



North Toronto Christian School The Yorkland School

MAY 2009 NEWSLETTER

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

Calendar for 08/09 School Year

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 2:15 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 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.

Fun Fair – NTCS

The date of the annual spring Fun Fair event at NTCS is **Friday, May 29th**. If you have any ideas for some new activities that would be fun for the children, let us know. All parents, grandparents and friends of the school are welcome to attend. **Note:** for attendance purposes, this day is considered a normal school day and all students should be in attendance at the school at least until the usual afternoon recess time.

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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
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End of Year Schedule June 2009 - TYS

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Last day of classes	Tue	June 09
Awards Assembly	Tue	June 09
Study Day	Wed	June 10
Final Exams	Thu-Fri	June 11 - 19
Grade 12 Graduation	Mon	June 22

Grades 7, 8

Last day of classes	Fri	June 12
Awards Assembly	Fri	June 12
Final exams	Mon-Fri	June 15 - 19
Grade 8 Graduation	Fri	June 19

Note: There are no classes scheduled during the days of final exams. Students must leave the school after finishing their exams for the day. Final report cards will be available for pickup in the school office by Friday, July 3rd after 1:00 p.m.

Speech Meet - NTCS

Our annual grade 5 – 6 Speech Meet was held in the gymnasium at the school on Friday, April 11th. Congratulations to all who participated -

Grade 5

Zachary Wilson	1 st place
Macy Chau	2 nd place
Ryan Chellaiah	3 rd place
Michelle Pao	4 th place

Grade 6

Renae Appadurai	1 st place
Matthew Lee	2 nd place
James Kumar	3 rd place
Mackenzie Seath	4 th place

Chess Tournament – NTCS/TYS

On April 2nd, students from both schools competed in the annual ACSI chess tournament hosted this year by Mississauga CS. Our elementary team of students from grades 4 - 6, whose preparation was supervised by teacher Mrs. Moore, finished in first place for the second year. Our senior high team also finished in first place for the second year. **Matthew Luong** of NTCS and **Juil Yoon** of TYS went undefeated and won the gold medal. Congratulations!! As well, even though we did not send an intermediate team, the students performed so well that NTCS/TYS finished first overall. Congratulations to our strong chess players !!!!

Elementary Team – 1st place finish

Matthew Luong	Nathan Cho
Lucas Cusimano	Vincent Lee

Senior High Team – 1st place finish

Andrew Lin	Bryan Chan
Jeremy Lee	Juil Yoon

Math Olympics – NTCS

On April 16th, selected students competed in the annual ACSI Math Olympiad. There were six schools involved.

The **grade 4 math team** was comprised of Jessie Kim, Louise Cooke, John Mekael and Trevor Fung.

The **grade 5 math team** was comprised of Kelly Lew, Henry He, Erin Chan and David Lee.

The **grade 6 math team** was comprised of Alexander Klas, Young Kim, Nathan Cho and Matthew Lee.

Special congratulations to **Louise Cooke** who won the 1st place individual medal and to **John Mekael** who won the 2nd place individual medal at the grade 4 level and to **Kelly Lew** who won the 1st place individual medal at the grade 5 level. Overall, both the grade 4 team and the grade 5 team finished in 1st place out of the six participating schools.

Homestay Program - TYS

Each year, we have a number of students who attend TYS as international students from other countries. They obtain special permission from the Canadian government to travel to Canada and study full-time at recognized schools. The majority of these students come to Toronto with a parent, or live with a relative who is a permanent resident or a Canadian citizen. Occasionally, we admit students to TYS who want to live with a Canadian family to increase their exposure to the English language and to have a complete English experience, both in school and at home. We try to place these students with school families who can bring them into their home for the school year and be their homestay family and in some cases, their legal guardian while the student is in Canada.

In preparation for the coming 09/10 school year, we are currently looking for school families who might be interested in being a host family for an international student. It can be a wonderful experience for both the international student and the host family.

If you would like to consider hosting an international student for a school year, please contact Mr. Gordon Cooke at TYS for more information at 416 491 7667 or gcooke@yorkland.on.ca.

