



**WISE UP: WISE WORDS FROM PROVERBS**

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,  
and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Proverbs 9:10*



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**From The Principal's Desk:**

Greetings TBCS,

Today was a wonderful day! It began with everyone gathering in the gym for our opening assembly. I spoke about our theme and how it will be unpacked monthly throughout the year. I will write more about this on Friday. All the teaching staff and support staff were introduced. I also inducted all the new students and families. See charts below.

Shalom,  
Andy Alblas

TEACHING STAFF		SUPPORT STAFF	
<b>Andy Alblas</b>	Principal, Gr. 7-8 Math	<b>Grace Boyes</b>	Admin Assistant
<b>Erin Voortman</b>	Highschool Math	<b>Jackie Bakker</b>	Secretary (Fridays)
<b>Peter Himanen</b>	Grade 7-8 + HS	<b>Sharon Breukelman</b>	JK/SK EA (Wed/Fri)
<b>Sarah Baxter</b>	Grade 7-8 + HS	<b>Kari Otke</b>	PSW
<b>Joanne Himanen</b>	Grade 5-6	<b>Lorrie Dykstra</b>	PSW
<b>Sandra DeHaan</b>	Grade 3-4	<b>Trudy Bolt</b>	Bookkeeper
<b>Marnie Rekman</b>	Grade 1-2	<b>Erika Schelhaas</b>	Janitor
<b>Margaret Hawkins</b>	Resource / Music / Enrichment	<b>Ashley Streutker</b>	Janitor
<b>Patricia Kaemingh</b>	JK/SK	<b>Jenny Groenheide</b>	Bus Driver
<b>Alex Baxter</b>	French	<b>Jeannette Meijaard</b>	Bus Driver
		<b>Ken Semeschuk</b>	Bus Driver
		<b>Catherine Knight</b>	TAN Manager
<b>Kerri-Ann Pinta</b>	Volunteer Playgroup Coordinator	<b>Debby VanderWees</b>	Volunteer Librarian

**NEW FAMILIES AND STUDENTS**

Dave & Kate DeJong	Jack (8) Jemima (6)	Arend & Liz Janssens	Megan (JK)
Matthew & Rhonda Slaubaugh	Caitlyn (8), Aimee (6), Sierra (6), Larissa (4)	Joel & Crystal Veurink	Owen (SK)
David & Vicki Wassenaar	Taylor (JK)	<b>NEW JK STUDENTS</b>	
		Kate Bakker, Ruby Bolt, Samuel Bolt, Griffin Pinta	
		Jayda Postma, Jaxson Schep, Ashley Seguin, Peyton Staal, Joshua Van Voort, Clark Veurink	

**Looking Ahead:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sept 2</b>	- Labour Day – No School
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Sept 3</b>	- First Day of School (Assembly at 9 am)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Sept 4</b>	- <b>Promotion Committee Meeting 7:30 pm</b> - <b>Twice As Nice Meeting 7:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Sept 5</b>	- <b>Grade 8 Parent Meeting 8:00 pm</b>

## From our School Community:

### **JOURNALS:**

Expect the Journal to be emailed every Friday, unless you contact the school office to indicate otherwise. Other materials that need to go home will be sent with the oldest child in every family. (H.S. students: if you have a younger sibling, the Journal will go home with him/her). Please take a few minutes to read and respond as needed every weekend. It will be a blessing to you and many others of us if you do. The Journal is also published on our web page: [www.tbaychristianschool.ca](http://www.tbaychristianschool.ca).

### **THREE CHEERS FOR PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS!**

You provide a valuable service to the students of TBCS. You help keep them safe on the playground, give teachers extra time to help students catch up on work, and allow staff time to set up for special activities. Your assistance is invaluable. Thank you for your willingness and time. To volunteer, call Emily Bakker at 475-0244.

