



North Toronto Christian School The Yorkland School

November 2009 Newsletter

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

Calendar for 09/10 School Year

Gr 6 TYS Visit	Wed	Nov 4
Gr 9 Take Your Kids to Work	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

ART SALE - TYS

At the end of November there will be a general Art Sale for faculty, students and parents of Yorkland student art that has been collected over the years. Most of this art, produced by TYS students, is really quite good and is suitable for framing. The prices will be kept low and the sale will be conducted in an orderly fashion.

If you are contemplating giving a print, an original art photograph, a drawing, a sketch, a sculpture, or a painting, to someone this Christmas, keep the Yorkland Sale in mind before you buy. Funds collected will be given to a charity, to be named later, on behalf of Yorkland.



Champions!!

ACSI Intermediate Cross-Country Team

In an impressive showing, NTCS took the overall Intermediate Division (grade 5/6) championship winning both the Girl's Division and the Boy's Division. We had an impressive number of runners and each is to be commended for their diligence. Outstanding performances resulted in the team's placement. Thanks are extended to Mme. Moore for her coaching and encouragement.

Top NTCS Runners (placement in brackets)

Girls (88 runners)

Natalie Marcuzzi (4)
Macy Chau (9)
Erin Chan (12)
Angelique Bryniawsky (17)

Boys (89 runners)

Jens Huebner (4)
David Lee (5)
Dominic Kon (9)
Bryan Mo (12)

The Team

Kelly Lew	Bryan Mo	Trevor Fung
Barbara Attia	Henry He	Alex Massin
Veronica Attia	Dominic Kon	Gilbert Chui
Macy Chau	Jacky Kwok	Jens Huebner
Erin Chan	Daniel Kamal	Michael Yeung
Pia Luong	Daniel Meikhail	Tristan Ng
Sydni Taffe	Harrison Embry	David Lee
Michelle Pao	Ryan Mouawad	Kevin Lim
Natasha Symons	Theodore Chan	Edward Kim
Natalie Marcuzzi	Sheldon Leung	John Mekael
Jenny Lim	Jonathan Ng	Alex Sherret
Jin Han	Raghav Srinivasan	
Esther Chan	Jacob Van Halteren	
Cassandra Romano		
Angelique Bryniawsky		



NTCS/TYS

Both of the schools plan to participate in the **Operation Christmas Child** program again this year. 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**. TYS will once again be a regional collection centre for shoeboxes, so if your church or business is also involved in the program, boxes can be dropped off at TYS.

The Social Concerns Committee (TYS): Thanksgiving Food Drive October 2009

The Thanksgiving Food Drive was a milestone event for the Social Concerns Committee as it was the first endeavor taken on by the SCC in 2009/2010. Our goal was to inspire the students of Yorkland to be active in causes such as world hunger out of the goodness of their hearts. Thanksgiving is all about being thankful for what you have and giving back to those who have nothing.

Between the dates of October 5th, 2009 and October 9th, 2009, all students were challenged to show their support for the cause by helping the SCC collect cans or any other non-perishable food items. Together we collected 350 items and they were donated to The Scott Mission. The Scott Mission is a Christian, non-denominational urban mission responding to the needs of the poor, homeless, abandoned and vulnerable of all ages right here in Toronto. No one should have to go to bed hungry on Thanksgiving or any other night, which is why we were proud to lend a hand to The Scott Mission during their Thanksgiving donation program.

Grade 7/8 Co-ed Soccer Team



The Grade 7/8 Co-ed Soccer Team competed in the ACSI Tournament on Thursday, October 1st. The day was cool but relatively dry and a great day for playing soccer. The day started off against the defending champions from Pickering. In a tough, competitive game, the team gave up two one goal leads to eventually lose 3-2. After a tough first game loss, the team bounced back with 3 convincing wins in a row. First, we defeated Mississauga 2-1, then People's 4-1 and finally Richmond Hill 7-0. In the final game of the day, Yorkland faced Brampton. Both teams only had one loss each on the day, so the game was sure to be

close. After a scoreless first half the team, managed a goal early in the second half to go up 1-0. The team then went into defensive mode and preserved the one goal victory thereby securing second place overall. The team played well as a cohesive unit all day and demonstrated great energy and enthusiasm throughout. Congratulations on a job well done! The team was coached by Mr. Schenk. Team members were:

