

Music @ TDChristian 2019-20

Music is an integral part of the TDChristian experience. Students are encouraged to take the opportunity to share God-given musical gifts. Students who have a passion for and/or talent in music, want to develop their skills, need musical advice, or desire to be a part of the music program via organizing or tech should contact Mr. Hayward by emailing hayward@tdchristian.ca. There are many ways to contribute! ***New and Grade 9 students are encouraged to participate.***

Choir, which usually consists of about 60 students from all grades, provides music at various school events, and represents TDChristian at the annual Choral Festival and other events. Choir members may earn a half-credit. Choir meets during *Fifth Period*, a 40 minute period at the end of the day, three times a week. *If you are interested, email hayward@tdchristian.ca or learn more on August 29, at the Back in the Groove Again, or during the first week of school.*

Concert Band is a multi-level and multi-grade ensemble which meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Participating students may earn a half-credit. Interested students should have at least two years of experience on a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument. *Interested students from all grades can email hayward@tdchristian.ca or sign up on August 29, at Back in the Groove Again or during the first week of school. Don't be shy, try it!*

Jazz Ensemble usually rehearses one day after school. It consists of about 10 to 15 members of the concert band, including saxophones, trumpets, trombones and a rhythm section (keyboard, guitars, bass and drums). The ensemble performs jazz, rock and other commercial styles. Jazz Ensemble requires a high commitment level because there are usually not more than two players to a part. Students from all grade levels are welcome. *Sign up on the music bulletin board during the first week of school or talk to Mr. Hayward on August 29, at the Back in the Groove Again evening.*

Praise Band is an ensemble of student singers and musicians who lead our school community in praise. There may also be opportunities to lead in praise to God during school events or special ones away from the school. *If you are interested, email Mr. Kim at kim@tdchristian.ca, or connect with him on August 29 or during the first week of school.*

Performances by Individuals or Groups are often given throughout the year to aspiring musicians including perform for the school body at assemblies, **Talent Night** (Thurs., February 27) and other school events. *If you are interested in sharing your talents, contact Mr. Hayward or Mr. Groot.*

Vocal Lessons can be arranged during the school day by contacting Mr. Hayward, who will connect you with voice teacher, Ms. Sandi Melro.

Interested in helping in the music area – Parents, Guardians, Students? We need people who are good “behind the scenes.” Contact Mr. Hayward at hayward@tdchristian.ca.

Video @ TDChristian 2019-20

Learning to tell compelling stories through video is a valuable skill in today's world. At TDChristian, students have the opportunity to take video production classes in all four years. In addition to a Grade 9 course that produces the school's TV Show, *The Pulse*, we offer Communications Technology classes for students in Grades 10, 11, and 12. Our students have won the Vaughan Film Festival (Student Block), with “Memories” (2016) and “The Other Side” (2017). “Memories” also won the MADD2016 Canada Multi Media Contest. Using an iPhone as their camera, a group of 2018 students were shortlisted for their submission, *Disconnected*, while in 2019, *Make Ideas Actions*, made many heads turn!

The Pulse, a television show by, for and about TDChristian students, will air its eighth season. *The Pulse* covers stories in and outside of the school while providing students unique opportunities to learn about broadcasting, video production, entertainment, journalism, and screen writing. Students use state-of-the-art equipment in our studio, editing lab and television control room. See the TDChristian Video Page for past episodes.

On the first day of school, Grade 9 students will be told more about the full-year *Pulse* class. Interested students will be given application forms in order to apply. About twenty Grade 9 students will be chosen to plan, write, shoot, edit, and host *The Pulse* which is shown first at a school assembly. We are looking for enthusiastic, curious, creative, and risk-taking students to join our team. Experience in video is NOT required.

If you would like more information about the video program or courses at TDChristian, please email to Tim Buwalda, at buwalda@tdchristian.ca.