



North Toronto Christian School

# OCTOBER 2024 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, October 3rd to Thursday, October 10th. 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 and other cereal, coffee, tea, Ensure, and toothpaste. The school-wide goal is to reach a total of 40,000 points.

SaLT is a group of Gr. 9-12 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: **Ildi Angjeli, Zachary Chan, Alina Chen, Alessia Kaounis, Nikolas Kaounis, Charis Kwok, Tiffany Pang, Gloria Marie Salama, Matthew Tai, Emily Wan, Garrick Wong, and Rachel Zhang.** The staff advisors are **Mr. Brown** and **Mrs. Tse.**



### UPCOMING EVENTS

PD day (no school)	Oct 11
Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)	Oct 14
Interim Reports Gr. 7-12	Nov 08
Term 1 Reports JK-6	Nov 15
Parent/Teacher Interviews (all grades)	Nov 20-21
PD day (no school)	Nov 22

### *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 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>) 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 thank Mr. H. Galvez and his Grade 10A Civics class for their thoughtful and moving presentations at the assembly held for our Grade 7 to 12 students on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. The assembly began with a video of "O Canada" sung in both English, French, and Cree. The students learned about land acknowledgements, residential schools, and how to be an Indigenous ally. They also 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 presentations for this important day. The JK to Grade 6 elementary students also recognized this day with activities in their classrooms.

## Remembering Our Veterans

NTCS is making a video to honour those who have served in the military. It will be shown at our all-school Remembrance Day chapel on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to have the veterans in your family included in the video, please send your pictures and a brief summary of their service to Mr. Vant Erve at [dvanterve@ntcs.on.ca](mailto:dvanterve@ntcs.on.ca). In order to allow for production time, please submit them by Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

## FALL CHANDOS SCHEDULE

The high school fall class trips to our camp facility on Chandos Lake have now been completed, and our elementary and junior high students will be going up this month. If you are interested in accompanying your child's class as a supervisor, please contact Dr. Brouwer at [nbrouwer@ntcs.on.ca](mailto:nbrouwer@ntcs.on.ca). Please remember that a Vulnerable Sector Check is required and needs to be submitted to Dr. Brouwer prior to going on the trip. The fall packing list is on our school website.

The schedule is as follows:

October 08-09	Grade 3
October 09-10	Grade 4
October 16-18	Grade 5
October 21-23	Grade 8B
October 23-25	Grade 8A
October 28-30	Grade 6B
October 30-Nov 01	Grade 6A
November 4-6	Grade 7B
November 6-8	Grade 7A



## PE Uniforms

Our inventory of PE uniform items has been replenished. If you are awaiting certain items, you should receive them in the coming week. Please be sure to label all items with your child's name and grade so they can be returned to your child if found. If you wish to order more PE clothing, please fill out the PE Uniform order form on our website, under "Downloads", and email to Ms. Sin at [msin@ntcs.on.ca](mailto:msin@ntcs.on.ca). Etransfer payment to [admin@ntcs.on.ca](mailto:admin@ntcs.on.ca) must be made prior to receiving your order.

## *October Updates from the Guidance Office*

Christian College & University Tour: NTCS will once again be hosting the Christian College & University Tour on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon (1:30-3:30 pm). 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 their requirements for graduation and their plans for next year. Please be aware that final report cards for all credits acquired outside of NTCS, as well as the completed community service form, are due on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to avoid complications with the graduation timeline for our Grade 12 students.

