDChristian will take care of the rest and track your hours based on earnings.

Questions? Send an Edsby message to the contact person in your area:

- Halton – Susan VandenHoek
- Orangeville – Sondra Burton
- Brampton – Johanna DeGier
- Toronto – Mary Fantilli
- Newmarket/Bradford/Springdale/HollandMarsh – Maureen Lawson
- Mississauga/Oakville – Ester Wachnik
- Richmond Hill – Alla Pereboeva

Not on Edsby? Send an email to passwords@tdchristian.ca requesting access. Contact Leanne Fernhout at fernhout@tdchristian.ca to become a FlipGive contact for Woodbridge/Kleinburg/Bolton.

TIP OF THE WEEK: According to FlipGive, one account can be used on up to three devices. Another family member can access the account if they are in the store on behalf of the account holder. Alternatively, a screenshot of the gift card bar code can be used at the register. Try it out and let us know how it went.

School Culture

- J. Dykxhoorn

We continue to celebrate Black history month at TDChristian. Each day in our announcements we feature a story of a black Canadian who shares the story of an influential black Canadian in history. An example can be viewed in last week's assembly found on our YouTube channel, TDCHWoodbridge.

Students are encouraged to submit their talent show videos following the directions in the daily Edsby announcements. The talent show is tentatively scheduled for March 4.

ESTATE PLANNING 101 (Earn Parent/Guardian Volunteer Hours)

A will is on Everyone's To-Do List! Some people have not yet put together a proper will Others have done so, but with the passage of time, an update is needed. Especially in the middle of a global pandemic, we should pay attention to this fact. But how do we get started? We are here to help!

On March 9 at 7 pm, TDChristian is hosting an Estate Planning 101 Seminar by Zoom. (See the flyer on pg. 8.) Ever wonder who you should choose as a guardian for your young children? Should you be the executor for your spouse's will? These and many other questions will be addressed.

Cost? Because this is sponsored by the Christian School Foundation and Christian Stewardship Services, you can attend at NO COST! Register here: [Estate Planning 101](#)

Parents and guardians will receive two volunteer hours (per family) for registering and attending. For more info contact Leanne Fernhout by emailing fernhout@tdchristian.ca.

Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

We praise God with Laura and Brad Kooy with the birth of Jonah Bradley Kooy on February 11. Mom and baby are doing well and Hudson is excited to be a big brother!

We uphold the Pazic family as we remember that Kristina was taken to be with her Lord a year ago. She is dearly missed by her family and friends.

We are thrilled to be able to meet in person again! Please pray that being in-school will be the norm for the remainder of the school year. May students and staff members (and all our families) remain healthy and safe!

Course selections are due at the beginning of March. Please pray for wisdom for our students and parents and guardians as they make decisions and consider options for next year and beyond high school.

Transportation

- J. Dykxhoorn

After Tuesday's snow day, our buses resumed their normal routes on Wednesday. Given the winter weather, please ensure that your children are at their bus stops at least 5 to 10 minutes early as routes are a little more unpredictable. A reminder: the bus tracker details can be found on the TDChristian Splash! Page.

It is very important that students remain in their seats with their masks on for the duration of the rides to and from school. Due to the enclosed nature of buses, mask compliance is necessary. Students who fail to wear their masks will be required to be driven to school for period of time.

Trivia Night at TDChristian

- W. Groot

This past Tuesday night, 18 teams consisting of over 100 people from all parts of the TDChristian community enjoyed Trivia Night. Teams answered 100 trivia questions. The top teams, Breinders and Puma Concolor, earned 73 points. Breinders took home the trophy and top prize by winning the tie-breaker.

It was an evening of community fun. Thanks to the many volunteers, especially the ten quizmasters for their work under the direction and guidance of Mr. Dykxhoorn and Ms. Jaworski.

