



North Toronto Christian School The Yorkland School

NOVEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

(from the desk of S. W. Cooke, Superintendent of Operations)

Calendar for 08/09 School Year

Term 1 Reports (NTCS)	Fri	Nov 14
Interim Term 1 Report (TYS)	Fri	Nov 14
Prof Dev Day (NTCS only)	Fri	Nov 21
Prof Dev Day (TYS only)	Fri	Nov 28
P/T Conferences (Gr 3 – 6)	Wed/Thu	Nov 19/20
P/T Conferences (TYS)	Wed/Thu	Nov 26/27
Start of Christmas holidays	Sat	Dec 20
School starts after Christmas	Mon	Jan 05
Prof Dev Day (TYS)	Fri	Jan 30
Family Day Holiday	Mon	Feb 16
March Break	Fri-Mon	Mar 13-23
Easter Weekend Holiday	Fri/Mon	Apr 10-13
Victoria Day holiday	Mon	May 18

Samaritan's Purse – NTCS/TYS

Again this year we are participating in the Operation Christmas Child shoebox program sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. We would like to encourage all parents to get involved with their children in this worthwhile endeavour that extends the love of Christ to children in needy regions of the world. Deadline is **Nov. 14th**.

Craft/Bake Sale – NTCS

The annual Fall craft and bake sale will be held in the gymnasium on **Wednesday, November 12th**. If each parent contributes something, then there will be something for each student to purchase. It is a fun and exciting time for the school, so I encourage each parent to contribute both as a supplier and as a purchaser. If you can help on that day, please call the office to indicate your interest.

Christmas Programs – NTCS

Christmas is an important occasion in any Christian school. Our programs this year are scheduled for –

Grade SK	Wednesday	December 3 rd
Grade 2	Thursday	December 4 th
Grade 1	Friday	December 5 th
Grade 6	Tuesday	December 9 th
Grade 5	Wednesday	December 10 th
Grade JK	Thursday	December 11 th
Grade 4	Friday	December 12 th
Grade 3	Tuesday	December 16 th

Please mark these dates on your family calendar now and plan to be present for this important occasion.

Christmas Concert - TYS

The TYS Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, December 11th at 7:30 p.m. at the Garden Church on Yorkland Blvd. All are welcome to celebrate the season and acknowledge the hard work of the TYS music students.

Report Cards - TYS

Parents - please note that the first Interim report card at TYS will be given to students at the end of the day on Friday, **November 14th**. This will be the first official report of your child's progress for the 08/09 school year. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be scheduled for November 26th and 27th to discuss these reports. Prior to that date, please do not hesitate to contact a specific classroom teacher, or Mr. Ko, if you have questions or concerns about your child's work.

Swim Team - TYS

The senior swim team has already started practicing. Practices are held Tuesday after school and Thursday and Friday mornings from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. It has been decided not to start the NTCS or the grade 7/8 swim team until after the Christmas vacation.

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 High School Division; The Yorkland School, 255 Yorkland Blvd., Willowdale, Ontario M2J 1S3; (416) 491-7667
 Outdoor Education Division; Chandos O/E Center, General Delivery, Apsley, Ontario KOL 1A0; (705) 656-2966
 E-mail: admin@yorkland.on.ca Website: www.yorkland.on.ca

Take Our Kids to Work Day – Grade 9

On Wednesday, **November 5th**, all Grade 9 students across the province of Ontario will be taking part in *Take Our Kids to Work* day. This is an excellent opportunity for our young men and women of tomorrow to get a glimpse of the working world! TYS regularly participates in this program. There will be no classes at TYS on that day for Grade 9 students. I encourage all parents to check with your workplace and see if they have a program for the Grade 9's on that day. If your son/daughter is interested in a profession other than yours, or if your workplace cannot accommodate them for the day, please try to find them a suitable placement for the day with a relative or a friend. For some students, it can affirm their future career interests or give them other interesting ideas. We hope it will be a worthwhile day for everyone!

Soccer Tournament – NTCS

On Thursday, September 30th, the NTCS junior soccer team competed in the annual ACSI Division A Grade 4 - 6 soccer tournament. It was a cold, wet day, but every player on the team gave 100% effort, with no complaints! They played a total of five games and were victorious for the first four games with scores of 3-2, 7-0, 9-2, and 9-1. In the final game, they faced the very big and very strong Brampton CS team. In regulation time, they had a 1-1 tie; however, in sudden death overtime, they lost 1-0 on a penalty shot. The leading scorer of the tournament with 11 goals named "MVP" was **Alex Klas**. The "Most Improved Player" was our goalie, **Aran Bains**, who made great saves when they were most needed. The "encourager" award was given to our feisty defenceman, **Natasha Symons**. Everyone played well, but special mention goes to **Timothy Yee**, the backbone of our defence. Both **Jessica Edward** and **Jens Huebner** were outstanding in midfield. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Klas for taking time to coach the team.

