



North Toronto Christian School The Yorkland School

FEBRUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

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

Calendar for 08/09 School Year

Open House at TYS (7:30 p.m.)	Tue	Feb 03
NTCS Bake Sale	Tue	Feb 10
Music Festival – grade 9	Wed	Feb 11
Music Festival – grades 10-12	Thu	Feb 12
Family Day Holiday	Mon	Feb 16
Kiwanis Festival	Thu	Feb 19
Term 1 Report Cards – TYS	Fri	Feb 20
Ski Day – NTCS/TYS	Tue	Mar 03
March Break	Fri/Mon	Mar 13-23
Spiritual Emphasis Wk – TYS	Tue-Fri	Mar 24-27
Literacy Test – grade 10	Thu	Apr 02
Easter Weekend Holiday	Fri/Mon	Apr 10 – 13
ACSI swim meet at TYS	Wed	Apr 15
Math Olympiad	Thu	Apr 16
Term 2 – Interim Reports-TYS	Fri	Apr 24
Victoria Day holiday	Mon	May 18
ACSI track meet – gr 4-6	Fri	May 22
Fun Fair – NTCS	Fri	May 29
Final Exams – grades 9-12	Thu-Fri	Jun 11-19
Final Exams – grades 7-8	Mon-Fri	Jun 15-19
Last day of school (JK - 12)	Fri	Jun 19

March Break Day Camp - NTCS

During March Break, Monday, March 16th to Friday, March 20, TYS will be offering a day-camp program for elementary aged students. Please see the enclosed brochure and registration form for all the details. The program is intended for NTCS students, but if you have neighbours and friends who would like to attend along with your child, please encourage them to register as well. Extended care will be offered from 7:30 a.m. and until 5:30 p.m. in the evening. We are planning an active program with

swimming each day and other sports, games, crafts, Bible studies, worship times and some surprises too!

Camp Ke-Mon-Oya!!

Although it is early to be thinking about next summer, many of you make holiday plans early in the new year, so I want to advise you that our camp program will operate as usual this summer. Application forms are now available from both schools. It is important that you get your application in early for the week(s) you want to avoid the disappointment of the weeks being full later. Registrations will be received on a first-come, first-served basis. For your advance information, the first three weeks will be **kids camp** starting Monday, July 6th (for students entering grades 3 - 6 in September); the last four weeks will be **youth camp** starting Monday, July 27th (grade 7 – 10 students). When you make your summer plans, consider a week or more at camp for your son or daughter – it can truly be a life-changing experience.

Donations – NTCS/TYS

Please accept our very sincere thanks for the many generous donations given to the school at the end of the past calendar year. Also, a general thanks from the teachers for the generosity extended to them through gifts given by your children at Christmas time. They were all much appreciated. Thanks.

Tax Receipts – NTCS/TYS

An envelope containing your receipts from the school for income tax purposes will soon be mailed to you. Please keep them in a secure place with your other tax matters for 2008 since many of you have several receipts and they are difficult to replace, if lost. If you have any questions, please contact Gordon Cooke directly at gcooke@yorkland.on.ca or phone the TYS school office.

Tuition – NTCS/TYS

At the recent winter meeting of the Board of Directors, the tuition rate for the **2009/2010 school year** was set at the following –

One child	\$6,024
Two children	\$9,648
Three children	\$12,048

Skating Schedule – NTCS

The skating schedule at Bayview Arena is -

February 04	Grade 6
February 11	Grades 3 and 4
February 18	Grades 2 and 3
February 25	Grades SK, 1

Bake Sale - NTCS

The annual winter bake sale at NTCS will be held on **Tuesday, February 10th**. If you are free to help for part of that day, please contact the school office.

Registration - 2009/2010 School Year

If you have younger siblings ready for school next year, please register them soon as we are accepting applicants for the coming school year now. As well, since we have just two classes at each grade level at TYS, they often fill up quickly – especially grades 7 and 9, so registration should be started soon.

Departing Staff - TYS/NTCS

This month we say good-bye to **Mrs. Laura Jory**, who departs on maternity leave later in February. Mrs. Jory has been on staff for 3 1/2 years and has made a significant impact on school life during her time here at TYS. We wish her and her husband Nathan all the best in the days ahead as they start their family.

Miss Denise Chang has also recently left the employ of the school having moved to Australia in order to pursue further educational studies. We have appreciated her help in the kindergarten classes at NTCS for the past 2 ½ years and wish her well.

