



North Toronto Christian School The Yorkland School

October 2009 Newsletter

(from the desk of Mr. M. Broomer, Principal, NTCS and Mr. K. Ko, Principal, TYS)

Calendar for 09/10 School Year

Get Acquainted Night – TYS	Tue	Oct 6
Thanksgiving holiday	Mon	Oct 12
P/T Conferences (JK-Gr 2)	Wed-Thu	Oct 21/22
TYS School Photo Day	Thu	Oct 22
Gr 6 TYS Visit	Wed	Nov 4
Term 1 Report (NTCS)	Fri	Nov 13
Interim Term 1 Report (TYS)	Fri	Nov 13
P/T Conferences (Gr 3 – 6)	Wed/Thu	Nov 18/19
Prof Dev Day (NTCS only)	Fri	Nov 20
P/T Conferences (TYS only)	Wed/Thu	Nov 25/26
Prof Dev Day (TYS only)	Fri	Nov 27
Christmas Holidays		Dec 19-Jan 3
Prof Dev Day (TYS)	Fri	Jan 29
Family Day Holiday	Mon	Feb 15
March Break	Fri-Mon	Mar 12-22
Easter Weekend Holiday	Fri/Mon	Apr 2-5
Victoria Day Holiday	Mon	May 24
Last Day of School (all)	Fri	June 25

Illness and the Flu

A friendly reminder that we ask you to keep your children home if they are not feeling well or are exhibiting flu-like symptoms. As a guideline, students should not return to school unless they have been free of fever for at least a 24 hour period. Students who become ill during the school day will be sent home. Often a good day of rest will help you recover faster than if you try to “just keep going.” Please help us to keep the school a safe and healthy zone.

Absences – NTCS/TYS

If your child is sick, please call the office to inform us of their absence. Both schools have an answering service whereby you can leave a message as early as you wish. If we do not receive a phone call, the office will be contacting the home. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Go The Distance - TYS

The theme for the year at Yorkland is “Go the Distance” which is a reference to the missionary work Paul did as recorded in the New Testament. (2 Tim 4:7) As a staff, we want to encourage and help all students succeed throughout this year and to finish the year well. Education is like a marathon and not a sprint. Often deadlines come much faster than we realize; help your child develop strategies that allow work to be spread out across several days. Be prepared by having an extra ink cartridge ready for the printer so that mechanical problems don’t get in the way. Together we can help these young minds grow and mature!

Extended Care - NTCS

Thank you for your co-operation in picking up your child(ren). Please be reminded that you must sign your child out each day. Each student now has an individual sheet (binders are by grade and in alphabetical order). You will be billed at the end of each month. Prompt payment would be appreciated. Thank you.

Pick-up (other than parent/guardian)

If you are having someone else pick up your child(ren) either from Extended Care or immediately following dismissal at 3:30 pm, you need to inform the school (preferably in writing). This is for everyone’s protection.

After School - TYS

At TYS, classes are officially over at 3:04 p.m. If you are picking up your children, they are free to go at that time. Students travelling by public transit may also leave the premises at that time to go home. There are a variety of after school programs in which students may participate. This is also a time when teachers offer remedial help in their subject areas or require students to complete extra work. You should be prepared for this as you come to pick up your child(ren). Please assist us by picking up your child(ren) as soon as possible after the end of the school day. If they are not involved in some after school activity, they are just wasting their time hanging around when they could be working on their schoolwork.

Announcement – Ms. N. Nashid has been hired as the Director of Extended Care at NTCS. We welcome her to the staff. She joins us with teacher qualifications and a desire and enthusiasm to serve you at NTCS.

School Photo Day - TYS

Parents, please mark Thursday, October 22, 2009 on your calendars for the Yorkland Photo Day. This is an all day event, so please avoid making out-of-school appointments for your child that day. Students are required to wear the Oxford shirt and tie plus a sweater or vest for the photographs.

Get Acquainted Night - TYS

All parents should plan to attend the annual Get Acquainted Night at TYS on Tuesday, Oct 6 starting at 7:30 pm in the main floor Forum Room. This evening gives you an opportunity to meet your child's teachers and to receive more information about special events and activities that you can expect through the coming school year. Please note that this is not an opportunity to discuss specific details about your child's progress. We encourage you to contact your child's teacher directly (by email or phone message) if you have questions or concerns.

Terry Fox Run – NTCS

The grade 6 classes decided to reach out to the community by participating in the run this year. The run was done on September 25. The students did a progressive run covering 10 km. To date they have raised over \$5400 (their initial goal was \$2000). Thanks are extended to Mrs. Cober and Mrs. Dueck for organizing and inspiring the students.



