



North Toronto Christian School

OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Service and Leadership Team (SaLT) is excited to launch our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive! Collected food donations will go to The Grace Place Food Bank in Scarborough to support families in need. The food drive will run from Thursday, September 29th to Thursday, October 6th. Please bring canned goods and non-perishable items. Collection stations will be set up near each homeroom for students to drop off their contributions.

Each homeroom will receive 1 point for every 100g donated. Items that are in high demand will receive extra bonus points. These items include: oatmeal, coffee and tea, Ensure, cereal, and toothpaste. The school-wide goal is to reach a total of 40,000 points.

SaLT is a group of senior 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 demonstrates this by organizing in-school events and supporting local charities. There is an emphasis on spiritual development as members grow as individuals and as a team of servant leaders.

This year, SaLT has 12 members: **Ethan Berhardt, Denise Chan, Elissa Chee, Prisca Chien, Kelly Hsu, Nikolas Kaounis, Julie Kim, Sally Kim, Anna Li, Aidan Ng, Natalie Pak, and Raphael Pinto.** The staff advisors are **Mr. Brown** and **Mrs. Tse.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

PD day (no school)	Oct 07
Thanksgiving (no school)	Oct 10
Interim Reports Gr 7-12	Nov 11
Term 1 Reports JK-6	Nov 18
Parent/Teacher Interviews (all grades)	Nov 23-24
PD day (no school)	Nov 25

Gathering Together in Worship



Joining together for regular times of worship and reflection is an important part of school culture at NTCS.

Primary Praise (JK to Gr. 3) and Mini-Chapel (Gr. 4 to 6) will take place on Friday mornings in the former extended care room and the track area. Jr. High Chapel (Gr. 7/8) and Sr. High Chapel (Gr. 9-12) will continue to be held in the track area, most weeks, on Wednesday mornings.

The NTCS staff, led by our Chaplaincy Team, has been busy planning guest speakers, themed video series, object lessons, interactive discussions, and other activities for the different chapel services. Most gatherings will include live worship music, led by the classroom teachers, Mrs. Newsted, and Mr. Vant Erve for the elementary grades, and by the student members of Mr. Lau's junior and senior worship teams for the older grades – with special appearances by CTS, the Chaplaincy Team Singers! We encourage you to ask your child(ren) what has been happening during these special times of worship!

Mr. Vant Erve, Vice-Principal

Thank You.....

Thank you to all parents who attended our Get-Acquainted Night held during the second 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 23-24) during the Parent/Teacher interview evenings. In the meantime, please feel free to contact them by email if you have questions or concerns.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Assembly

NTCS would like to recognize and thank **Mr. Galvez** and his grade 10 Civics class for their thoughtful and moving presentation at the assembly held for our grade 7 to 12 students on Friday, September 30th. The assembly began with a video of "O Canada" sung in English, French and Cree. It included the reading of a poem by Chief Stacey Laforme and two minutes of silence in remembrance of the 2800+ children in unmarked graves at former residential school sites. The students learned the appropriate use of the words "Indigenous", "First Nations", "Metis" and "Inuit" as well as listened to a reading from the book of Corinthians from the First Nations translation of the Bible. We appreciate the time and effort the class put into preparing their presentation for this important day.

Peer Tutoring

We are excited to offer peer tutoring again this year. Sessions will begin on Monday, October 17th. Tutoring sessions are focused on academics in one or two particular subjects. Two, 30 minute sessions per week will be arranged to take place between 3:45-4:15pm. Tutoring will occur from Monday to Thursday of each week. Parents of the child being tutored are responsible to pay the tutor directly, \$10.00/30 minute session. Tutors are matched with students in a lower grade and of the same gender. Tutors are recommended by subject teachers and are vetted through the office. If you are interested in having your child be tutored, please contact Mrs. Brouwer via email by October 7th. Please include your child's name, grade and the subject in which they require tutoring. Multiple tutors will not be assigned to one child.

October Updates from the Guidance Office

Christian College & University Tour: NTCS will once again be hosting the Christian College & University Tour on Tuesday, November 1st in the afternoon. All grade 11 and 12 students will be participating in this event. This is a valuable and informative time for all students preparing for post-secondary education, regardless of their current plans.

The grade 12 students have each had an initial meeting with Mr. Brown to review requirements for graduation and plans for next year. Grade 11 students will continue to meet with Mr. Brown in the coming weeks.

Grade 12 students will begin the university application process this month. A tutorial will take place in the computer lab to walk students through the OUAC online system. 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

TTC Child Proof-of-Age Cards

If your child is 12 years old or under and uses the TTC, the NTCS school office has cards from the TTC that can be used to verify their age so that your child is eligible for free fare on the TTC. If you would like your child to have one of these cards, please contact Mrs. Newsted in the school office at dnewsted@ntcs.on.ca and she will deliver one to your child.

