

Important Notes for 2022-23

Note: We highlight specific items on this page. However, for more information and details of all things TDChristian, check the **Family & Student Handbook**. The latest version can be found on the TDChristian Splash! Page under the Family Information section. We expect that this year's will be posted by August 26.

Health & Safety: As of August 10, neither the Ministry of Education nor the Ontario government have sent specific guidelines to schools for implementation in September. When they do, we will communicate with you via Edsby. In the meantime, we will continue to act safely. The key thing is for people who feel or are ill to stay home. Teachers will post daily work to Edsby and respond to Edsby messages during the school day.

Daily Schedule: School is from 8:50 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Regular Days include four periods with a 45-minute lunch during which students will be able to receive extra help from teachers and engage in community building activities such as choir, clubs, and intramurals. Grade 9 students must remain on campus the entire school day. All students may visit Fire Hall Thrift. Assembly Days begin with an assembly and will include a shorter lunch.

Final Student Schedules for Grades 10 and up will be posted in Edsby no later than Sept. 1. To request a change, parents/guardians must email schedules@tdchristian.ca. We wish to make all changes prior to Sept. 6.

Grade 9 Students will follow the Grade 9 Week One schedule included in this mailing. They will pick up their Semester 1 schedules when they arrive at school on Mon., Sept. 12.

Homerooms: Groups of students from all grades will be placed in Homerooms A to U. These groups are primarily made for Guidance, Resource, and locker purposes. Learn more at Back-in-the-Groove-Again.

Dress Guidelines: Making wise choices about how to dress for school is important; this is why we do not have uniforms. Choosing clothing that is appropriate for where we are or go is important: social gatherings, games, work, church, and school. We are aware that fashion changes, and while it is important for many students, not all fashion trends include clothing that is appropriate for school. To help families and students, read the *Dress and Appearance* section in the Family & Student Handbook.

Hats and Hoods: Students may wear them in a respectful manner. When asked to remove them (e.g. prayer, respect) they should comply. As with clothing, what they advertise must be appropriate for a school setting.

Presentations and Celebrations of Learning: Since presentations are integral to learning, students are required to present in every course. Our students learn a lot about presenting while at TDChristian and do it well.

Community Service Hours: In order to graduate from high school, students must complete 40 hours of community service. Check the Splash! Page link for all the information, especially to ensure your hours qualify. We encourage students to keep track of their hours for themselves as we only record the first 40.

Honour Certificates: With final reports, TDChristian sends Honour Certificates to students whose overall average for a minimum of TDChristian courses qualifies. Details are found in the Family & Student Handbook.

Mentorship: Grade 11 students and families must read the Mentorship@TDChristian page to learn more about this exciting program. Most students will complete their mentorship time between semesters.

Technology: Students are expected to follow the *Technology Code of Conduct* found in the *Family & Student Handbook*. PC desktops are available throughout the school. Students in Grades 9 to 11 will receive MacBooks.

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.

Parent/Guardian Volunteer Hours: Find out how you can fulfill the 25 hour per family requirement by reading the Volunteering@TDChristian sheet. We are looking for volunteers for a committee to either oversee or help improve the program. Contact Meg Rosie at mrosie@tdchristian.ca if you have questions.