The team members were –

Aran Bains	Bryan Mo
Jessica Edward	Timothy Yee
Jennifer Fok	Jens Huebner
Ryman Yeung	Alex Klas
Lianne So	Vincent Lee
Natalie Marcuzzi	Christopher Leung
Ryan Chellaiah	Esther Chan
Renae Appadurai	Matthew Lee
Natasha Symons	James Kumar
Henry He	Lucas Cusimano

ACSI Cross Country Race – NTCS/TYS

Our schools participated in the annual ACSI cross country race at Simeon Park in Stouffville on Thursday, October 16th. A total of 14 schools competed. Congratulations to all the runners, especially to those who placed well in their division.

Grade 3/4 girls (94 runners – 1.2 km)

Olivia Embry	15 th place
Victoria Kumar	27 th place
Barbara Attia	30 th place

Grade 3/4 boys (92 runners – 1.2 km)

Dominic Kon	8 th place
Jyles MacDonell	10 th place
Daniel Meikhail	18 th place
Jacob Van Halteren	25 th place

(placed 3rd out of 14 schools)

Grade 5/6 girls (76 runners – 2.0 km)

Natalie Marcuzzi	4 th place
Erin Chan	19 th place
Macy Chau	23 rd place
Renae Appadurai	26 th place

Grade 5/6 boys (78 runners – 2.0 km)

Jens Huebner	13 th place
Bryan Mo	17 th place
Ryan Tse	20 th place
Henry He	29 th place
Matthew Lee	30 th place

Grade 7/8 girls (45 runners – 3.1 km)

Jillian Chan	9 th place
Allison Wong	11 th place
Claudia Chan	23 rd place
Vivian Tse	28 th place
Trisha Neogi	33 rd place

(placed 3rd out of 14 schools)

Grade 7/8 boys (44 runners – 3.1 km)

Curtis Sansome	18 th place
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Thanks to the coaches, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Cottrill, and to Mr. Moncur for driving and acting as an official.

University Entrance - TYS

Parents of grade 12 students who are applying to university should know that Miss Lee will have spoken to your child in a one-on-one setting to discuss current credits as well as university options. Students will be applying to university online, but all needed information will be given to your child. Parents should look over the university admissions with their son/daughter by going to the elnfo website <http://www.electronicinfo.ca> to get more information about programs, entry requirements and any special information related to the program of interest. The deadline for applying is January 14th, 2009. Information on scholarships is also available through the elnfo website.

Soccer - TYS

The grade 7/8 coed soccer team competed in the ACSI Tournament on Thursday, October 2nd. The day was cool and the competition was tough. The first game was against the eventual champions from Pickering CS – we lost 3-0. Then we had an easy win over Peoples CS by a 2-0 score. Our third game also proved to be difficult and we squeaked out a 3-3 tie by scoring two goals in the last two minutes of the game. The remaining two games were against some strong competition and both games ended in losses. The team managed to finish tied for 4th place out of a total of six teams. The team played hard all day but had a difficult time scoring goals and that ultimately sealed their fate. The team was coached by Mr. Schenk. Team members were:

Sam Tucker-Yates	Riann Grant
Andre Luk	Melanie Yu
Jason Newsted	Niquesha Norris
Justin Tang	Ruth Yeung
Nicholas Marcuzzi	Claudia Chan
Justin Chun	Bethany Lahn
Stephen Sin	Florence Ip
Andy Choi	Emily Cooke
Tiam Halajha	

Aquatics - TYS

Assistant Water Safety Instructor (AWSI) registration forms are now available at TYS and online at www.yorkland.on.ca. The course begins on Friday, November 14th and is open to all students who are 15 years old and have successfully completed Bronze Cross. This course prepares students to become Red Cross and Lifesaving Society Swimming Instructors. For more details and information regarding dates and times please pick up a form or check the school website. If you have any questions regarding this or any other aquatic program please contact Mr. A. Schenk at aquatics@yorkland.on.ca

Security – TYS Parking

Students who drive to school must register their vehicle with the TYS office so that they can be identified as school approved vehicles.

Field Trip - TYS

The grade 12 Earth and Space Science class went on an exciting field trip to the Ontario Science Centre to take part in 'Earth and Space' science week. The class was able to explore the Roving Mars exhibits and participate in lectures by leading scientists. One of the highlights was a lecture by Dr. Gordon Oskinski on "Impact Creators". The trip was a great success and gave the students lots to think about and investigate back at school.

Scholarships - TYS

The following students from the TYS graduating class of June 2008 have been awarded the Province's **Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship**. The scholarship is awarded to recent graduates with top marks at their high school, and who plan to continue their studies at an Ontario college or university. Students who maintain an 80% average at the postsecondary level can receive these scholarships for up to four years, valued at \$3500 per year. Congratulations go to **Simon Cai**, **Clarissa Lau**, and **Robin Reid-Moran**.

