



Toronto District Christian High School Family & Student Handbook for the School Year 2017-18

(also Course Calendar)

Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true wisdom. All who obey his commandments will grow in wisdom. Praise him forever!

– Psalm 111:10 –

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Police Checks

TDChristian staff and volunteers who are in regular contact with students have completed criminal reference checks.

Other Important Information

TDChristian maintains its premises in compliance with the Building Code, Ontario Fire Code and Health and Promotion Act, and makes its financial statements available to parents, guardians, and members annually.

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Toronto District Christian High School

WELCOME!

Students are exuberant, impressionable, and full of surprises. It is a privilege to be part of their lives during this critical period of their development; high school learning is important and provides a valuable grounding for the future. At TDChristian, we surround our students with a staff and teachers who love the Lord, are passionate about their responsibilities, and want the best for their students. Together, with families and in community, we provide Christian education so that our students learn for service in the light of God's Word. We trust God to bless our efforts, as we teach and learn in the present, learning from the past while preparing for the future.

Throughout this year, in praise or concern, speak to us first and expect us to speak to you first. If you have a suggestion on how we can better assist your children, our students, in their learning, connect with us in person, by e-mail, phone or via letter. This is your school; this is our school. You count on us; we count on you.

On behalf of the Leadership Team and the Board, *William Groot*, Principal

Our Focus: *Learning for Service in the Light of God's Word*

Our mission is to be an intentional and God-honouring learning community.

Our vision is to be a community of learners who serve God and others through authentic and relevant Christ-centred education.

Learning at TDChristian takes place by ***enfolding***, ***engaging*** and ***empowering*** students.

Why "Enfolding"? As God's image bearers, students matter — every one of them. To live a life of service, students need to know themselves and be known. When students are accepted and accepting, and their talents, passions and gifts are recognized, they become important members of the school community. Such enfolding provides a firm foundation for learning.

Why "Engaging"? Learning at TDChristian is for today, with an eye to tomorrow. A love of learning is fostered by piquing students' interests and taking into account their gifts. Creating room for students to have voice and choice in their learning produces determination, allows for healthy risk-taking, and brings about a rigorous depth of understanding. Additionally, engaged students develop grit, perseverance, and a strong work ethic.

Why "Empowering"? For learning to be relevant and service-driven, TDChristian's walls must be permeable. Our desire is to connect our students authentically to life outside the institution by partnering with groups and organizations to grow the kingdom of God. We want our students to work actively with others, from getting their hands dirty to giving leadership willingly, so that they are a blessing to their communities and they are blessed in the process.

What are some of the many ways we enfold, engage and empower students?

- deliver the core academic courses using relevant and rigorous curriculum taught by passionate and highly-qualified teachers
- assign projects that emphasize skills such as creativity, collaboration, initiative, adaptability, information analysis, entrepreneurship, and effective oral and written communication
- challenge students to cultivate their passions and develop their abilities while sharing their learning, especially through presentations
- provide rich learning experiences in academics, video, art, drama, music, athletics and wood shop
- arrange for service trips, immersive learning (Focus Days, Project Days) experiences, and mentorships
- schedule assemblies for students to share and grow their talents as well as their experiences and learning
- offer a wide-range of cross-grade learning and extra-curricular opportunities
- link students to organizations or places in which they can serve with their hearts and minds

TDChristian Identity Statement

September 1, 2004; Article 10 reworded September 8, 2010

TDChristian is a high school founded on a vision of Christian education with a particular emphasis and character.* Below is a brief articulation of that vision; Articles 1 to 5 describe something of the Christian worldview** which informs TDChristian's educational practice, while Articles 6 to 10 describe how it is carried out.

1. God rules over all creation and all areas of life.

We believe that all aspects of life and human existence have religious significance. Christian education at TDChristian points to God not only through biblical studies, prayer, devotional reflections, and songs of worship, but in all subjects, as well as in attitudes and behaviours toward other human beings and the rest of creation.

2. Jesus is the Redeemer of all that is broken, not only the Saviour of individuals.

Christ is reconciling the world to God (Colossians 1). Having given us his own Spirit and his own new life, he is using us as his hands and feet to restore what has been broken by sin. The whole world has fallen, and so the whole world needs to be redeemed and restored: every person, place, organization, and program.

3. The Bible is God's Word and serves as the "spectacles" through which we view reality.

We attempt to examine all of life and creation through a biblical worldview*. In doing so, we read the Bible as a continuous whole, contextually rather than in a proof-texting way.

4. Creation is the other "book" in which God shows us who he is.

We see God's fingerprints all over creation. The visible universe is like a beautiful book in which all creatures are like letters making us ponder the love, wisdom, and power of the invisible God (Romans 1:20). In spite of the fall into sin, we affirm that the original goodness of creation still shines through the character, structure, and connectedness of all things.

5. This is not a throwaway world. Our responsibility for its care was and is a fundamental part of God's plan for creation.

God created humankind to be caretakers of this world. He wired this purpose into our very beings and into the plan of creation itself. God will renew this world rather than destroy it. This makes all actions to improve life on earth worthwhile and God-honouring.

6. Christian education is not just about absorbing information. God's revelation of himself calls for a response.

Although the task of TDChristian is not evangelism, the school joins parents and church in encouraging commitment to Christ. We are "educating teens for service in the light of God's Word," not merely passing on information; we hope to nurture in our students a love and awe for God and all he has created. We want to help teens understand and live out their calling to be caretakers of God's creation as well as dispensers of his grace and love in a hurting world; there is no field of work to which this calling does not apply. Students have numerous opportunities to practise this in and out of school, such as peer counselling and tutoring, trips into the inner city to serve the poor, campaigns to raise awareness of world hunger, and everyday classroom interaction. We also recognize that students are on a lifelong spiritual journey; we look for growth and authenticity, not perfection, while giving leadership, encouragement, and restorative discipline. Our dress code offers teens freedom within boundaries, not a uniform.

7. Our world belongs to God, not the evil one.

We aim to engage culture, not shy away from it, confident that God is in control of the world. We strive to develop curriculum that teaches students discernment regarding the culture in which they live; they are being prepared not for life in a Christian bubble, after all, but to take up their place as shapers of God's world in a wide range of endeavour. From reality TV to political scandal to genetically modified food, our world belongs to God, and as such, every square inch is up for scrutiny. This scrutiny takes place at TDChristian in developmentally appropriate ways.

8. No person or thing is absolutely evil or absolutely good. The line dividing good and evil runs through people and organizations rather than around them.

The world is not divided neatly into "good guys" and "bad guys"; the line between good and evil runs down the middle of all our hearts. Christians do some things badly while non-Christians do some things well, and vice versa. All human beings fall short of God's glory, and all reflect something of his image. Students are encouraged to critically examine books, films, political systems, scientific theories, and other aspects of culture created by both Christians and non-Christians, for their worth and underlying values.

9. We believe in and foster community.

We seek to reflect a commitment to community in all our relationships. Parents, staff, and supporters from different cultural, social, and denominational backgrounds covenant together to carry out the shared task of educating children; our efforts are to be characterized by trust, cooperation, and service rather than self-interest or individualism. We nurture interpersonal skills and strive to ensure that all may feel valued, find their place, make their contribution, and experience measures of success. Tuition is structured so as to accommodate families of all sizes, and our sports programs focus not on showcasing our star athletes, but on encouraging everyone to develop their skills and join the fun. Nor is our choir only for virtuosos. The weak and the strong work together, and in carrying one another's burdens, all are blessed.

10. We celebrate the unique giftedness of each person by God for his purposes.

In our teaching we strive to recognize that students come with diverse gifts and learning styles and are called to different tasks in God's world. A family may have one child for whom academics comes easily, and another for whom it does not; we welcome and serve both. We are proud of our many graduates who attend and succeed at university, as well as those who succeed in community college or in the workplace directly after high school. Our goal is to help all students develop their gifts and abilities to the utmost so they can serve and glorify God.

* the basis of which is described in its founding bylaws as the Holy Bible as interpreted by the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism, the Canons of Dordt, the Westminster Confession, and the Westminster Catechisms.

**i.e. outlook, take on life, vision of life, value and belief system, perspective, mental map, or framework

Educational Emphases

Love is Action

- Faith expresses itself as participation in the inexorable love of God for the world and people especially through learning. Students are enfolded and discover that all areas of learning offer opportunities to explore and express the presence of God in creation.

Directed Quests

- Students choose directions as expressions of their interests, talents, gifts, and abilities under the supervision of a committed Christian staff. They are known by the teachers and learn about themselves while being stretched in a learning community that is willing to take them outside of the school and into the world.

Mentors Make a Difference

- Students connect with adult mentors (in workplace situations) who can help them determine possible directions for the future.

Great Expectations

- Students participate in intellectual challenge and mastery. We emphasize rigour, challenge, breadth, and scope. Students learn necessary skills including problem-solving, and they gain the knowledge, understanding, and thinking skills to enter university, college, the work place, or take their place in the community.

Pursuing Passions

- Teachers connect the passion of the student to the task. Teachers ask essential and driving questions to engage students and help them launch into journeys of discovery.

Focus on Projects

- Projects are organic, integral, and engaging. They arise out of the interest of the student, they bring together many strands of learning, and they appeal to the imagination of students. Project possibilities vary wildly and may be applied almost anywhere.

Sharing Learning and Discoveries

- Public and communal presentation of work through performance, publication, and displays to the school community and beyond are key.

Communication

It is the practice of TDChristian to keep parents/guardians informed, by word of mouth, in writing and electronically. Communication with each other is essential for good learning.

a) News and Updates: We notify families and students via email (often called “Email Blasts”) with important information about school events and happenings.

b) Telephone: We have a toll free number for non-local calls: 1-855-663-6632. Local callers must use 905-851-1772.

c) E-Mail: Members of the TDChristian staff can be contacted by e-mail using the format lastname@tdchristian.ca. For example, to contact Mr. Groot, use groot@tdchristian.ca.

d) Edsby: This is our Educational Engagement System. Teachers use it to record important course information including grades, attendance, and assignments. Access is available to parents and guardians, as well. Contact passwords@tdchristian.ca to obtain a username and password so that you can check electronically about your child’s progress using Edsby.

e) Learning Dialogues: These parent/student/teacher conferences are scheduled twice in the fall and twice in the spring. However, teachers and parents/guardians may request a meeting with each other at any time.

f) Learning Reports: Four times a semester, every four or five weeks, TDChristian sends out Learning Reports to students and their parents or guardians. See the dates on the School Calendar.

g) Website: tdchristian.ca is a key source for information about the school and its activities including the school calendar, bussing, community service hours, special programs, library information and research, course notes, and course outlines.

Expectations of Students

1. I will work with TDChristian High School to realize its vision for assisting students to “learn for service in the light of God’s word” as every activity of the school is guided by Biblical principles.
2. I will faithfully carry out my duties as a student (i.e. do my homework, co-operate and work with teachers, abide by school regulations as outlined in the Course Calendar/Family & Student Handbook. Note: We call that being “onside”.)
3. I will refrain from using or being with someone who uses alcohol, tobacco, drugs or a vaporizer (e.g. e-cigarette) during the school day or in connection with any school-related activity as TDChristian forbids the use of such substances and items. I understand that if I fail to comply with this expectation I can expect a lengthy suspension and/or an expulsion. Furthermore, I understand the school reserves the right to search a student’s belongings or locker without prior notice if alcohol or drug use is suspected and to require an immediate alcohol or drug test in such cases.
4. If I am a Grade 9 student, I will not leave school property from the time I arrive in the morning to the time I leave at the conclusion of the school day without written authorization by my parents and signed by the principal or designate.

The School Day

Daily Schedule

School is from 8:55 a.m. to 2:55 p.m. There are two day types: FOUR PERIOD DAYS and the FIVE PERIOD DAYS. Students meet in multi-grade homerooms three or four times weekly. Devotions, announcements, and prayer usually occur in first period. Daily time schedules, including Assembly Days, are posted on the school's Infoboards. Below are the regular Homeroom Day schedules.

| Period | Four Period Day Times | | Period | Five Period Day Times |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------|-----------------------|
| Homeroom | 8:55 to 9:07 a.m. | Periods 1 to 4 will always be the same classes. | Homeroom | 8:55 to 9:05 a.m. |
| 1 | 9:07 to 10:23 a.m. | | 1 | 9:05 to 10:13 a.m. |
| 2 | 10:28 to 11:44 a.m. | | 2 | 10:18 to 11:24 a.m. |
| Lunch | 11:44 to 12:18 p.m. | | Lunch | 11:24 to 11:58 p.m. |
| 3 | 12:18 to 1:34 p.m. | Fifth Period will be Period 1 on Mon., Period 2 on Tues., Period 3 on Wed., Period 4 on Thurs. | 3 | 11:58 to 1:04 p.m. |
| 4 | 1:39 to 2:55 p.m. | | 4 | 1:09 to 2:15 p.m. |
| Fridays are usually Four Period Days | | | Fifth Period | 2:15 to 2:55 p.m. |

Fifth Period

There are two guidelines for Fifth Period: Students are required to work quietly and/or independently (exceptions are made for courses such as PE and Shop) and students who miss it must be able to do assigned work at home or elsewhere alone. These guidelines allow Fifth Period to be used for leadership, prayer group, and choir, in addition to giving sports teams time to travel to away games.

Attendance and Lates

Students are expected to be in their classes on school days. Those who are unable to attend school should use Edsby to stay up-to-date in their courses and connect with their teachers. When a parent/guardian/homestay knows that a student will be absent, the school should be notified by phone, email (marg@tdchristian.ca), in writing, or in person prior to 8:30 a.m. of the day of the absence.

Students are expected to be in their classes on time. Students who arrive late to school must sign in at the office and obtain a late slip. Students who have completed their courses for the day may leave early, provided they sign out at the office. Students who wish to leave early thereby missing class time must have permission from a parent or guardian via a signed note or message to the office. A consistent pattern of lateness will result in a student's parent/guardian/homestay being contacted via phone, email, or Edsby to determine a way to change or curb the behaviour. Chronic lateness to a class or classes may result in detentions, suspensions, and/or the loss of a course credit.

Students do not skip classes at TDChristian. If a student is reported missing during their regularly scheduled class, his or her home will be called. A possible penalty for skipping is serving double time.

School Policies

Language

Students and staff alike should encourage a respect for language by using it properly in and around the school. The standards set in the classroom also apply to the halls, gym, and outside areas. Vulgarities (coarse language) will be discouraged and swearing (blasphemy such as using God's name in vain) is an offence. Language is a gift and should be treated as such, not debased by callous usage. Use of vulgarities and/or swearing may lead to temporary removal from class by the teacher, contact with the parents/guardians/homestay, or suspension from school.

Food & Drink

Please help reduce garbage by using the recycling bins and by bringing garbage-free lunches.

Backpacks/Gym Bags

These may be stored in lockers and in designated places (such as specified shelves or cubbies). They may not be on the floor in classrooms, the gym, or hallways as they are fire and tripping hazards and cause unnecessary clutter.

Lockers

Students may go to their lockers before and after school and between periods. Lockers are to be locked when not in use and kept neat and tidy. Locker decorations should exemplify a Christian lifestyle. Sicky tack or magnets should be used to secure pictures instead of tape which is often difficult to remove. Locks MUST be school-issued or approved. They are available from the school at registration time. The school is not responsible for lost or damaged personal belongings. The school reserves the right to search a student's belongings or locker, without prior notice.

Cell Phones/Cameras/Electronic Devices

If cell phones or other electronic devices (including headphones) are used or visible in the classroom or assemblies without permission, teachers may confiscate them for a time (e.g. end of the day, for the week) or until a parent/guardian/homestay comes and picks up the device.

Peanuts/Nuts

Since several students at school have severe peanut/nut allergies, TDChristian is a peanut/nut-safe environment. No students, staff, parents, volunteers, guests, or temporary users of the building will be allowed to bring peanut/nut products into the school or onto the school buses. This includes things like peanut butter, Nutella or any other hazelnut spread, cookies with nuts or peanut butter in them, granola bars, and any other food item that may have trace amounts of peanut or nut in them (read the ingredients list; they may be hidden). It also includes foods from many fast food outlets such as Tim Horton's and McDonald's. Even exposure to a tiny amount could be potentially serious and life-threatening. Students with allergies have been instructed to eat only food brought with them from home and not to share food with other students. All food served in the school store and from the vending machines are peanut and nut-free. Many companies now offer nut-free snacks. Cooperation is expected and appreciated! Our TDChristian contact person is Marg Laswick (marg@tdchristian.ca).

Fragrances

There are people who are allergic to perfumes and colognes. TDChristian seeks to be a fragrance-free zone. We encourage staff and students to use scent-free products (creams, aftershaves, deodorants, hair products) for the health of our students (and the environment).

Guests

TDChristian encourages visits from people who are considering TDChristian as their school of choice. Other visits are discouraged. Guests should obtain permission from the principal or vice-principal the day before they visit. Guests are not allowed to use the transportation provided by the school unless they have obtained a bus pass. All visitors are required to report to the office before they proceed with their visit. Teachers may, at their discretion, deny guests admittance to their particular classes.

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Drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco/Vaping

Our goal is to develop a Christian community of students that is consistent with our focus and mission. The school accepts its responsibility to institute and enforce policies for students that are conducive to a drug-, alcohol-, tobacco- and vaping free environment. TDChristian expects families and others associated with it to support it in upholding these policies with respect to our students.

In that light, in the interest of the health and safety of our students, and with respect for the laws of the land, TDChristian has zero tolerance for the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or vaping in connection with any school-related activity.

