

## Grade 11 Mentorship @ TDChristian 2020-21 (Update)

The Mentorship Program was launched in 2009-10 and is designed to connect each Grade 11 student with an adult (or mentor) from the broader community. Mentors will serve as guides, resources, and contacts to students as they explore possibilities for their growth as persons outside the classroom. It may relate to their well-being or life goals and/or be related to service or career opportunities.

Mentorship offers students a chance to reflect about their lives, present and future, by learning in an intimate and experiential manner. It provides opportunities to make significant connections to places in their communities. Generally, students have found their mentors to be positive and helpful individuals.

### *What to look for in a mentor:*

- Someone in a career, volunteer, hobby, or area of interest about which students would like to learn more. It can be very broad, or very specific, depending on how confident students are about their interests or future plans.
- Someone who will, at minimum, commit to being interviewed by the student and then be willing and able to interact with the student for three to five days/times related to a Mentorship Placement (e.g. a service, work, job-shadowing or other meaningful experience) during the quadmester the student takes English and Perspectives.
- Ideally someone who is a Christian or shares Christian values, though this is not a prerequisite.

### *What needs to be done by students for their mentorship:*

Grades for the assignments for Mentorship will be part of students' English and Perspectives grades. These assignments will be determined and set up by the teachers and/or students. Examples of past assignments (which may be changed or altered for 2020-21) are:

- Mentorship Possibilities Form
- Mentorship Placement Approval Form
- A one to two-page report on the initial "Get-to-Know-Each-Other" Meeting with their mentors.
- Mentorship Journals for the mentorship days/times
- Mentorship Placement Completion Form – filled out by the mentor and submitted by the student
- A presentation of the Mentorship experience (Note: Presentations usually last approximately five to seven minutes and are done for a class. Often experiences are so profound and presentations so well done that some students present them to other classes or at a school event.)

### *How to find a mentorship placement:*

Students in Grade 11 will find a mentor and complete the mentorship placement as part of their English and Perspectives courses. It may be wise for students to wait until the quadmester in which they take these courses to find a mentor. In the past, students have found mentors and mentorship opportunities through family friends, teachers, employers, and youth pastors. Parents and guardians are usually part of this process as they help their children connect with people they believe will be a good fit.

**Many parents, guardians, and alumni serve as mentors. We desire mentors from all walks of life.  
If you wish to be considered as a mentor, please send an email to [vaneerden@tdchristian.ca](mailto:vaneerden@tdchristian.ca).**

**For your participation in this program, you will be able to earn parent/guardian volunteer hours.**

**Questions about the Mentorship Program? Please e-mail [vaneerden@tdchristian.ca](mailto:vaneerden@tdchristian.ca) after September 30.**