We share a quote from one of the team leaders, "I wanted to say thank you for arranging, coordinating, and encouraging during tonights' trivia event. It was great to "see" teachers and families and to play a game. I had a great evening, alongside and teamed up with my family including current students and graduates of TDChristian. We all had a great time tonight, and I honestly can't recall the last time I had pure fun! Thank you to all who put in time, talent, and effort to make this happen."

If all goes well, we will run this in person next year at TDChristian!

The First Impressions of a New Board Member

- Tim Sinke

Last fall, I was approached to consider sitting on the board at TDChristian. After mulling it over, discussing with my wife, and praying for God's guidance, I was happy to let my name stand and eagerly took up my task in December after receiving the requisite support in the Fall Membership meeting. Since that time, I've participated in three virtual meetings, tried to glean as much knowledge as possible by reading Board reference materials, and slowly got to

know my fellow Board members a bit better. I've appreciated the Board's patient explanation of lingo and practices that are new to me and have benefitted from access to my Board Mentor (thanks Rodney Falconer!).

My initial impressions are really these three. First, I'm really enjoying the passionate focus of strong Christians around the cause of TDChristian. The Board group enjoys the contributions of its members' different skills and abilities, but the strong core emphasis on Christian education creates a unity that I find personally uplifting and enjoyable.

Second, probably like many of us, I think I have a love/hate relationship with Zoom! Without the Board's ability to conduct our meetings remotely we would really be in a much more difficult position, but at the same time it's much harder to build relationships and human connections without being in the same room. I also can't get to the school to absorb some of the TD vibe as I would have wanted to. Hopefully we can resume in-person Board meetings later this year.

Finally, I'm feeling the excitement and momentum build about the work ahead of us, particularly as it relates to finalizing, presenting, and implementing the new Strategic Plan. The renewed visioning process for TDChristian has been underway over the past several months, and we are enthused to share the outcome in the Spring Membership Meeting. Hope to see you there, virtually!

The Learning Commons

- M. Jaworski

We are so excited to welcome everyone back into the school building. Since we are well into the third Quadmester, projects, tests, and assignments are starting to build up. If you need help or simply want a quiet place to study, come to homework club. It runs every week, Monday to Thursday, from 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. in the Learning Commons. Virtual homework club will also continue for students learning remotely. It runs on Tuesdays *and* Thursdays from 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. Simply click the link in the daily Edsby announcements to access support. We hope to see you there!

Music Notes (Talent Night)

- K. Hayward

TDChristian Virtual Talent night is quickly approaching.

Students are challenged to "share their talents." Show us your musical skill, athletic prowess, hobbies, artistic creations, your amazing pets, trick shots, photographs and more."

Send us a 25-second audition video in which you play us a clip of your song, a plan for your trick shot, part of your magic show, or a painting you made; whichever talent or item you care to share. The video must be uploaded to YouTube (you can keep it private) then send the link to kim@tdchristian.ca for review. If you are using music send us the copy you plan to use and the lyrics.

All school rules and guidelines for conduct are to be upheld. Pay attention to things like your clothing choices and your lyrics because this is a community event to be shared with the TDChristian family!

Grade 11 Mentorship

- S. Van Eerden

Mentorship 2021: 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, and 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 Monday, March 8 or Thursday, April 1, which are days when the students will be working from home. Of course, students may use either of the March Holiday Mondays, if they wish (Mar. 15 or 22).

The entire project is due on Friday, April 9. 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 are thrilled to be back in the building and hope we will be for an extended period of time. Enjoy breaks from screens, but still continue to find ways to be active. Extend your walk when you get off the bus and do a lap around the block or integrate a workout into your homework breaks. It will continue to benefit your work and mental health.

As we establish being back in the building and prioritizing safety, we will look at how we can be active at school.

I received an e-mail last week from the Ontario Federation of School Athletics Association (OFSAA) that their Spring Championships have been cancelled. We will see what, if anything, is possible for our league (YRAA) and the Christian schools (OCSSAA) over the next number of weeks with respect to spring sports.

