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### GOT FRUIT? Fruit of the Spirit

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is not law."  
Galatians 5:22-23*

It is hard to believe but 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 his 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 "Got Fruit? Fruit of the Spirit". In Galatians 5:22-23 it tells us that there are nine Christian attributes that should, and need to, be demonstrated in our lives as followers of Jesus. Those attributes are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. When these are consistently demonstrated towards others they are evidence that the Lord is working in us, and through us. 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. Throughout the year during our chapel services and in the classroom devotions we will be looking more closely at each of the attributes and learning how we can show them in our words and our actions.

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	
<b>Peter Himanen</b>	Leader of Principal Duties	<b>Michelle Bolt</b>	On Maternity leave
<b>Sandra de Haan</b>	Leader of Learning	<b>Diana Hamilton</b>	On Maternity leave
<b>Grace Boyes</b>	Administrative Assistant	<b>Jackie Bakker</b>	Secretary (Fridays)
<b>Two Members</b>	Board Representatives	<b>Sharon Breukelman</b>	JK/SK TA (W/F)
TEACHING STAFF		<b>Kari Otke</b>	PSW
<b>Peter Himanen</b>	Gr. 7-10	<b>Lorrie Dykstra</b>	PSW (M/W/F)
<b>Erin Voortman</b>	Gr. 7-8	<b>Trudy Bolt</b>	Bookkeeper
<b>Patricia Kaemingh</b>	JK/SK	<b>Karen Staal</b>	Janitor
<b>Joanne Himanen</b>	Grade 5-6	<b>Jeannette Meijaard</b>	Bus Driver
<b>Sandra de Haan</b>	Grade 3-4	<b>Jenny Groenheide</b>	Bus Driver
<b>Elizabeth Boyes</b>	Grade 1-2	<b>John Meijaard</b>	Bus Driver (Temporary)
<b>Margaret Hawkins</b>	Resource/Music/Art	<b>Ken Paulusma</b>	TAN Manager
<b>Jessica Strydhorst</b>	Gr. 1 am	<b>Jackie Rilett</b>	TAN Operations Assistant
<b>Carolyn Mol</b>	Gr. 7-10		
<b>Linda McCutcheon</b>	French Gr. 3-8, H.S. Geo.	<b>Debby VanderWees</b>	Volunteer Librarian

## New Families and Students:

NEW FAMILIES AND STUDENTS			
Ihor & Ela Tereshchenko	Nazar 4, Mark SK	Brandon & Jessica Breukelman	Ethan SK
Ian & Melissa Staal	Sophie JK	Chris & Emily Streutker	Brianne JK
NEW JK STUDENTS			
Lacey Bakker, Lachlan Bolt, Max Bolt, Laina Breukelman, Reagan Cramer, Marissa Groenheide, Jordan Janssens, Jett Jaspers, Maxwell Johnson, Braiden Mol, Caitlin Postuma, Molly Schelhaas, Willem Schep			
NEW SK STUDENTS			
Levi Breukelman, Jenna Veurink			

## 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](http://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.

**SCHOOL CLEANUP:** Thank you to all the volunteers for all your hard work in keeping the building and grounds of the school in great shape throughout the summer. **Reminder** that school cleanup is scheduled for tonight from 7:00-10:00. Please come out and help us start the year fresh and clean.

### 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, Tiffany Cramer, at 622-6987 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 6. 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 8. There will be NO classes for JK and SK on Wednesday. The regular schedule will resume on September 11 with SK on Mondays and JK and SK combined classes on Wednesday and Fridays.

**STUDENT AGENDAS:**

ALL students from 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. 11). Milk forms have been emailed and a copy sent home with the oldest child. Please return by Friday, September 8. Cheques are to be made out to Thunder Bay Christian School "Student Fund".

\* The cost of white milk is still 65¢/each, and chocolate milk is **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.

**T.R.I.P. (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)** is not being sold at the present time. The program is currently being reviewed by the Finance Committee.

**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. Abraham Drost, Kevin Mol, and Jonathan Bakker 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 7. 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)	John Meijaard (temporary)	cell# 629-0344/Home 475-8325
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 by contacting the Transportation Committee bus rep for your bus.* Please be aware that buses may arrive early when dropping students off at home (sports practices, parents picking up their children etc.). 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

## **STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP:**

Parents who are dropping their children off at school in the morning or picking them up after school are reminded that this should be done at the front entrance of the school. There are times when the buses may be early or late and we do not want there to be any times when the buses and vehicles have to cross each other's paths.

Please call the school if there are any changes to the daily busing schedule for your children. It is important for the safety of all the children that the bus drivers are aware of who will be on the bus at the end of the day each day.

## **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. A special flyer is 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. 13. 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 24, 2017 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 8, 2017**

*No late orders please.*

CHILD'S NAME	GRADE	WHITE CHOC.	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29				
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Monthly Total			# of white milk x .65 = _____														Cost of white _____								
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\*Please make cheques payable to T.B.C.S. Student Fund

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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): \_\_\_\_\_