



North Toronto Christian School The Yorkland School

JUNE 2009 NEWSLETTER

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

Calendar for 08/09 School Year

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

If you have not yet registered, please do so immediately. Brochures and **registration forms are available** at both school offices and on our website.

Day Camp - NTCS

We have decided **NOT** to operate a day camp program this summer. Please contact Wally Lee at Bridlegrove Daycare for a good alternative day camp program (416) 497-7667. Applications are also available in the NTCS office.

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 at TYS starting at 7:30 p.m.

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

Fun Fair – NTCS

A very sincere – **Thank You** – to all the parents who helped the staff of NTCS make the annual fun fair a “fun” time for the students. Without your help it would not have been possible.

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.

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 (students at home)	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.

Spring Concert – TYS Band & Choir

On Thursday, **June 4th**, the TYS music programme will be presenting a Spring concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Garden Church just across the street from the school. The concert will include traditional classics, chamber music, flute choir, and jazz. Come and support the work of the students.

Summer Advanced Swimming Lessons

Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross advanced award lessons will be offered on three consecutive Fridays in July. From 8:30 am to 5:00 pm on July 10, 17, and 24, students will progress through these life saving courses and be evaluated by a Life Saving Society of Canada instructor. The cost for each course is \$190, which includes exam fees and all required materials. To be eligible to take Bronze Medallion, students must be 13 years old on the date of the exam (July 24), and for Bronze Cross, they must be 14 years old on the date of the exam and have previously successfully completed the Bronze Medallion course. Registrations forms are available in both school offices.

Summer Swimming Lessons

Registration forms are now available in both school offices for the summer swimming program at TYS during July and August. We will be offering four 2 week sessions of 8 lessons starting Monday July 6th. Classes are available in the mornings starting at 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and then again in the afternoons beginning at 4:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Specific times for classes at the various levels are detailed on the registration form. Please note that the cost of the lessons has been reduced for the summer session ONLY, so that now is the time to get a good deal on the swimming lessons. Lessons for Levels 1-4 will be \$80, Levels 5-8 will be \$90 and Levels 9-12 will be \$100. This represents approximately a 20% reduction on our normal rates. Registration forms are also available for download from the NTCS and TYS websites. www.ntcs.on.ca and www.yorkland.on.ca Please submit your registration early so that you can take advantage of the reduced rates, and get a spot in the class at your preferred time.

Exam Schedule - TYS

Please note the following exam schedule for TYS:

Wed. June 10 – Study Day for Grades 9 – 12
June 11 – 19 – Exams begin for Grades 9 – 12
June 15 – 19 – Exams for all grades, 7 – 12
(Regular classes for Grades 7 & 8 through June 12)

The exam schedule for June 2009 can be found on our bulletin board at <http://www.yorkland.on.ca/bb> under 'The Yorkland School News'.

It is expected that once exams are completed each day, students will leave for home to prepare for the next exam. There will be no supervision or café service during exams starting June 15th. Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up or to go home on their own after each exam. Grade 7 & 8 exams last 2 hours, Grade 9 & 10 exams are 2.5 hrs, Grade 11 & 12 exams are 3 hours (maximum).

Tuition fees - 2009/2010 School year.

Post-dated cheques for tuition fees for the coming school year must be submitted to either school office **by the last day of school** on Friday, June 19th, in order to guarantee your child's place in the class for September. Twelve (12) cheques should be submitted with dates starting July 1, 2009 through to June 1, 2010. For families with one child in the school, please submit 12 cheques of \$502 each. For two children, 12 cheques of \$804 each and for three children, 12 cheques of \$1004 each. Thank you for handling your financial commitments in this way.

TYS Staffing

We are very pleased to inform you of three new teachers who will join the staff at TYS for the 09/10 school year.

Mr. Paul Tadros is a graduate of York University with an honours degree in the humanities, and the University of Ottawa with a Bachelor of Education with teachables in Math, English and History. He has additional qualifications in Special Education and Guidance, and will assume the role of Guidance counsellor at TYS. He has most recently been teaching in the junior high program at The Arbor College of Canada in Don Mills. Mr. Tadros has been very active in the Coptic Ontario Youth Association for many years and brings interests in sports and theatre to the TYS program.

Mr. David Vant Erve is a math and computer science teacher who has most recently been teaching for four years at Wesley Christian Academy in Markham. He holds an Honours Bachelor of Science degree from Redeemer University College, majoring in Mathematics and Computer Science, and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Western Ontario in London. Mr. Vant Erve is interested in sports, drama and outdoor education.

