This year, TCS is excited to be hosting our first ever Celebration of Learning. We, as teachers, are blessed to spend many hours each day teaching and instructing your "child in the way they should go." The goal of this evening is to share with our school community and the greater community, our learning endeavors. Each class will have presentations, projects, discussions or displays ready to share with those who come to visit for the evening. Our students are excited to demonstrate and communicate their learning to a wider audience. It is quite a different set up than the traditional Spring Program as there will be freedom to walk around the school, while at the same time, enjoying food, fellowship and amazing work done by the students here at TCS. We pray that you will be able to catch a glimpse of a child’s day and be able to share in their experiences as they seek to honour and glorify God. Having said this, the feedback that you give will be essential to deepening the learning that has already happened. So please, engage with the students as you wander around and Celebrate the Learning.

PLEASE JOIN US ON MAY 1ST AT 6:30 P.M.

Grade 1 is working, along with their Gr. 8 buddies, on their Art Fair projects for the Celebration of Learning.
Late last fall, the 3 Day Kindergarten class engaged in a unit called, “Why Live Here?”. In this unit we were able to explore animals and what their basic needs are. We learned that all animals need food, water and shelter to live. We were also able to witness God’s amazing power as He provides for the needs of all His creatures.

On a beautiful fall afternoon, Kindergarten students were challenged to make a nest for their eggs using leaves, grass, twigs and other items they could find outdoors. The students did a fantastic job building a warm, safe nest to protect their eggs.

On Thursday, March 1, the 5 day kindergarten class visited the Sandy Flat Sugar Bush in Warkworth. It was a great opportunity to be creation-enjoyers and explore the changing seasons from winter to spring. God blessed us with beautiful weather! We learned how maple syrup is made the "pioneer" way and the modern way too. Students loved the wagon ride pulled by 2 beautiful horses through the forest. We saw lots of tubes carrying sap on our ride. We ended our visit with a
DALHLIA MAYFLOWER FARM
“I love the flower farm. It was hot. We got to plant seeds. It was fun. Ms. Melanie gave us sunflowers to take home.” Jordan M.
“I really enjoyed looking at the beautiful flowers and cracking the little seed pods and seeing the puppies. My favourite part was going in the greenhouse. It was hot and fun. I liked picking out flowers too.” Sarah B.
“I loved going to the Dahlia Mayflower farm. At the flower farm we got to plant seeds. I am so excited to plant the seeds from the sunflowers.” Ruby H.
“I loved going to the Dahlia Mayflower farm. I like that they gave us some sunflowers to take home. There were bees everywhere. I liked seeing the flowers.” Braden N.

BATA MAPLE SUGAR BUSH
I liked going to the Bata Maple Sugar Bush because it was fun. I liked tasting the syrup, the maple candy, the sap dogs and the hot chocolate. I liked seeing the maple trees. Mr. Frank and Ms. Karen were nice.

VISITING OUR FRIENDS AT CROWN RIDGE -
“I loved playing bingo with Jantina. It was really fun making crafts with you. It’s fun making friends with you. I love to talk to you. Thanks for letting us come.” Miriam D.

“I liked going to Crown Ridge because it was a lot of fun playing the game they call Flamingo. When you got a flamingo you would get a prize and we would get to eat a snack with our friends. We have gone to Crown Ridge a few times and it’s lots of fun.” Heidi S.

“I loved going to Crown Ridge because it teaches me about other people. Thank you for the yummy food you give us. That’s my favourite part. I really like the bingo game. Thank you Crown Ridge.” Johanna H.
Grade 6-8 Art

My Appetite

My appetite is a lion
Trapped in a cage roaring and thrashing
Waiting for meal time
The roar of the lion is the grumble of my stomach
When let loose it goes insane
And devours anything in its course

-Julia Lammers

“Bedroom at Arles” Sara H.

Locked Up

Jail is a zoo,
Locked up, away from home... alone in a cage.
Restricted meals... hungry, not able to catch it themselves.
Freedom, is all they want, back to the wild.
Envy of those who are on the outside. Is this a gain or a loss, horror or a dream? Hatred to those who put them in this place. The roar and screech of those in cages around. Locked up, away from home... alone.

-Cody Calnan

Starry Night” by Hannah B.

