

GRADE 11 TORONTO SERVICE TRIP @ TDChristian

Dates:	Tuesday, October 8 to Thursday, October 10, 2019 for Semester 1 English and Perspectives students Tuesday, April 7 to Thursday April 9, 2020 for Semester 2 English and Perspectives students
Timing:	Arrive at TDChristian by 7:00 a.m. Tuesday; we will return from the trip in time to board the school buses home on Thursday.
Location:	Sleep at Knox Presbyterian Church (630 Spadina Ave., Toronto).

WHAT TO BRING

- Comfortable and appropriate clothes in which you can work and walk long distances. Clothing may get dirty and possibly wrecked. Think modesty. For your safety, do not wear or bring TDChristian clothing.
- 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.
- A back-pack for day use.
- A larger bag to hold the rest of your stuff. **** Important**** You will not have access to your main bag or sleeping gear until about 10:00 p.m. each night. Carry whatever you need for the day with you, including a change of clothing, if you don't want to wear your work clothing all evening.
- A warm jacket or hoodie sweatshirt.
- A small bottle of hand sanitizer and some anti-bacterial wipes are a good idea.
- A bag lunch for the first day of your trip as you will not be able to purchase a lunch downtown day. All other meals will be provided for you.
- A sleeping bag, pad or mat (no air mattresses), pillow, wash cloth, towel, and toiletries.
- A Bible and a pen or pencil.
- Your Service Trip booklet.

Optional items to bring:

- Rain coat
- Bathing suit – the males' showers are open concept; there are two individual showers for females.
- Spending money (suggested amount of \$20 or less). If possible, do not bring debit or credit cards. Absolutely no shopping is allowed downtown.

WHERE WILL I BE SERVING?

During the trip, you may serve at a variety of locations. Below is a list of some of the downtown ministries with whom TDChristian High School partners.

- 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/>)
- Sanctuary (<http://sanctuarytoronto.ca/contact-us/>)
- Church of the Redeemer (<http://www.theredeemer.ca/>)
- St. Felix Centre (<http://stfelixcentre.ca/>)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Colin Hoving at (905) 851-1772 ext 219 or email him at hoving@tdchristian.ca.

Please complete the commitment form and return it to the table in the gym at the *Back in the Groove Again* on Thursday, Aug. 29, 7:00 pm, or to the school office on the first day of school.

GRADE 11 SERVICE TRIP 2019-20: STUDENT COMMITMENT FORM

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Parents, guardians, and students, please 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 will positively contribute 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 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. However, if my parent or guardian gives me permission to take such devices along, I understand that I am responsible for their security. Use of cell phones will be limited.
7. Under no circumstances will I enter the sleeping area of the opposite gender.

STUDENT AGREEMENT

I understand and am willing to make the above commitments to be part of the Grade 11 Toronto 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: _____

Is your child a vegetarian? Yes No

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 St. Felix Centre waiver and return them to the table in the gym at the *Back in the Groove Again* on Thursday, Aug. 29, 7:00 pm, or to the school office on the first day of school.