Count Our Blessings - NTCS

Food Drive 2009

As our students celebrate Thanksgiving in art, music, Bible verses, and a school assembly, we will be thanking God for how richly He has blessed us. Each year our students have generously brought in various canned and packaged food goods to donate to the Scott Mission.

Please send in your donations with your child between now and **Friday, October 9th**.



Chandos

New Dates-NTCS

Mon Oct 5 – Wed Oct 7	5L/5W
Wed Oct 7 – Fri Oct 9	6C/6D
Tues Oct 13 – Thurs Oct 15	4A
Thurs Oct 15 – Fri Oct 16	3M

Reminder – all departures and arrivals are from The Yorkland School. You will receive more detailed information from the school as the trip dates come closer.

Chandos - TYS

The Fall Chandos program finishes for Yorkland students on Friday, October 2. Thank you to the parents who have helped on our trips! The students have had a safe and enjoyable time while also completing some curricular-based activities that are best suited for the Chandos location. New skills (such as archery), along with water sports (swimming, canoeing, kayaking), were enjoyed. Students were also able to work on some topography, geography, science and astronomy; some even cooked breakfast for themselves for the first time! We hope that they were all able to appreciate God's creation in a new and fresh way through the devotional times and time spent outdoors. Thank you to Garrett Brinkman and Mr. and Mrs. Cooke for their service and ministry up at the camp.

Parent/Teacher Interviews (JK- Gr. 2) October 21/22

You must make an appointment in order to see your child's teacher. A form will be sent home for you to book the time and date. We will endeavour to accommodate your request. Prompt return of the form will help expedite the process.



Soccer (September 29) - NTCS

The team took part in the ACSI Tournament but the results were not available at the time of publication (watch for the results in November's newsletter).

Team Members:

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| Barbara Attia | Veronica Attia |
| Sandra Awad | Esther Chan |
| Olivia Embry | Victoria Kumar |
| Kelly Lew | Natalie Marcuzzi |
| Sydni Taffe | Ryan Chellaiah |
| Jonny Dawoud | Henry He |
| Jens Huebner | Daniel Kamal |
| Dominic Kon | David Lee |
| Jayden Mayers | Daniel Meikhail |
| John Mekael | Bryan Mo |

Grade 6 Orientation – NTCS

This year's Grade 6 visit to The Yorkland School is scheduled for Wednesday, **November 4th**. This will give your child in grade 6 the opportunity to get a glimpse of "high school life" by spending a day at TYS. They will attend classes and meet a variety of teachers in a planned program of school activities.

Skate Exchange – NTCS

Our annual skate exchange will be held the week of October 19th. You may bring in equipment you want to sell with your name and selling price clearly marked on Tuesday or Wednesday, **October 20/21st**. Then you can purchase items on Thursday or Friday, **October 22/23rd**. You may be able to get a decent pair of skates for your child at a reasonable price.



Skating /Swimming – NTCS

Date	Skating	Swimming
October 21		SK
October 28		Grade 1
November 4		Gr. 6
November 18		JK
November 25	Gr. 3 / 4	Gr. 2
December 2	SK /Gr 1	Gr. 5
December 9	Gr. 2	Gr. 3
December 16	Gr. 5 / 6	Gr. 4



NTCS/TYS

Both of the schools plan to participate in the **Operation Christmas Child** shoebox program again this year and

TYS will continue to be a regional collection centre. We feel that this emphasis on 'children helping children' during the Christmas season is something that we want to encourage, so we trust that all parents will support their children in this worthwhile project. The deadline for collecting the shoeboxes this year is **Friday, November 6th**.

'Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.'

James 1:22

Choir - NTCS

Choir rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, October 13th for students in grades 2 - 6 under the leadership of Mrs. Rebecca Cober and Mrs. Judy McKinnon. Rehearsals will be held during the 2nd lunch break, 1:15-1:50 p.m. in the Extended Care room, 109.

Peanut Allergies – NTCS/TYS

We have several students in the schools who have a potentially severe allergy to peanuts or any product containing peanut oil. While we are not insisting on a totally peanut free environment, we are asking parents to cooperate with the teacher if your child's class has a student who is affected this way.

MedicAlert – NTCS

If you do not know about this free program, you might check out their website at www.medicalert.ca. It is a free medical identification service for elementary school children and might be of interest to some of you.