Swim Meet - TYS

The grade 7 / 8 swim team, supplemented with some grade 6 swimmers, participated in the annual ACSI Swim Meet at the TYS pool on Wednesday, April 15th. The team did an great job and finished the day in **1st place** with more than a 150 point lead over the second place team. Congratulations to all who participated and thanks to Sung Ha and Jin Sook Ryu for coaching the team and to all the parent and student volunteers who helped make the swim meet a success.

Grade 7 Girls

Michelle Lam Claire Chun	50 M freestyle	2 nd place 5 th place
Samantha Lau	50 M backstroke	1 st place
Michelle Lam	50 M butterfly	3 rd place
Ashley Song	100 M freestyle	5 th place
Samantha Lau Claire Chun Esther Chan	50 M breaststroke	1 st place 3 rd place 5 th place
Samantha Tai Naomi So	100 M backstroke	2 nd place 3 rd place
Michelle Lam Samantha Lau Claire Chun Ashley Song	Freestyle relay	1 st place
Cacey Cottrill Michelle Lam Samantha Lam Claire Chun	Medley relay	1 st place

Grade 7 Boys

Samuel Kang Justin Chun	50 M freestyle	1 st place 3 rd place
Alex Klas	50 M backstroke	5 th place
Samuel Kang	50 M butterfly	2 nd place
Alex Klas Justin Chun Timothy Yee	50 M breaststroke	2 nd place 3 rd place 4 th place
Justin Chun Timothy Yee Alex Klas Samuel Kang	Medley relay Freestyle relay	1 st place 1 st place

Grade 8 Girls

Claudia Chan Melanie Yu	50 M backstroke	3 rd place 4 th place
Sinyie Malnis	50 M butterfly	1 st place
Sally Chan Sinyie Malnis Ruth Yeung	100 m freestyle	1 st place 2 nd place 3 rd place
Jillian Chan Melanie Yu Serena Fung	50 M breaststroke	1 st place 2 nd place 3 rd place
Sally Chan Claudia Chan	100 M backstroke	1 st place 2 nd place
Ruth Yeung Kaitlyn Smith	50 M freestyle	1 st place 3 rd place

Sally Chan Jillian Chan Sinyie Malnis	100 M breaststroke	1 st place 2 nd place 4 th place
Sally Chan Sinyie Malnis	100 M individual medley	1 st place 2 nd place
Kaitlyn Smith Serena Fung Melanie Yu Jillian Chan	Medley Relay	1 st place
Kaitlyn Smith Katerina Stamadianos Ruth Yeung Claudia Chan	Freestyle relay	1 st place

Grade 8 Boys

Sam Boden	50 M freestyle	3 rd place
Kyle Fung	100 M breaststroke	5 th place
Sam Boden	50 M backstroke	3 rd place
Samuel Yee Innis So	50 M breaststroke	2 nd place 3 rd place
Samuel Yee	50 M butterfly	3 rd place
Samuel Yee Innis So Kyle Fung Sam Boden	Freestyle relay	1 st place
Sam Boden Kyle Fung Innis So Samuel Yee	Medley relay	1 st place

Course Selections for Grades 9-12

Students who will be entering grades 9 – 12 for the 09/10 school year should review the course descriptions listed in the student handbook distributed at the start of the year. You can also download course descriptions at 'www.yorkland.on.ca/bb' under "The Yorkland School News." A selection form will be given to students currently in grades 8-11 soon, so that a schedule can be created based upon the needs and desires of the student body. If you have questions about courses or credit requirements, please do not hesitate to contact either Miss Lee (elee@yorkland.on.ca) or Mr. Ko (kko@yorkland.on.ca).

Community Service - TYS

A reminder that all students currently in Grades 9-12 are required to complete 40 hours of community service before graduation in grade 12. Now is a good time to start looking for opportunities in the summer. Get those hours completed early!

Uniform Additions - TYS

Two new items have been added to the approved uniform item list for girls to purchase to wear at school. They are a female styled polo/golf shirt and a 3/4 sleeve French cut blouse. These items are available immediately from the McCarthy's store, through their phone ordering system 416-593-6900 or through their online ordering system, accessible from the TYS website.

