



WEEKLY NEWS MAY 14, 2012

2011/2012 School Theme: Proverbs 9:10

"Wisdom begins with respect for the Lord and understanding begins with knowing the Holy One."



Upcoming Calendar

Monday, May 14 ■ Girls' baseball ⇒ 5pm	Tuesday, May 15 ■ Track & Field Practice to 5pm ■ Boys' baseball to 5pm	Wed., May 16 ■ Girls' baseball ⇒ 5pm	Thursday, May 17 ■ Evening of Music 7-8pm	Friday, May 18 ■ Sub lunch day ■ Ball Hockey at noon ■ Boys' baseball to 5pm ■ Pick up plant orders 3:30-6pm
Monday, May 21 VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY	Tuesday, May 22 ■ Track & Field Practice to 5pm ■ Boys' baseball to 5pm	Wed., May 23 ■ Popcorn Day ■ Girls' baseball ⇒ 5pm	Thursday, May 24 Hot lunch Pizza Day - <u>note change of day!</u>	Friday, May 25 Track & Field Day at Notre Dame H.S. 8:30-2:30PM

MAY

Thur	May 17	Evening of Music Concert
Fri	May 18	Re-registration Deadline
Sat	May 19	"Spring is Sprung" Plant and Yard sale 7:30am to noon
Fri	May 25	TCS Track and Field Day at Notre Dame High School (no rain date)

Principal's Corner,

STUDENT PLACEMENTS

It is hard to believe that it is time to assign students to single and combined classes for the 2012-2013 school year. There are many factors that influence the classroom placement of a student and these include both individual and entire classroom needs. The factors listed below give some examples of specific educational needs:

- Physical, behavioural, cognitive, emotional and/or spiritual needs of each student;
- Class dynamics;
- Peer relationships;
- Class size (refer to Educational Factors Affecting Class Sizes listed in *Class Size Guidelines*);
- Gender balance, and;
- Special education needs and programs.

If you have specific educational needs that are essential to communicate to the staff regarding the classroom placement of your son or daughter please follow the steps below:

- Step 1:** Prayerfully consider the educational needs of your children.
- Step 2:** Prepare a list of specific considerations (e.g. previous years in a combined or single class, current accommodations or modifications to the program, social considerations which may include a suggestion of one other classmate, etc.)
- Step 3:** If you believe the items on the list are not known by the homeroom teachers, communicate these needs to me in writing through the use of an email or letter.
- Step 4:** Pray again for wisdom as staff prepare the class lists for next year.

The information provided by our parents will be one of several considerations during subsequent meetings to determine student placements. ***The deadline to communicate major concerns is Friday, May 25, 2012.*** Placement meetings with the applicable staff have been scheduled for our Professional Activity Day, Monday, June 4. At the placement meetings, the factors listed above and parental input will be discussed and the first draft of classroom lists will be prepared. Families who enroll after the meetings will be assigned to classrooms that have openings and others will follow our *Waiting List Policy*.

The Principal, after considering the input from parents and staff, will make the final decision on the class placement of each student. Class lists will indicate the student's classroom placement. Parents will receive the class list before the first day of the upcoming school year. Parents may appeal the Principal's class placement decision directly to the Board at their scheduled September meeting.

Recommendations about single and combined grade combinations and class numbers will be presented to the Board at their meeting on Monday, June 11, 2012. As of May 14, our school community has been blessed with approximately **264** possible students for the 2012-2013 school year. We look forward to confirming our numbers when we receive your re-registration information by Friday, May 18. ☺ **Rick Schenk**
principal@tconline.ca

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SPRING HAS SPRUNG PLANT & YARD SALE: Join us this Saturday, May 19th, from 7:30am-12pm. Pick up premium, locally grown annuals, perennials, baskets, and planters. Browse our marketplace and yard sale!

DONATIONS PLEASE!! We are looking for Trinity bakers to contribute to a baked goods table at the yard sale. Please drop off baked goods at the school from 3:30-6pm this Friday, May 18th. And don't forget! Please drop off your gently used, no-longer-required-by-you items for our yard sale this Friday from 3:30-6pm. Please contact Nicole Porritt (905-407-3999, nikisos@live.ca) for more information

PRE-ORDER PLANT PICKUP: this Friday, May 18th, from 3:30-6pm.



LOST AND FOUND: The Lost and Found bins are full to overflowing, especially with coats and jackets. Please check it out before the items are given to a charity.

