



FOREVER FAITHFUL

*"For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations." Psalm 100:5*

From The Principal's Desk:

Greetings TBCS,

Our school is in full swing and adjusting to the regular routines that a new year brings. It has been fun to see the different projects and units our students are taking part in. I encourage you to visit with the classroom teachers with any questions you may have or simply to see what is going on.

Next week I will be writing about Parent-Teacher Conferences and how this form of communication time is so beneficial for all parties in our school. To that end, I would like to strongly encourage all parents to make it a point, when the time comes, to attend this special time. However, don't feel that this is the only time to speak with your child's teacher. I am currently working on setting up e-mail accounts for all our teachers so that if there are small matters or bits of information that need to be sent, you then may use this means.

For more complex topics, you are encouraged to phone the school and speak with the teacher of your choice. The best times are: (8:30-8:45), (10:45-11:15), (1:00-1:30), and (3:30-4:00). If you prefer meeting face to face please stop by any time, but please keep in mind that the above times are best. Also, please keep in mind, that there will be times that a teacher will be on recess duty, in a meeting, or possibly away, and then the above times may not work as well.

I have had the privilege of attending many of our school's standing committees in order to meet members of our community who often work behind the scenes in tireless ways to help keep our school running as smoothly as it does. Each of these visits helps me to understand the culture of TBCS. As always, I would love to spend time with each family, so please book a time to visit with me. In October, I will begin calling each family, just to touch base, if I have not ready had the chance to meet you.

Shalom,
Andy Alblas

Looking Ahead:

Monday	Sept 24	- TRIP ANYTIMES ONLY THIS WEEK - 50 th Anniversary Committee Mtg. 7:00pm at the school - Booster Committee Mtg. 8:00pm at the school - TAN sorting- 7-9pm Slate River bus (<i>Gerry Heerema charge</i>)
Tuesday	Sept 25	
Wednesday	Sept 26	-No Bus all day for Murillo/Kakabeka Run
Thursday	Sept 27	
Friday	Sept 28	- PD DAY – NO SCHOOL



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From our School Community:

THEME BULLETIN BOARD PHOTOS:

Miss Baxter is gathering family photos for the front hallway bulletin board. She requires 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!

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2012/2013 is attached to today's Journal.

Husky Rebate Cards:

Husky/Mohawk gas stations are still offering us their rebate program. The more gas purchased, the higher the percentage of rebate received. Just go to a Husky gas station, fill up and before paying, give them your rebate card to swipe for savings. Last year's earnings were **\$4,138.69!** If you need a rebate card, please contact the school office.

Note: The Husky gas station near Twin City Crossroads has the card right in the store for your convenience.

Chocolate Bar Sale:

One box of 30 nut-free chocolate bars was sent home with every family in the school. The bars are sold for \$2.00 each and the money is returned to the school (either the office or the child's classroom). Last year our profit was \$2,000.00. Profit from the sale goes towards field trips for JK-10, fun days, Gr. 8 Toronto Trip, Field Day ribbons, trophies and other miscellaneous extras for the students.

We encourage everyone to take part in the sale. The Chocolate Bar and Magazine Sales are the only fundraisers that contribute to the Student Fund and every student benefits.

Top Sellers this week: Levi and Julia Seguin sold 4 boxes! Great job.

50th ANNIVERSARY:

We are planning events during the week of October 1, 2012 which are posted on the school's website www.tbaychristianschool.ca

Reminder: Wednesday, September 26 is the deadline for purchasing tickets 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.

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.

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS:

You are needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the September and October schedules. Call Emily Bakker at 475-0244 if you can help out.

BAZAAR COMMITTEE:

The Bazaar committee is in need of members. Come and be part of a group that has room for skills of all kinds including organizing, creative thinking and good times shopping! Please call John Meijaard (Board Representative) at 475-8325 to realize this dream opportunity.

