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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*

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!  
All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."  
2 Corinthians 5:17,18*

**Looking Ahead:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sept. 7</b>	LABOUR DAY-NO SCHOOL
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Sept. 8</b>	-TRIP Anytimes only this week -Board nominations due
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Sept. 9</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Sept. 10</b>	-Immunization consent forms due
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sept. 11</b>	

**From Our School Community:**

**Chocolate Bar Sales** will begin soon. This is the biggest fundraiser for student fund resources which goes directly back to each student for various activities. Two thirds of the boxes will contain nut products. These will be safely stored unopened in the principal's office at the school.

**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 2016-2017 school year. You can also apply it to your last payment for the 2015- 2016 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. TRIP "It Takes a Week" orders will start September 14 - 9am sharp. New order forms and re-registration forms are attached to today's journal.

**Immunization Forms** for Grade 7/8 students were sent home earlier this week with your child. Please read through the information attached to the forms, fill out and return to the school office by **Thursday, September 10**. All forms need to be handed back in. A health unit representative will be picking them up.

## From Our School Community Continued:

**Bus Etiquette:** Please call your bus driver in the morning if your child will **not** be on the bus. You can also call the family who is picked up before yours, so those children can inform the bus driver not to wait at your stop. Bus driver phone numbers are as follows: City (Tiger)-To Be Determined, Slate River (Cow)-Jenny Groenheide: cell 620-6489/home 475-3138, and Kakabeka/Murillo (Giraffe)-Jeannette Meijaard: cell 629-0322/home 475-8325. You can also call the office during the day if your child will not be on the bus after school and a message will be left for the driver. Thanks.

**Paper Journals** are coming home today for the families who requested them last year. If anyone else would like one sent home with their oldest child on Fridays, please contact the office.

**Hot Lunch:** Order forms are coming home today with your journal. The Hot Lunch program is a service provided by the Booster Club approximately every two weeks. Hot Lunch is served during the second nutrition break (12:55pm). If your family chooses to participate please fill out the form (also found on our school webpage) and return it with cash or cheque (made out to TBCS Booster Club) by Friday, September 11. **No late orders please.**

**Piano Lessons** for September 2015-June 2016 are still available for anyone wishing to register their child. Cost is \$12 for a 20 minute lesson and \$18 for a 30 minute lesson. A form is available at the end of the journal for you to cut off, fill in and return to the office.

**Guitar Lessons:** Guitar lessons are being offered during school hours by Redeemer University Music graduate, Cory Hoogsteen. The rate is \$20.00 for a half hour lesson. Your child can learn to play classical, acoustic, or electric guitar. Music theory is incorporated through all lessons so the students will understand the "why" or "how" behind what they are playing. Students should be in grade 3 or older. If interested contact Cory at 807-252-4954 or cshoogsteen@gmail.com.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**From the Library:** Well, another year in the library is beginning next Wednesday. On that day we will start up with the Birthday Club. I will be sending an extra Birthday Book home with each child that had a birthday in July and August to start with. Please look in your child's backpack for a special birthday book bag, look at and read through your child's choice of book and follow the instructions on the small slip of paper that is with the book. This program allows us to add almost 100 books to our library each year so please prayerfully consider being a part of this program. Also just as a reminder, please remember to take special care of your library books this year. Maybe consider having a special basket, bag, or shelf so that you always know where they are and that they can be kept safe and free from any damaging accidents that can happen. I am looking forward to seeing all the children and teachers next Wednesday. Enjoy your long weekend everyone. Debby VanderWees

**Twice as Nice :** Welcome everyone to the start of a new school year. For many of you, **Twice as Nice** is a familiar name but for some, the store's involvement with and for TBCS may be news to you. **Twice as Nice** is a thrift store operating Monday through Saturday on the corner of May and Cumming Street. The store sells gently used clothing, furniture and household items. The store has 2 employees – Vicki Wassenaar is the manager and Jenn Hoogsteen the assistant manager. The **Twice as Nice** store gives between \$10,000 and \$15,000 per month to the TBCS with these funds helping to offset tuition for each family attending TBCS to the tune of around \$3000 per family, a substantial amount of money. The store relies on volunteers to stay open and we ask and encourage all families with children at the TBCS to volunteer some time at the store. There are various ways to get involved – sorting, working in the store front with customers, helping with pickups and deliveries, to name a few. I'm Jenny Mol, I'm "Oma" to 3 students at TBCS and I'm the volunteer coordinator for **TAN**. I'm going to be calling each family at TBCS in the next few weeks and ask that you consider how you can help so that when I call, you'll have had some time to think of a response. Any and all help is appreciated; some have a lot of free time, others have much less time available. If you can't come personally, maybe a relative can come on your family's behalf. Please give this your prayerful consideration. There will be weekly notices in the journal letting the membership know of vacancies at the store for the following week. Next week, Sept. 8-12, we need store volunteers for some morning and afternoon shifts. Morning shifts are from 09:45 to 1:30 pm, afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30 and there are always at least 2 people working in the store front. Opportunities to help out next week are for **Tuesday afternoon – 1 person, Thursday afternoon – 2 people, Friday morning – 1 person and Friday afternoon – 2 people**. Please call Jenny Mol at 475-6995, text 626-0442, email [jhmol@tbaytel.net](mailto:jhmol@tbaytel.net) or call the **Twice as Nice** store at 622-7575.

