



North Toronto Christian School The Yorkland School

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

Calendar for 2009/2010 School Year

The following is the basic outline of our school calendar for next year.

Orientation Day for New Students	Thu	Sep 03
First day of school	Tue	Sep 08
Thanksgiving holiday	Mon	Oct 12
PD Day	Fri	Nov 27
Last day before Christmas	Fri	Dec 18
First day after Christmas	Mon	Jan 04
Family Day	Mon	Feb 15
March Break	Fri – Sun	Mar 12-22
Easter holidays	Fri/Mon	Apr 02-05
Victoria Day holiday	Mon	May 24
Last day of school	Fri	Jun 25

Summer Hours

The TYS school office will be open each weekday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm except for the civic holiday on August 3rd.

Tuition – 2009/2010

The tuition rate for the coming school year commencing September 8th has been set at \$6,024.00 for one child, \$9,648.00 for two children and \$12,048.00 for three children. Postdated cheques are due by July 1, 2009. Please submit these to the office as soon as possible. If you are not planning to return to TYS next year and have not yet advised the office, please do so immediately. The first cheque should be dated July 1, 2009 and continue monthly through June 1, 2010. The amounts for next year are –

One child \$502 / month for 12 months
Two children \$804 / month for 12 months
Three children \$1004 / month for 12 months

Students will not be guaranteed a place on the class list for next year until the cheques are received or unless alternative arrangements are made with the office.

Summer Swimming Lessons

It is again time to register for the summer session of swimming lessons! There are four sessions offered. Each session lasts 2 weeks and includes 8 lessons. The lessons are held Monday to Thursday, except for during session 3. In session 3, lessons will be held from Tuesday to Friday on the first week due to the Civic Holiday on August 3rd. The session start dates are: Session 1 - July 6th, Session 2 - July 20th, Session 3 – August 4th and Session 4 - August 17th. Please submit your registration forms as soon as possible. Classes are available in the mornings and afternoons during each session.

Advanced awards are also being offered this summer. We are offering Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross on three consecutive Fridays beginning July 10th. The dates are July 10th, 17th, and 24th. The exam will be held on July 24th in the afternoon. For more information, visit the aquatics section of our website at www.yorkland.on.ca.

Staff Departures

Mrs. Chan, Miss Lee, and Mr. Wiebe are leaving the staff at TYS. Many thanks to them for their service to the school. **Mr. Broomer** is also leaving TYS to become the principal at our primary school campus at North Toronto Christian School.

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 (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 being 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.

Used Textbooks – all grades

All students should be aware of a supply of used textbooks for sale in the school office beginning Tuesday, July 7 at 9:30am. Please feel free to come to the office during the summer to purchase the books you will need for your September courses. Any books that had been returned to the office before school ended have been assigned a credit to be used toward the purchase of used books. New textbooks must be purchased from our book supplier, Academic Book Services, prior to the beginning of school.

Please see the handout included with this newsletter for more information about textbooks for the courses being offered in the coming school year and how to buy them using the online bookstore.

Uniform Promotion at McCarthy's

Our uniform supplier, R.J. McCarthy's, is holding a summer sale to encourage students to buy their uniform packages early and be well prepared for the beginning of the new school year at TYS. For more details, visit www.rjmccarthy.com.

Summer School - English

An English Skills Development course (non-credit) will be offered at TYS for any high school age students who want to enhance their English skills prior to school resuming in September. This is primarily for current international students who are having difficulty studying full time in English, or who are entering an English school for the first time. A four week session begins on Monday July 6th and a second four week session begins on Tuesday August 4th. Please call the TYS office for a registration form.