No Bus all day for Murillo/Kakabeka Run Wednesday, Sept. 26. Parents please make alternate arrangements. Sorry for the inconvenience.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH to all the parents, family and friends of TBCS who assisted the Booster Club in any way over this past summer with our many catering events. Your taking the time out of your busy summer to help us was greatly appreciated! Special thanks to Daune Staal and Gerri Heerema for coming to our rescue and charging the Plowing Match Dinner on such short notice. Thank you also to Erin Voortman who is charging the Hot Lunch Program again this year. Our first meeting of the school year will take place Monday, September 24 at 8pm at the school. We would love to see some new faces and hear some new ideas so please consider joining us. You do not have to charge events; just enjoy working with food and with people. Our Apple Pie Day Fundraiser is coming up and we have a dinner to cater on Friday, October 19. If you have any questions at all please call Jackie at 475-9586.

Grade 8-10 Parent Meeting: Parents of students in Gr. 8-10 will be meeting Oct. 4 to discuss fundraising for Toronto/Nicaragua trips this year. All students in these grades may take part in selling Mom's Pantry to raise funds. Parents of H/S students please look for a form on Nicaragua and return it to the school by Sept. 27.

MOM'S Pantry Fundraising: Students in Grades 8-10 will be raising money for their trips to Toronto/Nicaragua by selling MOM's Pantry Products. If one of them calls you, look over the order form of high quality baking supplies, soup, gravy bases, spices and frozen products. All orders and payments need to be in the office by Thursday, October 18 and expected delivery date is Thursday, November 8. Forms will also be available at the school office and orders can be placed on line. Payment can be cash, cheque (payable to TBCS Student Fund), or by Visa/Mastercard, American Express-fill in the portion on the form. Thank you for your support!

Piano Lessons: There are still openings available for piano lessons. Please contact Tara Rea at 939-1395 if you are interested in enrolling your child(ren). The fees are \$12.00 for 20 minutes and \$18.00 for ½ hour.

Twice as Nice:

As parents of children attending the Thunder Bay Christian School, Twice as Nice Thrift Store is YOUR store! Twice as Nice sells gently used clothing, household goods, furniture and appliances. The store has been doing great in it's new location thanks to our family of dedicated volunteers. In July and August our net income was around \$30,000! We would like to see everyone involved in the operation of the store. There are fun and rewarding jobs for anyone looking to help out! Currently we have volunteers at the store who are moms, dads, children of all ages, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and others who just enjoy the social atmosphere and serving our customers!

1. **Customer Service:** Sign up on the monthly calendar. Two shifts: 9:45-1:30 or 1:30 to 4:30, Monday to Saturday. This is great if you like to meet lots of new people. Sign up by calling or emailing.
2. **Sorting/Work Evenings:** Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00. Sort the donations, tidy up departments, cleaning or any other jobs that need doing. These evenings are set up by bus route. You will know it is your turn when you see your bus run in the Journal Calendar, but feel free to join us anytime.
3. **Deliveries/Pickup:** Tuesdays are pickup and delivery day. We could use a few more strong backs!
4. **Departments:** We have a few departments so far that are being looked after on a weekly basis. When someone looks after a department on a regular basis, they get a very good idea of what is selling and what doesn't. This is great if you have a couple of hours a week. Departments that would benefit are footwear, Christmas for the next few months, toys, housewares/gifts/bath and electronics could use another person,

I have an email list that you can join. That way you will get weekly updates, scheduling requests and what we are working on that week.

Thanks
Catherine Knight

Membership Meeting date has been set for November 5. Committee reports for the membership meeting are due in to the school office by the morning of October 11.

Scholastic Flyers were sent home either yesterday or today with your child. Two special flyers will also be sent home with the oldest in each family today. If you wish to order, please return to the school no later than Wednesday, October 3. Thank you.

October Milk Forms are attached to today's Journal. Please return by Wednesday, September 26.

Bus Driver Change:

Mrs. Grace Boyes (cell#620-7853) will be driving the "Cow" bus for Mrs. Lydia Buitenhuis September 20-26.

