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MY LIGHTHOUSE: Lost Without Him-Alive With Him

"I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness." Isaiah 42:6-7

Another great summer has come to an end and we can thank our Lord that He has brought us all safely through it. It is the first of September and we are ready to start a new school year at Thunder Bay Christian School. God has continued to bless the school, and we can look forward to another great year at the school. It was great to see all of the students come back 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, My Lighthouse: Lost Without Him- Alive With Him was highlighted. During the school year we will be focusing on a number of different themes with respect to our main theme. We will be looking at how we are 'lost' without God in our lives, how we have our hope in Christ, how God is our shepherd and how He will always be there for us, and how we need to let our 'lights' shine to everyone around us. We want to really teach the children to keep their eyes focused on Christ and allow Him to lead and guide them every day. We also hope to be a light by reaching 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

T.B.C.S. Administrative, Teaching and Support Staff:

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 (M/W/F)
Sandra de Haan	Leader of Learning	Kari Otke	PSW
Grace Boyes	Administrative Assistant	Lorrie Dykstra	PSW (M-Th)
TEACHING STAFF		Olivia Janssens	PSW (F)
Peter Himanen	Gr. 7-8	Trudy Bolt	Bookkeeper
Erin Voortman	Gr. 7-8 English, Math	Jesse & Shannon Dykxhoorn	Janitor
Patricia Kaemingh	JK/SK	Karen Staal	Janitor
Joanne Himanen	Grade 5-6	Jeannette Meijaard	Bus Driver
Sandra de Haan	Grade 3-4	Jenny Groenheide	Bus Driver
Marnie Rekman	Grade 1-2	Vicki Wassenaar	TAN Manager
Margaret Hawkins	Resource/Music/Art	Jennifer Hoogsteen	TAN Assistant Manager
Diana Hamilton	French	Debby VanderWees	Volunteer Librarian
Carolyn Indrevold	Gr. 9		

New Families and Students:

NEW FAMILIES AND STUDENTS			
Kyle & Michelle Bolt	Brynlee JK	Rob & Janice Groenheide	Avery JK
Aaron & Jami Breukelman	Lucas SK	Nathan & Chantelle Johnson	Samuel JK
Devin & Lindsay Breukelman	Jacob SK	Rob & Kristen Mol	Kaleb SK, Mason JK
David & Tiffany Cramer	Gerrit SK	John & Kristina Schelhaas	Brock Jk
Alanna Drost	Rielle JK	Robert & Jacqueline Hoekstra	Tiffany 8, Kathryn 6
Nick & Courtney Henny	Emelie 3, Nathan 2	Devin & Kara Jaspers	Liam SK
NEW JK STUDENTS			
Alexa Binderup, Jemma Bolt, Paige Janssens, Kyler Makkinga, Micah Postma, Addyson Staal			

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, you will automatically receive one this year, too. 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 volunteer coordinator, Sherri Brown, at 346-5445 if you are able to help out.

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 2. 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 5-8 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 4. 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. 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 Tuesday (Sept. 8). Milk forms have been emailed and a copy sent home with the oldest child. Please return by Friday, September 4. Cheques are to be 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 getting the inside ready for the school year.

T.R.I.P. Anytimes available starting tomorrow, September 2 and It Takes A Week are available starting September 14.

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.

NOMINEES TO TBCS BOARD ARE NEEDED:

Three vacancies are anticipated this coming year. Fred Van Elburg, Richard Veurink and Dan Breukelman 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 8, 2015. 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.

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) TO BE DETERMINED
(The Transportation Committee has spare drivers in place until the bus driver position is filled)

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

BUS DRIVER POSITION AVAILABLE: The Transportation Committee is currently looking for a bus driver for the school. If you are interested in this position, please send a resume or contact Gerrit Cramer (473-4086) for more information.

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. 9. Thank you!

AUGUST 18, 2015 BOARD MEETING MINI-MINUTES will be sent home on Friday's Journal.