Physics Contest – Grade 11

Mrs. Douthwright would like to acknowledge some of our grade 11 physics students who performed very well on the extremely difficult Ontario Association of Physics Teachers Contest last month. The provincial average for the 1116 students who wrote the contest was 9 out of 30. We are proud to say that 8 out of the 12 of our grade 11 students who wrote the contest scored at or above average. **Sebastian Burlacu, Christopher Lau, Grace Chan, Auxylia Subrata, Ruebon Lee, Mark Kim, Paul Shin and Michelle Yau.**

Congratulations to our top 2 students: Sebastian Burlacu with a score of 13 and Christopher Lau with a score of 12.

Card Making Club

This year TYS had a new club--the Card Making club. It started in February with a handful of faithful students. We used the Stampin'up company products. It is not like an Art class where you need to draw and do other things, but simply involves cutting, gluing, and stamping. The students learned different techniques and had fun in the process. We also had two special days, Mother's Day and Father's Day where 25 students participated. A sample is always provided and students go from there to personalize their "product". They had fun using their imagination and were surprised that indeed you do not need to draw to come up with something beautiful. Thank you to Mlle Gagne for her sponsorship of this new activity!

Teacher Recognition – Mr. Schenk

Congratulations to Mr. Schenk, who was recognized in early June by the TDCAA (Toronto District Colleges Athletics Association) with their 'Leadership in School Sport' award for Swimming for the 2008/2009 year.

This is a well deserved award of recognition for Mr. Schenk, who for many years has been, not only Athletic Director here at TYS, but also Aquatics Director, where he has promoted and supervised a wide array of swimming programs for both TYS and NTCS students, and many non-school individuals and groups as well. Recreational swimming for NTCS students on a regular basis, TYS Phys Ed swimming programs, and a variety of swim teams for both schools with Mr. and Mrs. Ryu (with great success...lots of championship banners hanging in the pool). Also, our very successful and important after-school Red Cross and Lifesaving Society swimming programs, which provide important foundational swimming instruction for so many young children and the more advanced classes for the teenagers, where they are trained to work in the program upon completion of their certifications.

Mr. Schenk has also been instrumental in helping make the pool available to other non-school groups, including other swim schools and swim teams. These benefit the school from a revenue perspective, but also introduce many non-school people to our various pool programs and to our school itself.

Ontario Universities' Fair

The Ontario Universities' Fair began in 1997 as a way for secondary school students in the Toronto area to gather information about universities in Ontario. This one-stop event now gives students across the province an opportunity to speak with university representatives from across Ontario about programs, campus life, and anything else that will help them make a decision about which university to choose.

We would strongly encourage parents of students in Grades 11 and 12 in September to make a note of the date: Friday September 25 to Sunday September 27, 2009 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre's South Building. Students and parents will find this event a very helpful opportunity to consider post-secondary school options. Please visit their website www.ouf.ca for more information.

Principal's Honour Roll

Congratulations to the students listed on the enclosed sheet whose academic achievements during the past school year have enabled them to meet the criteria (overall average 85%+ for grades 7 and 8, 80% for grades 9-12) for the Principal's Honour Roll for 2008/2009.

Nehemiah Awards

The **Nehemiah Awards** are special Yorkland awards given to students who have followed the example of the Biblical figure of Nehemiah by applying diligence, organization, hard work and perseverance to achieve a goal in the face of opposition. Students who receive this award have worked very hard throughout the school year and in the process their *character* has stood out. They are always investing extra time in their work, they ask questions, they come for extra help, go the extra mile on projects, and demonstrate a diligent, persevering attitude toward their school life. Congratulations to the following Nehemiah award recipients for the 2008/2009 school year.

Grade 7	Andrea Torok / Michael Kamal
Grade 8	Sinyie Malnis
Grade 9	Angela Liu / Carl Mouawad
Grade 10	Amelia Lee / Jonathan Stokes
Grade 11	Crystal Fung / Alex Green
Grade 12	Priscilla Li / Kevin Wong

2008/2009 Academic Awards

Congratulations to the students listed below who were presented with academic awards for their achievements during the past school year.