New Staff Member - TYS

We are pleased to inform you that Miss Catherine Enserink has agreed to join the TYS staff to take over Mrs. Laura Jory's courses as she departs on maternity leave this month. Miss Enserink is a graduate of Acadia University in Nova Scotia with a History and English undergraduate degree, and has completed her teacher training at the University of Western Ontario. She has recently been teaching at an adult education centre in Hamilton, and has a strong interest in camping and athletics. We are excited about the contribution that Miss Enserink will make to the program at TYS and we look forward to a smooth transition for the students to a new teacher for Term 2.

Chandos Outdoor Education Program

When the conditions are good, Chandos can be truly a 'winter wonderland'. So we plan to continue as in the past with an active winter program -

Feb 02 – 04	Grade 7B
Feb 04 – 06	Grade 7A
Feb 18 – 19	Grade 9B
Feb 19 – 20	Grade 9A
Feb 23 – 25	Grade 8B
Feb 25 – 27	Grade 8A

Summer Jobs – TYS

There will be various employment opportunities available to our senior students this summer at both TYS and Chandos. I hope that many of our senior students will take advantage of this opportunity to get real-life work experience. Applications for all the positions are available at the TYS school office –

1/ TYS summer swimming instructors – the pool operates a swim school program all summer and instructors will be required to staff this program.

2/ Camp Ke-Mon-Oya counselors and lifeguards - a number of more senior students will be required to staff the summer program at Chandos Monday through Friday for seven weeks. As well, there are openings for LIT's (Leaders in Training) at Camp Ke-Mon-Oya for a select few students who are interested in spending the month of July preparing for leadership positions in the future.

3/ Camp Ke-Mon-Oya cooks and kitchen helpers - Mrs. Newsted and Mrs. Gray will again be functioning as head cooks but they need help. If any student would be interested in working as a kitchen helper for one or more weeks, please contact the school office.

Special Spring Events - TYS

There are a series of significant events that occur at TYS as the end of the school year approaches. We highlight them for you now so that you can mark them on your calendar to ensure that you are able to attend. Various groups of students at different grade levels make significant efforts to contribute to these programs and events. We want to encourage students and parents from both schools to participate to the fullest to make the school an active and vibrant place. With the exception of the out-of-town trips (and the exams and contests), parents are very welcome to be involved in any of these other programs, whether your child is participating or not.

Report Cards, Contests and Exams!

Final term 1 report cards will be issued to students on Friday, **February 20th**.

Interim term 2 progress reports will be issued on Friday, **April 24th**.

Saturday, April 25th - Annual Swim-a-thon. All through the afternoon, swimmers from both schools swim laps at the TYS pool to raise money for pool equipment and programs. TYS students are also given the opportunity to skip a class (or two!) during the following week to swim their laps. There are ongoing improvements to the pool facilities that the fundraising of the swim-a-thon supports, so if your child, or another student, asks you to sponsor them, please do so to encourage them to participate.

Wednesday, May 6th - Annual Golf Tournament at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Stouffville. An afternoon event followed by a barbeque supper at TYS.

Wednesday, May 20th - The annual TYS **athletic banquet** is scheduled for this date at the Premiere Ballroom in Richmond Hill. This buffet style banquet gives us an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the many TYS student athletes who compete throughout the year. All students are invited to attend - not just the athletes - and parents are certainly welcome as well at this formal banquet.

Friday, May 22nd - Attention children from ages 3-103, on May 22nd the TYS grade 9 and 11 drama students will be presenting an evening of *"Not so Familiar Fairy Tales"*. Are you thinking you know your nursery rhymes inside and out? Do you believe that the tale of *"Sleeping Beauty"* has been put to rest? Come to our evening of humorously fun fairy tale retelling and be proved wrong.

Tuesday, May 26th to Friday, May 29th - These are fairly quiet days at the school because the Grade 8 students are off to **Quebec City** and the Grade 10's are on their annual excursion to **Ottawa**. Please be praying for the safety of our staff and young people as they travel.

Tuesday, June 2nd - TYS Music night. The various TYS bands and The Yorkland Singers present an evening of music to complete their year of music studies. A wide variety of performances can be expected.

Wednesday, June 3rd and Thursday, June 4th - The grade 12 TYS drama students will be presenting a **dinner theatre** entitled *Disasta Kitchens*. Come for food, music, theatre, and you will probably find yourself in the act. This hilariously busy dinner theatre provides the audience the opportunity to not

only watch the show but interact and be a part of the show, all while eating their dinner.

Friday, June 19th - Grade 8 Graduation in the track area at TYS. Families and friends of all grade 8 students should plan to attend this special event as these students complete elementary school and prepare to enter high school in September.

Monday, June 22nd - Grade 12 Graduation at Willowdale Pentecostal Church. A very special annual occasion in the life of the school as we celebrate the achievements of our graduating class and honour them as they depart TYS for the next phase of their life.