Mr. Matthew West comes to us from Redeemer University College where he has earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Computer Science and Physics, and a Bachelor of Education with his primary teachable subject of math. He was raised in a Christian school environment and will be a strong addition to our math and science programs.

We look forward to the contribution that these men will bring to the program at TYS in the coming years.

Congratulations - TYS

Congratulations to Miss Deborah Brooks, head of math at TYS, and grade 12 Physics teacher, who has been recognized for her contribution to the physics section of the new Grade 10 science textbook published by Pearson Canada. Miss Brooks was a consultant and lab activity reviewer for Pearson for the optics unit in the 2009 edition of this new textbook.

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. 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.

Track/Field Results – NTCS

Our annual **junior division** track meet was held on Thursday, May 21st. Congratulations to all who participated!

Grade 3 Girls

1 st place	Jordyn Seath
2 nd place	Katie Lee
3 rd place	Victoria Kwan
4 th place	Juliana Lee

Grade 3 Boys

1 st place	Wesley Chiu
2 nd place	Donald Tucker-Yates
3 rd place	Aaron Li
4 th place	David Saad

Grade 4 Girls

1 st place	Olivia Embry
2 nd place	Amy Tai
3 rd place	Barbara Attia
4 th place	Victoria Kumar

Grade 4 Boys

1 st place	Dominic Kon
2 nd place	Kevin Lim

3 rd place	Daniel Meikhail
4 th place	Jyles MacDonell

Grade 5 Girls

1 st place	Natalie Marcuzzi
2 nd place	Sydni Taffe
3 rd place	Macy Chau
4 th place	Erin Chan

Grade 5 Boys

1 st place	Jens Huebner
2 nd place	David Lee
3 rd place	Henry He
4 th place	Bryan Mo

Grade 6 Girls

1 st place	Samantha Tai
2 nd place	Tabitha Allman
3 rd place	Jessica Edward
4 th place	Renae Appadurai

Grade 6 Boys

1 st place	Alex Klas
2 nd place	Vincent Lee
3 rd place	Timothy Yee
4 th place	Christopher Leung

Badminton – TYS

This year's junior high badminton team consisted of -

Cara Bae	Justin Chun
Shannon Cheung	Arthur Boyadjian
Daniel Pang	Jeffrey Yu
Jillian Chan	Zoe Kwan
Elizabeth Kwang	Trevone Scott-Thompson

At the ACSI tournament on Saturday, May 2nd, Jeffrey and Elizabeth brought home gold medals and Zoe and Jillian brought home silver medals. The team cheered each other on all day and came in 4th place overall. Thanks to Gavin Wong, Yui Man Tsang and Mrs. Kwan for their help during practices. Thanks to Miss Cross and Miss Lee for coaching this team.

Spell-A-Thon – NTCS

We still believe that students should know how to spell – what a novel idea. This year, the winners of the Level 3 spelling challenge were –

Grade 1

1 st place	Taylor Wilson
2 nd place	Kris Klas
3 rd place	Samuel Lew

Grade 2

1 st place	Ingrid Leung
2 nd place	Jadon Kam
3 rd place	Isaac Sibson

Grade 3

1 st place	Jessica Jeong
2 nd place	Megan Chan
3 rd place	Jordyn Seath

Grade 4

1 st place	Louise Cooke
2 nd place	Jessie Kim
3 rd place	Trevor Fung

Grade 5

1 st place	Erin Chan
2 nd place	Jessica Chee
3 rd place	Inji Abdulla

Grade 6

1 st place	Julia Cooke
2 nd place	Lianne So
3 rd place	Tabitha Allman

Fine Arts Festival – TYS

On Tuesday, May 12th, a number of grade 7, 8 and 9 students went to Oakville to attend the Annual ACSI Fine Arts Festival. Students from many schools in Ontario were honoured as among the best art talents in their grades. The students were addressed by a professional graphic designer and painter who described his personal inspirations and work ethic and who displayed some of his work. After lunch, students divided themselves into groups for specialized art topics. Mr. Moncur and Mr. Keast watched TYS students perform improvisationally in a drama segment, create ceramic pieces in the art room, and also paint abstracts outside on the grass in the manner of Jackson Pollock.

To cap the day, prizes were awarded in several categories and grade levels. TYS competed with King's for most of the ribbons and we won fifteen categories including Best of Category for three dimensional art.