In short, any student who uses and/or possesses any form of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs or has in his or her possession drug or vaping paraphernalia will be suspended immediately.

In addition, students who are in the presence of others who are using are using drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, or who are vaping must encourage their peers to stop such activity. If it does not stop, they must remove themselves from the situation and seek adult help or risk an immediate suspension.

Students who find themselves with another students in need of medical assistance because of substance use must seek adult help immediately.

Here are important points that help inform our policy concerning drugs/alcohol/tobacco/vaping, for non-medicinal and non-prescribed purposes:

1. Drugs are illegal, as is the underage possession and use of alcohol and the underage use of tobacco in a public place, and each interferes with the constructive development of both the students and the school.
2. Ontario law prohibits anyone under 19 years of age from having, consuming, purchasing, attempting to purchase, or otherwise obtaining liquor, except in a home or private place and then only if the alcohol has been provided by that person's parent or guardian. Families who provide or facilitate alcohol consumption

by students other than their own children can be charged under the Criminal Code and may face civil action and/or consequences from the school if they are connected to TDChristian.

3. Ontario law prohibits the sale or supply of tobacco to a person who is younger than 19 years of age. In addition, it is illegal to smoke tobacco or hold lighted tobacco in a number of specified public places, including Ontario schools and their grounds.
4. Only people 19 years and older, by Canadian law, may purchase e-cigarettes and vaping supplies. Furthermore, it is illegal to buy and sell them to anyone under the age of 19.

For these reasons, TDChristian reserves the right to search lockers, search students and their property in the presence of a third party for illegal substances, and require an immediate drug test or breathalyzer (if a student is suspected of drug or alcohol usage).

Mutual Respect

All persons, as God's image-bearers, must be treated with respect and dignity. In all their interactions, students are expected to be courteous, respectful, and considerate. They are encouraged to promote TDChristian's positive atmosphere in all school activities.

Overt or subtle signs of intolerance and harassment cause human pain and anger. Any degrading or humiliating game, prank, stunt, practical joke, or other activity including cyber bullying via social or other media (eg. Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, texting) that intimidates or threatens a student with ostracism, subjects a student to stress, embarrassment, or shame and/or adversely affects the mental health or dignity of a student, or discourages the student from remaining in school will not be tolerated and may result in suspension, expulsion, and/or involvement of the appropriate police force (usually York Region).

Weapons

Students may not bring any weapons to school. This includes firecrackers, smoke bombs, pocket knives, scout knives, guns of any type including

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replica or toy guns, and objects that could be used to inflict bodily harm. These are not allowed even for dramatic presentations. The possession of any such item may result in suspension from school and the involvement of the local police.

Student and Parent/Guardian Run Prom

TDChristian does not hold a prom for its students. However, for many years, students along with supporting or sponsoring parents or guardians have organized a class formal in the last month of their Grade 12 school year.

TDChristian suggests that at least two parents sign and provide a damage deposit for the venue chosen by the committee, and five parents be present as event supervisors.

In order to help students and their parents and guardians plan and understand the implications of having such an event, and to assist the class in celebrating this milestone in a wholesome and fun way, TDChristian is willing to support the Prom Committee. The school does so by providing a date that coincides with the last Project or PD Day in May, having a staff member available for advice with respect to logistics and responsibilities, allowing it times to meet and plan the event while at school, and letting it use promote the event and sell tickets at school.

If you are a Grade 12 student, or a parent or guardian of one, and you more information about how the Prom Committee has been supported by the school in the past, please contact Ms. Helder.

Public Displays of Affection (PDA)

Showing love and care for others is encouraged at TDChristian. However, students must refrain in their displays of affection for one another. The TDChristian facilities, grounds, and buses are public places and intimate postures and student displays of affection are out of place. Students are expected to limit physical expressions of affection to the holding of hands or a brief hug.

Dress and Appearance

Dress and appearance should be appropriate for a positive learning environment. It is guided by

1 Corinthians 6:19,20 which reminds us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit; we are to honour God with our bodies. The following are guidelines:

1. Distracting, immodest, or unsafe clothing, piercings or tattoos are not permitted.
2. Articles of clothing (including jewellery) and tattoos bearing suggestive, obscene, or offensive material are not allowed or must be covered.
3. Clothing with rips or tears in inappropriate places are not allowed.
4. Yoga pants or tights are permitted provided that they are worn with a skirt, shorts or a top which covers the buttocks.
5. Shirts and blouses must have sleeves that cover the shoulder and come down the arm. (i.e. TDChristian has a “no-straps” rule.)
6. Skirts (including slit), must come down to half-way between the crotch and top of the knees.
7. Shorts must be long enough to reach the bottom of the finger tips when students stand straight with their arms and hands at their sides.
8. Head coverings or hats may only be worn on designated days or at designated times: before school, at lunch and after school.
9. Clothing that a staff member believes is inappropriate or offensive is not allowed.

If a student’s dress or appearance does not meet the guidelines, he or she will be asked to change or cover up. In the case of a head covering, the student will be asked to remove it or give it to the teacher. The head covering will be brought to the office where the student will be able to claim it at the end of the day or at a designated time.

Vehicles

Students who drive vehicles to school may use them to leave school property during school times, including lunch, unless parents or guardians make other arrangements with the school. Students who ride in vehicles driven by other students do so under the insurance of that vehicle.

Students who drive vehicles or are passengers in a student-driven vehicle as part of a school-approved activity must have their parents’ written

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permission to do so. Driving from home to a venue or from a venue to home is outside of the school's jurisdiction, as it is not part of the school day.

Suspensions

A student who is suspended loses 1% per course for each day of the suspension. The student may recover the loss by satisfactorily completing all course work and/or extra work as determined by or arranged with each teacher.

Notices and Posters

Students must obtain approval from the office prior to posting notices or posters.

Technology Code of Conduct

TDChristian High School provides online systems and resources for use by students and their parents, guardians or homestays. These include all materials accessed through a computer or telecommunications network.

TDChristian takes appropriate measures to ensure the security of the facilities and information that may be contained in them and reserves the right to monitor any use of our online resources.

The use of online systems and resources is to help students learn for service in the light of God's word. Here are some policies, procedures, codes of behaviour and rules that apply.

1. Personal Safety Rules

- Do not reveal information about your personal identity (such as your name, address, phone number, age, physical description or school) to strangers in person or online.
- Do not reveal personal information online about someone else.
- Do not reveal your school passwords or that of anyone else.
- Do not send a picture of yourself or others over an electronic network without prior permission of all those involved and, in the case of minors, their parents or guardians.
- Report immediately to a staff member messages or requests that you receive that bother you or suggest personal contact with you.

- Do not publish the specific dates, times and locations of field trips to people who are not directly entitled to such information.

2. Unacceptable Sites and Materials

- Despite TDChristian actively filtering its computer network for inappropriate content, on occasion users of online systems may encounter material that is controversial, inappropriate or offensive to themselves or others. Each user is to resist accessing such material. If such material is accidentally accessed, report it immediately to a staff member or appropriate authority.
- Students may not use software, such as Virtual Private Network (VPN) software, on school computers or personal devices to bypass the school's Internet content filters.
- It is not acceptable to use online systems to knowingly access sites which contain material of a discriminatory or harassing nature.
- Users of the school's computer systems will not knowingly access, upload, download, store, display, distribute or publish any information that:
 - is illegal or that advocates illegal acts or facilitates unlawful activity;
 - threatens or intimidates any person or suggests violence, hatred or discrimination toward others;
 - uses inappropriate and/or abusive language or conduct;
 - contains inappropriate religious or political messages;
 - is racially, culturally or religiously offensive;
 - encourages the use of controlled substances, participation in an illegal act or uses the system to incite criminal actions;
 - is defamatory, abusive, obscene, profane, pornographic or sexually explicit;
 - contains personal information, images, or signatures of individuals without their prior informed consent;
 - constitutes messages of sexual harassment or inappropriate romantic overtones;

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- solicits users on behalf of any business or commercial organization without appropriate authorization;
- supports bulk mail, junk mail or “spamming”;
- propagates chain letters, or other e-mail debris;
- attempts to hide, disguise or misrepresent the identity of the sender.

3. Use Guidelines

All users of TDChristian online systems are expected to:

- keep use of online services within reasonable limits in terms of time and volume of information transferred through the system.
- report to an appropriate authority any harm to the system or to information on the system whether that harm has been caused accidentally or intentionally.

4. Prohibited Uses and Activities

Students should not:

- damage any computer(s) and/or equipment including, but not limited to, hardware, furniture, projectors, connectors, keyboards, output devices (e.g. printer), storage devices (e.g. disk drives), and pointing devices (e.g. mice).
- damage or erase files or information belonging to any person without authorization.
- copy, download, install or run viruses or other inappropriate or unauthorized materials such as scripts, fonts, or dynamic link libraries (DLL's) from any source.
- use any other person's account on the system.
- cause any user to lose access to the system – for example, by disabling accounts or changing passwords without authorization.
- open a computer case, move a computer, tamper with computer cables or connections without proper authorization.
- attach unauthorized devices to a computer or network. Such devices include but are not limited to portable computers, disk drives,

monitors, protocol analyzers, and other electronic or mechanical devices.

- move, copy, or modify any of the system files or settings on any computer, server or other device without proper authorization.
- compromise themselves or others by unauthorized copying of information, work or software belonging to others, encouraging others to abuse the computers or network, or displaying, transferring or sharing inappropriate materials. Software pirating and unauthorized copying of material belonging to others is regarded as theft.
- copy, transfer or use files, programs or any other information belonging to TDChristian for any reason whatever unless the licensing specifically permits such actions.
- attempt to subvert the TDChristian networks by breaching security measures, hacking, accessing records without authorization or any other type of disruption.
- take the ideas, writings or images of others and present them as if they were their own. Under copyright laws, all information remains the property of the creator(s)/author(s). The use of copyright materials without permission can result in legal action.
- Play “first-person shooter” games (see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First-person_shooter for an explanation).

5. Consequences

Inappropriate use of online access by students, parents, guardians, or homestays could result in disciplinary action including suspension of account, restricted access, and, in the case of students, a school suspension.

Bus Transportation

“Busing our students to and from school is an integral part of education and ought to be in line with the school’s vision and goals.”

Important Notes:

Boarding and Disembarking from the Bus

When arriving at school, students should leave the buses and proceed immediately into the school building. The parking lot is supervised by teachers primarily in the afternoon to ensure orderly conduct and to prevent student injuries. Accordingly, at that time, students are to wait for their buses on the sidewalks so that buses may have easy access to the loading zone.

Behaviour on the Bus

The safety of our students is a priority for the bus drivers. Students are expected to observe the same rules of proper and polite conduct while riding the buses as are required at school or during any school event. Nothing may be thrown from the bus. Heads and limbs may not be extended outside the bus. When the bus is moving, students should remain seated.

The bus driver is in charge of the bus and its passengers. If the bus driver deems it necessary to assign seats to certain students or to withhold riding privileges for a period of time because of unacceptable behaviour, the school will support this decision. In the latter case, usually a student has already received a warning and the home has been notified of pending disciplinary action.

To facilitate quick disciplinary action, evening bus drivers who encounter student behaviour difficulties while en route will report them to the school administration via radio. Families will then be notified by the principal or vice-principal perhaps even before the child arrives home. If behavioural difficulties arise in the morning, the bus driver will report to the school en route.

Grade 9 Students

A note signed by a parent is required for students to get off at a bus stop other than their designated stop. Students must provide the bus driver with a note if the stop is on their current bus or must bring the note to the office in order to obtain a bus pass for another bus. For safety and security reasons, bus drivers do not normally drop students at alternative stops unless they follow these steps.

GPS and Calling Chain

TDChristian has GPS units on its buses to allow students and their families to see where the bus is at any time. To access the GPS locator program, visit the Splash! Page on our website, click on the Bus Transportation tab, click on the Bus Tracking option, click on either the computer or mobile phone program option that applies to your viewing situation, and enter the required information. The password can be found in the school directory.

Sometimes a calling or texting chain is also used. A bus route's chain may be activated if a bus starts the run 20 minutes late or more, runs into major problems on route, or is cancelled. It can also be activated in the event of a full school closure.

Transportation Information Online

Bus routes (including pickup locations and times), calling and texting chains (usually made available during the second week of school), and bus rep information are available at <http://www.tdchristian.ca/transportation>. These PDF files are password-protected and contain the most up-to-date transportation information. Hard copies will be made available upon request only. The password to access TDChristian’s transportation information can be found in the school directory.

Activities and Services

Athletics

Students who wish to participate on school teams should show by their work habits and effort that they are serious about their learning. TDChristian runs a co-ed intramural hockey league (5 or 6 teams) that plays games every Friday from late-September until the final tournament in February.

Homework Club

On most Thursdays until 5 p.m., in room 24, designated teachers and staff provide students with homework help. Attendance is taken but it is the responsibility of the home to determine if a student attended or not.

Library Services

TDChristian has a librarian and a fully functional library. Students may loan books and use the electronic services listed on the schools' Splash! Page.

Yearbook

Each year, students are given a yearbook of their TDChristian experience.

Music Program

The music program at TDChristian is an active and vibrant place to make friends, develop skills, and praise God through Band, Choir, Praise Band, Jazz Band, and solo performances. TDChristian music department hosts and participates in several performances and competitions each year.

Dramatic Arts

The drama program at TDChristian is alive with music, laughter, improv, sketch, and terrific acting. If you are interested in developing your acting skills or supporting the cast in the areas of costumes, makeup, set design, sound, or lighting, our drama program has a place for you. There is at least one major drama production each year.

Trips

Part of serving the Lord is offering oneself in service to others. Grade 9 students participate in a service trip at the beginning of the school year; for two days, they work at various drop-in centres in downtown Toronto. It is a great opportunity for them to get to know each other and teachers, as

well as to help others and honour God by doing simple things like sorting clothing or serving lunch. In Grade 10, students go on a two-day, overnight trip during which they learn about the importance of empathy, their own and their peers' talents and gifts, and ways to work effectively with others. In addition, they have the opportunity to connect or reconnect with each other in meaningful ways.

The Grade 11 English/Perspective classes spend four days in service to others usually in Toronto. This trip provides students an opportunity to expand their worldview, help others who need assistance, and deepen relationships with classmates.

During the March Break, a group of Grade 12 students usually travels to Central America for an optional, intensive 7 to 10 day service trip.

Technology

TDChristian provides easy access to technologies including computers, printers, video equipment, cameras, tablets and calculators. Students should use these technologies noting the *Technology Code of Conduct* (included in this document), especially keeping in mind the following points:

- Students should only use the username and password assigned to them as they are responsible for all the activity done under their username.
- Students are responsible for all e-mails sent and received in their school e-mail account. Students receiving inappropriate e-mails from others should report them to their teacher, to tech, or to the office.
- Only video and audio files specifically allowed by a teacher may be stored on a student's personal school drive called the P: drive. All copyrighted programs, as well as all computer games, may not be stored on student's P: drive.
- Students are not allowed to play computer games during class time.
- Personal laptops and other electronic devices may access the Internet using the schools public wireless network but not the wired network.

Plagiarism/Resource Program

Plagiarism Policy

The following guidelines shall be followed:

1. Students will be taught methods of plagiarism avoidance.

2 a. Grade 9 & 10 plagiarism:

First time plagiarism results in a grade of zero for the assignment.

Subsequent occurrences may result in a discussion involving the student, his or her parent or guardian and the teacher, principal and/or vice-principal. The aim of all actions will be to help students learn how to complete work without plagiarizing.

“Plagiarism is understood to consist of the intentional or unintentional use and submission of another’s words and/or ideas as if they were your own.”

b. Grade 11 & 12 plagiarism:

First time plagiarism results in a grade of zero for the assignment. Subsequent occurrences may result in the loss of the course credit. The aim, again, is to provide ways for the student to learn how to complete work without plagiarizing.

3. Parents/guardians will be notified in any case of plagiarism.

4. The names of students who have plagiarized will be kept on a list by the vice-principal or a designated teacher so as to identify and help repeat offenders.

Resource Department

The TDChristian Resource Program provides support to students who have special learning needs. For students who have been involved in special education programs in grade school, consultation between our resource department, families and the elementary school helps facilitate transition to high school. When learning difficulties are identified at the secondary level, the student, the classroom teacher, the family and the resource teacher work together to develop an appropriate educational program that will enable the student to be successful in the classroom.

Up to three Learning Strategies credits may be earned through the Resource Program by students who have learning difficulties.

Goals of the Resource Program:

- Provide a caring, secure environment in which students are accepted as unique children of God and challenged to reach their potential.
- Help students develop strategies to deal with their academic difficulties and further develop their learning strengths.
- Promote ownership of the learning process through both individualization and integration.

Support Services Offered:

- English as a Second Language
- peer tutoring
- small group instruction
- assistance with assignments
- monitoring programs
- modified programming
- Thursday Homework Club

Guidance Services

Our aim at TDChristian is to guide, direct, and help each student grow into an independent person who serves God according to His Word — someone who is able and willing to employ every talent to the honour of God and for the well-being of all fellow image-bearers of God in every area of life. Guiding and helping students is the task of the school's staff. Together, we work at helping students to know and appreciate themselves as image-bearers of God, to relate in Christian ways to others, to be successful in their schoolwork, and to foster a positive spiritual climate in the school. In the Guidance Department, we focus on helping students develop appropriate educational plans, explore career alternatives, and consider God's call to serve Him in their personal lives, relationships, and careers.

Program Planning Assistance

We assist students with course selection and are available to discuss timetable revisions, night school, and summer school courses. In addition to supporting students in the Careers course, we host a Careers and Courses night in February.

