



North Toronto Christian School The Yorkland School

APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER

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

Calendar for 08/09 School Year

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
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

Camp Ke-Mon-Oya – NTCS/TYS

Registrations are coming in rapidly for our summer camping program at Chandos. To avoid disappointment later, please get your registration form in quickly while there is still space available. Brochures and **registration forms are available** at both school offices and on our web site. If you are considering a week or more of camping experience for your child this summer, please investigate our program. It is convenient, comprehensive, challenging and filled with good food, fun and fellowship – and at a place the students know with people they know. It is also more affordable than most other comparable camps.

Graduations – NTCS/TYS

The following graduations are scheduled for the end of this school year – please note them on your calendar now.

Senior Kindergarten graduation will be held in the gymnasium at NTCS on Wednesday, June 17th at 1:30 p.m.

Grade 6 graduation will be held at TYS on Thursday, June 18th starting at 7:00 p.m.

Grade 8 graduation will be held at TYS on Friday, June 19th at TYS starting at 7:30 p.m.

Grade 12 graduation will be held at Willowdale Pentecostal Church at 7:30 p.m. on Mon. June 22nd.

Calendar for 09/10 – NTCS/TYS

For your information, the new school year will commence on **Tuesday, September 8th**. The **Christmas** vacation period will begin on Saturday, December 19th and the first day of school after the holidays will be Monday, January 4th, 2010. The **March Break** will begin on Friday, March 12th and the first day of school after the break will be Tuesday, March 23rd.

Golf Tournament – NTCS/TYS

Please note that the seventh annual golf tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, **May 6th**. This enjoyable day is open to all students and parents from both schools. Please register soon as the tournament has filled up quickly the last number of years and space is limited to a maximum of 100 golfers. This year we will only be playing 9 holes so the time commitment and skill level required will be decreased to encourage more people to participate.

Athletic Banquet - TYS

The annual Athletic Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, **May 20th**, at the Premiere Ballroom in Richmond Hill. Please keep your calendars open on that date and plan to attend this fabulous evening which celebrates the accomplishments of our athletes and teams.

30 Hour Famine - TYS

This year the 30 Hour Famine organized by World Vision will be running on **April 3rd and 4th**. Please encourage your son/daughter to participate (grades 7-12) in this worthwhile event to help the less fortunate in our world. Our fund raising target for this year's famine event is \$15,000. Funds this year will go towards a specific project in Uganda.

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Swim-a-thon – NTCS/TYS

The Yorkland Aquatics Swim-a-thon is scheduled for the afternoon of **Saturday, April 25th**. This is the once-a-year opportunity for the students who enjoy the use of the pool to help us raise funds to maintain and upgrade the pool systems and equipment. It is a fun-filled day in which students will swim as many widths or lengths as they can, depending on age and ability. Prizes will be awarded to those who reach specified donation levels. More details will follow, but please plan to keep the day open in order to participate in this fun event with your friends and family. If you are asked by your child or a friend to support them financially, please do so generously.

Basketball - TYS

On Friday February 27th, the junior high boys' basketball team competed in the annual ACSI tournament in Orangeville. Although they were short handed due to injuries, the boys fought hard and managed a **5th place** finish in the tournament. The team had two heart breaking overtime losses by one point. Despite their disappointment, the boys represented the school well. Congratulations to **David Salama**, whose positive attitude earned him the Encourager award and to their coach, Mr. Derr.

Tiam Halajha	Gordon Allen
Andre Luk	Justin Tang
Stephen Sin	Jason Newsted
David Salama	Daniel Pang

The DECA Club - TYS

The DECA Club is a business club that has 13 members: **Lucius Cheung, Nanar Ghorghorian, Anoush Ghorghorian, Lizzie Kim, Fiona Lau, Joy Lee, Kimberly Martin, Jonathan Stokes, Leah Thompson, Ahila Vithiananthan, Juil Yoon, Aruna Vithiananthan, Kevin Wong (president)**.

During the weekly meetings, the members studied and role-played various case studies in preparation for competitions. The first level of competition was the Regional at Laurier University on November 16th. All members participated and went on to the Provincials on February 6th/7th. Close to 5,000 high school students from 125 high schools in Ontario attended this event in downtown Toronto. The competitions included oral presentations and multi-choice tests with 100 questions. Two of our members, **Leah Thompson** and **Juil Yoon**, made the top 20 in their respective categories.

These competitions proved to be a very valuable experience by helping them increase their business knowledge and gain experience and confidence in making presentations. The two faculty advisors, Mr. Brooks and Mr. Côté, congratulate the members for their interest and efforts.

OFSAA Swimming - TYS

Recently a number of our high school athletes reached the pinnacle of Ontario high school sport by qualifying for the OFSAA Swimming Championships. On March 3rd and 4th, five males and five females from TYS represented the school at the OFSAA swimming championships. All the athletes who competed were able to post excellent times against competition that includes the top 32 swimmers in each event from all over the province. **Sam Moore** competed in the 100 M breaststroke, placing 5th overall, and also in the 100 M individual medley placing 2nd overall in the province which is awesome. **Enya Malnis** competed in the 200 M freestyle placing 2nd overall which is fantastic and in the 100 M freestyle where she placed 9th overall. Other results included the following:

Joshua Yew	50 M backstroke	15 th place
Joshua Yew; Brandon Brown Dan Klas; John Sherret	200 M freestyle relay	14 th place
Anca Draghiciu	50 M butterfly	15 th place
Sarah Moore; Lauren Chan; Anca & Ioana Draghiciu	200 M medley relay	18 th place

Congratulations to these outstanding athletes who represented the school so well. They showed strong athletic ability and strong Christian character. Also thanks to the coaches for all their hard work and dedication. The swim team was coached by Sung Ha and Jin Sook Ryu.