FROM STUDENT COUNCIL: The creativity has bloomed and the excitement is building for TRINITY'S GOT TALENT on May 28! We can't wait to see this showcase of talent!

HOT LUNCH PIZZA DAY CHANGE: Next week's Pizza Lunch day will be MOVED to Thursday, May 24th, instead of Friday, due to Track & Field Day. Only Combined Kindergarten will receive theirs on Friday May 25th.

RE-REGISTRATION: Re-registration deadline is this week Friday, May 18th to avoid the Late Administration Fee of \$200. Please make sure that you return the following:

- Re-registration form (signed)
- Tuition form (signed)
- Cheques or Automatic Payment form with void cheque
- G.I.F.T.S. cheque (Please don't forget this one!)

LIBRARY: This is the final week for borrowing books from our school library. It is crazy how fast this school year has flown by. Next week, notices will begin to come home with the titles of books that are still outstanding. This weeks volunteers: Tues: Veerman, Glasbergen; Wed: Stronks; Thurs: Ayala-Pantaleoni, Hutchings

GRADES 5, 5/6, 7, 7/8, 8, MUSIC, CONCERT BAND, FLUTE CHOIR: Thursday is our Evening of Music. We have worked hard to prepare and are looking forward to sharing our music with you. Students are asked to wear black bottoms and plain white OR black shirts. Concert Band and Flute Choir members need to wear their band shirts. Students are asked to be in their classrooms by 6:40 pm. The concert begins at 7:00. If your child is not able to attend, please let me know via a note or email sara.flokstra@tcsonline.ca. We hope to see you there.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING will be held at the school every Tuesday afternoon **at 2:00!** Everyone is welcome to attend as we join together to seek God and pray about different issues pertaining to the school. If you're unable to make it but are interested in receiving emails outlining the prayer focus for specific weeks, please contact Kathy Gust at kgust@sympatico.ca or [905-315-1863](tel:905-315-1863).

VIP VOUCHER PROGRAM: There will be no VIP next week due to the long week-end. Orders will resume May 28th. Any questions or concerns you can contact Rachael Hiebert at (905)331-5678 or vip@tcsonline.ca . Have a great Victoria Day week-end!

SCHOOL OF MUSIC: Registration forms for 2012-2013 lessons in the School of Music were sent home in the registration package. They can also be on the school website [here](#). Please complete the registration form and return ASAP along with a cheque made payable to *Trinity Christian School* for the \$25 non-refundable registration fee. This fee will be applied to next year's lesson fees. Early registration will give you first chance at choosing your lesson time for next year. Please note that after May 18th (this coming Friday!), the non-refundable registration fee will be increased to \$35, of which \$25 will be applied to next year's lesson fees.

On Friday, June 8th and Saturday, June 9th at 7:00pm, the *School of Music* will be hosting its annual recitals. All students enrolled in lessons at TCS are expected to participate. Your teacher will work with you on choosing a performance selection. Students will be assigned a recital night. If you have a preference that suits your family's schedule, please notify Scott Ashby (Email: som@tcsonline.ca; Phone: 905-630-2179). Students will also perform for their peers in the class recitals on May 31st (grades 1-4) and June 1st (grades 5-8) during school hours.

CANADA WIDE SCIENCE FAIR (CWSF): We are very excited and proud at Trinity as Edmund Z. arrived in PEI with the Bay Area Science Fair Team(BASEF) this past Saturday. Edmund will be competing in the CWSF with his project called Double Trouble which some may remember from Trinity's science fair last year. He will be there all week and our prayers are with him. Please look at the following links to see what Edmund is involved in: **AvW**
TEAM BASEF 2012 BLOG (Daily Updates!): <http://basef-at-cwsf-2012.blogspot.ca/>
TEAM BASEF 2012 flickr Page (Photos & Stuff):
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/team-basef/sets/72157629673882782/with/7174431928/>
BASEF Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/TeamBASEF>

SPORTS AND CLUB NEWS

TITANS BOYS' BASEBALL THIS WEEK: Practices are **Tuesday** and **Friday** this week at the park on Kilmer Drive. Tournament dates are June 5 (changed from June 1) and June 12. The June 5th one is a co-ed event, so this week we will have to choose 6 or 7 boys from the team to go, along with 5 or 6 from the girl's team. **RJ**