Results of the Arts Festival were –

Outstanding Artistic Execution In Collaborative Work:
- Auxylia Subrata, Wesley Tang, Andrew Garas

Outstanding Artistic Execution in Three Dimensional Work
- Dan Kwon

Excellence and Competence in Grade 10 Folk Art
- Ashley Bae

Excellence and Competence in Grade 10 Drawing
- Nicole Wong

Excellence and Competence in Grade 11 Drawing
- Kathleen Chut

Excellence and Competence in Grade 10 Media Arts
- Ha Young Park

Excellence and Competence in Grade 11 Media Arts
- Kathleen Chut

Excellence and Competence in Grade 12 3D Sculpture
- Dan Kwon

Volleyball - TYS

The grade 9 and 10 boys' volleyball team completed another successful season as they qualified for the "A" Division playoffs. Their only losses in the regular season were all hard-fought 5 set matches. The team greatly improved as the season progressed, and although they lost in the playoffs, valuable experience was gained that should help the team go farther next year. Congratulations to the team captain, **John Jang**, who was voted the Most Valuable Player by his teammates, and to **John Sherret** who won the Most Improved Player award for his hard work and commitment to the team. Team members were –

John Jang	John Sherret
Peter Newell	Stephan Stanciu
Lucius Cheung	Jeff Vandenberg
Jai Min Chung	Jordan Romano
Brian Tsui	Caleb Chan
Davin Solek	Kelvin Lai

Soccer - TYS

The high school girls' soccer team had a successful season this year. After having lost 7 of the grade 12 team members from last year's team, this season looked to be a season of rebuilding, but that was not the case. This year's team featured youth, enthusiasm, energy and a lot of raw talent. The girls managed to finish the season with a record of 3 wins, 3 losses and 2 ties. The highlight of the season was the last game. Although the girls were mathematically eliminated from playoff contention, they decided to play the role of spoiler for some of the other teams hoping to make the playoffs. Our team played to a 1-1 tie in the final game against a team that we had lost to by a score of 3-0 earlier in the season. This result shows how much the girls had improved; the coaches look forward to greater success in the future as almost all of the players will be back next year. Members of the team were:

Sarah Moore	Samantha Dominato
Avery Wilson	Jasmine Wilson
Lauren Chan	Emily Boden
Judy Go	Emma Chin
Ioana Draghiciu	Stephanie Amygdalidis
Emma Hagopian	Hetty Van Halteren
Andrea Bowser	Anca Draghiciu
Jackie Alexander	Julia Romano
Katia Halahel	

Thanks to coaches, Mr. Schenk and Miss Enserink, for their fine work with this team.

Soccer - TYS

For the first time in TYS history the school fielded a high school boys' soccer team for the SSAF soccer tournament. The boys were very excited about this opportunity as evidenced by almost 40 players coming to the tryouts. After selecting 16 players from this enthusiastic group of students, we had one practice and then went to the tournament. The boys learned how to work together in the first game and showed a great deal of team chemistry after only one game winning by a score of 2-0 over Wishing Well. In the second game, the boys continued to dominate with a 4-0 win over PACE. In the quarter final, they again faced Wishing Well and won by a convincing score of 5-0. In the semi-final TYS faced the toughest match of the day against Metro Prep, but after facing a 1-0 deficit the boys rallied and tied the game with only a few minutes left to play sending the game into overtime. Only a few minutes into sudden death overtime, we scored to advance to the championship game. The final game proved to be somewhat anti-climactic. The boys faced Fieldstone in the final; they scored early and often, winning by a score of 6-0. The boys played fantastic soccer all

day and just as impressive were the Christian attitudes that the team demonstrated throughout the course of the tournament. Congratulations to the boys, and to coach Mr. Schenk, on a tournament championship in their inaugural season. Team members were -

Raffi Avanecci	Amar Bains
Eric Kim	Kidong Kim
Paul Klas	Kelvin Lai
Haig Manougian	Daniel Marcuzzi
Sam Moore	Danny Oh
Michael Park	Scott Reid
John Sherret	Paul Shin
Chris Sivry	Brian Van

Track and Field - TYS

The grade 7/8 track team of 28 students had their annual ACSI track meet at York University on Saturday, May 23rd. TYS had a very successful meet with over 35 personal best times recorded as well as a number of first place finishes. Overall, TYS finished in second place out of the ten participating schools. Individually, **Nicholas Marcuzzi** led the day with first place in the 800 m and 1500 m races. **Riann Grant** gave a show-stopping finish in the 4 x 100 m relay. While the whole crowd was on their feet, she grabbed first place for TYS at the last split second. Special thanks to Mrs. Cottrill, who coached the track and field team, and to Grade 11 students Caroline Allman, Samantha Chin and Shane Ignatius for helping out at practices and at the event.