Grade 7 Awards

Mathematics	Teresa Li / Justin Chau
Science	Justin Chau
English	Cara Bae / Teresa Li
Social Studies	Claire Chun
French	Madelaine Jong
Physical Education	Bethany Lahn
Visual Arts	Deborah Kwok / Sara Lee
Music	Riann Grant
Computer Studies	Samantha Lau / Ashley Song
Bible	Cara Bae / Claire Chun
Female Athlete of Year	Bethany Lahn
Male Athlete of Year	Justin Chun
Academic Proficiency	Bethany Kon / Justin Chau
Athletic Scholars	Samantha Lau / Justin Chun
Principal's Award	Samantha Lau

Grade 8 Awards

Mathematics	Vivian Tse / Julia Lin
Science	Julia Lin
English	Stephen Sin / Ferdinand Miranda
French	Serena Fung
Social Studies	Jillian Chan
Physical Education	Jason Newsted / Melanie Yu
Visual Arts	Emily Cooke / Alice Teng
Music	Elizabeth Kwang
Computer Studies	Jenny Chung / Jillian Chan
Bible	Florence Ip / Julia Lin
Female Athlete of Year	Claudia Chan
Male Athlete of Year	Andre Luk
Academic Proficiency	Julia Lin
Athletic Scholar	Emily Cooke / Jason Newsted
Principal's Award	Mindy Kim

Grade 9 Awards

Mathematics	Caleb Chan
Science	Caleb Chan
English	Rebecca Yu
French	Rebecca Yu
Physical Education	Jai Min Chung
Visual Arts	Grant Lin
Computer Studies	Isaac Luong
Music	Leo Park
Geography	Hetty Van Halteren
Drama	Amanda Warkentin
Academic Proficiency	Amanda Li / Isaac Luong
Athletic Scholar	Hetty Van Halteren / Caleb Chan
Male Athlete of the Year	Caleb Chan
Female Athlete of the Year	Anca Draghiciu
Principal's Award	Hetty Van Halteren / Joakeim Kaltzidis

Grade 10 Awards

Mathematics	Rachel Lin
Science	Elizabeth Tong
English	Jonathan Stokes
French	Fiona Lau / Emily Boden
History	John Sherret
Physical Education	Kelvin Lai
Visual Arts	Nicole Wong
Business	Tassos Stamadianos
Civics/Careers	Judy Go / Lucius Cheung
Bible	Ashley Bae
Computer Studies	Tim Cooke
Athletic Scholar	Emily Boden
Female Athlete of Year	Lauren Chan
Male Athlete of Year	Kelvin Lai
Academic Proficiency	Rachel Lin / Tim Cooke
Principal's Award	Stephanie Amygdalidis / John Sherret

Grade 11 Awards

Mathematics	Grace Chan
Music	Grace Chan / Mark Kim
Chemistry	Se Rim Kang
English	Chandni Pattni
Law	Leah Thompson
Physical Education	Daniel Newsted
Visual Arts	Auxylia Subrata
Marketing	Jackie Pare
Media Studies	Michelle Yau
Computer Science	Grace Chan
Biology	Anoush Ghorghorian
Accounting	Kathleen Chut
Physics	Grace Chan
Drama	Jenna Lee
Anthro/Sociology/Psych	Chandni Pattni
Ancient History	Victor Crivianu-Gaita
French	Gloria Kim
Academic Proficiency	Grace Chan
Athlete of the Year	Emma Chin / Winston Kenley
Athletic Scholar	Michelle Yau
Principal's Award	Michelle Yau
Principal's Award	Victor Crivianu-Gaita

Grade 12 Graduation

The annual senior graduation, 54 students this year, took place on Monday, June 22, 2009 at Willowdale

Pentecostal Church. Special thanks to **Dr. Anthony Brown**, our guest speaker for the evening who gave a challenging message to the graduates, and to **Andrew Lin** for delivering the valedictorian's address on behalf of the graduating class. Also special thanks to the **members of the TYS senior band, Mr. Brian Birdsell and Mrs. Debbie Newsted** for their musical contributions to the graduation program.