Raise funds

This fall, thirty students, mostly from grade 8 and a few from grade 10, participated in helping an orphanage in Nicaragua. Their goal was to help provide anything from lunch meals, sports equipment, furniture, school supplies etc. to the orphanage. They were challenged to raise their personal target money on their own without the help of parents or guardians. They could not ask them for the money and had to earn it in any capacity they thought of. For a period of about seven weeks, students were quite imaginative. Some did it individually and others as a group. By the time of the deadline, thirty students had raised a total of \$1,400.00. What a blessing to see young people regardless of age being used for His Kingdom.

Volleyball - TYS

Congratulations to the high school girls' basketball team who placed fourth this season in their TDCAA competition! This is one of the best seasons on record in Yorkland's history!! The biggest highlight of the year came during a playoff deciding game. The girls were losing by 15 points at half time and instead of giving up, they came together as a team to beat ARS to make it to the league playoffs. The team members were:

Hetty Van Halteren	Emma Hagopian
Monica Abadir	Emily Boden
Jasmine Wilson	Ioana Draghiciu
Sarah Moore	Michelle Yau
Avery Wilson	Kaela Beals
Jamilla Wilson	Lauren Chan
Sareen Khatchadourian	

A special thanks to Mr. Wilson, Mr. Primmer and Miss Cross for coaching the team.

Science Fair - TYS

The grade 8 Science Fair will be held at TYS on Wednesday, March 11th and Thursday, March 12th in the track area on the ground floor at TYS. All grade 8 students will be presenting a science project that will be displayed and judged during the Fair. The best time for parents to come to the school to view the projects will be after school on Wednesday the 11th until 5 p.m. Please take some time to visit the Fair and see the interesting work the grade 8 students are doing.

Online Newsletter – NTCS/TYS

Note: To view our monthly newsletters online, simply visit www.yorkland.on.ca and click on "Newsletters." From there you can also subscribe to our RSS feed and be notified of news updates automatically.

Business Students - TYS

On January 14th, the grade 12 Organizational Studies students had their first field trip, a five-minute walk to the Wyndham Garden Toronto Hotel at 185 Yorkland Blvd. Their host was Mr. Mike Vieira, Rooms Division Manager, and soon to be General Manager of the hotel. He gave the students a thorough tour including the laundry facilities in the basement to one of their larger suites. The students also saw the indoor pool, the two restaurants, the sales and accounting offices and other parts of the building. At the end of the visit, the students received a souvenir from the hotel and one of them won a prize for answering a question correctly.

Mr. Vieira knows the hotel industry well, having gone from bellboy to senior manager in just 11 years. He was very well prepared and gave a lot of information about the various hotel services, activities, sales and marketing efforts, challenges, career opportunities, etc. For example, the students learned that 98% of the customers choose this hotel because it has an indoor pool, and yet only 2% of them actually use it! The occupancy rate for January was forecast at 17% because of the current financial crisis. This hotel is part of the Wyndham Hotel Group, the world's largest lodging franchisor, with more than 6,550 hotels and 551,000 rooms in 59 countries.

The students enjoyed their tour very much and are looking forward to visiting other types of businesses to learn more about their management.

Reaching Out to Help Others - TYS

Sincere thanks to the Social Concerns Committee for their fundraising efforts this Christmas season! Through the sale of candy-grams they helped to raise \$1404! Half the money has been sent to "Kids Help Phone" and the other half to Mustard Seed International to help with their work in Indonesia. As well, several boxes of new toys were donated for Toy Mountain (done through The Salvation Army) for

kids in the city who would not receive a Christmas present this year. Thank you for your generosity in helping to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those less fortunate in our world.

Mathematics Contests - TYS

All students will have several further opportunities to participate in math contests this year.

Grade 9/10/11	Pascal/Cayley/Fermat Contest	Feb 18
Grade 12	Euclid Contest	April 7
Grade 9/10/11	Fryer/Galois/Hypatia Contest	April 8
Grade 7/8	Gauss Contest	May 13

Interested students should speak to their math teachers for further details on how to prepare.

Band Festivals - TYS

February is festival month in the music world. Our students will be participating in three separate events. The grade 9 class will be participating in the Ontario Band Association Festival on February 11th at 3:25 p.m. The senior band will be performing Thursday February 12th at 1:40 p.m. The festival is held at Le Parc Conference and Banquet Centre 8432 Leslie Street, Thornhill.

Members of the senior band will also participate in the Greater Toronto Kiwanis Music Festival. This event is Thursday, February 19th at 2:00 p.m. at Lawrence Park Collegiate, 125 Chatsworth Drive.

These events are open to the public. Parents can come to support the students as they perform and take part in this excellent educational event.

