

GRADE 9 SERVICE TRIP @ TDChristian

Grade 9 students will participate in a two-day Service Trip to downtown Toronto. The main reasons for the trip are:

- 1) to provide students the opportunity to get to know each other.
- 2) to encourage students to learn for service in the light of God's Word as they work directly with organizations, many with which TDChristian High School has partnered for years.

Date: Trip 1 (male students): Wednesday, September 5 to Thursday, September 6.
Trip 2 (female students): Thursday, September 6 to Friday, September 7.

Timing: Arrive at TDChristian High School as normal on the first day of your trip; we will return from the trip in time to catch the school buses home the following day.

Location: Stay overnight at Knox Presbyterian Church (630 Spadina Ave., Toronto).

WHAT TO BRING

Since space on the bus and at Knox Presbyterian Church is limited, please only bring what you need for two days and one night.

- Wear comfortable clothes in which you can work and walk long distances.
- Wear comfortable shoes that are close-toed as **NO open-toed shoes are permitted** (e.g. sandals). Most service locations require close-toed shoes for safety reasons.
- Bring a warm jacket or hoodie sweatshirt.
- Pack a bag lunch for the first day of your trip as you will not be able to purchase a lunch downtown on your first day. The other three meals (dinner, breakfast, lunch) will be provided for you.
- Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, wash cloth, towel, and toiletries.
- Bring two pairs of new, good condition, and/or quality socks for homeless people.

Note: Students should leave phones at home. If a student needs one, please indicate on the form below including the cell phone number. The expectation is that cell phones will only be seen or used in emergencies or when permission is given for their use.

Optional items to bring:

- Rain coat. We will use the underground PATH system or public transit, when possible, if it rains.
- Spending money. We may stop at Wendy's/Tim Hortons on way back to TDChristian at the end of the trip. Absolutely no shopping is allowed downtown.

WHERE WILL I BE SERVING?

On the first day of the trip, you will find out who is in your group including your leader. During the trip, you will serve at two or three different locations. Below is a list of some downtown ministries with which TDChristian High School partners for the Grade 9 service trip experience.

- Good Shepherd (<http://www.goodshepherd.ca/centre.php>)
- The Lighthouse (<http://lighthousecentre.ca/>)
- Portland Place (<http://pccweb.ca/portlandplace/>)
- Scott Mission (<http://www.scottmission.com/>)
- St. Felix Centre (<http://stfelixcentre.ca/>)

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Patty Schuurman at schuurman@tdchristian.ca, by phone at (905) 851-1772 ext 203, or at *Back in the Groove Again* on Thursday, August 30, 2017.

Please complete the commitment form and return it to the table at the *Back in the Groove Again* on Thursday, Aug. 30, 7:00 pm, or to the school office on the first day of school.

GRADE 9 TRIP: STUDENT COMMITMENT FORM 2018-19

Date: Trip 1 (male students): Wednesday, September 5 to Thursday, September 6.
Trip 2 (female students): Thursday, September 6 to Friday, September 7.

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Parents, guardians, and students are asked to carefully read what follows, discuss it together and indicate by your signatures that you agree with the commitments required as part of the service trip.

1. I am excited about positively contributing to my learning to serve in downtown Toronto.
2. I will in no way endanger myself or others while on this service trip.
3. I will not go off alone at any time.
4. I will respect the Knox Presbyterian Church safety and security rules and also the rules set in terms of quiet during the night. I will keep the facilities clean and stay in our specified areas.
5. I will follow all TDChristian High School rules outlined in the *Family & Student Handbook*, including not smoking, vaping, using drugs or consuming alcohol.
6. I understand that the desire is for me to leave electronic devices, including cell phones, at home.
7. I have filled out and returned the St. Felix Centre Media Permission and Waiver (whether or not I comply).

STUDENT AGREEMENT

I understand and am willing to make the above commitments to be part of the Grade 9 Service Trip. I understand that failing to comply with any of them may result in my returning home early at my family's expense. Suspension from TDChristian High School is also a possibility.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT, WAIVER, AND COMMITMENT

Student Name: _____

Health Card#: _____

Emergency Contact Number(s): _____

Student Cell Phone: _____

(Only if a student has parent/guardian permission to take it.)

Allergy/Other information: _____

I hereby authorize the chaperones to make any emergency medical decisions on my behalf for my son/daughter, if necessary. I understand and agree with the commitments that my child has agreed to above and recognize that failure to comply with them could mean my child returns home early. Any expenses incurred in the event of an early return will be our family's responsibility.

Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please complete the commitment form and the one for St. Felix Centre and return them to the table at the *Back in the Groove Again* on Thursday, Aug. 30, 7:00 pm, or to the school office on the first day of school.