Golf Team - TYS

On Tuesday, October 7th, TYS competed in the TDCAA Championship Golf Tournament which was held at Station Creek Golf Club in Stouffville. It was an excellent day for golf with lots of sunshine, very little wind and most importantly, no rain. Our five golfers played well, with three of the five posting excellent scores. Our school team finished a respectable 8th out of the 18 teams that participated. The top two male scores on our team were posted by **Paul Shin** and **Brian Tsui** who shot 78 (7th overall) and 81 (11th overall) respectively. The other two male members of the team were **Daniel Ohn** and **Edward Shin**. Again this year, our lone female golfer, **Elizabeth Tong**, played an excellent round of golf shooting 78. This excellent score earned her the Gold Medal in the tournament and also earned her the right to represent TYS and the TDCAA at the OFSAA Golf Championships. At OFSAA, which was held on October 16th in Oakville at Pipers Heath Golf Club, Elizabeth again performed very well. The day was cold and the wind was gusting which made good scoring difficult, but Elizabeth posted a score of 84 which was good enough for **11th place** out of 70 girls. This is an excellent result considering that she was playing against many of the provinces best golfers. Congratulations to all members of the golf team for their excellent play this year. Only one member of the team is graduating this year so we look forward to continued success next year. The team was coached by Mr. Schenk.

Bible Study - TYS

All girls in grades 7 to 12 are invited to join Mrs. Chan and Mrs. Porter for a Bible Study on issues important to teenage girls. Meetings are held every Monday after school from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Approximately 20 girls arrived for the first meeting on body image. They learned how the media uses Photoshop to enhance pictures of models. They also learned about vanity sizing. Future topics include recognizing God's image in you, forming your identity, looking hot while still dressing godly, dating vs. waiting, and sex.

Cross Country - TYS

The high school cross country team finished its season with a meet at Centennial Park in Etobicoke on October 23rd. The school made a solid showing in both individual and team standings. **John Sherret** finished 6th overall in the junior boys' race. **Sam Moore** was 16th, taking on some of Toronto's best runners in the senior mens' division.

There were several personal best times and an excellent overall effort. After training through rain, sleet, and yes, snow, another successful season is now complete.

Team members were -

Raffi Avanecci	Caleb Chan
Mark Goudie	Dan Marcuzzi
Sam Moore	Sarah Moore
Peter Newell	John Sherret
Avery Wilson	

Guidance Department – TYS

Graduating students please note in your planners the dates that university representatives will be visiting The Yorkland School. These visits are all scheduled on the main floor in the cafeteria area during the lunch hour so please stop by to talk to the representatives on the scheduled dates below. If any parents are interested in visiting these university representatives, please do not hesitate to come to the school on these days.

Nov 3 rd	Trent University
Nov 4 th	Redeemer University College
Nov 6 th	Laurentian University
Nov 10 th	York University
Nov 13 th	University of Toronto
Nov 14 th	University of Western Ontario
Nov 17 th	University of Waterloo
Nov 18 th	U of T – Engineering Department
Nov 19 th	Humber (University of Guelph)
Nov 20 th	Queen's University
Nov 21 st	Lakehead University

Message for Grade 11 students: Miss E. Lee will be scheduling appointments with each grade 11 student during the month of November. Please note the date and time of the appointment.

Outdoor Education – NTCS/TYS

Thanks to all the parents who helped supervise the outdoor education trips this fall. Without parental involvement, these trips would not be possible. The winter schedule tentatively is set as follows –

Grade 5L	Jan 12 – 14
Grade 5W	Jan 14 – 16
Grade 4A/R	Jan 21 – 23
Grade 6D	Jan 26 – 28
Grade 6C	Jan 28 – 30

Grade 7B	Feb 9 – 11
Grade 7A	Feb 11 – 13
Grade 9B	Feb 18/19
Grade 9A	Feb 19/20
Grade 8B	Feb 23 – 25
Grade 8A	Feb 25 – 27

Winter Study Tour for Korean students

We are planning a month long program of classes and activities throughout Toronto for a group of Korean junior high students during the month of January 2009. From January 5th to the 30th, we are inviting a small number of Korean students at the grade 7 and 8 level who are on their school holidays to come to Toronto for a month of education and tourism. If any of our school families have Korean relatives who might be interested in such a program this winter, please contact Mr. Cooke at TYS for more details.

Law Trip - TYS

On Thursday, October 24th, the grade 11 and 12 Law classes attended trial proceedings at the highest criminal court as they attended the R v JSR trial, which is part of a series of trials relating to the murder of Jane Creba, who was shot to death Dec. 26th, 2005 on Yonge Street. This high profile trial is a challenge to our teachers and students alike because it not only involves a young offender, but the accused was arrested with a gun that was not linked to the death of Miss Creba. This "guilt by association" case reveals how such careless shooting and disregard for life can result in a murder charge and conviction. Students heard forensic testimony, saw substantial photographic evidence, and heard the testimony of a first-responding officer, who had to disperse a group of young teens/adults who were surrounding the dying Miss Creba taking pictures on their cell phones. We hope to revisit this trial or one of the other trials soon to follow.