My life is a canvas

My life is a canvas
People can change me
Add colour to me
Detailed or simple
Dull or crazy
Keep adding on forever and ever
So many possibilities,
Opportunities
People can form me
Start blank
And move on
People may try to replicate me but no one can be exactly like it
I could be interpreted in many different ways
Getting old I deteriorate
I am full of colour but some people just have their eyes closed.

-Mckenzie Elson

“Cafe Terrace at Night” Nicole Z.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Hear the snapping of the palm branches
and the shuffling of hooves
as Jesus road on the donkey.
The cheering of the crowd
as he arrived into town.
The people singing in the city.
The palm leaves rustling in the wind.
The people yelling, “Hosanna”.
The children laughing,
happily along the path.
And the people proclaiming, “Glory to God.”

Hear the clinking of coins
as Judas’ bribe was placed before him.
The tearing of the Bread
and the dripping of the wine.
The splashing of water
as Jesus washed his disciples feet.
And the hushed whispers
as the disciples ate there last meal with Jesus.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Hear the snoring of the disciples
as they waited for Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.
The slash of the sword
as it sliced the soldiers ear.
The crowing of the Rooster
as Peter denied Jesus a third time.
The Pharisees chanting, “Crucify Him!”
And the shouting of the Romans
to save Barrabas instead of Jesus.

Hear the tearing of the cloak of Jesus
as they sold off his belongings.
The mocking laughter
as they placed a sign above his head.
The wincing cries of Jesus
as the thorns pierced his skull.
The thud of the staff
that struck Jesus on the head.
And the whip slashing against his back.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Hear the pounding of the hammer
as the nails pierced through his hands.
The scraping of the earth
as he dragged the cross up to Golgotha.
The mumbling of Jesus lips
as he faded on the cross.
And the lamenting cries of forgiveness from the one on his left.

Hear the crying and mourning of the disciples
as they watched their saviour die.
The wailing cries of Mary
laying at the foot of the cross.
The taunting sounds of laughter
as the sinners stood by and mocked him.
The screaming agony as Jesus cried out to God,
and the piercing silence as Jesus breathed his last.

Hear the thundering stone
rumbling across the ground.
The gasping of the soldiers
who were guarding the tomb.
The proclaiming of Jesus’ Resurrection
as Mary saw the empty tomb.
And the rejoicing of the disciples
when they got the news that Jesus had risen.
We have been so blessed by the community at the Treasure Chest Store with generous donations of items for the store and volunteers to work there. We have enjoyed giving back to the local community through donations to various charities in the area. Most recently to New Life Girls home in September, Salvation Army Kettle Drive in November and Meals on Wheels in February.

If you are interested in helping at the store we’re always looking for new hands to help out. Contact Henrietta Indewey at index@bellnet.ca or sign up online at [http://signup.com/go/QRGFpD](http://signup.com/go/QRGFpD).

In October, Grade 7 students Ashley d. and Tara V. travelled to the Salvation Army in Belleville where they delivered three garbage bags filled with socks, toques and mitts that had been collected by the Trenton Christian School students during their recent Sock and Toque drive. The students wanted to find a way to support and show love to their neighbours - and with the cold weather coming, helping people keep a little warmer this winter was an important way to do that. Students worked together to hand write notes that they tucked into each item, reminding those who may receive these gifts that they are loved by God and children of the One True King.

The girls were given a tour of the Salvation Army in Belleville where they learned about the services the Salvation Army provides there. These services included being a secondary food bank (Gleaners Food Bank is the primary food bank in Belleville). Patrons can access food bi-monthly from the Salvation army or on an emergency basis. There is also a room where hot dinners and lunches are served by volunteers. It is important work carried out by many volunteers.

The motto of the Salvation Army is "Hearts to God, Hand to Man". Our TCS students are showing that they too desire to live with their hearts to God, and hand to man.
NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
The new playground arrived in November and has been enjoyed by all the students ever since!
On behalf of all students and staff; a big shout out of thanks to all the volunteers who came out to plan and build the new structure. A special thanks to Patriots Excavating and Quinte Concrete Pumping Services for providing the equipment and materials needed to complete the project!

