



# BULLETIN

TRENTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
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December 19, 2016

## THEME:

"So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter." 2 Thess. 2:15

## ADVENT LOVE

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."



## From the Board

Merry Christmas from the TCS Board! As we prepare our hearts for the season, reflecting on the birth of our Saviour, we are reminded how great our God is! May you feel the peace and presence of our Lord this Christmas.

A huge and heartfelt thank-you to all that attended our Strategic Planning Session a few weeks back; your attendance was greatly appreciated! We thank Ray Hendriks from the OACS for his guidance and expertise. Information is currently being processed, and we look forward to presenting new goals at the Spring Membership Meeting.

To date, the TCS Fall Drive has raised an incredible \$156,403! What an awesome community, and faithful Lord we have. Thank-you to the extended TCS community for your continued support! It was also wonderful to see the community at the TCS Bazaar; what fun!! A special thank-you to the Finance Committee and Fundraising Committee for their hard work and dedication with these initiatives.

Finally, thank-you to each and every TCS committee that works diligently behind the scenes, and the TCS students, teachers, staff, parents, and grand-parents for making each TCS event a success – to God be the glory! Wishing God's blessing to you and yours this Christmas season; may you have a relaxing break and a happy new year!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec. 20—Christmas Program dress rehearsal—9 am
- Dec. 21 - 7 pm Christmas Program
- Dec. 22— Skating 12:00-2:30 at Frankford Arena
- Dec. 22—Last Day before Christmas
- Jan. 9—First Day back in 2017

## Sports—HOCKEY:

All those players in grades 5-8 who are interested in playing for the TCS "Flames" hockey team are invited to a practice on Monday January 16th, 23rd, 30th from 8:00-9:00 am at the Trenton Arena (Pad #1) . Parents are required to provide transportation to and from the rink. There will be a cost to cover the practices --\$5.00 per practice. The date of the Founders Cup Classic, Christian School Hockey Tournament in Barrie, ON is Thursday, Feb. 2,

## RAINBOWS PROGRAM—

Please see attachment about the Rainbows program

## FUNDRAISING—CHEESE

We are still waiting for our spiced Gouda to arrive. Unfortunately we do not expect it will be here before Christmas break—sorry! If you have any questions, please contact Jen deWal at tjdewal@xplornet.com

**"The Shoebox Project"**: One of our TCS alumni, Lauren Draaistra, has joined with the ENSS JOURNEY OF HOPE team on their humanitarian trip to Tanzania, Africa. While in Africa the team will be connecting with local schools, working with HIV/AIDS orphans and much more. The team is hoping to fill suitcases with school supplies and small sports items. All the supplies will be given to children in Tanzania. If you help fill the suitcase at school that would be wonderful. Please have items to the school by January 10, 2017

We are still needing animal costumes for the play, as well as, people willing to help sew costumes or just alter existing costumes. We do have someone looking after the costumes and patterns, so we only need willing hands to help her with the sewing. Please let the school know right away. -All cast members should know their lines by January 10. If anyone has any face paint that we can use for the animal characters, we would appreciate your help.

Thanks, Mrs. M. Korver



## Trenton Christian School Presents

*Standing on the Promises of God*



The students have been practising hard on the Christmas Program. Please be sure to invite friends and family to the program "Standing on God's Promises" on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 7 pm. Dress Rehearsal is tomorrow @ 9 am everyone welcome.

Please have students in Grades K-4 at the school on Wednesday for 6:40 pm and Grades 5-8 for 6:30 pm. Students should wear their "Sunday Best" dress clothes (no blue jeans please)

## Bussing News

Please remember during this winter season to exercise a little extra patience with the time line for the busses. They take extra caution on the snowy and icy roads, which can mean delays in the time schedule. Please also continually pray for safety for all the busses on the roads.



## THURSDAY, SKATING DETAILS:

Students should bring their skates to school in CLOTH bags. No hockey sticks, please. All primary students should bring helmets to wear (even if it's a bike helmet.) If your child does not have skates, please let us know and we will see if we can find some for him/her. Boots and strollers will not be allowed on the ice, so keep that in mind as you plan for the day. If you have extra skates, please let us know so we can pass them on to those in need.

If you plan on picking your child up from the arena, please let their teacher know.