Support Services

We maintain a close liaison with the Resource Department in our school and make referrals to external agencies and support services, if necessary.

Peer Counselling

In some years, small groups of students are trained as Peer Counsellors in order to help fellow students who may benefit from the listening ear or advice of a peer.

Professional Counselling

TDChristian hires the services of a professional Christian counsellor, on average, at least one day per week.

Guidance Services

We provide information to help students determine possible destinations after high school. Students are taught how to use websites such as eINFO (for university program searches), OCAS (Ontario Community Colleges), OUAC (Ontario Universities' Application Centre), and careers intrades.ca.

Students can obtain descriptions of careers that interest them and complete interest tests to help them decide on possible career directions. All students are given access to My Blueprint no later than Grade 10 and are scheduled for guidance interviews in Grade 11.

In addition TDChristian often hosts a Christian College Fair in the fall and helps senior students and their parents/guardians by hosting a Future Directions Day and Evening.

We also help students to complete university and community college applications and inform them about financial assistance and scholarships that are available through regular communications.

The Child and Family Services Act of the Province of Ontario

(Section 28 and 181 (1) (2) stipulate that "children, at the age of 12 may request counselling and are entitled to confidentiality. No parental consent is required, but if the child is less than sixteen years of age the service provider shall discuss at the earliest appropriate opportunity the desirability of involving the child's parent. Records in connection with the provision of counselling may be disclosed only with the child's written consent.")

Guidance Services

The Ontario Student Transcript (OST) is an official record and it includes:

- 1) all Grade 9 and 10 courses successfully completed by the student, with percentage grades obtained and credits earned
- 2) all Grade 11 and 12 courses completed or attempted by the student, with percentage grades obtained and credits earned
- 3) identification of compulsory credits, including credits that are substitutions for compulsory credits identified by the Ministry of Education as diploma requirements
- 4) confirmation that the student has completed the 40 hours of community involvement
- 5) confirmation that the student has successfully completed the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)

After the student leaves school, the OST is kept on file in the last secondary school attended. The record is maintained in case the student ever needs an official report of marks, such as could be required by a college, university, or employer. Marks will not be released by the school without the permission of the student, or of the parent/guardian if the student is under 18.

**** The OST is updated annually and is part of the Ontario Student Record. ****

Ontario Student Record

The Ontario Student Record (OSR) is the ongoing confidential record of a student's educational progress through schools in Ontario. An OSR will be requested from schools previously attended by the student. For students coming from outside Ontario, an OSR will be established. The collection of this information is authorized by the *Education Act*. Examples of items found in an OSR are school photos, report cards, Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) results, psychiatric assessments and student transcripts. The contents of the OSR are reviewed and updated throughout the school year and are kept in a secure location. OSRs at TDChristian are established and handled as per the Ministry of Education document, *Ontario Student Record (OSR) Guideline, 2000*.

The OSR is available to TDChristian teachers, the principal, vice-principal, and Ontario supervisory officers for the purpose of improving the instruction of the student. All students and parents/guardians of students under 18 years of age have the right to examine the OSR and to receive a copy of its contents.

Repetition of a Course

Students who repeat a Grade 11 or 12 course can earn only one credit for the course. Each subsequent attempt is recorded on the OST and an "R" is entered in the "Credit" column along with the percentage grade.

Course Changes

Students may change courses up to 5 school days after the start of a class by contacting guidance. Parental permission is required.

Course Withdrawals

Grades 9 and 10

Withdrawals from Grade 9 and 10 courses are not recorded on the Ontario Student Transcript (OST). Only successful courses are recorded.

Grades 11 and 12

If a student withdraws from a Grade 11 or 12 course **within** five instructional days following the issue of the midterm report card, the withdrawal is not recorded on the OST.

If a student withdraws from a course **after** five instructional days following the issue of the interim report card, the withdrawal is recorded on the OST by entering a "W" in the "Credit" column. The student's percentage grade at the time of the withdrawal is recorded in the "Percentage Grade" column.

Guidance Services

Cross-Over Courses

These courses are 30-hour module courses offered to students who wish to change from Applied courses to Academic. These courses can be found in summer school programs.

Transfer Courses

Transfer courses, available in Grades 10 to 12, are a means of transferring from one type of course to another if a student's interests and goals change during secondary school. Like most courses, transfer courses are credit-based and count towards the 30 credits required to meet diploma requirements. These courses are available if schedules allow and/or in summer school.

Course Transfer Information

Students select courses appropriate to their abilities and career plans. If a student is having difficulty, a change of subject may be made in consultation with Guidance and with parental or guardian approval provided fewer than 11 periods have passed since the beginning of the course.

Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition (PLAR)

A student's prior learning may be recognized in credits in one of the two ways:

1) Equivalency for learning in another school.

A student who has studied in a non-inspected school in Ontario, or in a school outside Ontario, may be given equivalent credit(s) by the principal for this learning based on records from the school. To decide a student's placement, the principal will determine the total credit equivalency of the student's previous learning and will determine the compulsory and optional credits still to be earned in order to receive the OSSD. A record of this decision will be placed in the student's OSR.

2) Challenge based on learning outside school.

A student may earn credit for prior learning that has taken place outside secondary school. This is done on a course-by-course basis. The student must demonstrate that he or she has met the expectations of the Ontario course by passing an evaluation based on the expectations of that course. The evaluation will include a final evaluation plus the assessment of other work appropriate to the course. A student who is under 18, or is 18 or over but has never left school for a year or more, may earn a maximum of 4 credits through PLAR. Such credits can be earned only for courses in grades 10 to 12. Mature students have additional opportunities to earn credits through PLAR. For more details, contact the principal or Guidance counsellor.

Substitution Credits

To meet individual students' needs, the principal may substitute up to three compulsory credit courses (as per Section 6.1 of of Ontario Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12: Policy and Program Requirements, 2011 (OS)). The sum of compulsory and optional credits will not be fewer than 30 for students aiming to earn the OSSD (see page 16) and not fewer than 14 for those aiming to earn the OSSC (page 18). Substitutions enhance student learning or meet special needs and interests.

High Performance Athletes Program (HPA)

In HPA, students who compete at the provincial, national and/or international level may earn cooperative education credits by practising and demonstrating the knowledge and skills, normally acquired in the classroom, to their training/competition setting. The HPA program is made up of a HPA cooperative education course and a subject-related course. Interested athletes should contact Guidance Services.

Diplomas

Students are encouraged to earn two diplomas:

A. Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

B. Toronto District Christian High School Diploma

- A credit is granted in recognition of the successful completion of a course that has been scheduled for a minimum of 110 hours.
- A course is successfully completed if the student earns a final course grade mark of at least 50%.
- Ontario requires that students remain in school until they are 18 years of age or earn an OSSD.

A. Ontario Secondary School Diploma (30 credits)

Credit Requirements:

18 Compulsory Credits

- ▶ 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)*
- ▶ 3 credits in Mathematics (1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
- ▶ 2 credits in Science
- ▶ 1 credit in Canadian History
- ▶ 1 credit in Canadian Geography
- ▶ 1 credit in the Arts
- ▶ 1 credit in Health and Physical Education
- ▶ 1 credit in French as a Second Language
- ▶ ½ credit in Career Studies
- ▶ ½ credit in Civics

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

- Group 1: additional credit in English, or French as a second language**, or a Native language, or a classical or an international language, or social sciences and the humanities, or Canadian and world studies, or guidance and career education, or cooperative education***
- Group 2: additional credit in health and physical education, or the arts, or business studies, French as a second language**, or cooperative education***
- Group 3: additional credit in science (Grade 11 or 12), or technological education, or French as a second language**, or computer studies, or cooperative education***

12 optional credits with a maximum of 4 credits earned through approved dual credit courses.

* A maximum of 3 credits in English as a Second Language (ESL) or English literacy development (ELD) may be counted towards the 4 compulsory credits in English, but the fourth must be a credit earned for a Grade 12 compulsory English course.

** In groups 1, 2, and 3, a maximum of 2 credits in French as a second language can count as compulsory credits, one from group 1 and one from *either* group 2 *or* group 3.

*** A maximum for 2 credits in cooperative education can count as compulsory credits.

Non-Credit Requirements (see next page for details)

- ▶ **40 hours of community involvement activities**
- ▶ **the provincial literacy requirement**

Diplomas

Details on the Non-Credit Requirements for the OSSD

Community Involvement Activities

As part of the diploma requirements, students must complete a minimum of 40 hours of community involvement activities. These activities may be completed at any time during their years in the secondary school program (including the summer before beginning grade 9). The community involvement requirement is designed to encourage students to develop awareness and understanding of civic responsibility and of the role they can play in supporting and strengthening their communities.

Community involvement activities may take place in a variety of settings, including businesses, not-for-profit organizations, public sector institutions (including hospitals), churches, and service organizations. Students may NOT fulfil the requirement through activities that are counted towards a credit (cooperative education and work experience, for example), through paid work, or by assuming duties normally performed by a paid employee.

The requirement is to be completed in students' designated lunch hours, after school, on weekends, or during school holidays (a list of more specific guidelines and the Community Service Form are found on the Splash Page). At TDChristian we believe that participating in community service is consistent with "*Learning for service in the light of God's Word*". Our Lord calls us to work not only for our own good in completing the task of our schooling but for the good of others.

The Provincial Literacy Requirement

In order to earn the OSSD, students will be required to successfully complete the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (normally given to all grade 10 students), which is based on language and communications expectations of the curriculum up to and including Grade 9. Where warranted and permitted (by Appendix 3 of Ontario Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12: Policy and Program Requirements, 2011 (OS)), accommodations, special provisions, deferrals, and exemptions may be made. Successful achievement of this test will be recorded on the Ontario Student Transcript. Remedial help will be provided by the school for students who are not initially successful, and these students will be able to retake the test. The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course must be completed in Grade 12 if a student has been unsuccessful in completing this test.

B. Toronto District Christian High School Diploma

The TDChristian Diploma is designed to ensure that its recipients receive a well-rounded Christian education. In addition to fulfilling the requirements for the OSSD, students must successfully complete three Perspectives credits (one in each of grades 10, 11 and 12), and a credit in Senior Science or Green Industries.

Note: all of these credits also count towards the Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

Toronto District Christian High school is registered as an independent school with the Ontario Ministry of Education, and the courses offered by TDChristian meet the Ministry's requirements.

The Ontario Ministry of Education completes a provincial inspection of the school once every two years.

Ontario Certificates

Students who do not earn the Ontario Secondary School Diploma may qualify for one of the following Ministry of Education certificates:

A. Ontario Secondary School Certificate (OSSC)

B. The Certificate of Accomplishment

A credit is granted in recognition of the successful completion of a course that has been scheduled for a minimum of 110 hours.

A course is successfully completed if the student obtains a final mark of 50% or more in that subject. Ontario requires that students remain in school until they are 18 years of age or earn an OSSD.

A. Ontario Secondary School Certificate (14 credits)

Credit Requirements:

7 Compulsory Credits

- ▶ 2 credits in English
- ▶ 1 credit in Mathematics
- ▶ 1 credit in Science
- ▶ 1 credit in Canadian Geography or Canadian History
- ▶ 1 credit in the Arts or Technological Education
- ▶ 1 credit in Health and Physical Education

7 Elective Credits (from any area)

- ▶ Students are not required to complete 40 hours of community involvement.
- ▶ Students are not required to pass the Ontario Secondary Literacy Test.

B. The Certificate of Accomplishment

Students who leave school before fulfilling the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma or the Ontario Secondary School Certificate may be granted a Certificate of Accomplishment. The Certificate of Accomplishment may be a useful means of recognizing achievement for students who plan to take certain vocational programs or other kinds of further training, or who plan to find employment after leaving school.

The Certificate of Accomplishment will be accompanied by the student's Ontario Student Transcript. For those students who have an IEP, a copy of the IEP may be included.

Students who return to school to complete additional credit and non-credit courses (including courses with modified or alternative expectations in special education programs) will have their transcript updated accordingly, but will not be issued a new Certificate of Accomplishment. The Ontario Secondary School Diploma or Ontario Secondary School Certificate will be granted when a student has fulfilled the appropriate requirements.

Assessment & Evaluation

Assessment at Toronto District Christian High School:

- 1) is standards-based. Students' achievement is judged according to established and stated standards, not through comparison with work by other students in the class. It is based on expectations which state what students should know and be able to do in each stream of each course. Lessons and learning activities are based on these expectations, and assessment tools using observations, student-teacher conversations, and/or student products are designed to target those expectations.
- 2) uses achievement charts to identify degrees of achievement. Four levels provide a framework for assessing, evaluating, and reporting how well students achieve the expectations. Teachers assess assignments using the levels and assign grades based on or using the achievement levels.
- 3) uses rubrics and achievement charts to clearly state the expectations and achievement levels to students and parents in advance. This allows students to better understand how to complete an assignment because they are aware of the expectations.
- 4) uses a wide assortment of assessment methods. In addition to teacher-led assessment, TDChristian encourages teachers to develop in students the ability to assess themselves. Through journals, self-editing, and self-assessment sheets, students learn to evaluate how well they have met the expectations for themselves. Also, peer assessment is encouraged through peer-editing and group evaluations. These methods are used primarily for assessment as learning.
- 5) uses assessment and evaluation categories. Teachers go beyond gathering evidence of the students' knowledge of the curriculum to include assessing students' skills and their ability to communicate and apply those skills. To meet this aim, marks are recorded in four categories of learning. Teachers design assessments of learning to address these four categories. Major assignments especially are assessed for student achievement in the following four categories, as directed by the Ministry of Education:
 - a) Knowledge and Understanding is subject-specific content acquired in each course (knowledge), and the comprehension of its meaning and significance (understanding).
 - b) Thinking is the use of critical and creative thinking skills and/or processes.
 - c) Communication is the conveyance of meaning through various forms.
 - d) Application is the use of knowledge/skills to make connections within and between contexts. Marks are recorded in each category to help teachers address the different aspects of learning.
- 6) includes assessing learning skills. In addition to the four evaluation categories listed above for individual assignments, teachers assess general learning skills. Although these are not usually assigned a percentage mark, they are recorded on the students' report cards. The following learning skills are regularly assessed and will also appear on Learning Reports: Responsibility, Organization, Independent work, Collaboration, Initiative, Self-regulation (see descriptions on page 21).
- 7) includes assessments **for** learning, **as** learning and **of** learning. As students learning, teachers and students use assessments **for** learning to determine how the learning can be structured. As students are taught and learn the course expectations, they receive constant constructive and descriptive feedback through assessments that integral to their learning; these help students improve their products, performances, and processes **as** they learn. The final type is assessment **of** learning. In such assessments, students demonstrate their mastery of the course expectations. Such assessments are generally done at the end of a unit and the end of the course and include conversations, observations (often done through presentations), and student products.
- 8) for each course is split up as follows: 70% term work and 30% for summative or final evaluations.
- 9) is fair to all students. This may require the teacher to make accommodations for students with special needs or students who are learning English.

Assessment & Evaluation

School Organization and Learning Reports

The school year is divided into two semesters. Students normally take four courses (110 hours each) per semester, one in each of the first four periods. Fifth Period cycles through the courses (see the section entitled “The School Day”) Each semester ends with final evaluations and the issuance of a Learning Report which includes a grade, a teacher comment, learning skills and attendance details for each course. In addition, each semester, we issue three electronic interim reports on Edsby, including a Midterm Report.

Grading Scale

Grades at TDChristian can be interpreted as follows:

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| 90 – 100% | <i>work of outstanding quality (A, A+)</i> |
| 80 – 89% | <i>very good work (B+, A–)</i> |
| 70 – 79% | <i>average work; meets expectations (B–, B)</i> |
| 60 – 69% | <i>below the school average (C–, C, C+)</i> |
| 50 – 59% | <i>borderline pass (D–, D, D+)</i> |
| under 50% | <i>failure (F–, F, F+)</i> |
| I | <i>incomplete work</i> |

Final evaluations, which may include examinations, occur at the end of each semester. Students must complete them in every course. Alternate arrangements must be made, with the administration, if a student cannot make it or if he or she was ill.

Edsby

Edsby is TDChristian’s Educational Engagement System. All students are assigned a username and password which they can use to view their current grades and attendance history online. Parents/guardians may also have access to Edsby which allows them to access their child’s grade and attendance information. New parents/guardians are encouraged to attend the *New Parents/Guardians Night* in September (part of the program is an overview of Edsby).

In order to access information through Edsby, parents or legal guardians must have a username and password. These can be obtained by sending an e-mail request to passwords@tdchristian.ca.

Posting Grades

Teachers are encouraged to post grades in Edsby as follows:

One week: assignments & tests *Two weeks: essays* *Four weeks: ISUs*

Test and Assignment Policies

1. Students must take a test on the day it is given.
2. Students who are absent on the day of a test will receive a **zero** for the test *unless*:
 - a. the absence was excused by the teacher ahead of time;
 - b. a parent or guardian provides a note saying that illness made attendance impossible; or
 - c. some improbable event occurred that made attendance impossible, despite the student’s efforts.A note to that effect should be written by a parent or guardian of the student.
3. Students whose absences have been excused may take a test after the class has taken it or the teacher may use the grade on the final exam or summative assessment for the missed test. The makeup test may be different from the original.
4. Students found cheating in any way on any part of a test or quiz will receive a **zero**.
5. Major assignments such as Independent Studies are due on their due dates.
6. No student will have more than two tests per day, and no tests are to be given on Monday.

