

# Thunder Bay Christian School

*Journal #2*

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## FOREVER FAITHFUL

*“For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;*

*his faithfulness continues through all generations”*

**Psalm 100:5**

Mon., Sept. 10	Tues., Sept. 11	Wed., Sept. 12	Thurs., Sept. 13	Fri., Sept. 14
TRIP-9am “Back to School” evening 7:30 pm	-Board nominations due			TRIP pickup-3pm Gr. 7 HEP B

1. **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT:** *for parents only.* Monday, September 10, at 7:30 p.m. has been set aside as a night for parents to learn more about their children’s classrooms, curriculum, and homework expectations. The teachers will be in the room to answer any questions that you may have. Latest information from the Board will be presented and a time for fellowship provided. The Board requests that at least parent from each family attend this important informational night. ***Gr. 9/10 Parent meeting regarding Nicaragua trip will also take place during the evening.***
2. **THEME BULLETIN BOARD PHOTOS:** Miss Baxter is gathering family photos for the front hallway bulletin board. I require nothing larger than a 4X6 photo. This photo should include all members of your family and can include others in your immediate family. If you do not want to supply us with a picture we will be writing your family name in place of it. Thank-you!
3. **POLICE CHECKS:** All volunteers who are in contact with the students are required to have current criminal references checks. These need to be renewed every two years. Volunteer letters are available from the school office. These letters allow you to get the police checks done for approximately ½ the cost of the regular checks.
4. **Scholastic Flyers** were sent home earlier this week with your child. Two special flyers will also be sent home with the oldest in each family today. Flyers will be sent home each month. Please keep in mind that while there are many great deals, discernment may be needed for some of the selections. If you have children in multiple grades, you may return all orders together and the total may be written on one cheque if desired. Also, keep in mind that the prices in Ontario are occasionally higher. Please note the prices in the ONT column. Thank you.

If you wish to order for the month of September, please return to the school no later than Wednesday, September 12.

5. **THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL-CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS:**  
■ **THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY IS COMING UP SOON!!!!** We are planning events during the week of October 1, 2012 which are posted on the school's website [www.tbaychristianschool.ca](http://www.tbaychristianschool.ca)

Tickets **are now available** for the celebration dinner which takes place on **Saturday, October 6, 2012** - Refreshments at 6:30 p.m./Dinner at 7:00 p.m. at the Slovak Legion, 801 Atlantic Ave. Price of ticket is \$35. Tickets are available from the school or you can contact Audrey Grootenboer 935-2778, Amy Breukelman 475-9584, Jennifer Drost 473-1968 or Jenny Mol 475-6995. You can also reserve at [tbcs@tbaytel.net](mailto:tbcs@tbaytel.net).

Former principal, Richard Poortinga will be our guest speaker. We are hoping that many of our past principals and staff will be in attendance, as well as our present staff.

***Please note the following:***

- a) We are planning assigned seating, so if you wish to purchase tickets for a table of eight, just let us know.  
b) We are **not** sending invitations to alumni. Please let your family and friends know about this celebration and let them know all the information is on the school website [www.tbaychristianschool.ca](http://www.tbaychristianschool.ca). Deadline for tickets - September 26.

6. **TBCS T.R.I.P. TUITION REDUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM:** This an easy way to reduce your tuition by purchasing gift certificates to pay for your everyday shopping. The gift certificates are purchased at face value but the school purchases them at a lower percentage. You accumulate the percentage throughout the school year and it is paid out to you to apply to your 1<sup>st</sup> post-dated cheque for the 2013-2014 school year. You can also apply it to your last payment for the 2012-2013 school year if you will be finishing at TBCS. The average family earns between \$300-\$1000 dollars. The more family and friends you have helping you, the faster your earnings grow. Attached to today's Journal are all the forms you need to get started. TBCS TRIP will start September 10 -9 am sharp! ANYTIME ORDERS are available any school day. Please fill in the attached registration form to get started. Contact the office with any questions.

7. **CALENDAR DATES FOR 2012/2013:**

<b>Picture Day:</b>	October 3
<b>Convention:</b>	October 25,26
<b>Christmas Break:</b>	December 24-January 4
<b>March Break:</b>	March 11-15
<b>Last Day of School:</b>	June 21

The school calendar will be going home with students as soon as all dates have been finalized.

