



GET OUT OF THE BOAT

"Come", he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus." Matthew 14:29



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From The Principal's Desk:

Greetings TBCS,
Another summer has come and gone, and here we are starting a new school year at Thunder Bay Christian School. God has richly blessed us with a safe and fun summer, and now we can look forward to His blessings throughout this new year. It was great to see all of the students come to school with big smiles on their faces and the excitement of seeing all their friends again. We opened our school year with an assembly in the gym where our school theme, Get Out of the Boat, was highlighted. We look forward to teaching our students the many different ways that they can 'get out of the boat' and grow closer to the Lord. We will really be focusing on showing the students how they are a community, working together to help one another in many possible ways throughout the year. We also hope to reach out into the broader community with acts of service. The theme will be developed more during our Monday morning chapel services. We ask that you continue to pray for the school, that the school will continue to seek God's leading in all that it does.

Peter Himanen

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM		SUPPORT STAFF	
Peter Himanen	Leader of Principal Duties	Jackie Bakker	Secretary (Fridays)
Patricia Kaemingh	Leader of Student Life	Sharon Breukelman	JK/SK TA (Wed/Fri)
Sandra de Haan	Leader of Learning	Kari Otke	PSW
Grace Boyes	Administrative Assistant	Lorrie Dykstra	PSW
TEACHING STAFF		Trudy Bolt	Bookkeeper
Peter Himanen	Gr. 7-8	Erika Schelhaas	Janitor
Erin Voortman	Gr. 7-8 English, Math	Ashley Streutker	Janitor
Joanne Himanen	Grade 5-6	Jenny Groenheide	Bus Driver
Patricia Kaemingh	JK/SK	Jeannette Meijaard	Bus Driver
Sandra de Haan	Grade 3-4	Ken Semeschuk	Bus Driver
Marnie Rekman	Grade 1-2	Vicki Wassenaar	TAN Manager
Margaret Hawkins	Resource/Music/Ar	Rhonda Slaubaugh	TAN Assistant Manager
Diana Hamilton	French	Debby VanderWees	Volunteer Librarian
NEW FAMILIES AND STUDENTS			
Eric & D'Andrea Bron	Isabella (JK)	Justin & Stephanie Postuma	Matthew (JK)
Mitchell & Dana Dykstra	Miley (JK)	Walter & Joanne Schep	Eli (JK)
Shawn & Julie Jaspers	Tristan (1), Ellie (JK)	NEW JK STUDENTS	
Dave & Shari Lowe	Justin (SK)	Bryden Schep, Blake Veurink, Jace Voortman	
Kevin & Sarah Mol	Benjamin (JK)		

From our School Community:

JOURNALS:

Expect the Journal to be emailed every Friday, unless you contact the school office to indicate otherwise. If you received a paper copy last year, please let the office know if you wish to have one again this year. Other materials that need to go home will be sent with the oldest child in every family. 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.

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. **Please call the school office if you are willing to volunteer as the coordinator for the playground schedule.**

NUT FREE:

You are reminded that TBCS has been designated as "Nut Free".

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. 5-8:

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 3. 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. 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 5. There will be NO classes for JK and SK on Wednesday. The regular schedule will resume on September 8 with SK on Mondays and JK and SK combined classes on Wednesday and Fridays.

STUDENT AGENDAS:

ALL students from Gr. 1-2 and 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. 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. 8). Milk forms have been emailed and a copy sent home with the oldest child. Please return by Friday, September 5. 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.

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.

T.R.I.P. Anytimes are available this week.

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
cell# 620-6489/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

NOMINEES TO TBCS BOARD ARE NEEDED:

Three vacancies are anticipated this coming year. Ed Van Voort, Lauri Fieldhouse, and Darryl Staal 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 9, 2014. 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 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 INCLUDES:

1. Student Accident Insurance Form
2. School Bus Rules
3. Address Form/September Milk Form

Scholastic Flyers are coming home today with your child. Two special flyers are also attached to the information package. 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 Wednesday, Sept. 10. Thank you!