



North Toronto Christian School The Yorkland School

December 2009 Newsletter

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

Calendar for 09/10 School Year

Christmas Holidays		Dec 19-Jan 3
Prof Dev Day (TYS)	Fri	Jan 29
TYS Open House	Tues	Feb 02
NTCS Open House	Thurs	Feb 11
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

NTCS/TYS

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Operation Christmas Child. Schoolwide we collected **424** shoeboxes. As a regional collection centre, we



handled **8,610** boxes in total. You will have blessed a child this Christmas because of your generosity.

Donations

As a non-profit, charitable organization, donations made to the school are **tax-deductible**. To continue to meet our increasing operating expenses, to develop new programs and to provide the capital necessary to expand our facilities, we have budgeted for significant end-of-year donations from parents, relatives and friends. Some of you may not be in a position to contribute more than you already pay for tuition, but others have been blessed financially and could help in an additional and significant way.

Anything you feel led to contribute will be greatly appreciated. A donation card is enclosed for your convenience. Receipts for income tax purposes will be mailed to you early in the new year.

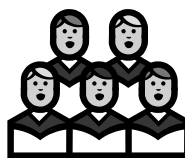


The Yorkland Winter of Theatre

The Yorkland Winter Evening of Theatre is finally here! Yorkland's Senior Drama Class invites you and your family to come and enjoy an evening of drama! Whether you are

coming to support your child or to enjoy the talent, we hope to see you there!

The program is comprised of several small productions and will take place in the track area at TYS on Tuesday, December 8th, 2009. The small plays will be approximately 5-15 minutes long and will run from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Admission is two items of non-perishable food or five dollars. All proceeds will go to the food bank this year and will be collected at the door.



Christmas Concerts – NTCS

The Christmas concert dates are listed below. The students have been working hard and are looking forward to performing for you. We hope that you will be able to join us for these special presentations.

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

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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
 E-mail: admin@yorkland.on.ca Website: www.yorkland.on.ca

Art Sale

Are you seeking Christmas gifts that are meaningful yet inexpensive? Consider The Yorkland School Christmas Sale of Student Art that will be held in conjunction with **The Winter Evening of Theatre** on December 8th at the school. This is a great opportunity to purchase very good art for just a little money. Some of the art dates back more than ten years and is a tangible snippet of years passed.

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. A wide variety of music will be performed to celebrate the season and showcase the hard work of the students. All are welcome to attend this memorable evening. This is a free event.

TYS 7/8 Cross-Country Team

A cold winter wind blew against the 7/8 Yorkland cross-country runners at the ACSI Championships held October 15, 2009. Despite the risk of being flash frozen in mid October, our runners took their marks and sprinted off to hills and mud.

Renae Appadurai led the team and finished 6th place in a field of 36 runners. **Caroline Hircock** moved past 3 runners on the final leg of the route and finished in 33rd spot.

Kuhn-Mook Lee squeezed past sharp elbows and narrow openings to finish 29th in a field of 37 runners.



Congratulations to Renae, Caroline and Kuhn on strong finishes on a field of challenges.

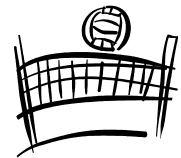
TYS Senior Cross-Country Team

Congratulations to members of the cross-country team on an excellent season of running. After surviving continuous rain and gale force winds, the team has wrapped up their season. The senior men's team made a 22nd place finish in a large field of schools at a team relay event hosted by Neil McNeil. At the TDCAA championship, the team ran through the mud again and established a strong presence. **Claudia Chan** ran a very strong race with a personal best finishing in the top percentile of her race. **Nicholas Marcuzzi** finished 14th in the junior boy's race with help from teammates **Se Jin Kim** and **Jason Newsted**. **John Sherret** finished 6th in the senior men's race thanks to a very strong start supported by **Raffi Avaneci** and **Daniel Marcuzzi**.

John will be competing at OFSSAA for the second time and will continue on to the 2009 Ontario Cross-Country Championships.

Thank you to the team for a strong effort this season. Raffi Avaneci, Claudia Chan, Haig Manougian, Daniel Marcuzzi, Nicholas Marcuzzi, Jason Newsted, Se Jin Kim, John Sherret. Thanks also goes to Mr. Birdsell for coaching the team.

Grade 7/8 Boys Volleyball



The grade 7 and 8 volleyball team played in an all day tournament on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, at Philopateer Christian College. The team held 6th place when entering into the playoffs and with their teamwork, skills and determination were able to rise to 4th place in the overall competition! Great work boys!

The members of the team include: Timothy Yee, Alex Klas, Lynus Wong, Joshua Song, Kristopher Cressman, Arthur Boyadjian, Jeffrey Yu, Mark Awad, Jordan Chow, Justin Ng and Daniel Lok.

A special thanks to Miss Cross for coaching the team.



Swimming

Congratulations to the swimmers who completed their Bronze Award on Saturday, November 21, 2009. These awards prepare swimmers to become lifeguards by having them practice rescue techniques, emergency first aid, and safety supervision around the pool. Your hard work and determination paid off!!

Bronze Medallion recipients are Samuel Yee, Kelvin Lai, Julia Romano, Tiffany Timmers, Enya Malnis, Sinyie Malnis, Chris Song, and Hochan Ryu.

Bronze Cross recipients are Sam Tucker-Yates, Andrea Bowser, and Alex Chung.

Christmas Sale at OMNI Swim

OMNI Swim (1085 Bellamy Road Unit 11 in Scarborough) is having a Christmas sale of all their products (25% off) from December 14 to 24th. They have supplied the school and many of our swimmers with swimsuits and other equipment for many years, so you may want to take advantage of this opportunity.