Assessment & Evaluation

Late and Missed Assignment Policy

At Toronto District Christian High School, it is our desire that students keep track of their own work as this leads to habits that are helpful in life and work. As much as possible, we encourage students to take charge of their own deadlines and work especially after the first semester of Grade 9.

Students are required to hand in their work on time. Teachers are to clearly state deadlines for student work and to record in Edsby whether students have handed in their work: on time, late or not at all. At times, teachers determine deadlines through consultation with students or classes. In addition, teachers are to inform students of the penalties, if any, for work handed in late or not at all.

Students and their parents or guardians are encouraged to check Edsby periodically to keep track of their work as failure to hand in work can result in poorer learning, loss of grades (as outlined by course teachers), and lost opportunities for learning.

Finally, three important points:

1. If a student continually or frequently hands work in late or not at all, teachers will contact a parent or guardian, usually by email or phone.
2. Teachers are asked to ensure that mark deduction for late assignments does not result in a final grade that misrepresents the student's actual achievement. Of course, if a student does not hand in work, even after encouragement and warnings, grades of zero for that work will be entered (often significantly altering a student's grade).
3. Where difficulties arise, due to unforeseen circumstances or for other acceptable reasons, students (not parents or guardians) should consult with their teachers as soon as possible to consider alternative arrangements (e.g. change in due date or the work). If the teacher believes the request is valid, changes can be made. The teacher may take time to consult guidance or administration.

Descriptions of Learning Skills

TDChristian teachers have developed a way to help students understand Learning Skills. Students should work at them so that they can develop and grow as learners, volunteers, and employees. These skills, described below often indicate how well students approach and do their work. Teachers give feedback on them through Edsby and on Learning Reports using E for Excellent, G for Good, S for Satisfactory, A for Admissible, and N for Needs Improvement.

Responsibility (work ethic): students take ownership, behave with integrity, and accept accountability

Independent Work (doing the work): students engage in learning, invest in the process, and use all available resources

Organization (ready to work): students prepare proactively, manage time, and meet all expectations

Initiative (getting to work): students show interest and curiosity, advocate for self and others, and take risks willingly

Collaboration (working together): students function as a team to share work, and build community

Self Regulation (keep on working): students stay focused, show perseverance, and exercise self-discipline

Honour Certificates

For Grades 11 & 12:

Honour Roll students will be those who take at least 7 credits at TDChristian during the school year and achieve an average of 85% or higher on all their courses.
(Total weighted marks divided by the number of credits)

For Grades 9 & 10:

Honour Roll students will be those who take at least 8 credits at TDChristian during the school year and an average of 85% or higher on all their courses.
(Total weighted marks divided by the number of credits)

Ontario Scholars

This certificate is awarded by the Government of Ontario to Grade 12 students who have obtained an average of at least 80% (i.e. a total of at least 480 marks) in any six Grade 12 University Preparation, University/College Preparation, College Preparation, Workplace Preparation, Open, Cooperative Education or College-delivered Dual Credit courses, or Ontario Academic Courses.

Academic Program Overview

The Intermediate Program (Grades 9 and 10)

In Grades 9 and 10, courses are designated *academic*, *applied* or *open*.

Academic Courses focus on essential concepts with an emphasis on theory and abstract thinking rather than practical applications. They are usually prerequisites for university courses in grades 11 and 12.

Applied Courses provide practical perspectives on certain subjects and stress more practice than theory; such courses follow a topical approach, and are an appropriate preparation for further education in community college and some Christian colleges.

Note: Students in Grade 9 who successfully complete a grade 9 course may choose the ensuing academic or applied course in the same subject in Grade 10. Students in Grade 10 will choose courses in Grade 11 depending on their planned destination and grades earned in Grade 10 courses.

Open Courses are designed to prepare students for further study in certain subjects and to enrich their education generally.

The Senior Program (Grades 11 and 12)

In Grades 11 and 12, courses offered to prepare students for post-secondary destinations are *university preparation*, *university/college preparation*, *college preparation*, *workplace preparation*, and *open*.

University Preparation Courses are designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to meet the entrance requirements for university programs. The range of courses offered and the content of these courses allow students to prepare for university programs and related careers.

University/College Preparation Courses include content that is relevant for both university and college programs. They are designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to meet the entrance requirements for specific university and college programs.

College Preparation Courses are designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to meet the entrance requirements for college programs. The range of courses offered and the content of these courses will allow students to prepare for most college programs and related careers.

Workplace Preparation Courses prepare students for employment after grade 12.

Open Courses are designed to prepare students for further study in certain subjects and to enrich their education in a general manner.

Changing Course Types

Some students change their educational goals as they proceed through secondary school. If students wish to change course types, they may do so provided they make appropriate preparations such as completing transfer courses or prerequisite courses, through such means as night or summer school, online courses, eLearning or the Independent Learning Centre. In some cases, doing work as recommended by the principal is permitted. If the principal believes that a student can be successful in a particular course without having taken the specified prerequisite course, the principal may waive the prerequisite.

Course Codes

What do the letters and numbers in a course code indicate, and how do I read them?

Each secondary school course is identified by a 5-character code consisting of three letters followed by one number and then one letter.

Let's take, for example, the course code CGC1D

The first letter indicates the subject area:

| | |
|----------|----------------------------------|
| A | = The Arts |
| B | = Business Studies |
| C | = Canadian and World Studies |
| E | = English |
| F | = French |
| G | = Guidance and Career Education |
| H | = Social Sciences and Humanities |
| I | = Interdisciplinary Studies |
| M | = Mathematics |
| P | = Health and Physical Education |
| S | = Science |
| T | = Technological Education |

So, the first C indicates a course in *Canadian and World Studies*

The next two letters differentiate between subjects within the subject area:

i.e. CGC is for *Issues in Canadian Geography*; CHC would be for *Canadian History Since World War I*

The fourth character, the number, indicates the grade level of the course:

1 = Grade 9, 2 = Grade 10, 3 = Grade 11, 4 = Grade 12

The fifth character, the letter following the number, indicates the type of course:

| Grades 9 & 10: | Grades 11 & 12 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| D = Academic | U = University |
| P = Applied | M = University/College |
| O = Open | C = College |
| H = Upgrade | E = Workplace |
| | O = Open |
| | H = Upgrade |

Note: On occasion, a sixth character may be added after the fifth character. This is used when it is necessary to distinguish between different sections of the same course or to indicate that the course qualifies as a Co-operative Education credit (i.e. HSP3MC - the C signifies a Co-operative credit).

Access to Course Outlines and Ontario Curriculum Policy Documents

Course Outlines can be viewed by clicking the Course Outlines link under the Course Info tab on the school's Splash! Page. A username and password can be obtained by contacting the school or the course teacher. Ministry documents can be found at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/secondary.html>.

ESL and Grade 9 Program

| ESL Courses Offered | Code |
|---|-------|
| English as a Second Language, ESL Level 1 | ESLAO |
| English as a Second Language, ESL Level 2 | ESLBO |
| English as a Second Language, ESL Level 3 | ESLCO |
| English as a Second Language, ESL Level 4 | ESLDO |
| English as a Second Language, ESL Level 5 | ESLEO |

| GRADE 9 Compulsory Courses (8 credits) | Code |
|--|-------------|
| English (Academic or Applied) | ENG1D/ENG1P |
| Mathematics (Academic or Applied) | MPM1D/MFM1P |
| Science (Academic or Applied) | SNC1D/SNC1P |
| Issues in Canadian Geography (Academic or Applied) | CGC1D/CGC1P |
| Healthy Active Living Education (Open) | PPL1O |
| Visual Arts (Open – 0.5 credit) | AVI1O |
| Drama (Open – 0.5 credit) | ADA1O |
| Music (Open – 0.5 credit) | AMI1O |
| Exploring Technologies (Open – 0.5 credit) | TIJ1O |
| Selected students take Communications Technology (instead of Visual Arts and Exploring Technologies) | TGJ1O |
| One of French or Guidance & Career Education (for French Exempt students) | |
| – Core French (Academic) | FSF1D |
| – Learning Strategies 1 (Open) | GLE1O/GLS1O |
| Other GRADE 9 Courses (Optional – neither is required) | Code |
| – Band (before school) (Open – 0.5 credit) | AMR1O |
| – Choir (during school) (Open – 0.5 credit) | AMV1O |

Grade 10 Program

| GRADE 10 Compulsory Courses (6 credits) | Code |
|---|-------------|
| English (Academic or Applied) | ENG2D/ENG2P |
| Mathematics (Academic or Applied) | MPM2D/MFM2P |
| Science (Academic or Applied) | SNC2D/SNC2P |
| Introduction to the Story of Redemption (Religious Studies) | HRE23 |
| Canadian History Since World War 1 (Academic or Applied) | CHC2D/CHC2P |
| Civics (Open – 0.5 credit) | CHV2O |
| Career Studies (Open – 0.5 credit) | GLC2O |
| GRADE 10 Optional Courses (Choose 2 credits) | Code |
| – Core French (Academic – usually part of French & History Block) | FSF2D |
| – Communications Technology | TGJ2O |
| – Green Industries (Open – part of Environmental Block) | THJ2O |
| – Custom Woodworking | TWJ3E |
| – Visual Arts (Open) | AVI2O |
| – Drama (Open) | ADA2O |
| – Music (Open) | AMI2O |
| – Healthy Active Living Education (Open) | PPL2O |
| GRADE 10 Other Courses (Optional – none are required) | Code |
| – Band (before school) (Open – 0.5 credit) | AMR2O |
| – Choir (during school) (Open – 0.5 credit) | AMV2O |
| – Drama Production (during and after school) (Open – 0.5 credit) | ADD2O |

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| GRADE 11 Compulsory Courses (4 credits) | Code |
|--|----------------|
| English (University or College) | ENG3U or ENG3C |
| Mathematics – 1 credit from: | |
| – Functions | MCR3U |
| – Functions & Applications | MCF3M |
| – Foundations for College Mathematics | MBF3C |
| – Mathematics for Everyday Life (not offered every year) | MEL3E |
| Perspectives – At least one of: | |
| – Continuing the Story of Redemption (Religious Studies) | HRE33 |
| – Participation in Internship Block or International Block | HZB3M or TMJ3M |
| Science/Technology – At least one credit from: | |
| – Biology (University or College) | SBI3U or SBI3C |
| – Chemistry | SCH3U or SCH4C |
| – Physics | SPH3U or SPH4C |
| – Green Industries | THJ3M |
| – Earth & Space Science | SES4U |
| GRADE 11 Optional Courses (continued on next page) | Code |
| Students may choose extra Perspectives, Science and/or Technology courses as optional courses. | |
| – Drama | ADA3M |
| – Guitar | AMG3O |
| – Music | AMI3M |
| – Visual Arts | AVI3M |
| – Visual Arts: Photography | AWQ3M |
| – Financial Accounting Fundamentals | BAF3M |

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| GRADE 11 Optional Courses (continued from previous next page) | Code |
|--|---|
| – Entrepreneurship: The Venture | BDI3C |
| – World History to the End of the Fifteenth Century | CHW3M |
| – Core French | FSF3U |
| – Leadership and Peer Support | GPP3O |
| – Introduction to Anthropology, Psychology, and Sociology | HSP3U |
| – Philosophy: The Big Questions | HZB3M |
| – Healthy Active Living Education (Physical Education) | PPL3O |
| – Yearbook: Print and Graphics Communication | TGG3M |
| – Communications Technology | TGJ3M |
| – Construction Engineering Technology | TCJ3C |
| Note: Courses from other grades that are offered at a time that works and for which students have the prerequisites may also be chosen. | |
| Other Options | |
| – Co-operative Education: Students may earn a credit or credits through a planned learning experience that integrates classroom theory and learning experiences at a workplace. Interested students should contact the Co-operative Education teacher. | Various |
| – International Block: a one semester four-credit program that includes a two month trip to Central America. For more details, see the International Block link on the Splash page: tdchristian.ca/splash | ENG3U or ENG3C, HZB3M and two co-op credits. |
| – Internship Block: a one semester four-credit program that involves going to school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and completing an internship on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Interested students should contact the Guidance Department. | ENG3U or C or ENG4U or 4C, TMJ3M or alternative and two co-op credits |
| – Drama Improvisation (during and after school) (University/College) | ADG3M |

Grade 12 Program

| GRADE 12 Compulsory Courses (2 credits) | Code |
|--|----------------|
| English (University or College) | ENG4U or ENG4C |
| Perspectives – 1 credit from: | |
| – Families in Canada | HHS4U or HHS4C |
| – Applying Physics (Part of Physics Block) | IDC4U |
| GRADE 12 Optional Courses (Choose up to 6 credits) | |
| – The Arts: Drama (ADA4M), Music (AMI4M), Photography (AWQ4M), Visual Arts (AVI4M) | |
| – Business Studies: Business Leadership (BOH4M) | |
| – Canadian & World Studies: Analysing Current Economic Issues (CIA4U), The Environment and Resource Management (CGR4M), Canadian and World Issues (CGW4U), World History since the Fifteenth Century (CHY4U or CHY4C), Canadian and International Law (CLN4U) | |
| – English: The Writer’s Craft (EWC4U or EWC4C), English Literature (ETS4U) | |
| – French: Core French (FSF4U) | |
| – Health and Physical Education: Healthy Active Living Education (PPL4O), Recreation and Healthy Active Living Leadership (PLF4M), Introductory Kinesiology (PSK4U) | |
| – Mathematics: Mathematics of Data Management (MDM4U), Advanced Functions (MHF4U), Calculus & Vectors (MCV4U), Foundations of College Mathematics (MAP4C), Mathematics for Work and Everyday Life (MEL4E) | |
| – Science: Biology (SBI4U), Chemistry (SCH4U or SCH4C), Physics (SPH4U or SPH4C), Earth and Space Science (SES4U) | |
| – Social Sciences and Humanities: Philosophy: Questions and Theories (HZT4U), Families in Canada (HHS4U or HHS4C), Challenge and Change in Society (HSB4U), World Cultures (HSC4M), Equity and Social Justice: From Theory to Practice (HSE4M) | |
| – Technological Education: Green Industries (THJ4M), Yearbook (Print and Graphics Communication: TGG4M), Communications Technology (TGJ4M), Custom Woodworking (TWJ4E) | |
| – Block Options: Engineering Block (SPH4U and IDC4U), International Block (4 credits: see Grade 11 Courses) | |
| – Co-operative Education: Students may earn a credit or credits through a planned learning experience that integrates classroom theory and learning experiences at a workplace. Interested students should contact the Co-operative Education teacher. | |
| Note: The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OLC4O) is sometimes offered. | |

Cooperative Education

Co-operative Education is an experiential form of education that integrates academic study and experiences in the workplace. The student together with the teacher and the employer design a program that allows the student to deepen his or her knowledge of the particular industry while acquiring some basic employment skills. Every course of study is unique to the student. Through the program, TDChristian can effectively integrate any area of interest into a student's high school program.

The school has a growing list of Woodbridge businesses willing to give our students a co-op experience. TD is also prepared to work with any business in our geographic area which interests the student and meets the requirements set out by the government (including safety) in its Ministry Guideline. Students and parents, with advice and support from the school, are integral in acquiring these placements.

TDChristian offers co-op in three formats: *credit*, *experience*, and *Internship Block*.

- Students in the **credit** format take up to four high school credits. This program consists of two parts: an in-school component and an out-of-school component in the workplace and must be related to an existing course.
- Students in the **experience** format volunteer their time and energies in a variety of workplaces where they acquire valuable work experience and obtain letters of reference. These letters might help them gain entrance into post-secondary institutions or aid in the winning of a scholarship.
- Students in **Internship Block** complete two co-op credits along with an English credit and Entrepreneurship: The Enterprising Person (BDP30) or a Physics credit. Students attend school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with a focus on projects. They do their internships (co-op credits) on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Co-op students have worked at a variety of placements, including auto body repair, cabinetmaking, teaching, carpentry, fire protection, car rental, car dealing, medical work, mechanical work, day care, retail, and research.

The mission of cooperative education at TDChristian is to provide every participating student with a work experience that will help them develop personal values, positive attitudes, intellectual talents, and employable skills. This experience should prepare them for successful participation in society, where they are called to serve God and their neighbours.

Grade 11 Mentorship Program

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. The mentor serves as a guide, resource, and contact to the student during a three to five day work experience between semesters. This experience offers students a chance to reflect on the role of work in their lives and in society by learning about a job or career in an intimate and experiential manner. It also allows them to make potentially significant connections in the work world. Generally, students have found their mentors to be positive and helpful individuals. To find out more about the Mentorship Program check the link on the Splash! Page or e-mail mentorship@tdchristian.ca.

Online Courses

TDChristian High School offers online, full-credit online courses. As with all full-credit courses, a credit is granted in recognition of the successful completion of a course that has been scheduled for a minimum of 110 hours in which a student obtains a final mark of 50% or more.

TD Online courses follow the Ontario Ministry of Education guidelines and consist of watching videos, completing assignments (including an evaluation), and corresponding or interacting with the course teacher and peers through our student engagement system: *Edsby*. (Minimum PC requirements: Pentium Core Duo processor with Windows 7, IE 11 or Chrome 45. Minimum Apple Macintosh requirements: Pentium Core 2 Duo with Mac OS X 10.6, Safari 6 or Chrome 45.)

All online students are expected to comply with all items in this course calendar. Please especially note the *Technology* section under School Policies for guidelines on expectations of acceptable use of technology.

Online courses (Advanced Functions Grade 12, University Preparation (MHF4U), Calculus and Vectors (MCV4U), University Preparation, and English Literature Studies, University Preparation (ETS4U)) run for 17 school weeks from the second week of September until the end of January and/or the second week of February until the middle of June.

