



North Toronto Christian School

OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

We are the Hands and Feet of Jesus

Our theme this year is based on Matt 25:34-40. It is the story of the king commending his people for looking after those who are poor, hungry, thirsty and in need of comfort. It certainly doesn't take long for us to find those in our community who are in need. This year we want to focus on reaching out to those less fortunate.

One of the ways that we will be accomplishing this is to have each grade complete a service project. Your child's classroom or homeroom teacher will be providing you with more information. This is a central part of the curriculum this year as we incorporate a Christian worldview into your child's education.

I would like to encourage you to talk to your children about what it means to live out their Christian faith, what does that mean for their daily life, and how should it affect those around them.

Mr. Thanh Campbell provided us with a great kick off message in chapel last week about using our story to further the kingdom. Please feel free to join us for chapel on Wednesdays so that you can enjoy these speakers, along with our student-led worship bands.

Mrs. Brouwer, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanksgiving No school	Oct 09
All School Casual Day	Oct 13
Gr. 7 Immunization Clinic	Oct 26
Bible Character Day JK-6	Oct 27
Skate Buy & Sell	Oct 30-Nov 2
Take Your Kid to Work Day (grade 9)	Nov 1
Interim Reports Gr 7-12	Nov 10
Term 1 Reports Gr JK-6	Nov 10
Parent/Teacher Interviews (all grades)	Nov 22-23
PD Day (no school)	Nov 24



Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Service and Leadership Team (SaLT) is happy to announce that it is again time for the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, with our collection going to The Scott Mission, a Christian organization in Toronto that serves the needs of the homeless and vulnerable in the downtown community.

Please bring canned goods and non-perishable items in the morning or after school from Thursday, September 28th to Thursday, October 5th. Students in JK to grade 6 will collect their food items in their classrooms, while students in grades 7 to 12 will have a designated area in Central Square for their food donations.

Items that are needed include: non-perishable baby food, including baby formula; bags of rice, dried beans, lentils, and grains; coffee and tea; and non-perishable canned goods (meats, soups, vegetables, corn). Please ensure your contributions are nut-free.

SaLT is a group of NTCS students who seek to grow in their personal relationship with God and in Christian character, which manifests in their love for others in the school, local community, and the world. SaLT does this through organizing in-school events and serving local charities. There is an emphasis on spiritual growth as members grow as individuals and as a team of servant leaders.

This year, SaLT has 12 members: **Celine Fernandes** (Exec), **Aaron Li** (Exec), **Sefonias Samuel** (Exec), **Naena Drazman**, **Krystal Gajadar**, **Emma Hsu**, **Kaitlyn Hung**, **Jaeyoung Kang**, **Kristen Koo**, **Cathy Lee**, **Jory Seath**, and **Colin Soo**.



Thank You.....

Thank you to all parents who attended our Get-Acquainted Night held during the first week of school. We trust that you found it both enjoyable and informative.

You will be provided with another opportunity to meet with the teacher(s) of your child(ren) later in the Fall (November 22-23) during the Parent/Teacher conference days. In the meantime, please feel free to drop by the classrooms after school (not before school) to discuss matters with teachers as necessary or to contact them by email.

Weekly Parent Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays 9:00—10:00 a.m.
Resource Room (main floor beside gym uniform store)

*For more information, please inquire in the office.
All parents are welcome.*

Yearbook Distribution

The 2016/2017 yearbook has arrived and has been distributed to all current students who attended NTCS during the 2016-2017 academic year.

All former students may pick up their yearbook during school hours in the school office.

Congratulations to last year's yearbook team for producing a wonderful yearbook for all to enjoy!



Online Bulletin Board — ntcs.on.ca/bb

Be sure to check the online **bulletin board** on a regular basis. Teachers use it to post homework, upcoming tests and assignments, and information pertaining to their class(es). It is not meant to be a detailed source of information but rather a summary of what is told in class in order to highlight important details so parents can be kept up-to-date. It is also used by team coaches to provide information about team practices and upcoming games or tournaments. The daily announcements from the school office are also posted here. The **Calendar** link on our site has also been improved to show all school events and activities that are taking place each month. You can find it at <http://ntcs.on.ca/shortcuts/calendar.html>

Chapel Dates

Chapel dates this month are October 4th, 18th, and 25th. Grade 9-12 chapel is held from 10:25 a.m. to 11:05 a.m., and grade 6-8 chapel is from 11:10 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. Parents are welcome to join us in the ground floor track area for our chapel times.

October Updates from the Guidance Office

Take Our Kids To Work Day is taking place this year on Wednesday, November 1, 2017. Grade 9 students across Canada will go to work with a parent, relative, or adult friend for the day. Students who are unable to accompany a parent, relative or adult friend to their workplace will be responsible for finding a placement with a volunteer host. Some students may be able to go with a classmate's parent. Please look for a letter to go home later this month with more details and helpful information.

