

August 17, 2023

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians, and Homestay Parents:

The middle of August has come and gone. The start of school lies invitingly before us. Welcome to 2023-24 and another year of learning for service in the light of God's Word!

In Luke 10, an expert in the law asks Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" At TDChristian, this year, we will ponder and examine this question and Jesus' response. We will challenge each other to act on Jesus' advice to "go out and do the same." Every day is a new opportunity to grow in knowledge and wisdom – to be God's servants, including being good neighbours.

Back-in-the-Groove-Again is on Thurs., Aug. 31. All students and their families are invited to the opening assembly at 7 p.m. It will be an exciting time to come together, see the building, and meet new and old friends. After it, information will be shared about lockers, locks, student photo day, sports (including fall tryouts), drama, music, classes, MacBooks, and optional insurance. The 2022-23 yearbooks will be available after the assembly. Students who do not attend Back-in-the-Groove-Again should get their packages the first day they arrive at school.

Regarding **school supplies**, students should have 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 will receive their MacBooks during the first week of school. **New students in Grades 10 to 12**, and fifth-year students will be contacted about when they will receive their MacBooks. There will be a **session on Wed., Aug. 30 or Thurs. Aug. 31**.

Enclosed with this letter are **Important Notes for 2023-24** (see the reverse), **schedules for Grades 10 to Fifth Year students** (including ways parents/guardians can request course changes), and two **transportation** sheets (including bus pick-up times). Information about sports (including fall tryouts), drama, music, Grade 11 Mentorship, and Parent-Guardian Volunteer Hours will be posted on our Splash! Page on or before Mon., Aug. 21. A schedule for Grade 9 Week One, four days of orientation, will be sent by email and posted on our Splash! Page by Mon., Aug. 28.

Edsby, TDChristian's information system, allows access to student information. On or before Thurs., Aug. 31, parents or guardians who have students new to TDChristian will be sent emails to the addresses we have on file. The email 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 for assistance.

On **Thurs., Sept. 14**, we will host a **Parent-Guardian Night** for new families and a **Future Directions Night** for families of senior students to share ways to explore post-secondary options.

We look forward to partnering with you. Please contact me with suggestions, encouragements, and concerns.

In faith, prayer, and **with God's grace and leading**, we embark with joy and hope into a new year of learning.

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