Ski Day – March 3, 2009

The Yorkland School has scheduled a ski day for Tuesday, March 3, 2009. This is a great time to get the kids out on the slopes and to enjoy this winter activity. Buses have been booked and tickets will go on sale during February. All student packages include lessons. Equipment can be rented or your own can be brought as well. It is our policy that only skis can be rented; snowboarding is quite difficult to learn and more often we have injuries and first time students just don't have as much fun. Of course, if your son/daughter is an experienced snowboarder they may bring their own equipment.

The plan is that there will be regular classes for those who do not attend the ski trip. We want to encourage as many students to go skiing as possible! Watch for more details in the days to come.

Winter Evening of Theatre – TYS

Come one, come all, on **February 12th** from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. to The Yorkland School to witness what is sure to be a dramatic evening! The Yorkland School drama students are proud to host their first annual YORKLAND WINTER EVENING OF

THEATRE; an event filled with a variety of dramatic presentations written, directed and presented by students from all grade levels. You will be moved to tears of both laughter and compassion, as students and staff perform pieces that range from contemporary comedy to classical drama, and everything in between. Tickets are \$5 per adult and \$3 per student or child under 17, and can be purchased at the office. The price includes admission to all 12 sketches, as well as refreshments during the intermission. Looking forward to seeing you in the audience!

Math Challenge - TYS

The Sun Life Financial Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge is a highly competitive math contest written by the top math students across Ontario and around the world. This year, twenty-six grade 11 and 12 Yorkland students participated. Congratulations to the following students for achieving the highest scores in the school:

Andrew Lin
Julie Kim
Carven Lau
Chris Kim
Zoe Zhou

Andrew Lin will be award the medal for Yorkland's highest score at the grade 12 graduation in June.

Swim Meet - TYS

The Yorkland School Grade 9-12 Swim team participated in the annual Michael Power Invitational Swim Meet on January 14, 2009, at the Etobicoke Olympium. The team did very well at the event and it served as a good warm up for the TDCAA Championship Meet which will be held on February 11 at the same location. The girls as a team finished 8th out of 9 teams and the boys as a team finished 3rd out of 11 teams. Overall, this placed Yorkland in 3rd out of a total of 13 schools. This is a fantastic accomplishment when you consider that the two teams that placed ahead of us in the standings have almost 10 times our student population. Individual results are not yet available but the following is a list of those who participated in the event. If you ask them I am sure that they will be willing to tell you how they did in their events!!. Team members were –

Samantha Dominato	Enya Malnis
Victor Crivianu-Gaita	Jason Kim
Dan Klas	Caleb Chan
Sarah Moore	Brandon Brown
Neil Grenade	Paul Klas
Sam Moore	Peter Newell
John Sherret	Anca Draghiciu
Andrea Bowser	Osmond Xie
Joshua Yew	Jackie Alexander

Thanks to coaches, Sung Ha Ryu and Jin Sook Ryu, for their fine work with the team.

Basketball - TYS

The TYS senior boys' basketball team participated in a tournament on Friday, January 9th. This tournament served as a good introduction to the opposition that we will face in the new league that we are a part of, since most of the teams in the tournament are part of the SSAF (Small Schools Athletic Federation). The day started off with a tough game against Metro Prep and although the team played hard, the opposition took advantage of our mistakes and won the game 40 - 20. They then beat Town Centre Montessori by a score of 36 – 21 and then Mississauga Private School by a score of 29-21. In the semi-final TYS faced Bond Academy and lost by a score of 32-24. The team showed great character throughout the day and the ability to fight back against difficult odds to finish the tournament tied for 3rd place overall out of 8 teams. Congratulations to the team on a job well done and thanks to coach, Mr. Schenk.! The team members were:

Winston Kenley	Alex Green
Daniel Ohn	Chris Lau
Andric Wong	Danny Oh
Stephan Stanciu	Kelvin Lai
John Nagiub	Caleb Chan
Jeffrey Vandenberg	David Yeung

Volleyball - TYS

Congratulations to the senior high boys' volleyball team who completed the regular season with an unblemished record of 8-0. In their playoff round-robin matches, the boys remained undefeated as they headed into the semi-finals. Unfortunately, the team ran into a hot team from Metro Prep and lost by two points in the final set. The team played outstanding all year long and represented TYS well. Thanks to everyone for a great effort and commitment to the team – and many thanks to the coach, Mr. Derr, for his good work with the team. Team members were –

Max Mak	Daniel Newsted
Sam Moore	Mark Kim
Brian Van	Paul Shin
Haig Manougian	Amar Bains
Trevor Brown	Neil Grenade
Eric Kim	Winston Kenley