



North Toronto Christian School

JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

Graduations 2025

Senior Kindergarten

Wednesday, June 18
2:00 p.m. (Track area)

Grade 8

Friday, June 20
6:30 p.m. (Track area)

Grade 12

Tuesday, June 24
7:00 p.m.

Trinity Presbyterian Church
2737 Bayview Ave.
Toronto, ON M2L 1C5

**All are welcome to come
and celebrate the accomplishments of our students!**

IMPORTANT DATES

Awards Assembly (Gr. 7-12)	June 06
Exams (Gr. 7-12)	June 09-19
Fun Fair (JK-Gr. 6)	June 13
SK Graduation	June 18
Last School Day (JK-Gr. 6)	June 20
Grade 8 Graduation	June 20
Final Report Cards (emailed) (JK-Gr. 6)	June 20
Grade 12 Graduation	June 24
Final Report Cards (emailed) (Gr. 7-12)	July 02



Open Doors Canada Fundraiser and NTCS Games

On Thursday, May 15th, our school buzzed with energy and excitement during the annual *NTCS Games*! Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 joined forces as part of the Red Team or Blue Team, competing in a series of exciting events that tested their teamwork, spirit, and determination.

The day began with elementary students showcasing their skills in four different activity stations in the morning, while high school students took on basketball, dodgeball, relays, *Just Dance*, and other challenges in the afternoon. Every event added points to the team totals. Bonus points were awarded to the team with the most contributions to our fundraiser for **Open Doors Canada**. Thanks to the generosity of families in our school community, we raised \$1,795.00 to help Christians living in areas where faith costs the most.

At the end of the day, the Blue Team emerged victorious, with their outstanding effort and spirit. Congratulations, Blue Team! SaLT would like to thank everyone who competed, cheered, or contributed to the fundraiser. Your participation made the day truly special!

Mr. C. Brown, SaLT Advisor

AWARDS ASSEMBLY—Grades 7-12

June 6th, 2025—1:45 p.m.

Please note that the Grade 8 and Grade 12 awards will be presented at their respective graduation ceremonies, with the exception of the sports awards, which will be given at the awards assembly.

Exam Schedule (Grades 7-12) ***June 9th-19th***

The exam schedule is posted in the “Daily Announcements” Google Classroom and in the “Downloads” section of our website- www.ntcs.on.ca. Students may not write exams early in order to leave for summer vacation. Students are expected to arrange their end-of-year schedules accordingly so that they are physically present to write their final exams at the designated times.

After an exam, students are expected to leave the school building promptly. They are not permitted to stay on the school property. Arrangements should be made for transportation home.

FUN FAIR—Friday, June 13th

Fun Fair is fast approaching and eagerly anticipated by our elementary students. Please be sure to read the information about purchasing tickets that your child will be taking home this week. If you are able to volunteer as a helper, even for a few hours, be sure to fill out the Google form [here](#). Please note that a Vulnerable Sector Check is required. We hope you can drop by to share in the excitement of this annual event!

If you decide to take your child home early, please remember to exit at the “CHECK OUT” sign near the south entrance where a teacher will sign your child out on the class list.



Tuition Fees—2025-2026

A reminder that tuition fees for the coming 2025/2026 school year are payable starting July 1st, 2025. **If you are paying tuition through a monthly direct debit/pre-authorized withdrawal, the amount will automatically be updated to the new tuition fee amount.** The date (1st or 15th) and frequency will remain the same.

If you have replied to our 'Intention to Return' email that your child(ren) does not plan to return in September 2025, or if your child is graduating from Grade 12, your pre-authorized withdrawals will be stopped once your tuition fees for the current school year have been paid in full.

Used Book Sale—Gr. 7-12

We will once again be selling used textbooks over the summer months. Students will be informed soon of which books we will “buy back”. We cannot accept textbooks that will not be used in the new school year or give credit for books that are in disrepair. Students must drop off books to be sold **no later** than Friday, June 20th, outside the office. Book lists for September 2025 will be posted under “Downloads” on our school website, and instructions about how to purchase used books over the summer or receive credit for those students graduating or departing, will be posted in the “Daily Announcements” Google classroom later this month.



Exciting New Additions to Our Grade 7 & 8 Program!

We're thrilled to announce two changes coming to our Grade 7 and 8 curriculum this year: **Life Skills** and **Healthy Living and Aquatics Activities!**

The **Life Skills** course is designed to equip students with essential strategies for academic success, including time management, critical thinking, effective study habits, and goal-setting. These skills will empower students to become more confident learners across all subjects. We will also be covering topics like conflict resolution, sewing, cooking, home repairs, personal finance, car maintenance, and gardening to help our students develop greater independence.

Additionally, our Grade 8 students will have the opportunity to earn a **Reach Ahead credit**, Healthy Living and Aquatics Activities (PAQ10). The Grade 9 course offers a fun, hands-on opportunity to build water safety, swimming techniques, and endurance. This program promotes physical fitness, teamwork, and confidence in the water—vital skills for life and health. Students will opt-in to take this course instead of our regular Grade 8 PE class. Look for an information email and Google form from Dr. Brouwer in the coming week.