Special award winners were –

Grade 12 Awards

Advanced Functions	Juil Yoon
Calculus & Vectors	Bryan Chan
Data Management	Zoe Zhou
Biology	Paul Klas
Physics	Andrew Lin
Chemistry	Zahra Remtulla
Earth and Space Science	Neil Grenade
English	Andrea Tsoi
History	Andrea Tsoi
Visual Arts	Julie Kim
Computer Science	Juil Yoon
Exercise Science	Steven Hanna
Law	Avery Wilson
Organizational Studies	Sofia Zuniga
Anthropology/Sociology	Avery Wilson
World Issues	Ahila Vithiananthan / Christopher Sivry
Drama	Danielle Langford
Music	Rebecca Qu
Senior Athlete of the Year	Samuel Moore / Avery Wilson
Colin Hood OFSAA Award	Samuel Moore / Avery Wilson
Governor General Award	Andrew Lin
Academic Proficiency	Zahra Remtulla / Andrew Lin
Principal's Award	Lizzie Kim / Paul Klas
U of Toronto Book Award	Andrew Lin
Laurie Roberts Memorial Scholarship	Kevin Wong

In addition to these academic awards, Mr. Stuart Cooke, Superintendent of Operations, made special presentations to graduating students who have been in our school system at North Toronto Christian School and The Yorkland School for 10 years or more, some since Junior Kindergarten! Thank you to the parents of these students for their ongoing commitment to the school over these many years: **Trevor Brown, Steven Hanna, Laura Kim, Danielle Langford, Jeremy Lee, Priscilla Li, Andrew Lin, Samuel Moore, Alexandra Morgan, Ahila Vithiananthan, Avery Wilson, Ervin Wong, Josh Wong, Juil Yoon.**

Laurie Roberts Memorial Scholarship

At the grade 12 graduation ceremonies, a scholarship was presented in memory of one of the

founding members of North Toronto Christian School and The Yorkland School, Mr. Laurie Roberts. At the time of his death in August 2007, Mr. Roberts had been a continuously serving director, accountant, auditor and financial advisor in the school since its founding in 1981. This scholarship was established by the school's Board of Directors in his memory. It was awarded to **Kevin Wong**, in recognition of his personal commitment to excellence, industry, leadership and Christian virtues.

Where are the Graduates Going?

We are delighted to hear of the success of our graduating students in gaining admission to their preferred programs in various universities and colleges. We have compiled a list of those who have informed us of the decision they have made at this date about which program they will be attending in the fall.

Amar Bains	University of Ontario, Institute of Technology--Chemistry
Kaela Beals	Seneca College – Animation
Trevor Brown	U of Western Ontario – Health Sciences
Albert Bushara	University of Ontario, Institute of Technology – Game Development & Entrepreneurship
Bryan Chan	U of Waterloo – Mathematics
Keith Chan	U of Waterloo – Mathematics
Peggy Chan	U of Toronto – Commerce
Byron Cheng	U of Toronto – Management and Economics
Jonathan Chow	U of Toronto – Material Engineering
Philip Chung	McMaster U – Life Sciences
Julie Go	U of Waterloo – English
Neil Grenade	University of Ontario, Institute of Technology--Chemistry
Steven Hanna	U of Toronto – Psychology
Sareen Khatchadourian	York U – Criminology
Chris Kim	U of Waterloo – Computer Engineering
Julie Kim	U of Waterloo – Environmental Planning
Laura Kim	University of Toronto – Criminology
Lizzie Kim	New York University – Global Liberal Studies
Tristan Kim	U of Waterloo – Kinesiology
Paul Klas	U of Toronto – Life Sciences
Danielle Langford	Heritage Bible College – Worship Leading
Carven Lau	U of Waterloo – Mathematics
Ivy Lau	York U – Financial & Business Economics
Jeremy Lee	U of Toronto – Material Engineering
Priscilla Li	U of Toronto – Life Sciences
Andrew Lin	U of Toronto – Engineering Science
Jonathan Michielsen	Humber College – Game Programming
Samuel Moore	York U – Kinesiology
Alexandra Morgan	U of Western Ontario – Health Sciences
Danny Oh	U of Waterloo – Life Sciences
Daniel Ohn	U of Waterloo – Mathematics
Linda Park	Ontario College of Art & Design – Fine Arts
Rebecca Qu	U of Toronto – Life Sciences
Zahra Remtulla	Aston University (England) – Optometry
Adam Shih	York U – Kinesiology
Bora Shin	York U – Schulich School of Business

