

## Important Notes for 2020-21

**Welcome Back!:** See our website for the video explaining how we have planned to begin 2020-21. For detailed information, especially given the pandemic, read the *“Return to School Plan”* posted on the Splash! Page.

**Daily Schedule:** School runs from 8:55 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. with the expectation that students work for 40 minutes per class at home on work assigned by the teachers of their two daily classes.

**Student Schedules** will be posted in Edsby for students in Grades 10 to 12 and Fifth Year on Sept. 3. Parents or guardians must email [schedules@tdchristian.ca](mailto:schedules@tdchristian.ca) to make changes to their children’s choices prior to Aug. 29 and to their children’s schedules prior to Sept. 8. Mr. Heinbuch will respond to them in the order they are received. Please note that the current structure will make class changes quite difficult.

**Homerooms:** Groups of students from all grades will be placed in Homerooms. However, these groups will likely not meet in person until the number of contacts allowed increases substantially.

**Dress Code:** Dress and appearance should be appropriate for a positive and safe (e.g. shop and PE) learning environment; 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20 reminds us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit; we are to honour God with our bodies. At TDChristian, we work diligently to ensure good working relationships among students and teachers. For that reason, it is important that we work together on understanding and following it. Learning to make good choices about dress for school is important. The dress code is in the Family & Student Handbook (link is on the Splash! Page). Here are key things to consider in determining what to wear to school:

- any rips or tears in clothing must only be in appropriate places.
- tops must have sleeves that cover the shoulders.
- tops must be such that midriffs remain covered at all times.
- shorts worn to class must be long enough to reach the bottom of the finger tips when students stand straight with arms and hands at their sides. i.e. PE shorts should not normally be worn to other classes.

**Hats and Hoods:** Students may wear them in a respectful manner before and after school and during lunch.

**Presentations and Celebrations of Learning:** Since presentations are integral at TDChristian, students are required to present some of their learning in every course. We will celebrate these likely via assemblies.

**Community Service Hours:** In order to graduate, students are required to do 40 hours of community service while in high school. Check the Splash! Page for the guidelines and form.

**Honour Roll:** Guidelines for the TDChristian Honour Roll are found in the Family & Student Handbook.

**Mentorship:** Grade 11 students and families should read the Mentorship @ TDChristian page to learn more about this exciting program. We will determine how and when this will be completed later this year.

**Technology:** Students should read and follow the *Technology Code of Conduct* found in the *Family & Student Handbook*.

**Membership:** Find out how you can become a **Voting Member** of TDChristian during 60 to 90 minute sessions scheduled throughout the year. Click the Membership @ TDChristian link on the Splash! Page to learn more.

**Mini-Handbook (and Phone Directory) for 2020-21** will be published and distributed late in September to ensure a higher-level of accuracy and to include all TDChristian families.

**Parent/Guardian Volunteer Hours:** Find out how you can fulfill the 25 hour per family requirement by reading the Volunteering @ TDChristian sheet. Contact Meg Rosie at [mrosie@tdchristian.ca](mailto:mrosie@tdchristian.ca) if you have questions.

**For More Information and Details of All Things TDChristian:** Check the *Family & Student Handbook* which can be accessed by clicking the link on the Splash! Page. The newest version will be published in early September.