Basketball - TYS

The senior boys had a fantastic season playing in the SSAF (the Small Schools Athletic Federation). The move to this league made the basketball experience more enjoyable since the team was not competing against schools with much larger student populations. During the regular season, the team finished in 4th place out of ten teams with a very respectable 10 wins and 6 losses. That meant we played the 5th place team, Fieldstone, in the quarter finals of the playoffs. This was a bit of a concern since we had only beaten that team by one point in an earlier game. The team came out with intensity and enthusiasm and although the first quarter was close, TYS surged ahead in the 2nd quarter and never looked back, winning by a convincing 77 - 42 score. In the semi-final match, TYS played Metro Prep whom we had lost to by over 20 points during the regular season. The team played an amazing game and even had a small lead in the third quarter, but after a hard fought game the team began to fatigue and the opposition pulled ahead defeating TYS by a final score of 61 - 50. Congratulations to all the boys for their hard work and dedication throughout the season. Thank you to the coaches Jeff Wilson and Allen Schenk for their work with the team this year.

Swim School – NTCS/TYS

Registration forms are now available at both schools for the Swim Kids badge program. If you are interested in registering your child for swimming lessons, you are encouraged to do so as soon as possible as classes fill quickly for the spring session that begins on **April 3rd**. Lessons are offered on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, with private lessons being offered on Thursdays only. Please note that we are not offering lessons on Mondays this session so spaces will fill up more quickly. Registration forms are available on the TYS website (www.yorkland.on.ca). **Bronze Medallion** and **Bronze Cross** classes are also being offered this Spring session on Saturday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The dates for the classes are May 2, 9, 23 and June 6. We are also offering an **Instructor Course** on two weekends in April. The dates are April 3rd – 5th and 17th – 19th. Check the school website for information on all of these programs or contact Mr. Schenk at aschenk@yorkland.on.ca for more information. Please note that during the Spring session of swimming there are no lessons offered on Easter weekend (April 10th – 13th) or the Victoria Day weekend (May 16th – 18th).

Science Fair - TYS

This year's grade 8 Science Fair investigated an assortment of topics such as iron in our cereals, bacteria in make-up, BB guns, grey water and crickets under gas attack. Top spots go to:

Class 8A

- 1st Emily Cooke
Handwriting Revelations
2nd Krysta Sutton & Vivian Tse
Removing the Fungus Amongst Us
3rd Andre Luk & Jason Newsted
Gatorade vs Water

Class 8B

- 1st Jillian Chan DNA The Banana Way
1st Julia Lin Vitamin C Titration
3rd Sally Chan Stain Solution

Congratulations to **Emily Cooke, Jillian Chan** and **Julia Lin** who will represent TYS at the Redeemer College Science Fair competition in Ancaster in April.

Band Festival - TYS

TYS was awarded two scholarships at the recent Ontario Band Association Festival. Congratulations to the Student Leadership Award winners - **Renata Chan** in grade 9 and **Mark Kim** in grade 11. As well, the grade 9 class has been awarded with an invitation to the national Musicfest competition in Ottawa, May 2010.

Music Festival - TYS

The following students participated in the recent Kiwanis Music Festival. The flute, woodwind and saxophone ensembles earned a silver award for their performance. The clarinet choir earned a gold award for their participation. Congratulations to the students for their excellent performances.

Flute Choir

Grace Chan	Haley Jeon
David Jo	Chris Kim
Daniel Kim	Lizzie Kim
Angela Lee	Rebecca Qu
Paul Shin	

Clarinet Choir

Kim Martin	Hannah Chiu
Jonathon Chow	Brian Van
Iris Yeh	Jacklyn Yue
Clement Yueng	

Sax Quartet

Veronica Allman	Tim Cooke
Peter Newell	Paul Park

Woodwind Quartet

Jonathon Chow	Jason Kim
Se Rim Kang	Rebecca Qu

Camp Resignation – NTCS/TYS

Many of you who have accompanied your child(ren) on trips to Chandos over the last few years will know Mrs. Marie Clarke, our cook at the camp. Mrs. Clarke has fed and watered NTCS and TYS children since 1996 with a wonderful, cheerful spirit, making birthday cakes for many and ensuring that all the students have returned home well fed. As our resident nurse, she has also tended to many wounded and sick children over the years with a kind, motherly touch. We are sorry to inform you that Mrs. Clarke has decided to retire from her camp job to focus on her other job, visiting sick and elderly in the region and providing homecare nursing. We are very grateful for Mrs. Clarke's devotion to the camp program and to all the children who have visited her kitchen over the years. Her commitment has been an important part of the success of the Chandos program. If you would like to drop her a note of thanks, her address is Mrs. Marie Clarke, Apsley, ON, K0L 1A0. I know she would appreciate hearing from those of you who have gotten to know her and appreciate her over the years.