Christopher Sivry	U of Toronto – International Relations
Andrea Tsoi	The Chinese University of Hong Kong – English
Ahila Vithiananthan	U of Western Ontario – Health Sciences
Avery Wilson	Liberty University – Psychology
Jamilla Wilson	McMaster U – Communications
Ervin Wong	McMaster U – Computer Science
Josh Wong	U of Toronto – Computer Science
Kevin Wong	Ryerson U – Hospitality & Tourism Management
Shirley Wong	U of Waterloo – Art & Business
Ryan Yoo	Humber College – Music for Jazz Guitar
Juil Yoon	U of Waterloo – Computer Science
Zoe Zhuo	U of Waterloo – Mathematics
Sofia Zuniga	U of Toronto - Management

Ontario Scholars

The Government of Ontario honours high school graduates with the 'Ontario Scholar' designation for those whose grades in their six highest Grade 12 courses average 80% or better. Congratulations to the following TYS graduating students who qualify for this recognition:

Trevor Brown	Bryan Chan
Keith Chan	Peggy Chan
Byron Cheng	Jonathan Chow
Philip Chung	Julie Go
Neil Grenade	Steven Hanna
Sareen Khatchadourian	Chris Kim
Julie Kim	Laura Kim
Lizzie Kim	Tristan Kim
Paul Klas	Carven Lau
Priscilla Li	Andrew Lin
Alexandra Morgan	Daniel Ohn
Linda Park	Rebecca Qu
Zahra Remtulla	Bora Shin
Christopher Sivry	Andrea Tsoi
Ahila Vithiananthan	Avery Wilson
Jamilla Wilson	Kevin Wong
Shirley Wong	Juil Yoon
Zoe Zhuo	Sofia Zuniga

Softball – Grade 7/8

On June 2nd, the grade 7/8 softball team competed in the annual ACSI tournament in Ajax and came away with an impressive 2nd place finish. The team was quite dominant in their three victories, outscoring their opponents by a 25-2 margin. Unfortunately, the team's only loss was a nail-biter to the eventual winner, Pickering Christian School. The TYS team was led by outstanding pitching from Justin Tang, Emily Cooke and Jason Newsted, as well as great hitting from Stephen Sin and Florence Ip. Congratulations to all team members for representing our school well and to the coach, Mr. Derr, for his leadership of the team.

Team members were:

Jordan Chow	Justin Chun
Carly Holmstrom	Bethany Lahn
Daniel Lok	Jeffrey Yu
Justin Tang	Stephen Sin
Andre Luk	Nicholas Marcuzzi
Jason Newsted	Emily Cooke

Florence Ip	Claudia Chan
Melanie Yu	

Senior Boys Softball - TYS

The senior boys' softball team had an excellent season in the TDCAA. We recorded 5 wins and 1 loss during the season. We won our quarter final game against Johnson, 12-5, and this propelled us to the final four tournament where we won our semi-final game against Henry Carr, 11-3. This gave us a ticket to the finals against CHAT. Unfortunately, CHAT's bats were a bit hotter than ours so we had to settle for the silver medal. Congratulations boys on a great season! And many thanks to the coaches Dr. Jay Newsted and Mr. Broomer for their management of the team.