Guidance Corner

- E. Dengerink

COURSE SELECTION EVENINGS

Guidance is hosting Zoom meetings to assist students with Course Selections for the 2021-22 school year. Parents, guardians, and homestay parents are encouraged to attend, if they wish, with or without their children. We will review the Course Selection process (using myBlueprint), post-secondary requirements, and the options to keep in mind when selecting courses.

Grade 11 Course Selections (for students currently in Grade 10): Thurs., Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. Find out about **INTERNATIONAL BLOCK** and **INTERNSHIP BLOCK** by attending!

Grade 10 Course Selections (for students currently in Grade 9): Thurs., Feb. 25 at 7 p.m.

If you or your children would like to attend a meeting, send an email to marg@tdchristian.ca indicating which meeting you plan to attend. She will respond with a Zoom link. Parents or guardians can earn one volunteer hour for attending provided they have a child in the grade.

University and College Virtual Visits: March is traditionally a time for visiting potential universities and colleges. This year most schools are offering virtual visits and many opportunities for information sessions. Be sure to visit and learn before you have to make your decision about accepting an offer.

The Grade 12 Guidance Group has information about Open House dates, next steps, and scholarships. Be sure to check regularly!

March Break Opportunity

Queen's University: Introducing - Engineering Innovation March Break Virtual Program, March 15 to 18, 2021 for high school students. Cost is \$395. Learn about Engineering, Design, Presentation Skills, Entrepreneurship and more. Design and Pitch your own mobile application to better the world! Learn and apply the Design Thinking method in teams to learn more about how innovation and change is shaping the world and Queen's University.

Engineering Innovation is a partnership program between Queen's Engineering Connections, the Dunin-Deshpande Innovation Centre and the Enrichment Studies Unit and includes 35 hours of live program delivery. Find out more at: esu.queensu.ca/programs/marchbreak/?utm_source=E-blastSchools&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=2021

SUMMER IDEAS

Earn your **Grade 11 Biology University credit** through the Toronto Zoo school this summer. For more information, go to <https://www.torontozoo.com/tz/zooschool> for more information.

Explore! Live the Canadian experience! If you are in Grade 11 or 12, consider taking EXPLORE. This five-week intensive immersion program is adapted to all skill levels. It is an opportunity to travel, learn and practise your French while discovering a new culture. The \$2800 bursary (available to all applicants) pays for most of the cost. You could also apply to **Languages at Work**, which provides opportunities to work in your host community following the Explore program. Check www.myexplore.ca and www.languagesatwork.ca/en.

Youth Explore is a three-week intensive immersion program for youth aged 13 to 15. The \$2000 bursary pays for most of the cost. Improve your French, meet new people, and explore Canada! Check www.myexplore.ca for more information.

It's only February but it's time to consider finding a **summer volunteer or paid job**. Check out your favourite summer camp for details or your City Recreation website. There are lots of jobs in day camps, overnight camps, and at your local pool. Interviews and hiring often begins in February.

Camp Shalom needs staff for their summer camp program! Positions include counsellors, kitchen and maintenance staff, and lifeguards. Check ontariochristiancamp.ca/get-involved/apply-for-staff/ for more information. Now is the time to apply. Interviews start in the middle of February.

Intersity Pioneer Camp is also looking for staff. Check <https://www.pioneercampontario.ca/> for opportunities to volunteer or for a paid position.

Course Selections 2021-22

This past Thursday, current Grade 11 students were given instructions for Grade 12 Course Selections for next year. Today, Thurs., Feb. 18, current grade 10 students were shown how to select grade 11 courses during their morning class. Tomorrow, on Friday, current grade 9 students will be shown how to pick Grade 10 courses.

Instructions for all grades on how to use myBlueprint to complete course selections are available on the Splash! Page, under Course Info. Supplementary applications can also be found there.

Course Selection due dates are:

Grade 10 Course Selections – Tuesday, March 2

Grade 11 Course Selections – Wednesday, March 3

Grade 12 Course Selections – Thursday March 4

Grade 12 students wishing to take a fifth year should contact Mr. Groot or Mr. Heinbuch. It is possible to get half-price tuition if such students work as student assistants. For more information, talk to Mr. Groot.