Together, these courses support the growth of well-rounded students ready to thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

Dr. N. Brouwer, Principal

Camp Ke-Mon-Oya—Ojibwe name meaning “Place of Renewal”

During this month, the grounds at Camp Ke-Mon-Oya will become a beehive of activity as counselors and staff begin to prepare for five weeks of summer camp! Everyone is excited about seeing former campers again and making new friends! We hope you can join us! Registrations for the summer camp program continue to come in, and while some weeks are full, there are still spaces available!

Canoeing on Chandos Lake, jumping off the diving tower, playing all-camp games on the field, eating treats at tuck time, enjoying fun campfires, singing with the counselor worship band, and learning about God during chapel is a recipe for an awesome week.

Whatever you do....DON'T MISS OUT!

Junior Camp runs for 2 weeks beginning Monday, July 7th (for students entering Grades 3 - 6 in September). The last three weeks are **Teen Adventure Camp** and start Monday, July 21st (Grade 7 - 10 students).

Visit campkemonoya.com to register online.



French Appreciation Week

From April 28th to May 2nd, NTCS celebrated French Appreciation Week, a fantastic event organized by our dedicated French teachers. Throughout the week, students participated in a variety of fun and educational activities designed to immerse them in French language and culture.

Each class enjoyed exciting events such as a Reading Challenge, Writing Challenge, French play performances, a French movie day, and even French karaoke! Students selected their own French books to read and present to their classmates, showcasing their reading and speaking skills. They also took to the stage to perform French plays in front of an enthusiastic audience in the track area. Music was in the air as students learned and sang popular French songs together. To wrap up the week, everyone gathered to watch a French film, adding a cinematic touch to this cultural celebration.

French Appreciation Week was a wonderful opportunity for students to enhance their language skills, discover French culture, and have a great time—all en français!

Mme C. Bonadie & Mme K. Ouegnin

Drama Performance

On Wednesday and Thursday, May 21st and May 22nd, the high school drama class, taught by Mr. D. Kim, gave three entertaining performances of their end-of-year spring play, *The Ballad of Arthur Wright*. The script was written by our very own Mr. A. Hoover, and the performances were enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to the friends and families who came out to support the drama students!

Spring Arts Night

On the evening of Wednesday, May 28th, family and friends gathered in the track area to enjoy a concert by our Grade 9 to 12 senior concert band, conducted by Mr. C. Brown. Performances by a variety of smaller instrumental ensembles were also included in the program. These consisted of a flute quintet, a violin quintet, a woodwind and brass trio, a flute and saxophone duet, a piano duet, and a rock band, each with their own background accompaniment. The audience thoroughly enjoyed seeing these talented young people perform a variety of styles of music on their instruments.



The high school vocal ensemble, led by Mr. D. Vant Erve, also enthusiastically presented a delightful selection of choral pieces during the evening. Two days later, they enjoyed an opportunity to repeat their performance during the weekly Friday Fellowship meeting for the residents at Shepherd Village, in Scarborough. Thank you to Mr. Brown, Mr. Vant Erve, and all of the music students and choir members for their hard work in preparation for this concert.

In addition to the music, high school art students, under the guidance of Mrs. H. Kim, showcased their best work in their very own art exhibit. Held in the track area, concert attendees could browse and be inspired by the imaginative pieces of art created by our artistic students during their classes throughout the year. Thank you to Mrs. Kim and her students who fashioned an impressive display for us to enjoy.



Class Visit with Author Sharon Cameron

This term, the Grade 10 English class has been studying a historical fiction novel entitled, *The Light in Hidden Places*. It is based on the true story of an unlikely hero, Stefania Podgórska, and set in Poland during World War II. On May 1st, the students had the opportunity to meet the author, **Sharon Cameron**, in their classroom over Zoom. Ms. Cameron talked about her book and shared what inspired her to write about this particular testimony of heroism. She also relayed exclusive stories that were not included in the novel and answered all of the students' questions honestly and in depth! Ms. Cameron was so lovely to talk to and expressed how grateful she was that her novel was studied in our school, as she believes Stefania's story is a significant one to tell.

Ms. N. Jones

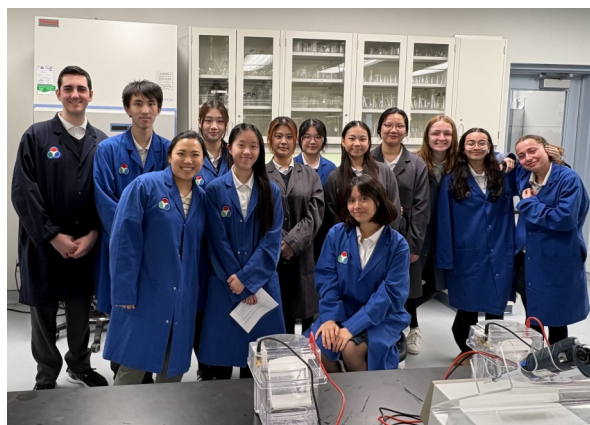
DNA Fingerprinting Workshop

On May 6th, 2025, the Grade 12 HOSA club members and the senior biology and kinesiology students participated in an immersive DNA Fingerprinting Workshop led by the Ontario Science Centre in collaboration with Toronto Metropolitan University. This full-day workshop took place in a professional biotechnology lab, providing students with a unique opportunity to engage in hands-on learning using advanced molecular biology equipment.