TORONTO BLUE JAYS GAME JUNE 1: All students who tried out for the boys' and girls' baseball teams received a form with which to order tickets for the Jays vs. Red Sox game on Friday June 1. Tickets are \$12 each; cheques should be made out to me, and I'll pay for all the seats at once on May 24. **RJ**

GIRLS SOFTBALL: Girls softball practice this week Monday and Wednesday. Please remember to bring a hat, your glove, and a water bottle to practice. If you want to go to the baseball game on June 1st please let Mr. J know ASAP. See you on the diamond. **RD and SF**

TRACK AND FIELD: Track and Field Club continues this week Tuesday. The practice will go from 3:30-5:00. Thank you for picking up your children promptly. Thank you to the parents who have been helping with this club. Students must have appropriate running shoes and athletic attire in order to participate. Please note that students require both indoor and outdoor running shoes as some events such as high-jump are practiced in the gym while other events are practiced outside. They should also have a water bottle. In the event of heavy rain, students will be sent home on the bus. We will make this decision at 3pm and may not be able to contact everyone so please be aware of this. **Mr. and Mrs. McGregor**

BALL HOCKEY THIS WEEK: The action continues for grades 5-8 on **Friday** in the gym at noon recess. See you there! **RJ**

GRADE NEWS

JK: Thank you to our wonderful moms who love us so much. Hope that you had a special day on Sunday. This week in JK we will be learning the sound "Sh." The Stars of the Day are Judah on Tuesday, Gideon on Thursday and John on Friday. On Friday we have our class trip to Springridge Farm. Please be sure to put sunscreen on your child before school and send along a hat for them to wear. Thanks to Mrs. Hamer and Mrs. Ketelaars for being willing to join us. Don't forget the Evening of Music this Thursday at Trinity as well as the TCS Plant and Yard Sale on Saturday. I hope everyone has a great week. **LB**

CK -JK/SK: Moms, I hope you were blessed with loads of love and hugs and kisses this weekend. You are a major part of your child's story. I trust that you were honoured well in your households. This week we will marvel at the mystery of a seed sprouting. We look forward to our trip to Springridge Farm. Please be sure to check the weather that morning to dress your child accordingly: Layers? Boots? Running shoes? Sunscreen? Hat? We will go rain or shine. Thank you to Mrs. Lee and Stel for joining us. This week will be our last visit to the library. [A](#) **HUMUNGOUS THANK YOU** for Mrs. Stronks and Mrs. Lee who were our faithful volunteers all year. Your dedication was such a blessing to us. **MS**

SK: Last Wednesday we had an unexpected visitor. Mr. Vanderlingen, (Mrs. Vanderlingen works in the office and Miss Ashley helps out in our class) came to TCS in his very big Voortman cookie truck. We were able to go into the trailer and into the cab. Thanks for coming to our school Mr. Vanderlingen. We had a wonderful day in SK last Thursday when Mr. Q and Miss U got married. Thank you for getting on board with your children and playing a part in the excitement. Your gifts of food, flowers and decorations were great and really appreciated. This will be our last week to visit the TCS library. Please remember to return books, so that the students can sign out books one last time before the summer. This week we will learn about Air transportation. Please return the trip forms by this Thursday. I will post our helpers in next weeks Newsbulletin. Enjoy the long weekend with your family. **DD**

GRADE 1: Thank you Moms for all that you do! We hope you enjoyed your presents! This week we have Library on Tuesday. We have a Spelling Test on Thursday. If you are able to help on Friday, May 25th for our school's Field Day, please write me a note or email the office. We are in need of more volunteers. I have been assessing each child's ability to read high frequency words and each child has grown so much in their reading ability. Each student has been so encouraged. I will continue assessing students this week. Have a great week! **MS**

GRADE 1-2: I hope that you were able to enjoy the fantastic weather this weekend and that all of the mothers felt blessed by their families. We are in need of volunteers to help us with track and field day on Friday, May 25. The grade ones will be doing something separate from the rest of the school, but we need grade one and grade two parent volunteers for this day. Please let the office know or send a note with your child if you are able to help us out that day. If your child has not yet returned his/her memory work book, please send it to school ASAP. Please continue to practice reading with your child at home each day, as well as practicing math facts. Skip counting is a great way to help your child get a head start for multiplication (grade twos are learning multiplication now!) Last week a wildflower assignment came home with your child, please have your child complete it and return it by Wednesday of this week. Have a wonderful week! **KZ**

GRADE 2: Hope all our mothers had a relaxing and enjoyable day yesterday. You are special every day! We have finished our regular weekly Spelling words. For the next few weeks we will be reviewing word lists and additional WordWall words. In math this week we will be introduced to multiplication. This week we will be working with the 1, 2, 5 and 10 times tables. The SRA reading lab book will be opened this week. Children will be reading many exiting stories, fiction and non-fiction, plus reviewing all the grade 2 language skills.