Grade 7 Girls

100 M Final	Riann Grant Samantha Lau	1 st 5 th
200 M	Pearl Chan	4 th
400 M	Cacey Cottrill	4 th
80 M Hurdles	Pearl Chan Madeline Jong	3 rd 5 th
800 M	Cacey Cottrill	4 th
High Jump	Riann Grant Bethany Lahn	2 nd 4 th
Long Jump	Bethany Lahn	4 th
Ball Throw	Samantha Lau Bethany Lahn	1 st 2 nd
Triple Jump	Riann Grant Pearl Chan	1 st 4 th
Relay		1 st

Grade 7 Boys

80 M Hurdles	Michael Symons	3 rd
Discus	Michael Kamal Jeffrey Yu	4 th 5 th
High Jump	Justin Chun Michael Kamal	1 st 6 th
Shot Put	Jeffrey Yu	5 th
Ball Throw	Jeffrey Yu	3 rd
Relay		3 rd

Grade 8 Girls

100 M	Niquesha Norris Claudia Chan	1 st 6 th
200 M	Niquesha Norris Melanie Yu	2 nd 5 th
400 M	Claudia Chan Jillian Chan	3 rd 5 th
80 M Hurdles	Katerina Stamadianos Allison Wong	2 nd 5 th
800 M	Jillian Chan Claudia Chan	3 rd 4 th
Discus	Trisha Neogi	4 th
High Jump	Melanie Yu Katerina Stamadianos	2 nd 3 rd
Long Jump	Katerina Stamadianos Allison Wong	3 rd 5 th
Shot Put	Trisha Neogi	5 th
Ball Throw	Florence Ip Emily Cooke	2 nd 6 th
Triple Jump	Allison Wong	5 th
Relay		1 st

Grade 8 Boys

100 M	Nicholas Marcuzzi Justin Tang	2 nd 5 th
400 M	Nicholas Marcuzzi	3 rd
80 M Hurdles	Andre Luk Jason Newsted	2 nd 3 rd
800 M	Nicholas Marcuzzi Curtis Sansome	1 st 6 th
1500 m	Nicholas Marcuzzi	1 st
Discus	Tiam Halajha	3 rd
High Jump	Justin Tang	3 rd
Long Jump	Justin Tang	6 th
Shot Put	Tiam Halajha	1 st
Ball Throw	Stephen Sin Jason Newsted	2 nd 6 th
Triple Jump	Stephen Sin	6 th
Relay		4 th

Math Contests - TYS

A number of TYS students participated in the spring math contests sponsored by the University of Waterloo. The Euclid contest was written by over 13,000 grade 12 students from across the country and around the world. Congratulations to the large number of students who scored in the top 25% on this competitive contest.

Bryan Chan
Carven Lau
Andrew Lin
Chris Kim
Zoe Zhuo
Philip Chung
Julie Kim

These students will receive a certificate of recognition at the grade 12 graduation and **Bryan Chan** will be awarded a medal for the highest score in the school.

The grade 9 to 11 students wrote a contest that focuses on problem solving. Congratulations to these certificate winners and top contestants. Gold, silver and bronze certificates will be presented at the awards assembly in June.

Grade 9 – Fryer Contest

Edward Shin – gold
Kevin Choi – gold
Caleb Chan – silver
Amanda Li – silver
Rebecca Yu – silver
William Chon – bronze
Angela Liu – bronze
Grant Lin – bronze

Grade 10 – Galois Contest

Rachel Lin – top in school

Grade 11 – Hypatia Contest

Sebastian Burlacu – silver
Grace Chan – bronze

Grade 7/8 Math Contest

All of the grade 7 and 8 students participated in the Gauss contest as part of the math program. Top scores in the school were earned by:

Grade 8

Darwin Yang
Vivian Tse
Jason Lau
Kyle Fung
Gabriel Ngai

Grade 7

Sophia Massin
Bethany Kon
Jordan Chow
Justin Chau
Ashley Song & Teresa Li (tied for 5th place)

Business Competition – TYS

For the past few months both the grade 10 business and the grade 11 accounting classes have been learning about the stock market and personal finance. Their studies culminated with participation in a national stock market competition sponsored by Wilfred Laurier University. Each class was divided into four teams. Each week, the teams had to meet to record minutes and discuss strategy for managing a hypothetical \$100,000 portfolio. And while everyone jumped right in and seemed to enjoy themselves, we are especially proud of two grade 10 teams who both managed a top five finish for Toronto and one with a top ten finish across Canada! Congratulations to **Joy Lee, Nicole Wong, Jasmine Wilson, Bobby Xin, Justin Ngai, Jordan Romano, Richard Tse and Kelvin Lai**. And thanks to Mr. Brooks for encouraging the students through this competition.