Each week, students will view videos, be assigned work (some of which must be submitted for assessment), and correspond with their teachers and peers through *Edsby*. Students will be expected to log in to *Edsby* each school day to find out course goings on and to contribute, as required. Students will submit their work through *Edsby* and connect with their peers and teachers.

Attendance will be taken via logins to *Edsby* and students will be required to keep and submit weekly learning logs to their teachers to ensure students are accessing course content as well as doing and keeping up with their work. Students who do not login at least three times a week, submit their weekly learning logs or submit their assignments on time will be contacted by their teacher during the following week. The second time this occurs, the course teacher will contact the student and the school will contact his or her parent of the issue. Failure to complete three weeks of work will result in removal from the course. If the course is past week 9, the current course grade and the date of removal will be put on the Ontario Student Transcript.

The final evaluations for the courses will take place late in January. Students will be proctored onsite at TDChristian High School unless they arrange proctoring at an approved site (preferably a high school) with an approved proctor (usually a school teacher or official).

For more information about Online Courses at TDChristian, please contact the Guidance Office.

An Important Note about Prerequisite Courses

Prerequisites, listed at the end of course descriptions, are requirements students must successfully complete before being permitted to take the course and are identified in the Ministry of Education curriculum documents. If a parent or a student who is eighteen years of age or older requests that a prerequisite be waived, the principal will determine whether or not it should be waived. A principal may also initiate consideration of whether a prerequisite should be waived. The principal will make a decision in consultation with the requesting person and appropriate school staff.

Course Descriptions

The Arts

God has given us gifts as a reflection of His beauty and image. These abilities are to be cultivated and used to bless others. Therefore, the fine arts programme strives to create an environment that fosters Christian artistic growth as a response to His presence and faithfulness in our lives.

Fine arts that have integrity are an important part of God's truth and are therefore essential to Christian living. The issue with art is not whether it is sacred or secular, but whether it exhibits truth and integrity. In the artistic search for truth, each artist must ask God to be the guide that fills and anoints him or her with a message. These images, texts, and sounds must reflect Him.

Fine arts promote the expression of artistic individuality and the qualities which characterise the committed Christian life: self-discipline, commitment, stewardship, and a desire to share.

Drama

Drama, Grade 9, Open (ADA10)

This course emphasizes the active exploration of dramatic forms and techniques, using material from a wide range of authors, genres, and cultures. Students will construct, discuss, perform, and analyse drama, and then reflect on the experiences to develop an understanding of themselves, the art form, and the world around them. *Prerequisite: None*

Drama, Grade 10, Open (ADA20)

This course requires students to actively explore dramatic forms and techniques, using their own ideas and concerns as well as sources selected from a wide range of authors, genres, and cultures. Student learning will include identifying and using the principles of space, time, voice, and movement in creating, sustaining, and communicating authentic roles within a drama. Students will assume responsibility for decisions made in the creation and presentation of the drama, and will analyse and reflect on the experience. *Prerequisite: None*

Drama Production, Open (ADD20)

This half-credit course provides opportunities for students to explore dramatic conventions and techniques specifically connected to drama production. Students will assume responsibility for decisions made in the creative and collaborative processes, specifically related to the production of the school's mainstage show, and will reflect on their experiences. *Prerequisite: None*

Drama, Improvisation, Open or University/College (ADG3M)

This course explores the fundamentals of improvisation. Students will learn the craft of acting without scripts. Using their minds, voices and bodies as tools for expression students will grow as actors: individually, and in ensemble. Students will reflect on their experiences in a variety of ways. Class time includes a heavy emphasis on performance with live audiences weekly, hands-on workshops, and numerous improvisational competitions. *Prerequisite: ADA10*

Course Descriptions

Drama, Grade 11, Open (ADA3M)

This course requires students to create and perform in dramatic presentations. Students will analyse, interpret, and perform dramatic works from various cultures and time periods. Students will research various acting styles and conventions that could be used in their presentations, and analyse the functions of playwrights, directors, actors, designers, technicians, and audiences. *Prerequisite: Dramatic Arts, Grade 9 or 10, Open*

Drama, Grade 12 University/College Preparation (ADA4M)

This course requires students to experiment with forms and conventions in dramatic literature, and to create/adapt and present dramatic works. Students will do research on dramatic forms, conventions, themes, and theories of acting and directing from different historical periods, and apply their knowledge of these in analysing and interpreting dramatic literature, including Canadian works and works from various cultures in the late twentieth century. Students will also examine the significance of dramatic arts in various cultures. *Prerequisite: Dramatic Arts, Grade 11, University/College Preparation or Open*

Music

Music, Grade 9, Open (AMI10)

This course emphasizes the creation and performance of music at a level consistent with previous experience and is aimed at developing technique, sensitivity, and imagination. Students will develop musical literacy skills by using the creative and critical analysis processes in composition, performance, and a range of reflective and analytical activities. Students will develop an understanding of the conventions and elements of music and of safe practices related to music, and will develop a variety of skills transferable to other areas of their lives. *Prerequisite: None*

Music, Grade 10, Open (AMI20)

Students continue to develop their technique and ability with an instrument of their choice. They learn fine musicianship both as individuals and as parts of an ensemble. Students develop a thorough understanding of the language of music, including its elements, terminology, and history. (*Note: Students should achieve at least 70% in grade nine music and be able to read music.*)

Music, Grade 11, Open (AMI3M) and Music (Guitar), Grade 11, Open (AMG30)

This course develops students' artistic knowledge and skills through the performance of music and the preparation of music productions. Students will perform appropriate works, particularly works in contemporary popular styles. Independently and in groups, they will also plan, market, and produce music productions, making use of appropriate technology, and will evaluate the results. (Students who take AMG30 will use guitars as their instruments.) *Prerequisite: Music, Grade 10 Open or permission of the teacher*

Course Descriptions

Music, Grade 12, University/College Preparation (AMI4M)

This course emphasizes the appreciation, analysis, and performance of music from the romantic period and the twentieth century, including art music, jazz, popular music, and Canadian and non-Western music. Students will concentrate on developing interpretive skills and the ability to work independently. They will also complete complex creative projects. *Prerequisite: Music, Grade 11, University/College Preparation*

Instrumental Music - Concert Band/Repertoire (AMR10/20)

These half-credit courses provide opportunities for the motivated instrumentalist to explore concert band repertoire on a broader scale. The emphasis in this course is on technique, ensemble playing, and interpretation. A large part of the course and course time hinges on performances where students use their skills and abilities outside the classroom. Students have the opportunity to improve and grow in their musical abilities during their highschool career. *Prerequisite: None*

Music - Vocal/Choral - Concert Choir (AMV10/20)

This half-credit course is based on the belief that we all have voices which can be trained to sing well. Students need no musical background, only a love for singing in order to participate in the choir. In this course students will learn the fundamentals of vocal and performance technique and acquire a sensitivity toward choral music. Choir practices take place twice every week during school time and work toward performances, which are a necessary and important component of this course. *Prerequisite: None*

Visual Arts

Visual Arts, Grade 9, Open (AVI10)

This course is exploratory in nature, offering an overview of visual arts as a foundation for further study. Students will become familiar with the elements and principles of design and the expressive qualities of various materials by using a range of media, processes, techniques, and styles. Students will use the creative and critical analysis processes and will interpret art within a personal, contemporary, and historical context. *Prerequisite: None*

Visual Arts, Grade 10, Open (AVI20)

This course enables students to develop their skills in producing and presenting art by introducing them to new ideas, materials, and processes for artistic exploration and experimentation. Students will apply the elements and principles of design when exploring the creative process. Students will use the critical analysis process to reflect on and interpret art within a personal, contemporary, and historical context. *Prerequisite: None*

Course Descriptions

Visual Arts, Grade 11, University/College Preparation (AVI3M)

This course enables students to further develop their knowledge and skills in visual arts. Students will use the creative process to explore a wide range of themes through studio work that may include drawing, painting, sculpting, and printmaking, as well as the creation of collage, multimedia works, and works using emerging technologies. Students will use the critical analysis process when evaluating their own work and the work of others. The course may be delivered as a comprehensive program or through a program focused on a particular art form (e.g., photography, video, computer graphics, information design). *Prerequisite: Visual Arts, Grade 9 or 10, Open*

Visual Arts, Grade 12, University/College Preparation (AVI4M)

This course focuses on enabling students to refine their use of the creative process when creating and presenting two- and three-dimensional art works using a variety of traditional and emerging media and technologies. Students will use the critical analysis process to deconstruct art works and explore connections between art and society. The studio program enables students to explore a range of materials, processes, and techniques that can be applied in their own art production. Students will also make connections between various works of art in personal, contemporary, historical, and cultural contexts. *Prerequisite: Visual Arts, Grade 11, University/College Preparation*

Visual Arts Photography, Grade 11, University/College Preparation (AWQ3M)

This course enables students to further develop their knowledge and skills in visual arts. Students will use the creative process to explore a wide range of themes through photography, as well as the creation of collage, multimedia works, and works using emerging technologies. Students will use the critical analysis process when evaluating their own work and the work of others. *Prerequisite: Visual Arts, Grade 9 or 10, Open*

Visual Arts – Photography, Grade 12, University/College Preparation (AWQ4M)

This course focuses on enabling students to refine their use of the creative process when creating and presenting two- and threedimensional art works using photography. Students will use the critical analysis process to deconstruct photographic works and explore connections between photography and society. The studio program enables students to explore a range of photographic processes and techniques that can be applied in their own photographic production. Students will also make connections between various photographic works of art in personal, contemporary, historical, and cultural contexts. *Prerequisite: Visual Arts, Grade 11, University/College Preparation*

Course Descriptions

Business Studies

God calls us to live with honesty and integrity. The application of business principles helps us to be honest and accountable to one another not only in our financial dealings, but in our extended community as well. Business studies and economic theory are included in our confession of God's rule over all human affairs. To that end, the business courses at TDCH contribute to preparing students to find their way in the world. We strive to be good stewards, faithful servants and to cultivate positive relationships in our personal financial activities, business activities, government dealings, and in our role as an employee and/or employer. Issues of wealth, generosity, stewardship, environmental impact, equality in the workplace, and ethical business decisions are explored in the TDCH business courses as we acquire skills and knowledge for interacting in the business community.

Financial Accounting Fundamentals, Grade 11, University/College Preparation (BAF3M)

This course introduces students to the fundamental principles and procedures of accounting. Students will develop financial analysis and decision-making skills that will assist them in future studies and/or career opportunities in business. Students will acquire an understanding of accounting for a service and a merchandising business, computerized accounting, financial analysis, and ethics and current issues in accounting. *Prerequisite: None*

Entrepreneurship: The Venture, Grade 11, College Preparation (BDI3C)

This course focuses on ways in which entrepreneurs recognize opportunities, generate ideas, and organize resources to plan successful ventures that enable them to achieve their goals. Students will create a venture plan for a school-based or student-run business. Through hands-on experiences, students will have opportunities to develop the values, traits, and skills most often associated with successful entrepreneurs. *Prerequisite: None*

Entrepreneurship: The Enterprising Person, Grade 11, Open (BDP3O)

This course examines the importance of enterprising employees in today's changing business environment. Students will learn about the skills and attributes of enterprising employees, the distinguishing features of their work environments, and the challenges and rewards of becoming an enterprising person. Students will also have an opportunity to demonstrate and develop enterprising skills by planning and organizing a school or community event. *Prerequisite: None (Not offered in 2017-18.)*

Business Leadership: Management Fundamentals, Grade 12, University/College Preparation (BOH4M)

This course focuses on the development of leadership skills used in managing a successful business. Students will analyse the role of a leader in business, with a focus on decision making, management of group dynamics, workplace stress and conflict, motivation of employees, and planning. Effective business communication skills, ethics, and social responsibility are also emphasized. *Prerequisite: None*

Course Descriptions

Canadian and World Studies

Our God is a faithful God. He has not only preserved but blessed the human race for thousands of years. God has given us the resources with which to preserve and study the past so that we can learn from it. The present did not arrive by accident but by the mysterious interaction of Providence with thousands of human choices and decisions, each a response to God's will. In Canadian and World Studies, we study how human choices have produced our cultures, institutions, nations, and notions of right and wrong.

Civics

Civics, Grade 10, Open (CHV2O)

This course explores what it means to be an informed, participating citizen in a democratic society. Students will learn about the elements of democracy in local, national, and global contexts, about political reactions to social change, and about political decision-making processes in Canada. They will explore their own and others' ideas about civics questions and learn how to think critically about public issues and react responsibly to them. *Prerequisite: None*

Economics

Analysing Current Economic Issues, Grade 12, University Preparation (CIA4U)

This course examines current Canadian and international economic issues, developments, policies, and practices from diverse perspectives. Students will explore the decisions that individuals and institutions, including governments, make in response to economic issues such as globalization, trade agreements, economic inequalities, regulation, and public spending. Students will apply the concepts of economic thinking and the economic inquiry process, as well as economic models and theories, to investigate, and develop informed opinions about, economic trade-offs, growth, and sustainability and related economic issues. *Prerequisite: Any university or university/college preparation course in Canadian and world studies, English, or social sciences and humanities*

Geography

Issues in Canadian Geography, Grade 9, Academic (CGC1D)

This course examines interrelationships within and between Canada's natural and human systems and how these systems interconnect with those in other parts of the world. Students will explore environmental, economic, and social geographic issues relating to topics such as transportation options, energy choices, and urban development. Students will apply the concepts of geographic thinking and the geographic inquiry process, including spatial technologies, to investigate various geographic issues and to develop possible approaches for making Canada a more sustainable place in which to live. *Prerequisite: None*

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Issues in Canadian Geography, Grade 9, Applied (CGC1P)

This course focuses on current geographic issues that affect Canadians. Students will draw on their personal and everyday experiences as they explore issues relating to food and water supplies, competing land uses, interactions with the natural environment, and other topics relevant to sustainable living in Canada. They will also develop an awareness that issues that affect their lives in Canada are interconnected with issues in other parts of the world. Throughout the course, students will use the concepts of geographic thinking, the geographic inquiry process, and spatial technologies to guide and support their investigations. *Prerequisite: None*

The Environment & Resource Management, Grade 12, University/College Preparation (CGR4M)

This course investigates interactions between natural and human systems, with a particular emphasis on the impacts of human activity on ecosystems and natural processes. Students will use the geographic inquiry process, apply the concepts of geographic thinking, and employ a variety of spatial skills and technologies to analyse these impacts and propose ways of reducing them. In the course of their investigations, they will assess resource management and sustainability practices, as well as related government policies and international accords. They will also consider questions of individual responsibility and environmental stewardship as they explore ways of developing a more sustainable relationship with the environment. *Prerequisite: Any university, university/college, or college preparation course in Canadian and world studies, English, or social sciences and humanities (Not offered in 2017-18.)*

Canadian & World Issues: A Geographic Analysis, Grade 12, University Preparation (CGW4U)

In this course, students will address the challenge of creating a more sustainable and equitable world. They will explore issues involving a wide range of topics, including economic disparities, threats to the environment, globalization, human rights, and quality of life, and will analyse government policies, international agreements, and individual responsibilities relating to them. Students will apply the concepts of geographic thinking and the geographic inquiry process, including the use of spatial technologies, to investigate these complex issues and their impacts on natural and human communities around the world. *Prerequisite: Any university or university/college preparation course in Canadian and world studies, English, or social sciences and humanities (Not offered in 2017-18.)*

History

Canadian History Since World War I, Grade 10, Academic (CHC2D)

This course explores social, economic, and political developments and events and their impact on the lives of different groups in Canada since 1914. Students will examine the role of conflict and cooperation in Canadian society, Canada's evolving role within the global community, and the impact of various individuals, organizations, and events on Canadian identity, citizenship, and heritage. They will develop their ability to apply the concepts of historical thinking and the historical inquiry process, including the interpretation and analysis of evidence, when investigating key issues and events in Canadian history since 1914. *Prerequisite: None*

Canadian History Since World War I, Grade 10, Applied (CHC2P)

This course focuses on the social context of historical developments and events and how they have affected the lives of people in Canada since 1914. Students will explore interactions between various communities in Canada as well as contributions of individuals and groups to Canadian heritage and

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identity. Students will develop their ability to apply the concepts of historical thinking and the historical inquiry process, including the interpretation and analysis of evidence, when investigating the continuing relevance of historical developments and how they have helped shape communities in present-day Canada. *Prerequisite: None*

World History to the End of the Fifteenth Century, Grade 11, University/College Preparation (CHW3M)

This course explores the history of various societies and civilizations around the world, from earliest times to around 1500 CE. Students will investigate a range of factors that contributed to the rise, success, and decline of various ancient and pre-modern societies throughout the world and will examine life in and the cultural and political legacy of these societies. Students will extend their ability to apply the concepts of historical thinking and the historical inquiry process, including the interpretation and analysis of evidence, when investigating social, political, and economic structures and historical forces at work in various societies and in different historical eras. *Prerequisite: Canadian History since World War I, Grade 10, Academic or Applied (Not offered in 2017-18.)*

World History since the Fifteenth Century, Grade 12, University Preparation (CHY4U)

This course traces major developments and events in world history since approximately 1450. Students will explore social, economic, and political changes, the historical roots of contemporary issues, and the role of conflict and cooperation in global interrelationships. They will extend their ability to apply the concepts of historical thinking and the historical inquiry process, including the interpretation and analysis of evidence, as they investigate key issues and ideas and assess societal progress or decline in world history. *Prerequisite: Any university or university/college preparation course in Canadian and world studies, English, or social sciences and humanities*

World History since the Fifteenth Century, Grade 12, University Preparation (CHY4C)

This course explores key developments and events in world history since approximately 1450, with a focus on interactions within and between various regions. Students will examine social, economic, and political developments and how they have affected different peoples. Students will extend their ability to apply the concepts of historical thinking and the historical inquiry process, including the interpretation and analysis of evidence, when investigating key turning points in world history and historical forces that have shaped our world. *Prerequisite: Any university, university/college, or college preparation course in Canadian and world studies, English, or social sciences and humanities*

Law

Canadian and International Law, Grade 12, University Preparation (CLN4U)

This course explores a range of contemporary legal issues and how they are addressed in both Canadian and international law. Students will develop an understanding of the principles of Canadian and international law and of issues related to human rights and freedoms, conflict resolution, and criminal, environmental, and workplace law, both in Canada and internationally. Students will apply the concepts of legal thinking and the legal studies inquiry process, and will develop legal reasoning skills, when investigating these and other issues in both Canadian and international contexts. *Prerequisite: Any university or university/college preparation course in Canadian and world studies, English, or social sciences and humanities*

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English

English study at TDChristian is our attempt to regain some of the goodness in the Garden of Eden, to return to wholeness and goodness, to coherence, to compassion, to communion with each other, with all people, with God. Our goal is to understand the truth of the human condition and to use language to bring together what has been pulled apart. Truth be told, honest words help us grasp and hold on to what Jesus accomplished on the cross.