Pickup and Dropoff: Thank you to drivers who drop off their children at the front door rather than using the pavement area which is reserved for buses.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

You hopefully have heard all about Fun Day by the time you are reading this journal. If not, the number on your child's hand was the team number they were on and, I'm sure with some prompting, they will let you in on some of the details regarding the activities at the different stations.

Reminders:

Wednesday: Library Day
October calendar and newsletter will come home
Friday: PD Day

Grade 1 & 2 – Miss de Haan

Work folders were sent home yesterday including new word wall words for next week. If you forgot to return the emptied folder today, please send it on Monday. Thank you.

There was an information sheet sent home yesterday regarding a fire poster contest. If you wish to have your child participate, please follow

the instructions detailed on the sheet and return by the designated date.

Reminders:

Wednesday: Memory Work due (Psalm 139:14)
Library – please remind your child to return his/her two library books
Thursday: Spelling Test

Grade 3 & 4 – Mrs. Boer

We had a great time today during our "Fun Day" afternoon. We enjoyed being in a team of all ages and playing games against other teams. Thank you, Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Baxter for organizing this fun activity for us! Grade 7&8 you were wonderful team leaders too!

In Bible this week, we began the book of Joshua. We saw how Rahab saved the two spies and showed her faith in Israel's God. When the Israelites entered the promised land of Canaan, God made a path for them through the Jordan River and a monument of 12 stones was set up.

In math we continue to work with patterns. Grade 3 used a hundreds chart to help them solve

number patterns and patterns on a T chart. Grade 4 also worked with patterns on a T chart and had fun trying to figure out number chains.

In Literature we enjoyed a Brothers Grimm folktale called *The Bremen Town Musicians*. We tried singing a song like the donkey, dog, cat and rooster would have sung it and decided it wouldn't have attracted much of a crowd on the streets of Bremen.

More "Bird" things brought from home were shared in class for Social Studies. We also read from books and learned about the characteristics of birds.

Reminders:

Monday: Return your homework folder and Reading Record sheet
Gr.4 - Grammar p. 9

Wednesday: Library - Remember all your books!
Thursday: Math/Mad Minute worksheets
Word Wall Word test #3
Friday: P.D. Day

Grade 5 & 6 – Mrs. Himanen

It's been another fabulous week in grades five and six! What a bunch of fantastic individuals God has entrusted to me to teach each day! They have been working hard and participating very well in all activities. I am very pleased that most students are regularly and conscientiously finishing their homework assignments on time.

We really had fun today during "fun day"! It was so fun to participate in different activities and get to know each other better! Thank you organizers and team leaders for making this event possible!

In our reading this week we've come across two not-so-familiar animal species: the wild boar and the cleft-winged African tiger fly. We enjoyed researching briefly about them on the Internet. We also enjoyed hearing stories from each other of our "run ins" with wild animals. Students wrote an "I Am" poem. It was neat to see how different each of us is, yet how similar we are, too. We all have fears, joys, talents, and aspirations for our future. Most importantly, we are all children loved by God.

In grammar students wrote their quiz on capitalization, and in math the grade sixes wrote their chapter test. Grade fives will also soon write their first math test. Please look for these tests to be returned and make yourself aware of how your child is doing so far.

Many students have "taken off" in reading and are enjoying the benefits of "cozying" up with a good book. PLEASE encourage your child to take time to read every day and ensure that they do. Book reading requirements for grade five are 2 books (approx. 125 pg.) / month. Grade six minimum requirements are 2 books (approx. 150 pg.) / month.

Reminders:

Memory Work: Colossians 3:23-24
Monday: "Boar Out There" picture due

Grade 5 Math:

Students will have a test on patterns on Monday. Students are encouraged to spend about 15 –20 minutes reviewing notes and questions.

Grade 7 & 8 – Mr. Himanen, Mr. Alblas, Miss Baxter

Bible: Next week the class will be looking at the next 'secret' from our book Tell Me the Secrets which is the secret of "Victory". We will look at how we can have victory over all the different things that go on in our lives on a daily basis through our faith in Jesus.

