

Grade 11 Mentorship @ TDChristian 2018-19

The Mentorship Program was launched in 2009-10 and is designed to connect each Grade 11 student with an adult (or mentor) from the broader community. The mentor will serve as a guide, resource, and contact to the student during a three to five day work experience during the week of **Wednesday, January 23 to Tuesday, January 29** (with prior approval through Mr. VanEerden, students may do it during the Christmas break or at an alternate time no later than January 29). Mentorship offers students a chance to reflect on the role of work in their lives and in society by learning about a job or career in an intimate and experiential manner. It provides opportunities to make significant connections in the work world. Generally, students have found their mentors to be positive and helpful individuals.

What to look for in a mentor:

- Someone in a career, volunteer, hobby, or area of interest that the student would like to learn more about. It can be very broad, or very specific, depending on how confident students are about their interests or future plans.
- Someone who will, at minimum, commit to being interviewed by the student and then be willing and able to interact with the student for three to five days (18 hours minimum) in a Mentorship Placement (i.e. a job-shadowing or work experience) during the week of January 23 to 29.
- Ideally someone who is a Christian or shares Christian values, though this is not a prerequisite.

What needs to be done by students for their mentorship:

Semester 1: Grades for the *tentative* assignments listed will be part of a first semester Grade 11 course (3%):

- Mentorship Possibilities Form
- Mentorship Placement Approval Form
- A one to two page report on the initial “Get-to-Know-Each-Other” Meeting with their mentors.

Semester 2: Grades for the following *tentative* assignments will be applied to **all second semester Grade 11 courses** (4% per course):

- Three or more Mentorship Placement Daily Journals for the mentorship days (normally Jan. 23 to 29)
- Mentorship Placement Completion Form – filled out by the mentor and submitted by the student
- A presentation that of the Mentorship Week experience (Note: Presentations usually last approximately five to seven minutes and are done in a second semester class. Often experiences are so profound and presentations so well done that some students present them to other classes or at a school event.)

How to find a mentorship placement:

Each student in Grade 11 needs to find a mentor and complete the mentorship placement. Many students find mentorship opportunities through family friends, teachers, employers, and youth pastors. Parents and guardians are encouraged to help connect students with people they believe will be a good fit.

Many of our parents and alumni serve as mentors. We desire mentors from all walks of life. If you wish to be considered as a mentor, please send an email to vaneerden@tdchristian.ca. For your participation in this program, you will qualify for up to 18 hours of volunteer time

If you have questions about the Mentorship Program, please e-mail vaneerden@tdchristian.ca.