8. **ART Request:** Later this year, the Grade 1/2 class will be doing an art project with shoe boxes. If anyone has any shoe boxes at home that they would be willing to part with, please send them in to school at your convenience. Thanks in advance for your assistance!!

9. **PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS** are needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays for September and October schedule.

10. **SEPTEMBER CALENDAR** is attached to today's Journal.

11. **BUS DRIVER CHANGE:** Mr. Dan Breukelman will be driving the “COW” bus September 10, 11 & 12. His cell phone number is 624-8052. Mrs. Grace Boyes will be driving the “COW” bus September 14 and her cell phone number is 620-7853. Mrs. Lydia Buitenhuis will be driving the “MURILLO/KAKABEKA” bus September 14 and her cell phone number is 629-7920.
12. **FRENCH GRADE 9/10:** A letter was sent home this week for parents and students to fill out regarding the selection of the Applied or Academic portion of the program. Please return next week.
13. **NOMINATIONS TO TBCS SCHOOL BOARD:** Three vacancies are anticipated this coming year. Dan Breukelman, Jonathan Bakker and Ingrid Schelhaas will have completed their three year term. The Board, acting as nominating committee, would like names presented from the membership for consideration. Please submit names in written format to a Board member before September 11. Please confirm with nominee their acceptance of being nominated. The Board will be presenting a slate of candidates prior to the Annual Fall Membership at which election of Board members will take place.
14. **IMMUNIZATION FORMS:** HEP B forms were sent home this week with all Gr. 7 students. Please fill out and return on **Monday, September 10** as the Health Unit nurse will be picking them up on September 11.
15. **BAZAAR COMMITTEE:** The Bazaar committee is in need of members. Please consider the opportunity to be part of this fundraising committee that contributes as large portion to the school budget every year. Thanks.



## **FROM THE CLASSROOM**

### **JR/SR KINDERGARTEN**

**Mrs. Kaemingh:**

This week we began the creation story and manipulated darkness and light with a classroom experiment. Ask your child for the details! We also began activities based on Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault’s Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. We compared this book to Revelation 1:8 with God saying He is the beginning and the end of all things and also learned that “alpha” and “omega” are the first and last letters in the Greek alphabet.

A huge packet (including the September newsletter and calendar) came home with your child on Tuesday. If you haven’t already done so, please return the magazine forms simply with a signature and we can receive free classroom materials. Thanks!

Up and Coming....

Monday - Our first SK only day!

## **GRADE 1/ 2**

**Miss deHaan:**

Welcome to a new school year! We welcome two new students to our Grade 2 class – Olivia Jones and Leah Brown. We look forward to getting to know you better this year!

A parent letter went home on the first day of school. Please let me know if you did not receive one and I will send another one home. Folders went home yesterday including a parent letter from our Math program. At the beginning of each unit, a letter will be sent home regarding our current topic. Please return the emptied folder each Friday. (If you forget, please send it on Monday).

### Reminders:

Monday: Gym (remember to dress appropriately)  
Wednesday: Library (each student will come home with 2 books)  
Thursday: Spelling Test  
Friday: Gym

**Mrs. Hawkins - Music:** Students were introduced to the concept of beat.

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## **GRADE 3/4**

**Mrs. Boer**

☺ How about that? We've been back at school for four days and summer holidays have quickly become a distant memory!! It was great to see all the cheerful grade 3 and 4 students come to class this week with all their necessary school supplies! Thank you, parents for being so diligent! We welcome two "new" students to our class, Hope Brown and Wesley Jones. We're happy to have them join us and hope they soon feel at home with us!!

☺ Our first week together went very well as we got back into classroom routines, had the opportunity to experiment with our new smartboard, and began working at several subject areas. In Bible we are reviewing the stories in Genesis and Exodus by watching Bible story videos. In math we've tried our hand at Mad Minutes and began working with Chapter 1 "Patterns in Mathematics". Grade 3 started their Penmanship books, while grade 4 began working on reviewing the cursive alphabet. In Social Studies we will be working on a "Bird" unit. Students have been encouraged to bring "Bird" related books, pictures or items to school to share with the class.

Monday, September 10: Return your homework folder.