Centre Stage

- R. Peters

With the provincial shift of our March Break to April, the ShowPro Class and our production of “The 39 Steps” is once again pivoting, adapting, and now looking to present our play (likely entirely online) during the week following the April Break.

Our Junior and Senior Improv teams are thrilled to be back to in-person practices, as we gear up for the Canadian Improv Games National Tournament that will run through March and April.

Library Shelf

- J. Knibbe

Book Club: The Book Club met over Zoom after school last week to discuss “Bloom” by Kenneth Oppel. We played a few rounds of Scattergories to end the meeting. At our next meeting, now that we are back in the building, we plan to discuss “The Enigma Game” by Elizabeth Wein.

TDChristian Archives

- J. Knibbe

Addition to the Collection: Thank you to Joyce Lindemulder, who sent us her diploma folder from 1979.

Project 20/20 also includes the construction of display cases in the History Hall 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.

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

Volunteer Opportunities

1. See the FlipGive announcement on page 2 to earn up to 12.5 hours by simply using this app while doing regular shopping.
2. Attend the Course Selections evening for your child's grades (see Guidance Corner).
3. Attend the Estate Planning and Will Clinic on Tuesday, March 9 and earn two volunteer hours.
4. If you are able and interested in doing small monthly jobs around the school, such as replacing ceiling tiles, light bulbs and ballasts, etc. please contact rdengerink@tdchristian.ca.

Europe Trip 2022 (Something for Which to Look Forward)

- D. Robinson & M. Rosie

Ever wanted to see the world and experience another culture firsthand? Well now you can! Pack your bags. We are off to Holland, Germany and France in Spring 2022!

Bring yourself and your parents or guardians to our virtual information session on Thurs., Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. to learn more about the tour and how you can be part of it. RSVP by Feb. 23 using the link: <https://bit.ly/2NI6HcM>

See you all soon! We're excited to have something for which to look forward.

TDChristian High School's

2021
Pastors & Youth Workers'

NO

Breakfast

Tuesday, February 23
9 - 10 am

No eggs. No toast. Not even a cup of coffee. Usually at this time of year we'd be inviting you to our annual **pastors & youth workers' breakfast**, where we love to chat with you on how together we can better serve and support today's teens.

We can't make you breakfast, but we still hope you will join us and others over Zoom to discuss this year's very important topics:

How do we support & encourage teens in this extremely difficult time?

While we are in this valley, how do we share with them God's love?



Hear from our student panel, teachers, TDChristian's personal counsellor Andrew Peterkin, and other pastors & youth workers for insight, wisdom, and hope. What can we learn from you?

Be a part of the conversation. RSVP today to VP Patty Schuurman at schuurman@tdchristian.ca.

What's for breakfast? That's up to you.

Find recipes & more at tdchristian.ca/breakfast



ESTATE
PLANNING
101



All age groups can benefit from an Estate Plan.

Without a sound plan, government and the courts may have a say, but with a current plan it's YOUR way!

Toronto District Christian High School is hosting a complimentary estate planning seminar to help you address questions about Estate Planning.

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 @ 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Featuring: Partners from our Foundation and Christian Stewardship Services

RSVP here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcucO2sqzwyGdQvL_U2orfB3Gpy9duyvMVS

For further questions, email
Leanne Fernhout at fernhout@tdchristian.ca

***TDChristian parents, earn TWO volunteer hours when you participate in this seminar!**



TDCHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

VIRTUAL AUCTION

We are **NOW** accepting donations for our **FIRST VIRTUAL AUCTION** this Spring

Have a service or experience to give?
Please provide a certificate outlining the details.

We are also in need of items, gift cards
and monetary donations.

Please direct questions to dinnertheatre@tdchristian.ca

THE 39 STEPS

*In association with TDChristian's
murder mystery production
of*

