

August 19, 2019

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians, and Homestay Parents:

The noise of construction is all around. It is exciting! Thankfully, the plan is for it to quiet down this month as the walls go up outside and we ramp up inside for another year of learning for service in the light of God's Word! With the Lord's guidance, it will be a purpose-filled year in which students are enfolding into our community, engaged through projects, presentations and conversations, and empowered through connections and interactions.

A focus for this year will be *Romans 12*. At Back in the Groove Again, our kick-off event, which begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 29, we will look at verses 10 and 11, in particular: Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honouring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically (NLT).

Because of Project 20/20, parking on our lot will be reserved for new families. Others can park along Kipling, a side street, or at Rainbow Creek (off of Highway 7) and then walk in to the school along the back path. Come as early as 6:30 p.m. to check the building's progress. Get a good seat at the assembly during which we will ask God to bless our year.

After the assembly, students (along with parents/guardians) will gather in homerooms to meet and get a Back-to-School package that will include a locker assignment, optional insurance forms, and student photo day information. New students will receive locks, usernames, and passwords, and, if they are in Physical Education, TDChristian shorts and shirts. Grade 10 to 12 students will be able to access their schedules in Edsby starting on August 29.

Regarding school supplies, students should have pens, pencils, and paper/notebooks. Since backpacks must be kept in lockers during class times, purchasing a binder or binders for all classes is suggested. For other items, such as calculators, dictionaries, and art supplies, await the direction of the teachers. Students may bring computers or tablets 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), students will find Commitment Forms connected to their Grade Trips. Signed forms should be brought to the designated table in the gym at Back in the Groove Again or to the main office during the first week. 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. On August 29, all parents/guardians of families who have a student new to TDChristian this year will be sent an invitation to the email addresses we have on file. This invitation will explain the Edsby sign up process. Parents/guardians who don't see an email in their inboxes, should check their junk mail folder. If no email is found, they can email passwords@tdchristian.ca for assistance.

On Thursday, September 12, 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 an optional session with Resource teachers for families to connect about how the Resource Department supports 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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