Please remember that on June 15 grade 2 will be visiting Bronte Creek Prov .Park for most of the day.

May 25 (Friday) is Trinity Field Day. Many volunteers are needed for the day to run smoothly. Please contact the office if you are available to help. Have a great week!

Reminders: Tues. Library - return books. Fri: M.W. James 1: 19-20. Daily: field day practice, math drills. **DB**

GRADE 3: It has been very busy in grade three, as the students worked on their Mother Day gifts and are preparing for field day. On Friday, we will be getting together with the grade four class first thing in the morning, and doing our jump off for high jump in the gym. This week we are busy with starting a new unit in Socials, "Our Historical Community". On Thursday Memory Work is due; it is in the May Newsletter. Next week, Thursday, May 24, there will be a Math test on measurement; a review sheet will be going home later this week. We are also looking for some volunteers to help out on field day. If you would like to help with the high jump on Friday, or walk with the class and help supervise, next week Friday, please send a note in the agenda.

GRADE 4: We'll be wrapping up a few things and also getting a few things started for Mrs. Brooks' time in Gr. 4 starting Tuesday, May 22. My study trip to Israel begins then with a full schedule of hiking, listening, learning... walking where Jesus walked and "following the Rabbi." I'm humbled and grateful to be able to go, and look forward to finding ways to share the experience in my teaching.

Wednesday – In-class Talent Competition

Friday – Spelling Test (note end-of-year format again)

Looking ahead:

Friday, May 25 – Field Day at Notre Dame. Let's go TCS! (be sure to bring all the sun protection, drinks and snacks you'll need to have a great day) **PARENTS, if you are able to volunteer in some capacity that day, we'd really welcome your help. Contact the office for details.**

Friday, June 1 – Culminating Memory Work!! Gr.4, you can do this! Proverbs 3:3-12

Tuesday, June 5 – Pulleys and Gears Scrapbook Pages due. **JdR**

Grade Four Art: I will be collecting student duotangs this Thursday. Five more DrawSpots need to be done. **CS**

GRADE 5: In the spotlight: This week we have Nikita P. in the spotlight. As we celebrate the unique S.H.A.P.E. God has given her, please ask your child what they know and appreciate about Nikita.

<http://teachersites.schoolworld.com/webpages/cSchuurman/>

LITERACY:

Working with Words: There will be a vocabulary test this Friday.

Writing: We will continue our unit on poetry this week by looking at diamond poems, free verse and cinquans. We will wrap up this unit next week and will look forward to story writing as the next writing unit.

Grammar: We did not finish the quiz on the parts of speech on Friday; therefore students will finish it on Wednesday. Our next focus will be on punctuation and apostrophes.

Reading: We are reading the fourth section of the novel, "Holes" by Louis Sachar. On Friday we talked about future goals in careers and students will need to find out some information about jobs/careers that may be of interest to them. This will need to be finished by Thursday. The questions for this mini assignment can be found in the blue guided reading duo-tang.

Third Term non-fiction book reports are due May 24th. (Not the 25th as this is field day)

Social Studies: Students will continue with part two of the social studies projects this week where they will present their ideas on how they can be constructive, creative, and cooperative in their own lives as they serve our Great God. We did not have time for the unit review this week so we will do that next week followed up by a test the following week (Thursday).

NUMERACY: We began a new unit on measurement this week. Lessons 1&2 in the red math duo-tang need to be completed by Tuesday. Please sign and return math tests.

GYM: We will continue Track and Field conditioning. We also enjoyed playing outdoor beach volleyball on Friday and hope to do that again this Friday weather permitting. **AMc**

Track and Field Day is on May 25th. Parents, can you come out and help on that exciting day? Please let the office know.

This Thursday is Trinity's Evening of Music and Art. We will show you some of the creativity that goes on in our classes. **Grade Five will be performing a song that evening!** Please let me know via your child's planner whether or not he or she can be there that evening.

French: Students have a quiz this Thursday on vocab list 1.

