

August 9, 2018

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Homestay Parents:

Welcome to another year of learning for service in the light of God's Word! With the Lord's guidance, we will enjoy a purpose-filled year of Christian learning in which students are enfolded into our community, engaged through projects, presentations and conversations, and empowered through connections and interactions.

I am excited about the new school year – welcoming new and returning students and their families, seeing more work on Project 20/20, and, of course, witnessing learning in action. God's promises are sure. He will give us what we need as we work together. But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31). Wherever you have gone and whatever you have done this summer, I pray that you have experienced God's faithful presence.

Back in the Groove Again, our kick-off event, begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 30. Be aware that our new entrance is to be closer to Kipling, in a safer spot. Come at 6:30 p.m., check out the new office and get a good seat for the assembly. We hope that you will experience the joy that comes at the start of a new school year. We will introduce our staff and together ask for the Lord's guidance and blessings in our work this year.

After the assembly, students (along with parents/guardians) will gather in homerooms to meet and get a Back-to-School package that includes items such as a locker assignment, optional insurance forms, and student photo day information. New students will receive locks, usernames, passwords, schedules, and, if they are in Physical Education, TDChristian shorts and shirts. If the yearbooks are in, returning students may pick one up later in the evening; returning students' schedules will appear in Edsby in late August.

As for school supplies, students should have their own pens, pencils, and paper/notebooks. Since backpacks need to be kept in lockers during class times purchasing a binder that can contain the information for all classes is suggested. For other items, such as calculators, dictionaries, and art supplies, await the direction of the teachers. Students may bring notebook or laptop computers or tablets to school though they are not required. Internet access at home is important for the courses that use electronic textbooks.

Besides this letter and a booklet (for Grade 9 and new families which contains information about items we believe are helpful or important), students will find Commitment Forms connected to their Grade Trips. Signed forms should be brought to the designated table at Back in the Groove Again or to the main office during the first week of school. For quick reference, the contents of this mailing are posted on the Splash! Page.

Edsby, TDChristian's information system, allows for access to student information. Returning parents/guardians will see new students automatically added. New parents/guardians should e-mail passwords@tdchristian.ca to gain Edsby access. On Thursday, September 13, we host a New Parents Night to connect with new families, a Future Directions Night for families of senior students to share ways to explore post-secondary options, and a Learn about Resource Session for families to connect about how resource can help students in their learning.

A Transportation@TDChristian page is included in all packages. Pay close attention to your bus stop location and the time for your pick up; for some, it is different than last year's information.

We look forward to partnering with you. Please contact the school with suggestions, encouragements, and concerns. Together in faith and prayer, with God's grace and leading, we embark on a new year of learning.

Sincerely,



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