### **NUT FREE:**

You are reminded that TBCS has been designated as "Nut Free". Information and updated "Safe Food list" are included in this mailing.

i) **Please ensure that food brought for lunch, snacks and special occasions is free of peanuts, peanut oil, tree nuts, and nut proteins.**

ii) Children, who have eaten any of the above before school, should wash their hands and face prior to coming to school.

iii) **PLEASE READ ALL LABELS** before sending in lunches, i.e. granola bars, chocolate chips, crackers, cookies, etc.

### **STUDENTS IN GR. 7 – 10:**

Just a reminder, you are responsible for supplying your own note paper and lock for your locker.

### **GR. 7/8 BAND AND GUITAR:**

Grades 7 and 8 band and guitar start tomorrow, September 4. Please bring your band instruments and guitars if you have them.

### **SEPTEMBER CALENDAR:**

This will be available with Friday's Journal.

### **GYM T-SHIRTS:**

Students in Grades 3-8 are asked to wear TBCS T-Shirts (navy blue/white school logo) for gym. Prices: Youth \$5.00 and Adult \$8.00. We have various sizes in stock and more are on order. Indoor shoes required for class and gym. Please ensure all indoor shoes are **NONMARKING**.

### **JK/SK SCHEDULE:**

JK and SK will have class again together on Friday, September 6. There will be NO classes for JK and SK on Wednesday. The regular schedule will resume on September 9 with SK on Mondays and JK and SK combined classes on Wednesday and Fridays.

### **STUDENT AGENDAS:**

ALL students from Gr. 5 - 8 inclusive have been/will be given a Student Connection Planner (from the Bible League) in which to record their homework, assignments, important reminders. Grade 9/10 will be given the option as to whether they would like to use the planners. PLEASE ask to see it two or three times a week so students get in the habit of using it, and taking it back and forth from home to school.

### **MILK:**

This year milk will be sold at school again, starting next Monday (Sept.9). Milk forms have been emailed and a copy sent home with the oldest child. Please return by Friday, September 6. Cheques made out to Thunder Bay Christian School "Student Fund".

### **ALLERGIES &/OR MEDICAL PROBLEMS:**

If your child has a serious, perhaps life-threatening allergy or medical problem that the school is not aware of, please inform the school office this week.

### **HUSKY REBATE CARDS:**

The husky rebate is still available for everyone. Keep in mind that last year we raised over \$4130. These cards are available at the office. Please call and request your own Husky reward card.

**USE OF TELEPHONE:**

Students are allowed to use school phones, ONLY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, with the permission of the child’s teacher. STUDENTS ARE NOT to use school phones to arrange parties, social events and sleepovers. These matters should be arranged at home. We ask for your cooperation in this matter.

**BUS ALERT!**

We praise God for the excellent bus drivers He has given us and for their safety mindedness. We trust the benefits of our transportation system will be appreciated by all and remembered in your prayers.

In order to help the younger children find their bus at the end of the school day, each bus will have a picture in the window. Drivers and teachers will help children find their correct buses as noted below:

City (Tiger) Ken Semeschuk  
cell# 472-3094/Home 344-7001

Slate River (Cow) Jenny Groenheide  
Home 475-3138

Kakabeka/Murillo (Giraffe) Jeannette Meijaard  
cell# 629-0322/Home 475-8325

Children should be at the road 5 minutes prior to their pickup time. It is recommended that parents of students in Gr. 5 and under be home when the bus drops off their child(ren). If other permanent arrangements are desired, those arrangements need to be made in writing for the school. Please be aware that buses may arrive early when dropping students off (sports practices, parents picking up their children etc.). As usual, please call the school if other day to day arrangements need to be made. Anaphylactic Policy applies to the buses also. We now have children on the buses who are allergic to nut products.

-With ever increasing fuel prices, please take your children home with you if you are at the school, even if your children prefer to ride the bus.

*-Transportation Committee*

**A BIG THANK YOU:**

To all the volunteers for all your work in keeping the building and grounds of the school in such great shape throughout the summer. A lot of work went into trimming the shrubs and cleaning up all the flower beds outside as well as everything (cleaning/painting) that went into getting the inside ready for the school year.