To understand ourselves as children of God is to recognise our need for wholeness. We are created in His image, but the reflection is, in linguistic terms, garbled. At TDChristian we work toward coherence in every sentence, unity in every paragraph, and honesty in every spoken word. That work, the work of restoration, we strive to do in truth and in love.

English, Grade 9, Academic (ENG1D)

This course is designed to develop the oral communication, reading, writing, and media literacy skills that students need for success in their secondary school academic programs and in their daily lives. Students will analyse literary texts from contemporary and historical periods, interpret informational and graphic texts, and create oral, written, and media texts in a variety of forms. An important focus will be on the use of strategies that contribute to effective communication. The course is intended to prepare students for the Grade 10 academic English course, which leads to university or college preparation courses in Grades 11 and 12. *Prerequisite: None*

English, Grade 9, Applied (ENG1P)

This course is designed to develop the key oral communication, reading, writing, and media literacy skills students need for success in secondary school and daily life. Students will read, interpret, and create a variety of informational, literary, and graphic texts. An important focus will be on identifying and using appropriate strategies and processes to improve students' comprehension of texts and to help them communicate clearly and effectively. The course is intended to prepare students for the Grade 10 applied English course, which leads to college or workplace preparation courses in Grades 11 and 12. *Prerequisite: None*

English, Grade 10, Academic (ENG2D)

This course is designed to extend the range of oral communication, reading, writing, and media literacy skills that students need for success in their secondary school academic programs and in their daily lives. Students will analyse literary texts from contemporary and historical periods, interpret and evaluate informational and graphic texts, and create oral, written, and media texts in a variety of forms. An important focus will be on the selective use of strategies that contribute to effective communication. This course is intended to prepare students for the compulsory Grade 11 university or college preparation course. *Prerequisite: English, Grade 9, Academic or Applied*

English, Grade 10, Applied (ENG2P)

This course is designed to extend the range of oral communication, reading, writing, and media literacy skills that students need for success in secondary school and daily life. Students will study and create

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a variety of informational, literary, and graphic texts. An important focus will be on the consolidation of strategies and processes that help students interpret texts and communicate clearly and effectively. This course is intended to prepare students for the compulsory Grade 11 college or workplace preparation course. *Prerequisite: English, Grade 9, Academic or Applied*

English, Grade 11, College Preparation (ENG3C)

This course emphasizes the development of literacy, communication, and critical and creative thinking skills necessary for success in academic and daily life. Students will study the content, form, and style of a variety of informational and graphic texts, as well as literary texts from Canada and other countries, and create oral, written, and media texts in a variety of forms for practical and academic purposes. An important focus will be on using language with precision and clarity. The course is intended to prepare students for the compulsory Grade 12 college preparation course. *Prerequisite: English, Grade 10, Applied*

English, Grade 11, University Preparation (ENG3U)

This course emphasizes the development of literacy, communication, and critical and creative thinking skills necessary for success in academic and daily life. Students will analyse challenging literary texts from various periods, countries, and cultures, as well as a range of informational and graphic texts, and create oral, written, and media texts in a variety of forms. An important focus will be on using language with precision and clarity and incorporating stylistic devices appropriately and effectively. The course is intended to prepare students for the compulsory Grade 12 university or college preparation course. *Prerequisite: English, Grade 10, Academic*

English, Grade 12, College Preparation (ENG4C)

This course emphasizes the consolidation of literacy, communication, and critical and creative thinking skills necessary for success in academic and daily life. Students will analyse a variety of informational and graphic texts, as well as literary texts from various countries and cultures, and create oral, written, and media texts in a variety of forms for practical and academic purposes. An important focus will be on using language with precision and clarity and developing greater control in writing. The course is intended to prepare students for college or the workplace. *Prerequisite: English, Grade 11, College Preparation*

English, Grade 12, University Preparation (ENG4U)

This course emphasizes the consolidation of the literacy, communication, and critical and creative thinking skills necessary for success in academic and daily life. Students will analyse a range of challenging literary texts from various periods, countries, and cultures; interpret and evaluate informational and graphic texts; and create oral, written, and media texts in a variety of forms. An important focus will be on using academic language coherently and confidently, selecting the reading strategies best suited to particular texts and particular purposes for reading, and developing greater control in writing. The course is intended to prepare students for university, college, or the workplace.

Prerequisite: English, Grade 11, University Preparation

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course, Grade 12 (OLC4O)

This course is designed to help students acquire and demonstrate the cross-curricular literacy skills that are evaluated by the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). Students who complete

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the course successfully will meet the provincial literacy requirement for graduation. Students will read a variety of informational, narrative, and graphic texts and will produce a variety of forms of writing, including summaries, information paragraphs, opinion pieces, and news reports. Students will also maintain and manage a portfolio containing a record of their reading experiences and samples of their writing. *[Eligibility requirement: Students who have been eligible to write the OSSLT at least twice and who have been unsuccessful at least once are eligible to take OLC4O. (Students who have already met the provincial literacy requirement may take the course under special circumstances, at the principal's discretion.)* (Not offered in 2017-18.)

Studies in Literature, Grade 12, University Preparation (ETS4U) - Only offered online in 2017-18

This course is for students with a special interest in literature and literary criticism. The course may focus on themes, genres, time periods, or countries. Students will analyse a range of forms and stylistic elements of literary texts and respond personally, critically, and creatively to them. They will also assess critical interpretations, write analytical essays, and complete an independent study project. *Prerequisite: English, Grade 11, University Preparation*

The Writer's Craft, Grade 12, University Preparation (EWC4U)

This course emphasizes knowledge and skills related to the craft of writing. Students will analyse models of effective writing; use a workshop approach to produce a range of works; identify and use techniques required for specialized forms of writing; and identify effective ways to improve the quality of their writing. They will also complete a major paper as part of a creative or analytical independent study project and investigate opportunities for publication and for writing careers. *Prerequisite: English, Grade 11, University Preparation* (Not offered in 2017-18.)

The Writer's Craft, Grade 12, College Preparation (EWC4C)

This course emphasizes knowledge and skills related to the craft of writing. Students will investigate models of effective writing; use a workshop approach to write a variety of works; and make considered decisions for improving the quality of their writing. They will also complete a creative or analytical independent study project and investigate opportunities for publication and for writing careers. *Prerequisite: English, Grade 11, College Preparation* (Not offered in 2017-18.)

English as a Second Language

At TDChristian we are privileged to have students from other parts of the world come to us to learn our language and our culture. We see ESL as a way to communicate through our language a sense of the community of God and go beyond ministry expectations. Students taking these courses learn to appreciate our culture while being encouraged to share their own.

Our ESL program teaches the students the responsibility of communicating not only in a proper English manner but as a child of God. Our program provides a safe forum within our school to meet the challenge of writing and speaking without fear of discrimination. Students are encouraged to work towards a level of fluency that will ease their transition into full integration in other subjects.

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English as a Second Language, ESL Level 1, Open ESLAO

This course builds on students' previous education and language knowledge to introduce them to the English language and help them adjust to the diversity in their new environment. Students will use beginning English language skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing for everyday and essential academic purposes. They will engage in short conversations using basic English language structures and simple sentence patterns; read short adapted texts; and write phrases and short sentences. The course also provides students with the knowledge and skills they need to begin to adapt to their new lives in Canada.

English as a Second Language, ESL Level 2, Open ESLBO

This course extends students' listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in English for everyday and academic purposes. Students will participate in conversations in structured situations on a variety of familiar and new topics; read a variety of texts designed or adapted for English language learners; expand their knowledge of English grammatical structures and sentence patterns; and link English sentences to compose paragraphs. The course also supports students' continuing adaptation to the Ontario school system by expanding their knowledge of diversity in their new province and country.

English as a Second Language, ESL Level 3, Open ESLCO

This course further extends students' skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in English for a variety of everyday and academic purposes. Students will make short classroom oral presentations; read a variety of adapted and original texts in English; and write using a variety of text forms. As well, students will expand their academic vocabulary and their study skills to facilitate their transition to the mainstream school program. This course also introduces students to the rights and responsibilities inherent in Canadian citizenship, and to a variety of current Canadian issues.

English as a Second Language, ESL Level 4, Open ESLDO

This course prepares students to use English with increasing fluency and accuracy in classroom and social situations and to participate in Canadian society as informed citizens. Students will develop the oral-presentation, reading, and writing skills required for success in all school subjects. They will extend listening and speaking skills through participation in discussions and seminars; study and interpret a variety of grade-level texts; write narratives, articles, and summaries in English; and respond critically to a variety of print and media texts.

English as a Second Language, ESL Level 5, Open ESLEO

This course provides students with the skills and strategies they need to make the transition to college and university preparation courses in English and other secondary school disciplines. Students will be encouraged to develop independence in a range of academic tasks. They will participate in debates and lead classroom workshops; read and interpret literary works and academic texts; write essays, narratives, and reports; and apply a range of learning strategies and research skills effectively. Students will further develop their ability to respond critically to print and media texts as they solve problems and communicate their thinking.

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French

Language is a rich and vital part of God's creation by which we communicate. This communication leads to an understanding, an appreciation, and a respect for those who are different from us.

Our identity, as living beings created in the image of God, is connected very closely to our culture. By learning about another culture, we not only gain knowledge and appreciation of their way of life, but we learn a great deal about whom we are.

The French programme is designed to help students acquire effective writing, speaking, listening, and reading skills through a sequential program. Students will use and develop logic, memory, problem-solving, and listening skills to distinguish the interesting ways languages are similar as well as different. Recognizing God as the source of the richness of our world is the root of the French programme at TDChristian.

Core French, Grade 9, Academic (FSF1D)

This course provides opportunities for students to communicate and interact in French with increasing independence, with a focus on familiar topics related to their daily lives. Students will develop their skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing by using language learning strategies introduced in the elementary Core French program, and will apply creative and critical thinking skills in various ways. They will also enhance their understanding and appreciation of diverse French-speaking communities, and will develop skills necessary for lifelong language learning. *Prerequisite: Minimum of 600 hours of French instruction, or equivalent*

Core French, Grade 10, Academic (FSF2D)

This course provides opportunities for students to communicate in French about personally relevant, familiar, and academic topics in real-life situations with increasing independence. Students will exchange information, ideas, and opinions with others in guided and increasingly spontaneous spoken interactions. Students will develop their skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing through the selective use of strategies that contribute to effective communication. They will also increase their understanding and appreciation of diverse French-speaking communities, and will develop skills necessary for lifelong language learning. *Note: Usually FSF2D is offered as part of the French/History Block (see Block Courses). Prerequisite: Grade 9 Core, Academic or Applied*

Core French, Grade 11, University Preparation (FSF3U)

This course offers students extended opportunities to speak and interact in real-life situations in French with greater independence. Students will develop their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, as well as their creative and critical thinking skills, through responding to and exploring a variety of oral and written texts. They will also broaden their understanding and appreciation of diverse French-speaking communities, and will develop skills necessary for lifelong language learning. *Prerequisite: Core French, Grade 10, Academic*

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Core French, Grade 12, University Preparation (FSF4U)

This course provides extensive opportunities for students to speak and interact in French independently. Students will develop their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, apply language learning strategies in a wide variety of real-life situations, and develop their creative and critical thinking skills through responding to and interacting with a variety of oral and written texts. They will also enrich their understanding and appreciation of diverse French-speaking communities, and will develop skills necessary for lifelong language learning. *Prerequisite: Core French, Grade 11, University Preparation*

Guidance & Career Education

Guidance and Career Education plays an important role at TDChristian as students are encouraged to discover and develop their gifts so that they can effectively learn, grow, and serve at TDChristian and in the world beyond. Through a process of self-discovery, they are encouraged to better understand themselves as image-bearers of Christ. Students are taught to identify their strengths and weaknesses and are taught strategies for time management, organization, developing good work habits, positive communication skills required for school and the workplace, and many other skills necessary for success in highschool and in future careers.

Learning Strategies 1: (GLS10/GLE10) Skills for Success in Secondary School, Grade 9, Open

This course focuses on learning strategies to help students become better, more independent learners. Students will learn how to develop and apply literacy and numeracy skills, personal management skills, and interpersonal and teamwork skills to improve their learning and achievement in school, the workplace, and the community. The course helps students build confidence and motivation to pursue opportunities for success in secondary school and beyond. *Prerequisite: For GLS10 - None. For GLE10 - Recommendation of Principal.*

Career Studies, Grade 10, Open (GLC20)

This course teaches students how to develop and achieve personal goals for future learning, work, and community involvement. Students will assess their interests, skills, and characteristics and investigate current economic and workplace trends, work opportunities, and ways to search for work. The course explores postsecondary learning and career options, prepares students for managing work and life transitions, and helps students focus on their goals through the development of a career plan. *Prerequisite: None.*

Leadership and Peer Support, Grade 11 Open (GPP30)

This course prepares students to act in leadership and peer support roles. They will design and implement a plan for contributing to their school and/or community; develop skills in communication, interpersonal relations, teamwork, and conflict management; and apply those skills in leadership and/or peer support roles – for example, as a student council member or a peer tutor. Students will examine group dynamics and learn the value of diversity within groups and communities. *Prerequisite: None*

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Health and Physical Education

Christian education focuses on the development of the whole student, soul, mind, and body. Health and Physical Education provides opportunities and encourages students to understand and appreciate their bodies as gifts from God to be cared for and used in His service. A person's physical well-being has a great influence on how well he or she functions in other aspects of his or her self.

Physical and health education can make an important contribution to the development of Christian habits and commitments. On the personal level these include self-knowledge, self-respect, perseverance, integrity, and stewardship. On a social level these include cooperation, competition, responsibility, fair play, and respect. To respond at either a social or a personal level, students must know their opinions, make choices, and have opportunities to commit themselves to courses of action.

Healthy Active Living Education, Grade 9, Open (PPL10)

This course equips students with the knowledge and skills they need to make healthy choices now and lead healthy, active lives in the future. Through participation in a wide range of physical activities, students develop knowledge and skills related to movement competence and personal fitness that provide a foundation for active living. Students also acquire an understanding of the factors and skills that contribute to healthy development and learn how their own well-being is affected by, and affects, the world around them. Students build their sense of self, learn to interact positively with others, and develop their ability to think critically and creatively. *Prerequisite: None*

Healthy Active Living Education, Grade 10, Open (PPL20)

This course enables students to further develop the knowledge and skills they need to make healthy choices now and lead healthy, active lives in the future. Through participation in a wide range of physical activities, students develop knowledge and skills related to movement competence and personal fitness that provide a foundation for active living. Students also acquire an understanding of the factors and skills that contribute to healthy development and learn how their own well-being is affected by, and affects, the world around them. Students build their sense of self, learn to interact positively with others, and develop their ability to think critically and creatively. *Prerequisite: None*

Healthy Active Living Education, Grade 11, Open (PPL30)

This course enables students to further develop the knowledge and skills they need to make healthy choices now and lead healthy, active lives in the future. Through participation in a wide range of physical activities and exposure to a broader range of activity settings, students enhance their movement competence, personal fitness, and confidence. Students also acquire an understanding of the factors and skills that contribute to healthy development and learn how their own well-being is affected by, and affects, the world around them. Students build their sense of self, learn to interact positively with others, and develop their ability to think critically and creatively. *Prerequisite: None*

(Not offered in 2017-18.)