Take Our Kids to Work Day – TYS

This year's TOKTWD is on Wednesday, Nov. 4th. All grade 9 students will be given the opportunity to participate in this government-sponsored program. **There will be no regular classes for grade 9 on this day.** The goal of the day is to allow students in grade 9 the opportunity to explore workplace options for the future. Generally, they would "shadow" a parent, relative or family friend around the workplace. Many workplaces also offer a program for these future workers, offering them a glimpse of what is possible. Please inquire with your workplaces to see if they offer such a program. If you are also able to accommodate an extra student or two, please let Mr. Ko know by email at kko@yorkland.on.ca.

Report Cards - TYS

Parents - please note that the first Interim report card at TYS will be given to students at the end of the day on Friday, November 13th. This will be the first official report of your child's progress for the 2009/2010 school year. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be scheduled for November 25th and 26th to discuss these reports. Prior to that date, please do not hesitate to contact a specific classroom teacher, or Mr. Ko, if you have questions or concerns about your child's work.

Sports - TYS

The sports program at TYS is up and running again (especially the cross-country team) and we are looking forward to a fun and successful year. The following competitive events will be taking place in the near future:

Grade 7 & 8 Co-ed soccer tournament – Thursday, Oct. 1st at Bayview Reservoir

ACSI – gr. 7 & 8 cross-country meet – Thursday, Oct. 15th, (tentative) at Simeon Park (on Woodbine Ave. between Stouffville Rd. and Bloomington Rd.)

Grade 9-12 Golf Team – Tuesday, Oct. 6th at Station Creek Golf Course

Parents are always welcome to come to school sports events. Please note that practices for many of our school sports teams are being held at Metro Sports Centre which is located at 1510 Birchmount Road. Access to the gym is from Burcana Road.

Public Speaking Club - TYS

Good verbal communication skills are essential in today's world. The Yorkland Public Speaking Club wants to help students overcome their fear of public speaking and give them the opportunity to deliver short speeches in a friendly and supportive environment. There will be an information meeting on Monday, October 5, at 3:15 pm, in room S-6. Interested students will be able to ask questions about the club's requirements and activities. Regular meetings will be held on Mondays, at 3:15 pm, in room S-6, starting October 19. This club will be of interest mainly for students from Grade 10 to Grade 12. This club will be directed by Mr. Côté and Mr. Collins.

Christmas Concert - TYS

The music department will be hosting our annual Christmas concert on Thursday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m. All parents with students in the music program should plan to attend this inspirational event at a wonderful time of the year. The concert will be held at The Garden Church, 260 Yorkland Blvd., across the street from TYS.

Swimming Advanced Awards

Bronze Medallion and **Bronze Cross** are being offered on Saturday afternoons starting on October 17th and continuing on October 24, November 7 and November 21. Class times will be from 1 – 7 p.m. with the exam taking place on the 21st. Registration forms are now available at TYS and online at www.yorkland.on.ca. **Assistant Water Safety Instructor** (formerly Leaders) is also being offered this fall. This class is being held on two Monday evenings (Nov. 30 and Dec. 7) from 4 -7 p.m. and two Saturday's (Dec. 5 and 12) from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.. More details for this course are available on the registration form. If you are interested in these programs and require more information please contact the Yorkland Aquatics department by phone or email us at aquatics@yorkland.on.ca and we will be happy to answer your questions.

Guidance – TYS

On Friday, September 25th, students in grade 12 attended the Ontario Universities' Fair at the Metro Convention Centre. Students investigated and talked with representatives from universities of their choice. More information on Ontario Universities can be found by visiting the online websites www.ouf.ca and <http://electronicinfo.ca>.

The TYS Bulletin Board (www.yorkland.on.ca/bb) also has many resources for you to view under the Guidance Info section. Check this board regularly for updates and information on scholarships as they come to our attention.

Mr. Tadros, the TYS Guidance Counsellor, will be scheduling appointments with each graduating student as well as students in Grade 11 throughout the upcoming weeks. Parents and students are encouraged to contact him for any guidance concerns (ptadros@yorkland.on.ca).

Electronics Policy - TYS

Parents, please remember the policy with respect to electronics (ie: mp3 players, iPods, gaming devices, and CELL PHONES). Students **should not** be using any of the above mentioned electronic devices while on school property. In the event of an emergency, please phone the school office to leave a message. If your son/daughter needs to contact you there are two payphones available.

Students should bring a USB memory key to store files to and from the school, or they may email them (or use online storage facilities) to transfer files. Students should not bring laptop computers to school.