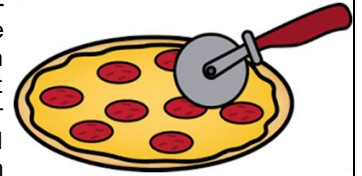
Grade 12 students will begin the university application process this month. A tutorial will take place in the computer lab to walk students through the Ontario University Application Centre online system. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at (416) 491-7667 ext. 232 or [cbrown@ntcs.on.ca](mailto:cbrown@ntcs.on.ca)



Mr. Brown, Head of Guidance

## Pizza Days at NTCS for JK to Grade 6 Students!

We are excited to have pizza days again this year for our elementary students! The pizza lunch includes one or two pieces of pizza, a juice box, and a small bag of chips. The cost is included in the tuition fee. If you would like your child to participate in pizza lunches, please go to the [Google form here](#) to select a Plan and your child's choice of pizza. Only one preference is permitted. If you want to change the number of pieces at some point, please let the office know. If you do not want your child to participate, please indicate on the Form. Please fill out one Form per child. Responses need to be submitted no later than Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024. If you would like to volunteer to help on pizza days, please contact Dr. Brouwer at [nbrouwer@ntcs.on.ca](mailto:nbrouwer@ntcs.on.ca).



Pizza day dates are the following: October 25<sup>th</sup>, November 15<sup>th</sup>, December 13<sup>th</sup>, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, February 21<sup>st</sup>, March 21<sup>st</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup>, and May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Peer Tutoring

We are able to offer our peer tutoring program again this year. Sessions will begin on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Tutoring sessions are focused on academics in ONE subject. Two, 30-minute sessions per week will be arranged to take place between 3:45-4:15 pm. Tutoring will occur from Monday to Thursday of each week, in the Forum room. 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 tutored, please contact Dr. Brouwer via email by October 7<sup>th</sup>. Please include your child's name, grade, and the subject in which they require tutoring. Multiple tutors will not be assigned to one child. Please note that the peer tutoring program is VERY popular, and so we are asking that parents request tutors only if their child is currently achieving below the provincial standard (has a current grade of below 75% in a subject in Grades 7-12 or below B- in the elementary grades).



## Skate Buy & Sell—JK to Gr. 6 October 21st—October 24th

Students from SK to Grade 6 are scheduled to go skating at Pleasantview arena in January 2025. Bring in your old skates to sell on October 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> and purchase another pair at a reasonable price on October 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>.

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.



## DECA Symposium

The Executive team of the NTCS DECA Club (**Ildi Angjeli, Bernard Kim, Eugenia Ma, and Arwyn Wallis**) had the opportunity to attend the Fall Symposium Event in Vaughan on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. At this event, they were given a chance to learn from Curtis Haley from *Beyond Consulting* 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 effectively prepare members for the role-play component of upcoming competitions. NTCS will be participating in the regional competition on November 15<sup>th</sup> at Cedarbrae C.I. Overall, the symposium offered great learning opportunities for this year's DECA executives to become better leaders and to lead the team to a successful year ahead.

Mr. M. Kim, DECA Advisor

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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 us fear the Lord  
our God, who gives  
autumn and spring  
rains in season, who  
assures us of the regu-  
lar weeks of harvest.*

*Jeremiah 5:24*



## NTCS AQUATICS PROGRAM

Swimming is a large part of our recreational program at the school and a valuable skill for students to acquire. The fall session of lessons will begin on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. There are a few spaces still available in certain levels for group lessons on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Email [aquatics@ntcs.on.ca](mailto:aquatics@ntcs.on.ca) for availability.

We are considering offering Bronze classes later on in the season - more information to come. Forms for all classes may be downloaded from our website. Please remember to include your child's **health card number and version code** on the form when registering, as we do not keep family information in a database.

## *Yearbook Distribution*

The 2023-2024 yearbook has arrived and will be distributed on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, to all current students who attended NTCS during the 2023-2024 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.

Congratulations to last year's yearbook team for producing a wonderful yearbook for all to enjoy! We extend a special thanks to Mr. Pinsent and his team from the Grade 11 journalism class for their hard work in overseeing the production of this major annual project!



## 2024-2025 School Calendar

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

October 11	PD day - No school
October 14	Thanksgiving Day - No school
November 20/21	Parent Teacher Interviews
November 22	PD day - No school
Dec. 20, 2024—Jan. 3, 2025	Christmas Break - No school
February 14	PD day - No school
February 17	Family Day - No school
March 7-17	March Break - No school

## 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. 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.