Team members included:

Scott Reid	Jordan Romano
Brian Tsui	Samuel Moore
Daniel Newsted	Tim Cooke
Brian Van	Daniel Marcuzzi
Jeff Vandenberg	Kelvin Lai
Amar Bains	Trevor Brown
David Yeung	

TYS Athletic Banquet

The Athletic Banquet was held on Wednesday, May 20th at the Premiere Ballroom and Convention Centre in Richmond Hill. This year we had almost 100 students and coaches attend the banquet, which was hosted by Mr. Derr, who organized some fun activities for all in attendance. We also had the opportunity to listen to the Senior Male and Female athletes of the year, **Samuel Moore** and **Avery Wilson**, share a bit about what athletics has meant in their life. The evening also included the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our athletes by handing out awards for MVP, MIP, and Athletes of the Year. Thank you to all the coaches, athletes and parents for your involvement in the Athletic Program at Yorkland; it would not happen without all of you.

Most Valuable Player Awards

Soccer	Jason Newsted / Samuel Moore
Basketball	Riann Grant / Andre Luk
Basketball	Michelle Yau / Winston Kenley
Swimming	Sally Chan / Samuel Moore
Cross Country	Jiillian Chan / Samuel Moore
Volleyball	Emma Chin / John Jang
Volleyball	Mindy Kim / Stephen Sin / Daniel Newsted
Table Tennis	Joakeim Kaltzidis
Jr. Softball	Justin Tang
Track & Field	Nicholas Marcuzzi
Badminton	Jeffrey Yu / Elizabeth Kwang
Soccer	Jasmine Wilson
Golf	Elizabeth Tong
Sr. Softball	Daniel Newsted

Most Improved Player Awards

Soccer	Florence Ip / John Sherret
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Cross Country	Allison Wong / Caleb Chan
Jr. Basketball	Cindy Mouawad / Justin Tang
Sr. Basketball	Jamilla Wilson / Caleb Chan
Jr. Volleyball	Bethany Lahn / Jeffrey Yu
Track and Field	Riann Grant
Table Tennis	Jennifer Yu
Jr. Softball	Melanie Yu
Soccer	Avery Wilson
Volleyball	Michelle Yau / Neil Grenade / John Sherret
Swimming	Sinyie Malnis / Enya Malnis
Sr. Softball	Brian Tsui

Swim-a-thon

All the money has been collected and the prizes have been distributed to the energetic swimmers from NTCS and TYS who participated in the May swim-a-thon at the TYS pool to raise money for pool programs. Congratulations to the students who raised over \$9,000 in this fun event. We also extend our thanks to the many parents and donors who supported the students in this activity by sponsoring them and encouraging them to participate.

Grade 12 Students

All grade 12 students should check the Ontario University and Ontario Colleges application centres for their updated marks and ensure all courses completed are present and all grades are correct. Any students who are graduating this year and are taking courses outside of Yorkland (e.g. night school, Saturday school, ILC) must bring final report cards to the school office so they can be entered on transcripts and for University/College applications. Any student in other grades taking courses outside of Yorkland must bring copies of final report cards to the office when completed.

Community Service

Has your son/daughter been getting involved in the community? Remember, each student from grades 9-12 is required to complete 40 hours of community service for diploma purposes. It is best to do this early, and students can start as soon as the summer following grade 8. Verification forms for completion of community service are available in the school office as well as on our bulletin board website (under "The Yorkland School News") at <http://www.yorkland.on.ca/bb>.

Thanks

Mrs. Cooke and I want to thank the parents of our students for your help, your prayers, your encouragement and your support that has so enriched the life of the school this year. We could not do many of the things for the children that we do without your involvement. There have been far too many to thank individually, so to all of you collectively, the office and staff of the school want to say "thanks" – and have a safe and enjoyable summer with your children.