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Healthy Active Living Education, Grade 12, Open (PPL4O)

This course enables students to further develop the knowledge and skills they need to make healthy choices. It places special emphasis on how students can maintain the habits of healthy, active living throughout their lives as they make the transition to adulthood and independent living. Through participation in a wide range of physical activities in a variety of settings, students can enhance their movement competence, personal fitness, and confidence. Students also acquire an understanding of the factors and skills that contribute to healthy development and learn how their own well-being is affected by, and affects, the world around them. Students build their sense of self, learn to interact positively with others, and develop their ability to think critically and creatively. *Prerequisite: None*

Recreation and Healthy Active Living Leadership, Grade 12, College Preparation (PLF4M)

This course enables students to explore the benefits of lifelong participation in active recreation and healthy leisure and to develop the leadership and coordinating skills needed to plan, organize, and safely implement recreational events and other activities related to healthy, active living. Students will also learn how to promote the benefits of healthy, active living to others through mentoring and assisting them in making informed decisions that enhance their well-being. The course will prepare students for university programs in physical education and health and kinesiology and for college and university programs in recreation and leisure management, fitness and health promotion, and fitness leadership. *Prerequisite: Any health and physical education course*

Introductory Kinesiology, Grade 12, University Preparation (PSK4U)

This course focuses on the study of human movement and of systems, factors, and principles involved in human development. Students will learn about the effects of physical activity on health and performance, the evolution of physical activity and sport, and the physiological, psychological, and social factors that influence an individual's participation in physical activity and sport. The course prepares students for university programs in physical education and health, kinesiology, health sciences, health studies, recreation, and sports administration. *Prerequisite: Any Grade 11 university or university/college preparation course in science, or any Grade 11 or 12 course in health and physical education*

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Mathematics

Mathematics is an inventive, creative way of modeling the order and disorder in God's world. God created the world for us to understand, study, and enjoy in countless ways. In mathematics, we seek to understand some of these ways as stewards of Creation. Students are taught that mathematics is an art; that mathematics and mathematics-related careers are legitimate tasks for Christians; that an understanding of mathematics is necessary for individuals in our technological, scientific, information society; that mathematics has limits in interpreting situations in everyday life, especially in connection with the sciences. We can and will serve God through mathematics.

Principles of Mathematics, Grade 9, Academic (MPM1D)

This course enables students to develop an understanding of mathematical concepts related to algebra, analytic geometry, and measurement and geometry through investigation, the effective use of technology, and abstract reasoning. Students will investigate relationships, which they will then generalize as equations of lines, and will determine the connections between different representations of a linear relation. They will also explore relationships that emerge from the measurement of three-dimensional figures and two-dimensional shapes. Students will reason mathematically and communicate their thinking as they solve multi-step problems. *Prerequisite: None*

Foundations of Mathematics, Grade 9, Applied (MFM1P)

This course enables students to develop an understanding of mathematical concepts related to introductory algebra, proportional reasoning, and measurement and geometry through investigation, the effective use of technology, and hands-on activities. Students will investigate real-life examples to develop various representations of linear relations, and will determine the connections between the representations. They will also explore certain relationships that emerge from the measurement of three-dimensional figures and two-dimensional shapes. Students will consolidate their mathematical skills as they solve problems and communicate their thinking. *Prerequisite: None*

Principles of Mathematics, Grade 10, Academic (MPM2D)

This course enables students to broaden their understanding of relationships and extend their problem-solving and algebraic skills through investigation, the effective use of technology, and abstract reasoning. Students will explore quadratic relations and their applications; solve and apply linear systems; verify properties of geometric figures using analytic geometry; and investigate the trigonometry of right and acute triangles. Students will reason mathematically and communicate their thinking as they solve multi-step problems. *Prerequisite: Grade 9 Mathematics, Academic*

Foundations of Mathematics, Grade 10, Applied (MFM2P)

This course enables students to consolidate their understanding of linear relations and extend their problem-solving and algebraic skills through investigation, the effective use of technology, and hands-on activities. Students will develop and graph equations in analytic geometry; solve and apply linear systems, using real-life examples; and explore and interpret graphs of quadratic relations. Students will investigate similar triangles, the trigonometry of right triangles, and the measurement of three-dimensional figures. Students will consolidate their mathematical skills as they solve problems and communicate their thinking. *Prerequisite: Grade 9 Mathematics, Academic or Applied*

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Functions, Grade 11, University Preparation (MCR3U)

This course introduces the mathematical concept of the function by extending students' experiences with linear and quadratic relations. Students will investigate properties of discrete and continuous functions, including trigonometric and exponential functions; represent functions numerically, algebraically, and graphically; solve problems involving applications of functions; investigate inverse functions; and develop facility in determining equivalent algebraic expressions. Students will reason mathematically and communicate their thinking as they solve multi-step problems. *Prerequisite: Principles of Mathematics, Grade 10, Academic*

Functions and Applications, Grade 11, University/College Preparation (MCF3M)

This course introduces basic features of the function by extending students' experiences with quadratic relations. It focuses on quadratic, trigonometric, and exponential functions and their use in modelling real-world situations. Students will represent functions numerically, graphically, and algebraically; simplify expressions; solve equations; and solve problems relating to applications. Students will reason mathematically and communicate their thinking as they solve multi-step problems. *Prerequisite: Principles of Mathematics, Grade 10, Academic, or Foundations of Mathematics, Grade 10, Applied*

Foundations for College Mathematics, Grade 11, College Preparation (MBF3C)

This course enables students to broaden their understanding of mathematics as a problem solving tool in the real world. Students will extend their understanding of quadratic relations; investigate situations involving exponential growth; solve problems involving compound interest; solve financial problems connected with vehicle ownership; develop their ability to reason by collecting, analysing, and evaluating data involving one variable; connect probability and statistics; and solve problems in geometry and trigonometry. Students will consolidate their mathematical skills as they solve problems and communicate their thinking. *Prerequisite: Foundations of Mathematics, Grade 10, Applied*

Mathematics for Work and Everyday Life, Grade 11, Workplace Preparation (MEL3E)

This course enables students to broaden their understanding of mathematics as it is applied in the workplace and daily life. Students will solve problems associated with earning money, paying taxes, and making purchases; apply calculations of simple and compound interest in saving, investing, and borrowing; and calculate the costs of transportation and travel in a variety of situations. Students will consolidate their mathematical skills as they solve problems and communicate their thinking. *Prerequisite: Principles of Mathematics, Grade 9, Academic, or Foundations of Mathematics, Grade 9, Applied, or a ministry-approved locally developed Grade 10 mathematics course (Not offered in 2017-18.)*

Mathematics of Data Management, Grade 12, University Preparation (MDM4U)

This course broadens students' understanding of mathematics as it relates to managing data. Students will apply methods for organizing and analysing large amounts of information; solve problems involving probability and statistics; and carry out a culminating investigation that integrates statistical concepts and skills. Students will also refine their use of the mathematical processes necessary for success in senior mathematics. Students planning to enter university programs in business, the social sciences, and the humanities will find this course of particular interest. *Prerequisite: Functions, Grade 11, University Preparation, or Functions and Applications, Grade 11, University/College Preparation*

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Advanced Functions, Grade 12, University Preparation (MHF4U) - Also offered online in 2017-18

This course extends students' experience with functions. Students will investigate the properties of polynomial, rational, logarithmic, and trigonometric functions; develop techniques for combining functions; broaden their understanding of rates of change; and develop facility in applying these concepts and skills. Students will also refine their use of the mathematical processes necessary for success in senior mathematics. This course is intended both for students taking the Calculus and Vectors course as a prerequisite for a university program and for those wishing to consolidate their understanding of mathematics before proceeding to any one of a variety of university programs. *Prerequisite: Functions, Grade 11, University Preparation, or Mathematics for College Technology, Grade 12, College Preparation*

Calculus and Vectors, Grade 12, University Preparation (MCV4U) - Also offered online in 2017-18

This course builds on students' previous experience with functions and their developing understanding of rates of change. Students will solve problems involving geometric and algebraic representations of vectors and representations of lines and planes in three-dimensional space; broaden their understanding of rates of change to include the derivatives of polynomial, sinusoidal, exponential, rational, and radical functions; and apply these concepts and skills to the modelling of real-world relationships. Students will also refine their use of the mathematical processes necessary for success in senior mathematics. This course is intended for students who choose to pursue careers in fields such as science, engineering, economics, and some areas of business, including those students who will be required to take a university-level calculus, linear algebra, or physics course. *Note: Advanced Functions (MHF4U) must be taken prior to or concurrently with Calculus and Vectors (MCV4U).*

Foundations for College Mathematics, Grade 12, College Preparation (MAP4C)

This course enables students to broaden their understanding of real-world applications of mathematics. Students will analyse data using statistical methods; solve problems involving applications of geometry and trigonometry; solve financial problems connected with annuities, budgets, and renting or owning accommodation; simplify expressions; and solve equations. Students will reason mathematically and communicate their thinking as they solve multi-step problems. This course prepares students for college programs in areas such as business, health sciences, and human services, and for certain skilled trades. *Prerequisite: Foundations for College Mathematics, Grade 11, College Preparation, or Functions and Applications, Grade 11, University/College Preparation*

Mathematics for Work and Everyday Life, Grade 12, Workplace Preparation (MEL4E)

This course enables students to broaden their understanding of mathematics as it is applied in the workplace and daily life. Students will investigate questions involving the use of statistics; apply the concept of probability to solve problems involving familiar situations; investigate accommodation costs, create household budgets, and prepare a personal income tax return; use proportional reasoning; estimate and measure; and apply geometric concepts to create designs. Students will consolidate their mathematical skills as they solve problems and communicate their thinking. *Prerequisite: Mathematics for Work and Everyday Life, Grade 11, Workplace Preparation (Not offered in 2017-18.)*

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Religious Studies

The Bible is the heart of every academic program at TDChristian. The story of God and His people forms the foundation for all of our curricula and activities. The Biblical Studies courses aim to solidify the students' understanding of the Bible and provide them with the tools to use the Bible in all of their daily choices.

The two courses in our program teach one story through the themes of covenant and kingdom. The Word is savoured for its historical continuity that emphasizes God's providential care for all of His people and His world. The testaments are also enjoyed for their literary beauty—the poetry, songs, stories, themes, and characterization of God's inspired authors. But most importantly, the redemptive nature of God, revealed in the Bible, is highlighted in all of our curricula.

God's unfolding plan of salvation for His people, beginning with Adam and including us today, makes us active participants in His story. Our goal at TDChristian is to have each student recognize his or her role in God's story and to carry out that role in all they do.

Introduction to the Story of Redemption (HRE23)

The course explores the place of the Bible in human history as a document that tells the Story of Redemption. By looking at the Creation, humankind's Fall into sin, God's promise of redemption through the Hebrew people and fulfilled in Jesus Christ for all people, students will be exposed to the hope of Jesus' return to make all things new. Students will examine scripture broadly as an historical document and the sacred text for Christians. Students will learn how to read and interpret scripture through an historical-redemptive approach that will allow them to understand the Story of Redemption. Certain passages and books are studied in depth so that students can discover and share key themes and issues, and learn the principles of biblical interpretation and apply them in their learning. The overall theme is for students to understand the Story of Redemption and their place in it. (This is a locally-developed course approved by the Ministry of Education.) *This course is compulsory for Grade 10 students. Prerequisite: None*

Continuing the Story of Redemption (HRE33)

This course provides students with opportunities to explore the Story of Redemption against the backdrop of other world religions and belief traditions, starting with the coming of Jesus Christ. The gospel of Matthew reveals the fulfillment of the Jewish prophecies in the Old Testament and the continuous Story of Redemption. The book of Acts outlines the initial work of Jesus' Spirit-filled disciples, the conversion of Paul, and his teaching for the early Christian church. Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus outlines God's kingdom plan of redemption. The pastoral letter of James speaks to the issue of how a genuine and living faith is expressed in daily life. Other world views and life philosophies are explored as the topics arise, but the thrust of the course will be an examination of the Christian faith. Students will develop knowledge of the terms and concepts relevant to this area of study and develop research and inquiry skills related to the study of human expression of belief. (This is a locally-developed course approved by the Ministry of Education.) *This course is compulsory for Grade 10 students. Prerequisite: None*

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Science

We are God's stewards, placed in Creation to explore and develop it for God's glory. The Science courses at TDCH promote the development of students' talents with this emphasis. In our scientific studies we realized our responsibility to serve in Creation. We understand that the study of science is a religious pursuit, conditioned by our allegiance to God or to an idol in Creation. To study science without recognition of the servant nature of humanity, exalting us to an unnatural position, is idolatry.

The difference between God-glorifying and God-denying science is manifested in the items selected for study and the objectives of the science courses. The material selected accomplishes two things: first, it endows students with a knowledge of some basic physical, chemical, and biological laws established by God to govern the activities of His creatures; second, it examines how humans have responded in the management and development of Creation.

Science 9 Academic (SNC1D)

This course enables students to develop their understanding of basic concepts in biology, chemistry, earth and space science, and physics, and to relate science to technology, society, and the Environment. Throughout the course, students will develop their skills in the processes of scientific investigation. Students will acquire an understanding of scientific theories and conduct investigations related to sustainable ecosystems; atomic and molecular structures and the properties of elements and compounds; the study of the universe and its properties and components; and the principles of electricity.

Prerequisite: None

Science 9 Applied (SNC1P)

This course enables students to develop their understanding of basic concepts in biology, chemistry, earth and space science, and physics, and to apply their knowledge of science to everyday situations. They are also given opportunities to develop practical skills related to scientific investigation. Students will plan and conduct investigations into practical problems and issues related to the impact of human activity on ecosystems; the structure and properties of elements and compounds; space exploration and the components of the universe; and static and current electricity. *Prerequisite: None*

Science 10 Academic (SNC2D)

This course enables students to enhance their understanding of concepts in biology, chemistry, earth and space science, and physics, and of the interrelationships between science, technology, society, and the environment. Students are also given opportunities to further develop their scientific investigation skills. Students will plan and conduct investigations and develop their understanding of scientific theories related to the connections between cells and systems in animals and plants; chemical reactions, with a particular focus on acid–base reactions; forces that affect climate and climate change; and the interaction of light and matter. *Prerequisite: Science, Grade 9, Academic or Applied*

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Science 10 Applied (SNC2P)

This course enables students to develop a deeper understanding of concepts in biology, chemistry, earth and space science, and physics, and to apply their knowledge of science in real-world situations. Students are given opportunities to develop further practical skills in scientific investigation. Students will plan and conduct investigations into everyday problems and issues related to human cells and body systems; chemical reactions; factors affecting climate change; and the interaction of light and matter. *Prerequisite: Grade 9 Science Academic or Applied.*

Earth and Space Science, Grade 12, University Preparation (SES4U)

This course develops students' understanding of Earth and its place in the universe. Students will investigate the properties of and forces in the universe and solar system and analyse techniques scientists use to generate knowledge about them. Students will closely examine the materials of Earth, its internal and surficial processes, and its geological history, and will learn how Earth's systems interact and how they have changed over time. Throughout the course, students will learn how these forces, processes, and materials affect their daily lives. The course draws on biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics in its consideration of geological and astronomical processes that can be observed directly or inferred from other evidence. *Prerequisite: Science, Grade 10, Academic*

Biology

Biology, Grade 11, University Preparation (SBI3U)

This course furthers students' understanding of the processes that occur in biological systems. Students will study theory and conduct investigations in the areas of biodiversity; evolution; genetic processes; the structure and function of animals; and the anatomy, growth, and function of plants. The course focuses on the theoretical aspects of the topics under study, and helps students refine skills related to scientific investigation. *Prerequisite: Science, Grade 10, Academic*

Biology, Grade 11, College Preparation (SBI3C)

This course focuses on the processes that occur in biological systems. Students will learn concepts and theories as they conduct investigations in the areas of cellular biology, microbiology, genetics, the anatomy of mammals, and the structure of plants and their role in the natural environment. Emphasis will be placed on the practical application of concepts, and on the skills needed for further study in various branches of the life sciences and related fields. *Prerequisite: Grade 10 Science, Academic or Applied (Not offered in 2017-18.)*

Biology, Grade 12, University Preparation (SBI4U)

This course provides students with the opportunity for in-depth study of the concepts and processes that occur in biological systems. Students will study theory and conduct investigations in the areas of biochemistry, metabolic processes, molecular genetics, homeostasis, and population dynamics. Emphasis will be placed on the achievement of detailed knowledge and the refinement of skills needed for further study in various branches of the life sciences and related fields. *Prerequisite: Biology 11 University preparation.*

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Chemistry

Chemistry, Grade 11, University Preparation (SCH3U)

This course enables students to deepen their understanding of chemistry through the study of the properties of chemicals and chemical bonds; chemical reactions and quantitative relationships in those reactions; solutions and solubility; and atmospheric chemistry and the behaviour of gases. Students will further develop their analytical skills and investigate the qualitative and quantitative properties of matter, as well as the impact of some common chemical reactions on society and the environment.

Prerequisite: Science, Grade 10, Academic

Chemistry, Grade 12, College Preparation (SCH4C)

This course enables students to develop an understanding of chemistry through the study of matter and qualitative analysis, organic chemistry, electrochemistry, chemical calculations, and chemistry as it relates to the quality of the environment. Students will use a variety of laboratory techniques, develop skills in data collection and scientific analysis, and communicate scientific information using appropriate terminology. Emphasis will be placed on the role of chemistry in daily life and the effects of technological applications and processes on society and the environment.

Prerequisite: Science, Grade 10, Academic or Applied

Chemistry, Grade 12, University Preparation (SCH4U)

This course enables students to deepen their understanding of chemistry through the study of organic chemistry, the structure and properties of matter, energy changes and rates of reaction, equilibrium in chemical systems, and electrochemistry. Students will further develop their problem-solving and investigation skills as they investigate chemical processes, and will refine their ability to communicate scientific information. Emphasis will be placed on the importance of chemistry in everyday life and on evaluating the impact of chemical technology on the environment.

Prerequisite: Chemistry, Grade 11, University Preparation

Physics

Physics, Grade 11, University Preparation (SPH3U)

This course develops students' understanding of the basic concepts of physics. Students will study the laws of dynamics and explore different kinds of forces, the quantification and forms of energy (mechanical, sound, light, thermal, and electrical), and the way energy is transformed and transmitted. They will develop scientific-inquiry skills as they verify accepted laws and solve both assigned problems and those emerging from their investigations. Students will also analyse the interrelationships between physics and technology, and consider the impact of technological applications of physics on society and the environment.