Congratulations to our winners of the annual Legion Poster and Poem Contest. We had an excellent representation this year and these are the winners of the local and Zone 1 area from our school.
Two of these students posters, Talia V. and Grace V’s went on to further competition. Talia V. won first in Black & White Intermediate Division in the Zone F2 and 2nd place

COMPASSION CHILD
Surafel Deginet is a 2 year old boy, who lives in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He lives with his mother and is too young to help with household chores. Surafel doesn’t go to school. When you sponsor a child, you are giving them the skills and opportunities they need to overcome poverty for good. You provide them with the health care that they need to grow up strong and healthy. You build a relationship with the child that makes them feel motivated and loved. The donations provide Surafel with age-appropriate Christian education, access to medical care, supplemental nutrition and life skills.
The TCS Board has had an exciting year. It’s great to see the growth in our school with new families, as well as families who are interested in attending TCS next year.

We see the blessings poured upon our school through the staff, students and volunteers. We thank you all for your dedication and hard work.

The fall drive was a great success bringing in over $136,000 thus far. God is Good!!

Our Thrift Store “The Treasure Chest” has been a great success as well. Again, thank you to all involved. It has help TCS and our community in a big way.

All our committees continue to work hard to keep TCS a success. Please continue to support and pray for our committees.

As the TCS Board continues to make decisions for our school, we are also coming into the transition time with Joe Kuipers (chair), Andre Devries and Jesse Indeway retiring from their duties. We thank them for their insight, approach to business and dedication to the TCS Board.

That being said, we are excited to welcome new board members this spring. If you have questions or concerns, please contact any one of the board members.

Lastly, we thank you for your support and we pray for your continued support and prayers.

The TCS Board

Soon the staff and students will be welcoming the community into our classrooms, halls, and learning spaces to view, listen, and witness learning at TCS. Why are we so excited about learning and teaching at TCS?

Because we are a part of a Big story, God’s Story. Each day we are called to be God-Worshippers, Justice-Seekers, Creation-Enjoyers, Servant-Workers, Beauty-Creators, and Order-DisCOVERers.

During our coming events of GrandFriends Day and the Celebration of Learning Open House, visitors will see and experience how the TCS staff nurtures these attributes in students through relationships, excellence in teaching and learning, all in seeking to glorify and serve God.

A Christ-centered school strives to include children of all abilities, creating a culture of belonging, equipping each pupil to actively contribute in the life of the school community. At TCS we believe that all children are valued equally by God, who created them in God’s image for God’s purposes. Thus, it is our responsibility to take seriously the Biblical mandate to love and care for one another, in our teaching and relationships.

We acknowledge that we are not the perfect or best school, and that we don’t have all the answers to the how’s of learning. At TCS we will continue to work towards building a school community that understands and honors each student as a member of the body of Christ. Please pray for us, as we navigate along this wonderful educational journey.
We would like to thank our Sponsors who help make this publication possible!
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Join Us!

Encounter the value of Christian Education

- Curriculum and relationships founded on and enlightened by the Christian faith
- Strong academic focus with advanced methods for strength in learning skills
- Enthusiastic Teachers and Parents
- Library, Computer and Science Labs
- Physical Education and Sports Teams
- Instrumental Band
- Transportation available

Full Day Kindergarten

Is your child ready for Kindergarten in the fall? TCS offers the option of Part time & Full day Kindergarten

Students will:
- Learn in a loving, Christian environment
- Discovery learning through direct & personal experiences
- Develop readiness skills for Grade 1
- Build a feeling of self-confidence & competence through play and learning experiences

Little Sparks Preschool

An enriched, Christian preschool program. Our warm, caring staff and beautiful classroom create a safe, nurturing environment for children to play, explore, create and discover more about themselves and God’s world. Our program acts as an introduction to structured educational activities, preparing children to transition into full-time public, private, or Christian schooling. We are licensed by the Ministry of Education.

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Half Days (8:30 — 11:30 am)
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2018 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR:

April 20 - P.A. Day—No School
April 27 - Grandparents Day
May 21 - Victoria Day—No School
May 21 - Track & Field
May 26 - Christian Schools Golf Tournament
June 18 - Graduation
June 22 - Last Day of School

OUR VISION
Trenton Christian School offers our students excellence in Christian education, authentic learning experiences and builds partnerships with the greater community.