College and University Visits for October

- Oct. 10 - Western University @ lunch
- Oct. 12 - Christian Higher Education @ lunch
- Oct. 16 - Huron University College @ lunch
- Oct. 17 - Canadian Christian University Tour
- Oct. 25 - King's College @ lunch



The Grade 11 and 12 students have each had an initial meeting with Mr. Brown to review requirements for graduation and plans for next year.

Grade 12 students will begin the university application process this month. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at (416) 491-7667 ext. 232 or cbrown@ntcs.on.ca

Mr. Brown, Head of Guidance

NTCS AQUATICS PROGRAM

We have been blessed with a beautiful pool and are currently planning for another Fall session of lessons under the supervision of Mr. Sung Ha Ryu and Mrs. Jin Sook Ryu. Classes are filling up quickly, but we are still accepting registrations for our Fall swimming session that will begin immediately after Thanksgiving. We are pleased to give all students in JK through grade 2 a free swimming session. Please remember to attach your coupon to the registration form. The coupon is valid only if used for this Fall 2017, Winter 2018, or Spring 2018 sessions.



Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross classes will be held October 28th, November 4th, 11th and 18th, pending sufficient registration. Forms for all classes may be downloaded from our website or picked up in the school office or from the corridor shelves on the main floor near the swim office.

Swimming is a large part of our recreational program at the school and is a valuable skill that students can enjoy the rest of their lives. We are blessed to have a great pool, strong leadership, and very competent instruction at all levels.

Immunization Clinic—Grade 7

A school immunization clinic for all grade 7 students is scheduled for Thursday, October 26th. A letter and form to fill out was sent home in September informing parents about the vaccines available. Please note that under The Immunization of School Pupils Act, the meningococcal vaccine is a requirement for school attendance. The HPV and the Hep B vaccine, which include a sequence of two or three shots over the course of the school year, is not a compulsory program. **Please make sure to submit the completed form you were given** to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Skate Buy & Sell—JK to Gr. 8

October 30th—November 2nd

Students from SK to Grade 8 are scheduled to go skating at Pleasantview Arena in January 2018. Bring in your old skates to sell on October 30th/31st and purchase another pair at a reasonable price on November 1st and 2nd. Even if you do not have skates to sell, you may still purchase a pair for your child(ren). Skates may also be purchased for JK students if sizes are available. All elementary students are expected to participate as skating is part of our physical education program. The location of the ***Skate Buy & Sell*** will be announced in a flyer to go home in a few weeks.

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*It is the purpose of
NTCS to provide a
sound academic edu-
cation integrated with
a Christian view of
God and the world.*

Let the wise listen and add
to their learning, and let
the discerning get guid-
ance —

Proverbs 1:6



After School ...

High School - Classes are officially over at 3:05 p.m. If you are picking up your child(ren), 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).

Elementary - Classes are dismissed at 3:15 p.m. Students in JK and SK go, from their classroom, directly to the Extended Care room at 3:30 p.m. All other students go to the playground area and may be picked up from that area until 3:40 p.m. At 3:40 p.m., students will be escorted to the Extended Care room or Chinese language classes. For security reasons, please remember to sign your child out.

Your child will not be allowed to wait outside the play area unless you are there to meet them when they come out of the building. Once children have been picked up or signed out of extended care, they must remain with you at all times while on the school premises. Thank you for your co-operation.

If you are having someone else pick up your child(ren), either from Extended Care or immediately following dismissal at 3:15 p.m., you need to inform the school office (preferably in writing). This is for everyone's protection.

*Please assist us by picking up your child(ren) as soon as possible after the end of the school day. Students who are not involved in some after-school activity need to be going home at this time rather than just hanging around. For security reasons, parents are asked not to wait inside the school building unless their children are in a swimming lesson, at which time they should wait in the pool area.

Parking Lot—Flow of Traffic—a reminder

North driveway - both an entry and exit point

Middle driveway - ENTRY only

South driveway - EXIT only (please use both sides of the laneway - northbound stay to your left; southbound stay to your right).

Please follow the arrows! Please do not back in to parking spaces but rather park front first.

Please drive slowly at all times!

NTCS Calendar 2017-2018 (major dates)

Oct	09	Thanksgiving
Nov	24	PD Day
Dec 25-Jan 05		Christmas Break
Feb	16	PD Day
Feb	19	Family Day
March	09-19	March Break
March 30-Apr 2		Good Friday/Easter Monday
May	18	PD Day
May	21	Victoria Day
June	11-22	Exams (gr. 7-12)
June	22	Last day of school