After School Care Invoicing and Payments

A reminder to elementary parents that after school care in the playground is charged at a rate of \$4/half hour beginning at 3:45 pm each day. Children must be picked up from the playground no later than 4:30 pm. Invoices that detail the days and times your child(ren) was in our after school care program will be sent to you by email every two months, at the end of October, December, February, April, and June. Payment of these invoices can be made by e-transfer to "admin@ntcs.on.ca".



Skate Buy & Sell—JK to Gr. 6

October 24th—October 27th

Students from SK to Grade 6 are scheduled to go skating at Pleasantview arena in January 2023. Bring in your old skates to sell on October 24th/25th and purchase another pair at a reasonable price on October 26th/27th.

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 in the skating trips as skating is part of our physical education program.

A reminder with more information will be sent home in the coming weeks. Payment is by cash only. Please bring small bills to make your payment.

NTCS AQUATICS PROGRAM

We have been blessed with a beautiful pool and are currently planning for a Fall session of lessons that will begin on Tuesday, October 18th. Classes have filled up quickly, but a few spaces are still available for Saturday morning. We are considering Bronze classes later on in the school year. Forms for all classes may be downloaded from our website. Please remember to include your child's **health card number** on the form when registering as we do not keep family information in a database. This allows us to process your child's registration efficiently and accurately.

Remember that our swimming calendar can be viewed online! This allows you to check lesson dates for the next session, see if lessons have been cancelled due to bad weather, and look at how many lessons are remaining. To access the calendar, go to ntcs.on.ca and click on the *Aquatics* tab.

Swimming is a large part of our recreational program at the school and a valuable skill for students to acquire. Having swimming qualifications can be a means of employment for students during their teen years and is an activity to be enjoyed at all ages. We are blessed to have a great pool, strong leadership, and very competent instruction at all levels.

School Uniform Exchange

If you have extra school uniform items in excellent condition that your child has outgrown and you would like to donate to another family, we invite you to drop them off at the school (east main doors) anytime until Friday, October 14th. Clothes will be organized and made available to interested families on Friday, October 21st and Monday, October 24th during the after school hours from 3:30pm to 4:15pm in the cafeteria area at the main south entrance of the school. If you have any questions about this clothing exchange, please contact Mrs. Maroulla Salama at (416) 356 5632 or by email at 7salamas@gmail.com.

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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.*

In every thing give thanks:
for this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus concerning
you.

1 Thess. 5:18



DECA Symposium—Mississauga

The Executive team of the NTCS DECA Club (**Elissa Chee, Sally Kim, Lydia Lu and Ally Yang**) had an opportunity to attend the Fall Symposium Event in Mississauga on September 29, 2022. At this event, they were given a chance to learn from Barry Wright (Interim Dean at Goodman School of Business and Associate Professor of Organizational Behaviour, Brock University) and the Ontario DECA Executives.

The day consisted of several seminars that taught students professionalism and essential networking skills in real-life-scenarios. Other topics included developing leadership, communication, and public-speaking skills. Along with these business tips, the DECA Executives received helpful advice to create enjoyable and effective meetings, to increase the chapter's ability to reach regionals/provincials, as well as to encourage leadership among member students. Overall, the symposium offered great learning opportunities for this year's DECA executives to become better leaders and to lead the team to victory.

Mr. M. Kim, DECA Adviser

Yearbook Distribution

The 2021-2022 yearbook has arrived and will be distributed on October 18th to all current students who attended NTCS during the 2021-2022 academic year. All former students may pick up their yearbook after that date during school office hours, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Please use the intercom at the main east door, facing the street, to let us know that you have arrived, and we will come down with your yearbook.

Congratulations to last year's yearbook team for producing a wonderful yearbook for all to enjoy! Special thanks to Mrs. Crouse and her fabulous team from the grade 11 journalism class last year for their hard work in overseeing the production of this major annual project!

2022-2023 School Calendar

The following is a list of the key dates until the end of March Break

October 7	PD day - No school
October 10	Thanksgiving Day - No school
November 23/24	Parent Teacher Interviews
November 25	PD day - No school
Dec. 26-Jan. 6, 2023	Christmas Break - No school
February 17, 2023	PD day - No school
February 20, 2023	Family Day
March 10-20, 2023	March Break

Newsletter

A monthly Newsletter will be sent via email to all school families on the first day of each month. It contains interesting and often important information of which you might want to be aware. Please ensure you provide the school with your current email address and, if it changes, please notify the office. For your convenience, the Newsletter will continue to be posted monthly on the school website.