**Journal Attachments:** September calendar, TRIP forms and fall hot lunch forms are attached to today's journal.

**TBCS Mini-minutes**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**August 18, 2015 at 7:30 pm (Executive) and 8 pm (Board Meeting)**

1. Executive meets (Peter Kaemingk, Gerrit Cramer, Jonathan Bakker and Fred Van Elburg) to finalize the evening's agenda.
  
1. Opening devotions by Peter Kaemingk and he reads from Psalm 119:73-80
2. Roll call – Peter Kaemingk, Fred Van Elburg, Dan Breukelman, Gerrit Cramer, Jonathan Bakker, Ryan Jaspers, Peter Himanen, and Bram Drost. Absent with notice: Kevin Mol.
3. Adoption of the agenda by Bram Drost and Jonathan Bakker. Carried.
4. Declaration on conflicts of interest - none
5. Adoption of the minutes of the previous board meeting, June 9, 2015 by Jonathan Bakker and Gerrit Cramer. Carried.
6. Motion by Gerrit Cramer and Bram Drost to support Cory Hoogsteen offering guitar lessons at the school. Carried. A notice will be placed in the journal.
7. The TBCS Board and society would like to welcome the following families and their children:
  - a. Nick and Courtney Henny and children (Nathan, gr.2 and Emelie, gr.3)
  - b. Alanna Drost and her daughter Rielle (JK)
  - c. John and Tina Schelhaas and their son Brock (JK)
  - d. Robert and Jacqueline Hoekstra (Tiffany, gr. 8 and Kathryn, gr. 6)
8. Next meeting - September 15, 2015
9. MOTION TO ADJOURN by Ryan Jaspers and Jonathan Bakker. Carried.
10. Closing Prayer by Bram Drost.

**From the Classrooms:**

**JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh**

We are off to a good start learning the school expectations and classroom routines! Keep it up!

An introductory newsletter and September calendar went home with your child on Wednesday. If you did not receive it, please let me know and I will send home another. Thanks!

**Grades 1 & 2 - Miss Rekman**

What a wonderful first week! We were able to tell our summer stories, share show and tell, and meet our classmates. Thanks parents for sending all the supplies in to school this week.

Here is a little about what we will be learning in our class next week:

Bible: We are starting with a short review on the book of Genesis. Our memory work which comes from our Science unit is " The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the works of his hands." Psalm 19:1. Students will be asked to recite the memory work on Friday, September 11. We will be practicing this verse each day.

Math: Both grades have begun their first unit on patterning and sorting.

Reading: A September reading log went home at the beginning of the week. If you need a new log or would like to borrow some classroom books for at home please contact Miss Rekman.

Science: Our first unit is called "The Sky Declares". Through this unit we will learn all about weather and discover that it is our God whose work and faithfulness are displayed throughout the skies.

**Mrs. Hawkins:** Music- Students learned about rhythm by clapping the syllables of their names. They also learned about class procedures and participated in activities that develop listening skills.

### Grades 3 & 4 - Miss de Haan

A new year has begun! We have been busy adjusting to the routines of a new classroom this week. We also welcome Emelie and look forward to getting to know her better!

A Parent Letter was sent home with each child and will be in the portfolio folder that gets sent home each Friday. Please return the emptied folder on Tuesday. Thank you.

Tuesday: Return emptied folders; Return sheet with a minimum of 10 words in the "Word Family" for the week.

Thursday: Word Wall Tests for both grades

**Mrs. Hawkins:** Music- Students reviewed class procedures and got moving with the fun action song, "Wake Me, Shake Me". We'll be having recorder class on Wednesdays. If students have recorders at home they are encouraged to bring them along. Students will also be participating in the "Link-Up" program again this year. This program introduces students to the symphony orchestra and major concepts involved with composition, performance, and music appreciation and analysis. Students will participate in a joint concert with the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra in April.

### Grades 5 & 6 - Mrs. Himanen

Welcome to grades five and six!! It's been an AMAZING week, and the classes have enjoyed reuniting with their friends and getting to know new friends! The grade fives have settled in very well and are learning the routines of our classroom and are also having fun getting used to using locks and lockers. The grade sixes are quite comfortable with the routines and have been a great help to the grade fives. We were sad to hear that Cassandra and Jennifer have moved to other schools but were so excited to welcome Kathryn to our class! We're so glad you are part of our gang, and we are looking forward to getting to know you better!