Science: Students have a quiz on internal and external forces next Tuesday, the 22nd. Your child's science duotang is dark blue and all important pages are grey. AM/CS <http://teachersites.schoolworld.com/webpages/cSchuurman/>

GRADE 5/6, 7 & 8 ROTARY CLASSES:

GRADE 5/6 Homeroom: Spring has truly sprung. **God is faithful** in all seasons--to Moses the stutterer, to the grumbling Israelites and to you and me, despite our foibles. If you can help out with **TRACK and FIELD**, please sign up at the office. We are in need of parent helpers! Several parents responded to chaperoning for Confederation Park on June 19--thank you. More are welcome but at your own expense. **COME** to our **Evening of Music**--May 17. Keep sending in your pennies to raise funds for a local food bank. Remember to check the class website for details: <http://teachersites.schoolworld.com/webpages/GPot>. **GP**

Spelling: Test on Friday, May 18, Unit #33.

Writing: Good work on the book report assignment. We have completed our myths and are working on our blogspot about a soccer/volleyball from Japan's tsunami a year ago which landed up in Alaska. **GP**

Math 5/6: We just finished a unit on 'Transformational Geometry' with some extra help from activities on the Smart Board. We will continue with interactive activities in our next unit 'Length, Perimeter and Area'. **JH**

French 5/6: The students did a great job on their labeled 'people pictures'. Our next unit will involve vocabulary and grammar related to 'work'. **JH**

GRADE 7 Homeroom: Math 7: We completed our Algebra unit today. We will be switching to Geometry for the next few weeks with some extra help from interactive activities on the Smart Board. **JH**

Spelling 7: Spelling Review test on Lessons 6-10 on Friday. We have done some review in class in the form of word searches, but students should continue to study from the review sheet in preparation for the test. **JH**

Gr.7 Bible Test (Thurs): -covers selected questions and sections from Unit 4 "Trial and Crucifixion of Jesus" pages 655-684 in the notebook. **RJ**

Geography 7: Great job on your camel myths, class. Please note that the newspaper assignment for the desert biome is now due Friday, May 18. **GP**

Grade 7 Art: Beautiful job on the paper mache work students. Please bring in a plain white t-shirt for a special art class coming up soon! **AvW**

GAUSS TEST FOR GRADES 7 AND 8: On Wednesday morning (May 16), all grades 7 and 8 students at Trinity will write the annual Math Gauss Test (made up by University of Waterloo and sponsored by Toronto District Christian High School). This test is written by students from 60+ Christian Schools across Ontario. It is a multiple choice test consisting of 25 questions with varying degrees of difficulty. These questions review material that was covered throughout the year. We have done some in-class review to help students prepare for the test. **JH**

SCIENCE GRADES 7, 7/8 AND 8: Just a heads up that our science exam will be held June 6, 2012. Study guides will be handed out on Wednesday. **AvW**

GRADE 7/8 Homeroom: We wish Edmund well as he spends the week in Charlottetown at the Canada Wide Science Fair. We are looking forward to hearing his stories when he returns. Track and Field is coming up soon. If you are able to volunteer at Notre Dame that day, please let the office know. Many volunteers are needed. We have begun our group novel study using Literature Circles. Students have role sheets due each literature class (Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays). Incomplete role sheets are given an automatic 0. Students need to be prepared for the group discussions. Schedule for the week: Tuesday: grammar quiz, math test, literature role sheets due, Kinetic poems due; Thursday: evening of music; Friday: vocab and spelling test. Check the web site for more details about daily and upcoming assignments. Have a great week. **SF**

GRADE 8 Homeroom: French Quiz: (Wed) 15 selected words from the "Choix Multiples" unit.
Writing: (Fri) -good copy of the 1500-2000 word short-story based on the ones studied in class and page 321 in the notes. Class-time was given over the last 2 weeks, so hopefully by this point the students are revising and editing. There should be: descriptive and memorable characters, elements of setting (time and place), inciting action that 'kicks off' the story, and several plot developments leading to a crisis and climax or ironic twist.
Gauss Test: (Wed) -an in-class test which is completed by schools all over. Please have children at school by 9:30, as this test needs to be done in unison. Recognition will be given to top students at the Awards Assembly in June.
Evening of Music and Art: (Thurs) -hope to see many of you there as we celebrate the students' right-brained gifts in the arts.
Field Day Volunteers Needed: Please contact the school if you can help out on May 25. **RJ**
Grade 8 Grammar: quiz Thursday on titles and capitalization. **SF**

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