Prerequisite: Science, Grade 10, Academic

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Physics, Grade 12, College Preparation (SPH4C)

This course develops students' understanding of the basic concepts of physics. Students will explore these concepts with respect to motion; mechanical, electrical, electromagnetic, energy transformation, hydraulic, and pneumatic systems; and the operation of commonly used tools and machines. They will develop their scientific investigation skills as they test laws of physics and solve both assigned problems and those emerging from their investigations. Students will also consider the impact of technological applications of physics on society and the environment. *Prerequisite: Science, Grade 10, Academic or Applied* (Not offered in 2017-18.)

Physics, Grade 12, University Preparation (SPH4U)

This course enables students to deepen their understanding of physics concepts and theories. Students will continue their exploration of energy transformations and the forces that affect motion, and will investigate electrical, gravitational, and magnetic fields and electromagnetic radiation. Students will also explore the wave nature of light, quantum mechanics, and special relativity. They will further develop their scientific investigation skills, learning, for example, how to analyse, qualitatively and quantitatively, data related to a variety of physics concepts and principles. Students will also consider the impact of technological applications of physics on society and the environment. *Note: Usually SPH4U is offered as part of Physics Block (see Block Courses). Prerequisite: Physics, Grade 11, University Preparation.*

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Social Sciences & Humanities

The aim of the social sciences and humanities program at TDChristian is to help the students understand themselves and their cultural environment by making them critically aware of humankind's restless quest for God, of humanity's development and interpersonal relations, and of human beings' relentless pursuit of core questions about the riddle of existence. The world we live in did not arrive by accident, but by the mysterious interaction of providence with thousands of human choices and decisions, each a response to God will.

Intro to Anthropology, Psychology, and Sociology, Grade 11 University Preparation (HSP3U)

This course provides students with opportunities to think critically about theories, questions, and issues related to anthropology, psychology, and sociology. Students will develop an understanding of the approaches and research methods used by social scientists. They will be given opportunities to explore theories from a variety of perspectives, to conduct social science research, and to become familiar with current thinking on a range of issues within the three disciplines. *Prerequisite: The Grade 10 academic course in English, or the Grade 10 academic history course (Canadian and world studies)*

Philosophy: The Big Questions, Grade 11, University/College Preparation (HZB3M)

This course encourages exploration of philosophy's big questions, such as: What is a meaningful life? What separates right from wrong? What constitutes knowledge? What makes something beautiful? What is a just society? Students will develop critical thinking and philosophical reasoning skills as they identify and analyse the responses of philosophers to the big questions and formulate their own responses to them. Students will explore the relevance of philosophical questions to society and to their everyday life. They will develop research and inquiry skills as they investigate various topics in philosophy. *Prerequisite: None (Not offered in 2017-18.)*

Philosophy: Questions and Theories, Grade 12, University Preparation (HZT4U)

This course enables students to acquire an understanding of the nature of philosophy and philosophical reasoning skills and to develop and apply their knowledge and skills while exploring specialized branches of philosophy (the course will cover at least three of the following branches: metaphysics, ethics, epistemology, philosophy of science, social and political philosophy, aesthetics). Students will develop critical thinking and philosophical reasoning skills as they formulate and evaluate arguments related to a variety of philosophical questions and theories. They will also develop research and inquiry skills related to the study and practice of philosophy. *Prerequisite: Any university or university/college preparation course in social sciences and humanities, English, or Canadian and world studies*

Families in Canada, Grade 12, University Preparation (HHS4U)

This course enables students to draw on sociological, psychological, and anthropological theories and research to analyse the development of individuals, intimate relationships, and family and parent-child relationships. Students will focus on issues and challenges facing individuals and families in Canada's diverse society. They will develop analytical tools that enable them to assess various factors affecting families and to consider policies and practices intended to support families in Canada. They will develop the investigative skills required to conduct and communicate the results of research on individuals,

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intimate relationships, and parent-child relationships. *Prerequisite: Any university or university/college preparation course in social sciences and humanities, English, or Canadian and world studies*

Families in Canada, Grade 12, College Preparation (HHS4C)

This course enables students to develop an understanding of social science theories as they apply to individual development, the development of intimate relationships, and family and parent-child relationships. Students will explore a range of issues relating to the development of individuals and families in contemporary Canadian society as well as in other cultures and historical periods. They will develop the investigative skills required to conduct research on individuals, intimate relationships, and parent-child roles and relationships in Canada. *Prerequisite: Any university or university/college preparation course in social sciences and humanities, English, or Canadian and world studies*

Challenge and Change in Society, Grade 12, University Preparation (HSB4U)

This course focuses on the use of social science theories, perspectives, and methodologies to investigate and explain shifts in knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, and behaviour and their impact on society. Students will critically analyse how and why cultural, social, and behavioural patterns change over time. They will explore the ideas of social theorists and use those ideas to analyse causes of and responses to challenges such as technological change, deviance, and global inequalities. Students will explore ways in which social science research methods can be used to study social change. *Prerequisite: Any university or university/college preparation course in social sciences and humanities, English, or Canadian and world studies (Not offered in 2017-18.)*

World Cultures, Grade 12, University/College Preparation (HSC4M)

This course examines the nature of culture; how cultural identities are acquired, maintained, and transformed; and theories used to analyse cultures. Students will explore world cultures, with an emphasis on the analysis of religious and spiritual beliefs, art forms, and philosophy. They will study the contributions and influence of a range of cultural groups and will critically analyse issues facing ethnocultural groups within Canada and around the world. Students will develop and apply research skills and will design and implement a social action initiative relating to cultural diversity. *Prerequisite: Any university, college, or university/college preparation course in social sciences and humanities, English, or Canadian and world studies*

Equity and Social Justice: From Theory to Practice, Grade 12, University/College Preparation (HSE4M)

This course enables students to develop an understanding of the theoretical, social, and historical underpinnings of various equity and social justice issues and to analyse strategies for bringing about positive social change. Students will learn about historical and contemporary equity and social justice issues in Canada and globally. They will explore power relations and the impact of a variety of factors on equity and social justice. Students will develop and apply research skills and will design and implement a social action initiative relating to an equity or social justice issue. *Prerequisite: Any university, college, or university/college preparation course in social sciences and humanities, English, or Canadian and world studies (Not offered in 2017-18.)*

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Technological Education

God made us in his image. One of the gifts he gives us is technology, that is, the ability to make work easier for ourselves. Because of this gift, we are constantly developing better ways to get our work done. While God intended this gift to be for the better, since sin has tainted all of creation, this gift has been misused. Unfortunately, technology is not always put to good uses. We sometimes sacrifice morals and safety for cheaper and faster technology.

In Technological Studies, we teach students to use technology with discretion. We teach them the practicality of technology as well as its dangers. We show them God-glorifying uses of technology, ways to make beautiful works of art and to complete work efficiently and effectively. Technological Studies equips students with a knowledge and awareness of technology.

Exploring Technologies, Grade 9, Open (TIJ10)

This course enables students to further explore and develop technological knowledge and skills introduced in the elementary science and technology program. Students will be given the opportunity to design and create products and/or provide services related to the various technological areas or industries, working with a variety of tools, equipment, and software commonly used in industry. Students will develop an awareness of environmental and societal issues, and will begin to explore secondary and postsecondary education and training pathways leading to careers in technology-related fields.

Prerequisite: None

Communications Technology

Exploring Communications Technology, Grade 9, Open (TGJ10)

This exploratory course introduces students to concepts and skills in communications technology, which encompasses television/video and movie production, radio and audio production, print and graphic communications, photography, and interactive new media and animation. Students will develop an awareness of related environmental and societal issues, and will begin to explore secondary and postsecondary pathways leading to careers in the field. *Prerequisite: None*

Communications Technology, Grade 10, Open (TGJ20)

This course introduces students to communications technology from a media perspective. Students will work in the areas of TV/video and movie production, radio and audio production, print and graphic communications, photography, and interactive new media and animation. Student projects may include computer-based activities such as creating videos, editing photos, working with audio, cartooning, developing animations, and designing web pages. Students will also develop an awareness of environmental and societal issues related to communications technology, and will explore secondary and postsecondary education and training pathways and career opportunities in the various communications technology fields. *Prerequisite: None*

Communications Technology, Grade 11, University/College Preparation (TGJ3M, TGG3M)

This course examines communications technology from a media perspective. Students will develop knowledge and skills as they design and produce media projects in the areas of live, recorded, and graphic communications. These areas may include TV, video, and movie production; radio and audio

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production; print and graphic communications; photography; digital imaging; broadcast journalism; and interactive new media. Students will also develop an awareness of related environmental and societal issues, and will explore college and university programs and career opportunities in the various communications technology fields. *Prerequisite: None*

Communications Technology, Grade 12, University/College Preparation (TGJ4M, TGG4M)

This course enables students to further develop media knowledge and skills while designing and producing projects in the areas of live, recorded, and graphic communications. Students may work in the areas of TV, video, and movie production; radio and audio production; print and graphic communications; photography; digital imaging; broadcast journalism; and interactive new media. Students will also expand their awareness of environmental and societal issues related to communications technology, and will investigate career opportunities and challenges in a rapidly changing technological environment. *Prerequisite: Communications Technology, Grade 11, University/College Preparation*

Green Industries

Green Industries, Grade 10, Open (THJ2O)

This course introduces students to the various sectors of the green industries – agriculture, forestry, horticulture, floristry, and landscaping. Using materials, processes, and techniques commonly employed in these industries, students will participate in a number of hands on projects that may include plant or animal propagation; production, maintenance, and harvesting activities; the development of floral or landscaping designs; and/or related construction activities. Students will also develop an awareness of environmental and societal issues related to green industry activities, learn about safe and healthy working practices, and explore secondary and postsecondary education and training pathways and career opportunities in the various industry sectors. *Prerequisite: None*

Green Industries, Grade 11, University/College Preparation (THJ3M)

This course enables students to develop knowledge and skills related to agriculture, forestry, horticulture, and landscaping. Students will study the identification, growth, and management of plants and animals and develop process, design, and management skills required in the green industries. Students will also examine social and economic issues related to the green industries, learn about safe and healthy working practices, study industry standards and codes, and will explore postsecondary education programs and career opportunities. *Prerequisite: None*

Green Industries, Grade 12, University/College Preparation (THJ4M)

This course focuses on more complex concepts and skills related to the green industries. Students will focus on developing process skills, design and management techniques, and ways of enhancing environmental sustainability. They will also examine social and economic issues related to the green industries, learn about safe and healthy working practices, study industry standards and codes, and explore career opportunities. The knowledge and skills acquired in this course will prepare students for more specialized studies at the college and university level. *Prerequisite: Green Industries, Grade 11, University/College Preparation (Not offered in 2017-18.)*

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Shop Courses: Woodworking, Construction, Manufacturing

Custom Woodworking, Grade 11 Workplace (TWJ3E)

This course enables students to develop knowledge and skills related to cabinet making and furniture making. Students will gain practical experience using a variety of the materials, tools, equipment, and joinery techniques associated with custom woodworking. Students will learn to create and interpret technical drawings and will plan, design, and fabricate projects. They will also develop an awareness of environmental and societal issues related to the woodworking industry, and will explore apprenticeships, postsecondary training, and career opportunities in the field that may be pursued directly after graduation. *Prerequisite: None*

Custom Woodworking, Grade 12 Workplace (TWJ4E)

This course enables students to further develop knowledge and skills related to the planning, design, and construction of residential and/or commercial cabinets and furniture. Students will gain further experience in the safe use of common woodworking materials, tools, equipment, finishes, and hardware, and will learn about the entrepreneurial skills needed to establish and operate a custom woodworking business. Students will also expand their awareness of health and safety issues and environmental and societal issues related to woodworking, and will explore career opportunities that may be pursued directly after graduation. *Prerequisite: Custom Woodworking, Grade 11, Workplace Preparation*

Construction Engineering Technology, Grade 11, College Preparation (TCJ3C)

This course focuses on the development of knowledge and skills related to residential construction. Students will gain hands-on experience using a variety of construction materials, processes, tools, and equipment; learn about building design and planning construction projects; create and interpret working drawings and sections; and learn how the Ontario Building Code and other regulations and standards apply to construction projects. Students will also develop an awareness of environmental and societal issues related to construction technology, and will explore career opportunities in the field. *Prerequisite: None (Not offered in 2017-18.)*

Manufacturing Engineering Technology, Grade 11 University/College Preparation (TMJ3M)

This course enables students to develop knowledge and skills related to design, process planning, control systems, and quality assurance. Students will use a broad range of tools and equipment and will combine modern manufacturing techniques and processes with computer-aided manufacturing as they develop critical decision-making, problem-solving, and project-management skills. Students will develop an awareness of environmental and societal issues related to manufacturing and will learn about pathways leading to careers in the industry. *Prerequisite: None*

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Block Courses

Block Courses challenge students and teachers to work together in exploring, uncovering, and discovering the world in its integrated wonder. They encourage students to make connections between subject areas, instead of separating content into separate periods blocks as done in traditional education.

Rather than start from abstract ideas or theory, these courses begin with real life projects and problems that require a team approach to solve and complete. Beginning with large projects and moving towards the details and skills required to complete each one gives focus to each task, meaning to every part, and satisfaction in the finished product.

Since most projects include a variety of skills and abilities, the makeup of block classes is often a diverse mix of workplace, college, and university level students who each bring their talents and gifts in service to the class. Block classes consist of at least two consecutive periods.

Environmental Block

Environmental Block is a two-credit Grade 10 program that teaches students stewardship of the environment through hands-on projects and activities that also engage them with their communities and governments while teaching them about possible careers. Throughout the course, students learn how our way of living affects the environment and what we can do as individuals and as a society to prevent further destruction.

Students solve problems from a Christian perspective and complete authentic environmentally-centred projects. Learning will be driven by outdoor and experiential activities. Projects will include running the recycling and composting programs at the school, improving and maintaining the school grounds, and educating the school and broader community about environmental issues through presentations in assemblies and community events.

Students will meet course expectations in an integrated way by experiencing the natural world and Canadian society around them and by completing authentic projects. For example, students learn about the three levels of government by exploring careers at each level through such issues as recycling (municipal), water management (provincial), and Kyoto Accord (federal).

Successful students in the program earn credits in Grade 10 Green Industries THJ2O (1 credit); Grade 10 Civics CHV2O (1/2 credit); and Grade 10 Careers GLC2O (1/2 credit).

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French and History Block

French and History Block is an interdisciplinary programme in which students learn both Canadian history and French and Quebecois language and culture. Both French and English culture have had a profound influence on the development of Canada. Students will have a unique opportunity to understand their past and their future through hearing and engaging the voices of the two founding cultures and the present peoples. Learning French, our other official language, can foster appreciation and respect for other cultures and lifestyles, broadening students' horizons and fostering personal growth. In French and History Block, students read their Canadian History textbook in French and will be taught by a team of two teachers who are both in the classroom at the same time.

Students will use critical-thinking and communication skills in discussion and in their analysis and interpretation of issues and events of the past and present. They will share their points of view in English and French, orally and in writing.

This program is offered as a two-period block for one semester. At the end of the program, successful students earn two credits: Grade 10 History Academic CHC2D and Grade 10 French Academic FSF2D.

International Block *(Not offered in 2017-18.) Students who are interested for 2018-19 should email principal@tdchristian.ca.*

This semester program is offered to senior students. Students who are accepted into the International Block Program will go abroad for for about two months in addition to classroom work before and after their trip. This program involves an application program and extra fees. For the most current information, see the International Block link on the school's Splash page: tdchristian.ca/splash

Successful students earn four credits during their semester: English (ENG3U or ENG3C), Philosophy: The Big Questions (HQB3M), and two Cooperative Education credits that are related to HQB3M.

Internship Block

This semester project-based program allows students to relate what happens in the work place to their learning in school. The block uses experiential learning in work places to highlight practical ways for students to learn to serve and work with others through their internships.

Students attend school for three days (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) to work at earning an English credit (ENG3C, 3U, 4C or 4U) and Manufacturing Engineering Technology (TMJ3M or 4M or an agreed alternative credit). On most Tuesdays and Thursdays, successful students earn the two related cooperative education credits through their approved Internship (or co-op) placement.

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Physics Block (formerly Engineering Block)

This block consists of Physics 12 (SPH4U) and an Interdisciplinary Studies course, Extended Physics (IDC4U). Students will learn how to apply the Physics learned in SPH4U through projects that involve designing, building and controlling machines from the simple to the complex. Students will be challenged in areas involving robotics, hydraulics, and levers. They will study gravity, motion dynamics, torque, energy, work, and momentum not only theoretically but experimentally.

Interdisciplinary Studies, Grade 12, University Preparation (IDC4U)

This course will help students develop and consolidate the skills required for and knowledge of different subjects and disciplines to solve problems, make decisions, create personal meaning, and present findings beyond the scope of a single subject or discipline. Students will apply the principles and processes of inquiry and research to effectively use a range of print, electronic, and mass media resources; to analyse historical innovations and exemplary research; and to investigate real-life situations and career opportunities in interdisciplinary endeavours. They will also assess their own cognitive and affective strategies, apply general skills in both familiar and new contexts, create innovative products, and communicate new knowledge. *Prerequisite: Any university or university/college preparation course.*

COURSE OUTLINES can be viewed or obtained by contacting the main office.

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www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/secondary.html***