



WE ARE SECOND TO THE ONE

*"He must become great;
I must become less."
John 3:30*



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It is hard to believe that another summer has come and gone, and it is time to begin another school year at Thunder Bay Christian School. It has certainly been a good summer, and we can all be thankful to our Lord for being with us through all of our different activities throughout the summer. As we begin this new year we are thankful for God's faithfulness in providing the school with all that it has needed over the years, and we ask for His wisdom so that we will be faithful to Him in everything we do at the school in the coming year.

It was great to see all the students coming back to school with happy and eager faces as they saw their classmates, their classrooms, and their teachers after the summer break. To begin the new school year an assembly was held in the school gym where the theme for the school year was outlined. The theme for this year is, "We are Second to the ONE". Unfortunately, the society that we live in today tries to teach us that we are number one; that we need to look first at satisfying our own needs and desires. The focus of our theme this year will be to teach the students that we need to first look to God and follow His will, and then look to the needs of others. We need to follow the Jesus, Others, Yourself model rather than putting ourselves first. We really want the students to take the focus off of themselves and to begin to think first on how they can serve God and others in their daily lives.

As the school year begins, we ask for your continued prayer support so that as we follow God's leading we can experience a great year. 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)
Sandra de Haan	Leader of Learning	Sharon Breukelman	JK/SK TA (W/F)
Grace Boyes	Administrative Assistant	Kari Otke	PSW
Two Members	Board Representatives	Lorrie Dykstra	PSW (M-Th)
TEACHING STAFF		Olivia Janssens	PSW (F)
Peter Himanen	Gr. 7-10	Trudy Bolt	Bookkeeper
Erin Voortman	Gr. 7-8	Karen Staal	Janitor
Patricia Kaemingh	JK/SK	Jeannette Meijaard	Bus Driver
Joanne Himanen	Grade 5-6	Jenny Groenheide	Bus Driver
Sandra de Haan	Grade 3-4	Vicki Wassenaar	Bus Driver
Michelle Bolt	Grade 1-2	Ken Paulusma	TAN Manager
Margaret Hawkins	Resource/Music/Art	Vicki Wassenaar	TAN Assistant Manager
Diana Hamilton	French Gr. 3-6, Gr. 1 am	Debby VanderWees	Volunteer Librarian
Carolyn Mol	Gr. 7-10		
Corinne Tempelman	French Gr. 7-10		

New Families and Students:

NEW FAMILIES AND STUDENTS			
Sheldon & Deanine Bakker	Hayden JK	Brandon & Natalie Postuma	Bentley JK
Tomas & Allison Postuma	Jack SK	Adam & Charmaine Zachary	Lincoln JK
NEW JK STUDENTS			
Jackson Dykstra, Cullen Henny, John Makkinga, Marcus Mol, Cole Voortman			
NEW SK STUDENTS			
Jillian Jaspers, Kaitlyn Jaspers			

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.

*Any new families wishing to receive a paper copy of the journal, please notify the office.

**Paper copies of the announcement portion of the journal are available in several churches each week.

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 T.B.C.S. 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 7. 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 T.B.C.S. 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 9. There will be NO classes for JK and SK on Wednesday. The regular schedule will resume on September 12 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 will be given a Student Connection Planner (from the Bible League) in which to record their homework, assignments, and 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. 12). Milk forms have been emailed and a copy sent home with the oldest child. Please return by Friday, September 9. Cheques are to be made out to Thunder Bay Christian School "Student Fund".

*The prices have changed for the milk for this year due to rising costs from the supplier. The cost of white milk is still 65¢/each, but chocolate milk is now **75¢/each**.

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 are available on Friday, September 9, and It Takes a Week are available to order starting Monday, September 12.

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. Peter Kaemingk, Gerrit Cramer, and Ryan Jaspers will have completed their terms. The Board, acting as a nominating committee, would like names presented from the membership for consideration. Please submit names in written format to a Board member before September 15. Please confirm with nominee their acceptance of being nominated. The Board will be presenting a slate of candidates prior to the Annual Fall Membership meeting at which election of Board members will take place.

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)	Vicki Wassenaar	cell & Home# 631-8815
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

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. Three 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. Cash is also accepted. Orders are due **no later** than Wednesday, Sept. 14. Thank you!

REMINDER TO COMMITTEES: Please send a copy of minutes/reports from committee meetings to the office **Thursdays** before Board meeting dates.

FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING takes place in November. Committee reports from all committees (eg. Transportation, Maintenance etc.) are due in to the school office the **Thursday morning** before the October Board meeting.

AUGUST 16, 2016 BOARD MEETING MINI-MINUTES will be sent home on Friday's Journal.

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SEPTEMBER MILK ORDER FORM

Fill in NOW and return to school by **Friday, September 9, 2016**

No late orders please.

CHILD'S NAME	GRADE	WHITE CHOC.	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30					
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Weekly Totals			#milk _____					# milk _____					# milk _____					# milk _____					#milk _____				
Monthly Total			# of white milk x .65 = _____															Cost of white _____									
			# of choc. milk x .75 = _____															Cost of choc.+ _____									
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*Please make cheques payable to T.B.C.S. Student Fund

September 5 - Labour Day (no school)

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ADDRESS FORM: ADDRESS/PH.NUM./WORK etc.

We would like *every family* (not new families) to complete the following, so we can ensure that our records are up to date.

Name: _____

Address: _____ (include postal code) _____

Home Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Cellular #: (husband) _____ (wife) _____

(We will not print these numbers in our telephone directory that goes out later this month – this is strictly for office use in case of emergencies.)

Work Place: (husband) _____ Phone #: _____

Work Place: (wife) _____ Phone #: _____

Emergency Contact (other than parents): _____