Wednesday, September 12: Library

Thursday, September 13: Math/Mad Minute worksheets are due

Friday, September 14: Word Wall Words #1 test

. . . List words will come home on Monday.

. . . Parents, please take the time to practise with your child, especially the bonus and word chunk words. Thank you!!

**Mrs. Hawkins - Music:** We spent time getting to know each other in a musical way!

## **GRADE 5/6**

### **Mrs. Himanen:**

Welcome to grades five and six! It's been a GREAT week and the classes have enjoyed reuniting with their friends and getting to know new friends! We welcome 2 students to our grade five class: Hannah Pacholczak and Toby Small. We're so glad you are part of our gang, and I look forward to getting to know you better!

Routines are also developing well. Of course the grade six class is feeling very comfortable with the routines. They have been a great help in guiding the grade fives. In our class we have enjoyed many introductory activities and have plunged into the curriculum as well. We are enjoying the Smart Board and learning to "get back on the bike when we fall off." (Ask your child how that metaphor relates to the Smart Board ☺)

Just a few bits of information to pass on...

-Mrs. Hawkins will be teaching grade 5 math and grade 5/6 computers and music.

-P.E. (gym) is on Tuesdays and Thursdays

-Weekly spelling lessons are due on the Thursday of each week and dictations are on Friday

-Memory Work is due to be recited on Fridays (students generally have 1-2 weeks/passage depending on its length)

-Library is on Wednesdays

-Nice new larger agendas were given out that students will use to record homework assignments and other important messages. Please help to make sure your child checks his/her agenda each evening so he/she can complete homework assignments on time.

\*\*Thank you for so promptly sending in school supplies - some students still need to gather a few items and bring them to school.

### **Next Week:**

Memory Work - Psalm 119: 9-11

Monday - "The Chocolate Pot" picture due

Thursday - Spelling Unit 1 due

Friday - Spelling dictation - Unit 1

- Memory Work due

### **Mrs. Hawkins**

**Grade 5/6: Music:** Students started to learn about the concept of harmony. Computers: Students drew their renditions of the inside of the computer.

**Grade 5 Math:** The Grade 5's will be doing math as a separate class this year. We started a unit on mathematical patterns.

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## **GRADE 7/8**

### **Mr. Himanen**

**History:** Next week the class will be looking at the problems that were occurring in the church that led to the Reformation.

**Geography:** The class will be studying the rainforest biome next week. We will be studying the general climate patterns in a rainforest.

Title page will be due on Sept. 12.

*Grade 7/8 continued next page...*

**Science 7/8:** Next week we will be learning about the form and function of a cell and the differences between plant cells and animal cells. The students will begin the process of making their own cell models. Title page due Sept. 11.

**Bible 7/8:** The students are learning about forgiveness, and how they need to be willing to forgive others just as Jesus is always ready to forgive us.

**Memory work-** Colossians 3:13 - due Sept. 10

**Mrs. Hawkins**

**Grade 7 Music:**

Students were assigned instruments this week. It will be a great band this year! Please help you son/daughter to remember that band days are Mondays and Wednesdays and instruments are needed.

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## **GRADE 9/10**

**Mrs. Hawkins**

**CHV 20: (Civics):** Students learned basic concepts of democracy, needs of a society, and that as Christians, we are part of two worlds: our country and the Kingdom of God.

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## **FRENCH**

Welcome back to the French class!!!

This week we reviewed the student code of conduct and the classroom rules. Each student now knows what is appropriate and expected of them in Madame Baxter's classroom. We discussed respectful behaviour and how our new behaviour chart works. Each student may see their clothespin go up for kind, cooperative, considerate behaviour and go down as warning to make better choices. After this first warning the student is moved to a desk where they will have less distractions. If there continues to be a negative attitude the student will have a "consequence" (copy out the Student Code of Conduct) as well as complete to required French work at home. The next step will be a detention at recess and if this doesn't encourage better choices the student will speak with Mr. Alblas. The students may also go up and the chart and will be expected to reach the top every 5 classes. I have seen very positive, cheerful attitudes so far and am looking forward to teaching French this year.

Madame Baxter

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### **TBCS IN ACTION THIS WEEK:**



Grade 5 and 6 class



Junior and Senior Kindergarten class