Memory Work: 2 Corinthians 4:18 - Monday Sept. 24

Geography: Next week we will be looking specifically at all the different plants that live in the tropical rainforest. We will look at the different ways that this abundance of plant life is able to get its nutrients compared to here in our part of the world.

History: We will be continuing our look at the Reformation, and learning about the sacrifices that were made by those individuals like Martin Luther who wanted to make reforms in the church.

Science: Next week the class will be looking more closely at the cell by preparing different slides and spending some more time using the microscopes. We will also be learning about the concept of permeability.

Math: On Thursday, September 27, Grade 7 and 8 will have a Math Test.

Computers: This year we will be using Edmodo in our classroom. Edmodo is a free and secure social network for teachers, students and schools. It provides a safe and easy way for us to connect, share content, and discuss different topics. I would like to extend an invitation to join our classroom and check out what your child is discussing by asking your child to show you their account. I also encourage you to ask me any questions you have about Edmodo.

Grade 9 & 10 – Mrs. Drost, Mrs. Baxter, Mr. Alblas, Mr. Himanen, Mrs. Hawkins

CHV 20: (Civics):

Students were given time to research an influential Canadian.

This is the last assignment for the first unit and is due Thursday September 27

French – Madame Baxter

Grade 3: The third grade students have been doing very well learning how to say hello, and present themselves and others in French. They will be moving on to classroom objects next week so ask them about their new vocabulary 😊

Grade 4: This class has been working in their French Mission Monde workbooks this year. They are reviewing classroom vocabulary and learning about France.

Grade 5: The fifth grade has been learning about some of Frances history and reviewing numbers, days of the week and more. We learned about traditional French food this week and will be studying food vocabulary.

Grade 6: The grade six class has been reviewing important French vocabulary and learning about our new missionary family in Burundi. They are going to be learning about the country of Burundi this week.

Grade 7: The seventh grade has been working on reviewing French phrases and working in the Mission Monde curriculum. This year they will continue to learn about Burundi and have many more chances to speak French.

Grade 8: The eighth grade class has been learning about students from a boarding school for missionary kids located in Germany. They have reviewed important vocabulary and will be speaking French in class more often.

Grade 9/10: The ninth and tenth grade students have started their first unit in the Express textbooks. They have been practicing new vocabulary and reading French texts and answering comprehension questions.

Music – Mrs. Hawkins

Grade 1/2 Music:

Students practice Solfege hand signs to music and bounced a ball to the beat

Grade 5/6 Music/Computers:

Students learned more about harmony and reviewed rest values. In computers, students explored www.technology.pppst.com, coolmath4kids and funbrain.com.

Grade 3/4 Music:

Students were introduced to many musical concepts including the staff, dynamics and tempo.

Grade 7 Band:

Wow, another week of impressive progress. Continue to make beautiful music this weekend by practicing pages 7 and 8.

Please remember that music is on Mondays and Wednesdays.

1. **Opening:** - Chairman E. Breukelman opened with Bible reading from Ephesians 6:1-18 and prayer.
2. **Correspondence:** - Letter received from concerned parents.
3. **Principal's Report:**
 - a. Theme for the year is "Forever Faithful" based on Psalm 100:5
 - b. Curriculum review - language arts.
 - c. Upcoming professional development - Mapping curriculum and differentiated instruction.
 - d. Discussions with staff regarding short and long term goals.
 - e. School calendar is almost complete and will be made available shortly.
 - f. Hoping to meet with every family.
 - g. Visits to five local churches thus far.
 - h. New website design is up and running.
 - i. A new Facebook page has been developed.
4. **Thrift Store:**
 - a. \$15,000 transferred to school. All are encouraged to sign up for a shift or help out with sorting at the store. Please call Catherine Knight -577-7741.
 - b. Carpet remnants, donated by Teen Challenge, are now being sold at the store and the profits will be split with this organization.
5. **Transportation:** Routes have been finalized.
6. **Admissions:** Motion to approve Jesse and Shannon Jones and Gary and Jennifer Small as new families to the school membership is carried. We welcome the Jones and the Smalls to our school family!
7. **Booster Club:**
 - a. A busy summer! Very difficult to get enough volunteers to help.
 - b. May have to discontinue doing functions outside of the school.
8. **Maintenance:**
 - a. Welcome to our new janitors, Erika and Ashley, who are doing a wonderful job cleaning our school!
 - b. A new door security system is being looked into (similar to URC). This may be able to be coupled with the intercom system.
9. **50th Anniversary:** Ticket sales are going well. Ray Hendriks has requested to speak at the dinner.
10. **Old Business:**
 - a. All committees are reminded to review mandates and calendars.
 - b. One nomination has been received.
 - c. Nicaragua Trip update - Ken Knight is working on getting the best rates for flights.
 - d. Fundraising ideas are being looked into.
11. **New Business:** Fall Membership meeting will be held on Monday, November 5th at 8:00pm. All members are encouraged to attend. Reports from all committees are due at the next board meeting.
12. **Next Meeting:** - October 16, 2012.
13. **Closing Prayer:** E. Breukelman