In our class this week we have enjoyed several introductory activities and have also plunged right into the curriculum. We participated in writing exercises describing ourselves and our summer holidays, began a unit in math on patterns, worked on addition mad minutes and a math puzzle, began working in our penmanship and spelling books, and learned that grammar is all about classifying words into groups that we'll be studying throughout the year. In Social Studies we began a new unit on the Canadian Government and will be learning what government is useful for and how it is run. We will also learn more about how elections are

run. In Bible we began a unit on Luke's writings about the early church and are studying the book of Acts. In gym class the grade fives had their first experience changing into gym clothes before class. We had a great time getting used to being together in the gym by playing fun games. The class especially seemed to enjoy "skating" and throwing "snowballs" at me!

Just a bit of information to pass on...

-The following teachers will be teaching grades five and six: Mrs. Hawkins (music, computers, art), Mme. Hamilton (French) Should you have any questions regarding these subject areas please feel free to contact them.

-P.E. (Gym) is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thank you for so promptly supplying shorts and buying school shirts for gym. Please make sure your son/daughter is wearing appropriate socks on those days and that your daughters have a hair tie to wear their hair back so their hair doesn't always fall into their face during exercise.

-Weekly spelling lessons are due on the Thursday of each week or earlier and dictations are on Fridays.

-Library is on Wednesdays.

-Weekly penmanship assignments are always due on the last day of the week or earlier.

-Memory work is due to be recited anytime from Wednesday to Friday during the week. Students generally have 1-2 weeks/passage depending on its length.

-Agendas were given out which the students use to record homework assignments and other important things to remember. We take time each day to write in our agendas and organize what needs to be brought home etc. Please help 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, but most items are here! Terrific!

### **Next Week:**

Memory Work: 2 Corinthians 4:6

Thursday - Spelling Unit 1 due

Friday - Spelling Dictation - Unit 1 and penmanship due

FUN DAY!!

**Mrs. Hawkins:** Music- Students were assigned ukuleles this week. We worked on strumming patterns and learned/reviewed the "C" chord.

Art: Students drew and coloured models of themselves as part of a large group mural.

**Mr. Himanen:**

Bible-The class began their first unit entitled 'The Big Picture in Color'. In this unit the students will be looking at how God sees the 'whole picture' while we only see a little part of it. We need to trust God even when we don't understand why things may be happening.

History-The students will be studying the history of Canada this year in this class. Next week the class will be beginning to study how the British began to govern what was almost a completely French colony.

Geography-The class will be working on the first unit entitled 'This is My Father's World'. The students will be reviewing and practising some geography skills.

Science-The class will be starting their first unit on Solutions next week.

Memory Work: Friday September 11 - Matthew 5:16

**Mrs. Voortman:**

What a wonderful start to a new year with an eager and exciting class! We were thrilled to have Julia and Levi rejoin us on Tuesday. Also a special welcome to Tiffany! We are also glad you are here. Thank you for sending your student with all the required supplies. We were able to jump right into our work this week.

Math: We have begun Unit 1 on Number Sense. Every Thursday we will have a quick quiz over the work we have covered in our weekly homework assignments. Students have begun using their number tiles, whiteboards and task cards and are doing a fantastic job catching on to these activities.

Language Arts: We have been planning activities for our school wide fun afternoon held next Friday. Our grade 8 students are team leaders and are looking forward to that. We have begun a unit on short stories dealing with decisions. Spelling unit one work will be due on Thursday and our spelling weekly test will be Friday.

**Mrs. Hawkins:** Grade 7 Band- Students were given the opportunity to try and choose instruments this week. Students will be receiving their instruments next week. I'm looking forward to another great band class this year!

Art- Students drew and coloured models of themselves as part of a large group mural.

**Grade 9 - Miss Indrevold**

We had a great first week getting to know each other and settling into some routines.

Math - Next week we will continue to learn about exponents/exponent laws, and start an introduction to algebra.

English - Now that we have done a little bit of background research to learn about the historical/societal context, our unit on To Kill A Mockingbird starts on Tuesday! Make sure you've read chapters 1 and 2 so we can discuss them together.

Science - We've spent our first week learning about the scientific method and getting our feet wet with some little experiments. We will be beginning an introduction to space starting next week.

Bible - This week we talked about how the Bible can be considered as a "drama of salvation" with 6 acts, and how God is revealing Himself to us through creation. Next week we will talk about how God reveals Himself through Jesus, and through Scripture.

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**Piano Registration for 2015/2016 School Year**

Cost: \$12.00 for 20 minute lesson and \$18.00 for a 30 minute lesson.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

School Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out and return to the school office . Thank you.