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| Mark Awad | Riann Grant |
| Jeffrey Yu | Jordan Chow |
| Justin Chun | Justin Park |
| Aran Bains (goalie) | Timothy Yee |
| Justin Ng | Alex Klas |
| Claire Chun | Jessica Edward |
| Madelaine Jong | Samantha Lau |
| Bethany Lahn | |

High school Golf Team



On Tuesday, October 6th, The Yorkland School competed in the TDCAA Championship Golf Tournament, which was held at Station Creek Golf Club. It was an excellent day for golf with lots of sunshine, very little wind, and most importantly, no rain. Our 5 golfers went out and played hard, with 2 of the 5 posting excellent scores. With 17 teams participating in the tournament this year our school team finished in a respectable 9th place. The top male score on our team was posted by Brian Tsui who shot 79 which tied him for 9th overall. The three other male members of the team were Paul Shin, Edward Shin and Jeffrey Vandenberg. Again this year, we had a lone female golfer, Mary Kang, who played an excellent round of golf shooting 86, which was only one shot back of the winner. Congratulations to all team members for your accomplishments at this year's championship tournament. The team was coached by Mr. Schenk.

Reminder:

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.

They will also swim that day so they need to come prepared. Lunch will be provided.

Students will be bussed to and from Yorkland during regular school hours.

Take Our Kids to Work Day – Grade 9

On **Wednesday, November 4th**, all Grade 9 students across the province of Ontario will be taking part in *Take Our Kids to Work* day. This is an excellent opportunity for our young men and women of tomorrow to get a glimpse of the working world! TYS regularly participates in this program. There will be no classes at TYS on that day for Grade 9 students. We encourage all parents to check with your workplace and see if they have a program for the Grade 9's on that day. If your son/daughter is interested in a profession other than yours, or if your workplace cannot accommodate them for the day, please try to find them a suitable placement for the day with a relative or a friend. For some students, it can affirm their future career interests or give them other interesting ideas. We hope it will be a worthwhile day for everyone!

New – Electronic Bulletin Board (NTCS)

NTCS parents and students can now access classroom information via www.yorkland.on.ca/bb. Teachers will post various items of importance on the site, including homework and reminders. Please avail yourself of this tool in order to stay current and up to date.

Illness and the Flu – *friendly reminder*

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.

Lates – NTCS

If your child arrives late for school (O Canada marks the beginning of the day), he/she is asked to go to the office to get a **late slip**. The purpose is so the office is aware of who is in the school (this comes under **safety and security**). In case of inclement weather, we may hold attendance until after 9:00 am and would send students directly to their classrooms.

As you know a child arriving late to the classroom is an interruption to the class setting. It also places your child in an uncomfortable position when they do arrive and have to enter the classroom.

Other than parent pick-up...

For NTCS students, please send a note or contact the office if your child is being picked up by someone other than a parent. This is a safety precaution and eliminates confusion when a student tells us a different story (they have been known to say it's okay to go to a friend's house when in fact it's their decision and not yours). Thanks.

Extended Care - NTCS

Thank you for your co-operation in picking up your child(ren). You should have received a payment slip for the month of September (in early October). If the cost was less than \$5.00, this will accumulate to the next payment period. You should expect a payment slip early in each month.

Thank you for your prompt payment. Please remember to place your payment in an envelope clearly indicating Extended Care and your child's (children's) name(s) and grade level(s). If you feel there is a discrepancy in the amount owing, please come to the office and we will address it immediately.

Report Cards/Parent Interviews – NTCS

Reports will be distributed on **Friday, November 13th**. Parent/teacher interviews for grades 3-6 will be held on **November 18th and 19th**. A notice will be given out for you to return indicating your preference for both date and time. We will do our utmost to accommodate your request. Prompt return of the form will help in the process. Thanks.