\*Helmets are also recommended\*

**SCHEDULE FOR SKATING**  
11:30 am—Load bus at TCS  
11:45 am —Arrives at Frankford Arena and get skates on  
12:00 pm— On ice  
2:15 pm—Off the ice  
2:30 pm —Load bus (all grades)  
2:55 pm —Bus arrive back at school to gather things and go home.  
Students MUST tell their teachers if they are going home with a parent. Parents, send note or come and tell the teacher. Parents are welcome to join us at the Frankford Arena.

## LITTLE SPARKS PRESCHOOL

It's almost Christmas! We are looking forward to celebrating the birth of baby Jesus at our Happy Birthday Jesus Party on Wednesday & Thursday. Please consider sending a gift of food for the Food Bank on those days. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy time spent with your family and friends.

**JK**

**thoftyzer@trentonchristianschool.com**

This week we will be reviewing all of the letters we have been introduced to so far this year. We will also take the time this week to read the Christmas story. We will discuss many of the Christmas symbols that we see around us.

A letter is going home with each child giving more details about the many different activities of the week.

We are very excited to share the songs that we have been practicing for the Christmas program.

Students are to meet in the JK classroom at 6:45 pm on Wednesday evening. Please have students dressed in their Sunday best.

On Thursday afternoon the whole school is going skating. If your child is a 3 day JK you are welcome to come and skate with them at the Frankford Arena at noon.

I wish each student and their families a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

**SK &**

**JK/SK 5 Day—Kindersurprise**  
**jbevaart@trentonchristianschool.com**

We will finish off our Christmas activities this week and Bible stories during the time of Jesus' birth. Kindersurprise will continue to learn about the meaning of the candy cane this week. On Thursday, we will celebrate Jesus' birthday together. Students are welcome to bring in a gift for baby Jesus anytime this week. Handmade items and anything creative will be perfect. Last week and this week will be combined and posted on the blog at the end of the week. Have a blessed holiday!

**Christmas program** - Kindergarten students can be dropped off at the classroom. Please save a seat for your children because after kindergarten is finished their part, parents can collect their children in the foyer and sit with them for the rest of the performance.

**Skating**—All Kindergarten students have the option to go to the skating afternoon or not. If they go they will need an adult there to skate with them. We will offer the option for them to stay at TCS, but we need to have a minimum of 5 students choosing this for it to work. Please email me at [jbevaart@trentonchristianschool.com](mailto:jbevaart@trentonchristianschool.com) and let me know what your child will be doing.

**GRADE 1**

**ssiebenga@trentonchristianschool.com**

Merry Christmas! We are excited to celebrate Jesus' birthday all week.

We will continue our study of Christmas around the world and perform our Christmas Program. We will also be travelling to Belleville Christian School on Tuesday to see their program.

On Thursday, we will be skating in the afternoon in Frankford. In the morning we will have our class Christmas party, so the students may bring a treat to share with the class if they wish.

French—This week we will have fun learning Christmas vocabulary and completing French Christmas activities.

Joyeux Noël, tout le monde!

May God bless you with a wonderful Christmas. See you in the new year.

## GRADE 2/3

**llammers@trentonchristianschool.com**  
**mkorver@trentonchristianschool.com**

Gr.2/3 is very excited about our Christmas celebrations this week. We have a very busy week.

⇒ Tuesday morning, at 9 a.m. we will perform our Christmas program for all who are unable to attend on Wednesday night. If you would like to watch twice, feel welcome to come. Tuesday afternoon, we will visit Belleville Christian School to watch their Christmas around the World performance. The performance begins at 1:30 p.m. We will take the bus both ways.

⇒ Wednesday morning we will complete our primary study of Christmases around the world. In the evening, we will perform our Christmas program at the school at 7 p.m.

Please have your child here by 6:40 p.m. dressed in their Sunday best.

⇒ Our week concludes with a skate at the Frankford Arena. We will skate for the afternoon on Thursday. Buses will take us both ways.

Please let me know if your child needs skates or if he/she will not be skating.

No Spelling this week.

French—This week we will have fun learning Christmas vocabulary and completing French Christmas activities. Joyeux Noël, tout le monde!

May you and your families be blessed this Christmas, as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

## GRADE 4

**ekuiipers@trentonchristianschool.com**

This is an exciting week as we prepare for the Christmas program and enjoy school spirit activities.

French—This week we will have fun learning Christmas vocabulary and completing French Christmas activities. Joyeux Noël, tout le monde!

Music—Playing test tomorrow. "Hot Cross Buns"

I wish each of you a very blessed Christmas season. May you experience the love and peace of the Christ child this Christmas season.

