

August 12, 2022

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians, and Homestay Parents:

As we celebrate God's goodness and seek his guidance throughout 2022-23, TDChristian's 60<sup>th</sup> year of existence, we will keep in mind Paul's words in Colossians 3:17, "And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father."

AT TDChristian, we commit to being a place of learning for service in the light of God's Word. We work diligently to enfold students into the school and engage them in content through many different ways of learning so that they may be empowered to impact each other, the school and larger communities. Every day is a new opportunity to grow in knowledge and wisdom as God's earthly representatives.

**Back-in-the-Groove-Again, our return-to-school event, will be held on Thurs., Sept. 1.** All students and their families are invited to an assembly beginning at 7 p.m. during which Mr. Ben Freeman will talk about his PD trip to Yukon. Smaller meetings will follow where students will be assigned locks and lockers, and provided information about student photo day, sports, drama, music, classes, and computers.

At Back-in-the Groove-Again, Grade 9, 10, and 11 students will be able to hand in their MacBook forms (included with this mailing) which are due by 8:45 a.m. on Tues., Sept. 6. Sadly, the 2021-22 yearbooks will NOT be available until later in September. Students who do not attend Back-in-the-Groove-Again will be required to get their packages and hand in their forms prior to 8:55 a.m. on Tues., Sept. 6.

Regarding school supplies, students should supply their own pens, pencils, and paper, notebooks, or binders. For other items, such as calculators, dictionaries, and art supplies, await the direction of teachers. Students in Grades 9 to 11 will receive their MacBooks during the first two weeks of school. Grade 12 students may bring their own computers or tablets though they will be able to do and access their work via the PCs throughout the school.

Besides this letter, read the Transportation sheet which provides bus information and times. A schedule for the first week is included for Grade 9 students. New students in Grades 10 to 12 will find their schedules enclosed. Returning students were mailed theirs in early July. Requested changes must be emailed to [schedules@tdchristian.ca](mailto:schedules@tdchristian.ca) by a parent or guardian and should be done prior to Aug. 30. We have received and processed many requests already. Final schedules will be revealed in Edsby on Aug. 31 or Sept. 1.

**All documents for the start of 2022-23 can be found on the Splash! Page.** Besides the ones in this mailing, you can find information about on Grade 11 Mentorship, Athletics, Music, Drama, Video, Trips, Membership, and Volunteering.

Edsby, TDChristian's information system, allows access to student information. On or before Sept. 1, all parents or 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 or guardians who don't see an email in their inboxes, should check their junk mail folder. If no email is found, email [passwords@tdchristian.ca](mailto:passwords@tdchristian.ca) for assistance.

On **Thurs., Sept. 15**, we will host a **New Parents Night** for new families, a **Future Directions Night** for families of senior students to share ways to explore post-secondary options, and a Resource Department session for families to learn about how we support students in their learning. Parents and guardians are invited to the **MacBook Tech Night** on **Sept. 22**.

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 with joy and hope on a new year of learning.

Sincerely,



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