**NOMINEES TO TBCS BOARD ARE NEEDED:**

Three vacancies are anticipated this coming year. Ed Breukelman, Amy Breukelman, and John Meijaard will have completed their term. The Board, acting as a nominating committee would like names presented from the membership for consideration. Please submit names in a written format, to a board member before September 10, 2013. Please confirm with the nominee their acceptance of being nominated. The Board will be presenting a slate of six candidates prior to the Annual Fall Membership Meeting at which election of Board members will take place. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the school.

Please Note: Nominations for Board candidates do not need to be solely from parent members of the school, but also those who are full members of Thunder Bay Christian School Society.

**POLICE CHECKS/CRIMINAL REFERENCE CHECKS:**

Criminal Reference Checks are required this year for all volunteers who have contact with the children. A current C.R.C. must be on file at the school. If you have a valid one on file with another organization, than a copy of it is sufficient for the school’s records. If you need to obtain one, please contact the office for required administrative forms.

**INFORMATION PACKAGE SENT HOME TODAY INCLUDE:**

1. Student Accident Insurance Form
2. School Bus Rules
3. Address Form/September Milk Form
4. Safe Food List

## **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! We collected 50% of our families last year, which are hanging up. If you want to replaced it with an updated version; great!

**Scholastic Flyers** are coming home today with your child. Two special flyers are also attached to today's Journal. Please keep in mind that while there are many excellent deals in the flyers distributed, you may need to use discernment for some of the selections. If you wish to order, please make sure you look at the ONT prices as they are occasionally higher. If you are paying with a cheque for different flyers, you may choose to combine the total on one cheque. Cheques payable to Scholastic Canada, Ltd., please. Orders are due **no later** than Friday, Sept. 13. Thank you!

## **TBCS T.R.I.P. TUITION REDUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM:**

This is 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 1st post-dated cheque for the 2014-2015 school year. You can also apply it to your last payment for the 2013-2014 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. ANYTIME ORDERS are available any school day, starting September 3. TRIP Long Form orders will start September 9 - 9am sharp! Please contact the office with any questions.

**Twice as Nice Thrift Store News!** If you are new to the school, the Twice as Nice Thrift Store is a fantastic store set up for the purpose of generating funds for the Thunder Bay Christian School. The store is open from Monday to Saturday, 10:00-4:30. Twice as Nice sells donated clothing, household items, furniture, appliances, and more. Twice as Nice relies on volunteer help from a wide range of dedicated volunteers, parents, students, grandparents, other relatives and whole lot of wonderful people who just plain enjoy the sense of community they get when they help out at the store! Like any large fundraising activity, the store could always use more help. At Twice as Nice, the more volunteer help we get, the more funds we can generate! During the summer months, daily sales (before expenses) averaged around \$1,000.00 a day! That's a lot of \$3.50 shirts and pants. All parents should be on the email list so that you can get regular updates and information on how you can help out. Please email me, Catherine Knight at [sunflowerdigital@shaw.ca](mailto:sunflowerdigital@shaw.ca) to get on that list. If you haven't been to the store – Check It Out!! 250 May Street North, 622-7575.

**Thank you from Twice as Nice!** A huge thank you to our 2 summer students, Nancy Joseph and Andrea Boyes. These two young ladies filled in all the summer scheduling gaps and kept the store running throughout the summer! They are the bomb-diggitty! We wish them the best as they move on to post-secondary education!

**Twice as Nice Monday Night Work Party!** The pile is huge! The first Monday night sorting will be Monday, September 9 from 7:00-9:00. Monday night sorting is set up so that parents who cannot work at the store during the day have an opportunity to help out one evening every three weeks. The idea is that the parents (and the students if they are old enough to be helpful) from each bus route all take a turn. If there is a large turnout, or sorting is not your thing, there are lots of other jobs to be done – tidying departments, sweeping, mopping, checking electronics, sizing clothes, etc. Committee Members will be there to open the door and keep everyone on track! Don't worry, if you want to come and help and it is not your bus route's turn, you won't get turned away!!!