## GRADE 5/6

**kvanderleeuw@trentonchristiansschool.com**

This is the last week of 2016!

Spelling Test Wednesday Morning.  
Wednesday at 7pm is our Christmas program. Students should wear black clothes!  
Remember skates, gloves, and helmets for Thursday skate.

As I reflect on the fall months of this year, I am very thankful for this class. This grade has been a real pleasure to teach. Every grade is filled with its ups-and-downs, but I'm reflective and thankful for the many joys and laugh we've shared over the course of the first part of the year. I hope that all families have a chance to enjoy there Christmas holidays. That we all might take joy in remembering the Birth of our Saviour.

French—Culminating projects are due by Thursday, December 22, 2016. There will be a test reviewing vocabulary, grammatical structures and content taught in the unit. Joyeux Noël, tout le monde!

Music—Practice logs due tomorrow. Christmas program Wednesday night at 7 pm. Be here for 6:30 pm to warm up. All black (or close) dress for the concert.

## GRADE 7/8

**ssmeenk@trentonchristianschool.com**

This is our last week of school in 2016. The students have commented on how quickly the time has gone by this year. We wish everyone a blessed Christmas and a relaxing holiday.

Current events: Brodey and Tyson  
Wednesday: Grade 8 Math test.

Wednesday: Christmas program begins at 7 pm. Everyone has a part in the program.  
Thursday: Skating in the afternoon.

French—Culminating projects are due by Thursday. There will be a test reviewing vocabulary, grammatical structures and content taught in the unit. Joyeux Noël, tout le monde!

Music—Practice logs due tomorrow.  
Christmas program Wednesday night at 7 pm. Be here for 6:30 pm to warm up. All black (or close) dress for the concert.

Grade Seven:  
Math: We are working through culminating review activities of Units # One-Four during this week.

Literature: We continue our in-class novel study of "I Am David" by Anne Holm this week. Our goal is to have the novel completed by the end of this week and to watch the DVD version.

*Trenton Christian School staff would like to wish everyone a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year*

*Theresa Hoftyzer  
Stacey Siebenga  
Marg Korver  
Kevin Vanderleeuw  
Lori Tucker  
Jen deWal  
Jenn Courneyea  
Ashley Davy  
Rosann Rhebergen  
Heather Rathbun*

*Jody Bevaart  
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Elsie Kuipers  
Sylvia Smeenk  
Tara Woodworth  
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Beth Couperus  
Jennie Smit  
Elizabeth vanEs  
Al Bron*

*Merry Christmas*



Dear Parents:

TCS is pleased to announce that the Rainbows Program is available to our students. It is a weekly support group for our children, pre-school through eighth grade, who are living in single parent families, stepfamilies, or families that are going through painful transitions.

When something significant happens in a family, the entire family is affected. Even though death, divorce or loss appear to be only grown-up problems, they have a profound effect on the children touched by these experiences. If a parent (or grandparent) dies or divorce occurs, not only do the parents grieve, the children do, also. Because of their age and short life experience, children find it extremely difficult to verbalize their feelings of grief.

We have a former TCS parent and current TCS grandparent, Joanne Draaistra, who trained in the Rainbows program to help these children put those feelings into words, work through their grief, build a stronger sense of self-esteem, and begin to accept what has taken place in the family.

If your child has or is experiencing living in a single parent family, a stepfamily, or experienced the death of a loved family member, friend or sibling, or is struggling with a painful experience, this is an opportunity for him/her to share with a special someone on the outside what is happening on the inside.

Through this support group, we hope to assist your child in expressing and understanding his/her feelings, to feel acceptance for what has happened, and to feel a sense of belonging and love. Because we are unable to answer their questions or solve their problems, we will accomplish this through the channels of peer support with nurturing adults to guide them and a secure place to share themselves.

The plan is to offer this program beginning the second week of January, during a lunch hour break. If you would like your child to join this group, please complete the attached form and return it to the school office. If you would like more information, feel free to contact Mrs. Draaistra directly at 613-847-6834.

Sincerely,

*Al Bron*

Al Bron,  
Principal.

# RAINBOWS

## HELPING CHILDREN HEAL FROM HURT

Please fill out the application form below and return to the school office:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check: My parents are separated/divorced: \_\_\_\_\_

My loss is a death \_\_\_\_\_

My loss is \_\_\_\_\_