All committee reports are to be sent into the office two business days before the next meeting.

THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR
2012-2013



2012

August	27-31	Monday-Friday	Preparation Day
September	3	Monday	Labour Day (H)
	4	Tuesday	First Day of School
	28	Friday	<i>PD Day – No school</i>
October	3	Wednesday	School Pictures
	8	Monday	Thanksgiving (H)
	22-23	Monday-Tuesday	Parent Teacher Conferences
	25-26	Thursday-Friday	<i>Edified Conference – No School</i>
November	5	Monday	Fall Membership Meeting
	5-9	Monday-Friday	CTBC Testing (Grades 3-8)
	15-16	Thursday-Friday	Bazaar
	16	Friday	<i>PD Day – No school</i>
	23	Friday	<u>Report Cards go home</u>
December	14	Friday	Christmas Program – Hope CRC
	21	Friday	Last Day of School
	24-28	Monday - Friday	Christmas Break (H)

2013

January	31-4	Monday - Friday	Christmas Break (H)
	7	Monday	First Day of School
	21	Monday	H.S. Parent Teacher Conferences
February	18	Monday	Family Day (H)
	22	Friday	<i>PD Day – No school</i>
March	1	Friday	<u>Report Cards go home</u>
	11-15	Monday-Friday	March Break (H)
March	29	Friday	Good Friday (H)
April	1	Monday	Easter Monday (H)
	12	Friday	<i>PD Day – No school</i>
	29-3	Monday-Friday	Christian Education Week
May	20	Monday	Victoria Day (H)
June	10-14	Monday-Friday	Highschool Exam Week
			Last day of School.
	21	Friday	<u>Report Cards, and Graduation</u>
	24-25	Monday-Tuesday	Teacher's end of the years meetings



TRIP ANYTIME ORDER FORM

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Phone: (807) 939-1209 Fax: (807) 939-2843
 Website: www.tbaychristianschool.ca

TO MAKE AN ORDER, PLACE THIS COMPLETED FORM INTO THE TRIP BOX IN THE OFFICE BY 9 AM. ORDERS WILL BE FILLED **"ON ANY SCHOOL DAY"**. CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. – 939-1209

Name	TRIP			DATE:		
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AJ'S STORE AND RESTAURANT 5%	X5=	X10=				\$
CANADIAN TIRE 4%	X10=	X25=	X50=	X100=		\$
HOLLAND BAKERY 5%	X5=	X10=	X20=			\$
M&M MEATS 5%	X10=	X25=				\$
METRO 3.5%	X25=	X50=	X100=	X250=		\$
NORTHWOOD FOODS 5%	X10=	X25=				\$
QUALITY MARKET 4%	X25=					\$
SHOPPERS DRUG MART 3%	X10=	X25=	X50=	X100=		\$
SUPERSTORE/WAREHOUSE 4%	X25=	X50=	X100=	X250=		\$
THUNDER OAK CHEESE 5%	X5=	X10=	X20=			\$
TIM HORTON'S 4%	X10=	X25=				\$
TOTAL						