Summer Daycamp

NTCS and TYS are not planning on operating a summer day camp program this summer, although we do expect an active swimming program at the TYS pool throughout July and August.

For those parents who are looking for summer day camp options, we would direct you to **Bridlegrove Day Camp** at Pharmacy/Finch 416 497 7667, which offers a comprehensive day camping program with a Christian emphasis, and they will actually come to swim at the TYS pool on a periodic basis. Day camp hours are from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm and the cost is very reasonable at \$125 per week per child. Please contact Wally Lee at 416 497 7667 for further information and to register for camp between the dates of June 29 and August 20.

Our friends at **The Fitness Institute** just east of the TYS campus on Sheppard Avenue are also offering a summer tennis camp for children between the ages of 7 and 14. Their professional tennis staff run the camp and will focus on tennis, but will also include basketball, soccer and swimming. It is offered from June 29 to August 28 in one-week sessions with a half day rate of \$125 and a full day rate of \$249. To get more information, you can look at their website www.fitnessinstitute.com.

Science Fair - TYS

The top three winners of our grade 8 science fair competition, **Jillian Chan, Emily Cooke, and Julia Lin**, represented TYS at this year's Redeemer University College Science Fair Competition on April 9th. Science Fair winners from Christian schools from all over Ontario were present in Ancaster. All three of our submissions earned **first place ribbons** for their high marks and excellent work.

Julia Lin went on to win a plaque for **first place** in the **Life Sciences** division and also received a **medal of recognition** for her *Christian Perspective*.

Congratulations to all the grade 8 students who participated in this worthwhile scientific endeavour.

Congratulations – TYS

In October/November 2008, students were invited to design a poster to commemorate Remembrance Day and the sacrifice our troops have made over the many years in war and peace keeping missions. Congratulations go to **Samantha Lau** in grade 7 for her outstanding work which won second place in intermediate colour in this contest sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion.

Swim-a-thon – NTCS

On Saturday, April 25, 2009 NTCS students took part in the annual swim-a-thon. It was a lively event with over 40 swimmers participating in total. This year marked a special occasion because we had many grade two's participating in the event as well. Congratulations goes out to **Jessica Edward**, grade 6, who was able to swim 160 lengths!

Table Tennis Champions - TYS

Congratulations to the junior table tennis team for winning the team trophy and banner for their **FIRST** place finish at the TDCAA Championships held at Brebeuf High School on Monday, April 27th. The students put on a dominating performance with **Libby Cheung** and **Joakeim Kaltzidis** both winning first place in the singles division, and **William Chon** and **Edward Shin** finishing in second place in the doubles division. Congratulations to the other team members as well: **Philip Mak, Grant Lin and Jennifer Yu**, and thanks to the coach Mr. Primmer.

Volleyball - TYS

Congratulations to the girls' volleyball team for an outstanding season. The girls worked hard and were very dedicated to the team, which enabled them to win ALL their regular season games. They secured a first place finish as a result. The team played well in the all-day playoff tournament that took place on March 5th and came out with only two losses to finish in third place overall. Miss Cross and Miss Topalian would like to thank the girls for a great season! Congratulations to **Kaela Beals, Michelle Yau, Libby Cheung, Nicole Wong, Judy Go, Jamilla Wilson, Emily Boden, Emma Chin, Rachel Lin, Lauren Chan, Ashley Bae, and Anca Draghiciu**.

Aquatics - TYS

The 2008 TYS Aquatics Program has again won the "**William Henry Memorial Cup**" for the fifth time. This award is presented annually by the Lifesaving Society to the affiliated secondary school with the largest lifesaving program in Ontario. The winner of the award is determined by the program that has earned the highest number of points, awarded when students successfully complete lifesaving courses such as Bronze Medallion and Cross, Emergency and Standard First Aid and the National Lifesaving Course. Points are also awarded for completing and recertifying Lifesaving Instructor courses and for completing the Lifesaving Fitness Award which is offered in the Grade 9-11 physical education program. **The Yorkland School finished the year in first place with 2269 points; the nearest competitor was a distant second with only 1457 points.** Thank you to all the parents and students who support our program and enable us to help prevent water related incidents through the teaching of these courses.