Aquatics Program – NTCS/TYS

Registration forms for private and group lessons are now available at both schools and online at www.yorkland.on.ca. The group lessons will begin on Tuesday, January 12th and the private lessons are scheduled to begin on Thursday, January 14th. Both programs run for 8 consecutive weeks. Please get your registration forms in as quickly as possible since space is limited and spaces are filled on a first-come first-served basis.

Skating /Swimming – NTCS

Date	Skating	Swimming
December 2	SK /Gr 1	Gr. 5
December 9	Gr. 2	Gr. 3
December 16	Gr. 5 / 6	Gr. 4

DECA – TYS

Congratulations to the following DECA students who put in an exceptional performance at the 2009 regionals in Hamilton: Anoush Ghorghorian / Leah Thompson (2nd), Kim Martin / Jon Stokes (8th), Lauren Chan / Lucius Cheung (14th), Edward Shin (20th), Joy Lee (23rd), Nanar Ghorghorian/Fiona Lau (26th).

Especially noteworthy are Leah Thompson and Anoush Ghorghorian who came 2nd overall in their category. Leah and Anoush are also the co-presidents of Yorkland's DECA group.

On February 8-9th, 2010 all DECA students will be participating in the DECA provincial tournament at the Sheraton Centre in downtown Toronto. Students who succeed there will have the option of travelling to Louisville, Kentucky for the annual DECA international tournament.



Public Speaking Club

The new Yorkland Public Speaking Club has held several meetings since October. Its keen members have had the opportunity to deliver at least one speech each in front of the group. The speakers receive feedback from all their listeners, which is a great way to improve. The members also participate in impromptu sessions, when they must talk for one minute about a surprise topic. This type of exercise can be quite nerve-racking but it helps people to learn to think on their feet. New members are always

welcome. The meetings are held every Monday at 3:15 pm in room S-6. This club is directed by Mr. Côté and Mr. Collins.

TYS/NTCS - Registration

2010/2011 School Year

If you have younger siblings ready for school next year, please register them soon as we are accepting applicants for the coming school year now. As well, since we have just two classes at each grade level at TYS, they often fill up quickly – especially grades 7 and 9, so registration should be started soon. We will be hosting an Open House at both school locations in February 2010. The Open House at TYS will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. and at NTCS on Thursday, February 11th, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Outdoor Education – NTCS/TYS

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:

3M	Jan 14-15
4A	Jan 18-20
5L/5W	Jan 20-22
6C	Jan 25-27
6D	Jan 27-29

Yorkland:

7B	Feb 1-3
7A	Feb 3-5
9B	Feb 8-10
9A	Feb 10-12
8B	Feb 22-24
8A	Feb 24-26



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. The site is intended as a supplementary tool and does not replace the student's responsibility to make note in their agenda of homework and upcoming tests and assignments.



Camp Ke-Mon-Oya!!

Although it is early to be thinking about next summer, many of you make holiday plans early in the new year, so I want to advise you that we plan to operate the camp as usual next summer. Application forms will be available from both schools early in the new year. It is important that you get your application in early for the week(s) you want to avoid the disappointment of the weeks being full later. We plan to keep the application form off the web site and available to our own parents only until the end of January, but after that registrations will be received on a first-come, first-served basis. For your advance information, the first three weeks will be **kids camp** starting Monday, July 6th (for students entering grades 3 - 6 in September); the last four weeks will be **youth camp** starting Monday, July 27th (grade 7 - 9 students). When you make your summer plans, consider a week or more at camp for your son or daughter - it can truly be a life-changing experience.

The summer camp experience also provides opportunity for a select group of students who are entering grade 11 to participate in an LIT (**Leadership in Training**) program. For more information, contact either school office.



Winter Weather Policy

Snow, cold, slippery roads and the traffic congestion they cause will be with us soon. Our school policy, for **both NTCS and TYS**, is to remain open on all school days no matter what the weather (unless, of course, the whole city is closed down) - however you must decide for your own family whether it is safe and whether it makes sense to send or bring your child(ren) to school on any specific day. On **very bad weather days** when many schools within the city limits are closed, attendance will not be taken so students will not be penalized for an absence.

However, it is important that parents take the weather into consideration when dropping off their children in the morning and/or picking them up in the evening. Leaving earlier from home in the morning or, from work if possible, in the evening might be helpful to avoid unnecessary traffic problems and to avoid late pickup charges.

Parking Lot - TYS

Now that winter has arrived to produce more dangerous



driving conditions, we ask parents to use extreme caution --- please drive slowly while driving through the TYS parking lot to drop off and pick up your child(ren). With the accumulation of snow, and the need to have easy access for the buses to enter and exit the parking lots, please be prompt in dropping off your child and please park in the normal parking spaces when waiting for them to exit the building. Please --- no idling near the doors as there is a continuous stream of students entering and exiting the building and we want to keep the vehicles as far away from entrances as possible. Also, after entering the south parking lot, please use the loop at the west end (towards the 404) to enter the southern most parking lot to exit the property back onto Yorkland Blvd. Do not turn your vehicle around in the parking lot closest to the school to return to Yorkland Blvd. You will notice our buses point towards the 404, and we ask you drive in that same direction and loop through to the other exit. Although many students are dropped off at the south entrance to the building, remember that the east entrance is also available to enter after 8:15 a.m. You may find there is less congestion there. If you use this entrance, please enter at the south entrance and exit the property via the northernmost driveway. Exiting via the northernmost or southernmost driveways allows our buses to enter unhindered from the middle driveway. Thank you.

The Board of Directors, the Administration and the Faculty and Staff of the school thank all the parents for their great support throughout the past year and wish all of you a very enjoyable Christmas season and a blessed and prosperous New Year.