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**. 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.

Skating /Swimming – NTCS

Date	Skating	Swimming
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

University Entrance – TYS

Parents of grade 12 students who are applying to university should know that Mr. Tadros will have spoken to your child in a one-on-one setting to discuss current credits as well as university options. Students will be applying to university online, but all required information will be given to your child. Parents should look over the university admissions with their son/daughter by going to the elnfo website <http://www.electronicinfo.ca> to get more information about programs, entry requirements and any special information related to the program of interest. The deadline for applying is **January 13th, 2010**. Information on scholarships are also available through the elnfo website, and on the Yorkland Bulletin board (www.yorkland.on.ca/bb).

Christian College and University Fair & Financial Seminars

In the evening, **November 4, 2009, 7:30 pm-9:30 pm**, Yorkland will host the Christian Colleges and University Fair (www.ccfairs.ca). This is Canada's largest Christian University Fair and will have almost 20 different Christian post-secondary institutions represented. **Financial seminars** will also be conducted during the evening to help your child prepare for "life on their own" and the financial responsibilities that come with that independence. We strongly recommend that if your child is in grade 11 or 12 that you make the time to come to this fair. You have considered a Christian education for secondary school, why not consider post-secondary studies as well? Christian colleges and universities are not just about "making pastors." There are fields of study for all interests: sciences, maths, pre-med, law, religious studies, and many others BUT with a Christian perspective. We hope to see you here. This is an "open to the public" event so feel free to bring friends and relatives as well. This is the only evening Toronto stop they are making, so be sure to take advantage of the opportunity.

Upcoming University Visits

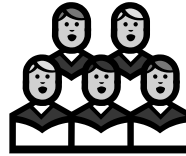
The following Universities are coming to speak to TYS students over the lunch hour. Feel free to stop by and talk with the University representative:

CCU Fair Wed. Nov. 4, 2009, 7:30-9:30pm
 University of Western Ontario – Wed. Nov. 4
 Huron University College at Western – Fri. Nov. 6
 Ryerson University – Mon. Nov. 9
 Carleton University – Mon. Nov.16
 Queen's University – Tues. Nov.24

Christmas Concert – TYS



The TYS Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m. at The Garden Church on Yorkland Blvd. All are welcome to celebrate the season and acknowledge the hard work of the TYS music students.



Christmas Concerts – NTCS

The dates are listed below. Watch for further details. Every performance will be held in the afternoon and will end by the 3:30 pm dismissal time.

Tues Dec 1	SK	2:15 pm
Wed Dec 2	grade 2	2:15 pm
Thu Dec 3	grade 3	2:15 pm
Fri Dec 4	grade 1	2:15 pm
Tues Dec 8	grade 6	2:15 pm.
Wed Dec 9	grade 5	2:15 pm
Thu Dec 10	JK	2:15 pm
Fri Dec 11	grade 4	2:15 pm

Outdoor Education – NTCS/TYS



NTCS:

We had a very successful fall session at Chandos. The outdoor activities and programming were both creative and fun-filled. A special thanks is extended to the parents who took the time to go with each group. The winter dates are listed for your convenience.

NTCS		Yorkland	
3M	Jan 14-15	7B	Feb 1-3
4A	Jan 18-20	7A	Feb 3-5
5L/W	Jan 20-22	9B	Feb 8-10
6C	Jan 25-27	9A	Feb 10-12
6D	Jan 27-29	8B	Feb 22-24
		8A	Feb 24-26

Senior Boys Volleyball

On Monday, October 26th, the high school boy's volleyball team competed in a tournament at People's Christian Academy. Yorkland fought hard, and came up with some key points when the team needed it the most, to win the whole tournament. The team defeated People's Christian Academy in the semi finals, and then went on to defeat Town Centre Montessori Private School to capture the title. The team was lead by the great serving of Brian Van and Kendrick Lee, as well as the exceptional spiking from Max Mak and Paul Shin. Congratulations to all team members for representing our school well, both on and off the court.