As part of the experience, students collected, amplified, and analyzed their own DNA through polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and gel electrophoresis. These are all core techniques used in any post-secondary biology programs, as well as modern genetics and forensic science. Their experiments yielded excellent results and gave students meaningful insight into the practical applications of biotechnology in fields such as criminal investigations, genetic research, and food authentication.

This workshop served as an exciting culmination to the molecular genetics unit and reinforced key classroom concepts through real-world application. It was a valuable and enriching experience that deepened students' understanding of the relevance of biotechnology in today's scientific landscape.

Mrs. H. Tse



Avogadro and Chem 13 News Contests

On May 8th and 15th, 26 students from the Grades 11 and 12 chemistry classes wrote the challenging Avogadro and Chem 13 News Exams. Different from other competitions, these competitions do not distinguish between gold, silver, and bronze awards/medals. They do, however, publish global, national, and provincial rankings. **Martin Lem** (12) stood out among 1629 competitors in the Chem 13 and placed in the top 25% in Canada. **Yuhan Liu** (11) stood out among 3386 competitors, achieving the top 20% in Canada and ranking 5th in North York. Congratulations!

Mr. H. Xu



ATTENTION!

JK to Grade 3 students and parents!

You still have access to your RazKids account over the summer months. Get a headstart on the next grade and keep reading!! If you haven't read for awhile, be sure to check your account to see if your teacher has adjusted your level!

NTCS Mathletic Department

University of Waterloo Gauss Math Contest—Grade 7 and 8

The Grade 7 and 8 students recently competed in the University of Waterloo Gauss Math Contest. Known for its challenging problems, this was a wonderful opportunity for the students to showcase their mathematical talents. We are very proud of all our participants for their dedication and hard work. Special recognition goes to the students who achieved outstanding results, placing them in the top 25% of our school. Their scores reflect, not only their talent, but also their commitment to excellence in mathematics.

Our top 25% outstanding students included the following individuals:

Grade 7: **Kabeer Bhatia, Zoe Chan, Kendra Ho, Elliot Leung, Theodore Nassar, Alena Wang, Mavis Weng, Esther Yang, and Jaeger Zheng.**

Grade 8: **Eric Cheng, Jason Cheng, Hannah Choy, Aksha Joel, Emma Kim, Vivian Li, Sophia Liu, Rosalina Park, and Audrey Rofaie.**

Three individuals who achieved the highest scores in our school were **Sophia Liu (8), Elliot Leung (7), and Kendra Ho (7).**

Congratulations to all of our participants! Keep striving for excellence.

Math teachers: Mrs. Hj. Lee & Mr. D. Lew

University of Waterloo Math Contests—Grades 9-12

NTCS students participated in a variety of full-solution Waterloo mathematics contests this spring. Students writing these contests are scored, not only on getting the correct answers, but on the quality of their solutions. Twenty-eight Grade 9 to 11 students wrote the Fryer, Galois, and Hypatia contests. Six Grade 12 students and one Grade 11 student wrote the Euclid contest, which covers a wide selection of material from high school and beyond.

Congratulations to the following students for earning special recognition:

Euclid Contest

Julie Kim and Martin Lem - School Medal, just shy of top 25%
Nikolas Kaounis, Eugenia Ma, and Joyce Lau - above national average

Hypatia Contest

Kaelin Sun - School Medal, top 25% Certificate and Student Honour Roll
Yuhan Liu - top 25% Certificate and Student Honour Roll
Grace Wan - top 25% Certificate
Zachary Chan and Isaac Vant Erve - above national average

Galois Contest

Yinuo Hao - School Medal, top 25% Certificate and Student Honour Roll
Simon Chen - top 25% Certificate
Alessia Kaounis - above national average

Fryer Contest

Joelle Leung - School Medal, top 25% Certificate and Student Honour Roll
Rachel Zhang, Ray Sun, and Kaven Zhang - top 25% Certificate
Emily Wan, Daniel Yang, Hayoon Ku, and Terrell Lam - above national average



Math teachers: D. Brooks, M. Kim, Hj. Lee, & D. Vant Erve



Grade 5 Visit the Zoo

On May 9th, the Grade 5 students had the opportunity to go on a field trip to the Toronto Zoo. It was a great opportunity to explore the different continents and see the various animals and their habitats.

After a long winter and many rainy days, it was the perfect outdoor and educational experience on a warm, sunny day. We enjoyed seeing and learning about God's beautiful natural world and spending time with friends.

Mrs. Z. Colic

Grade 3 Black Creek Pioneer Village Field Trip

On May 27th, the Grade 3 students took a trip back in time to the 1860s, at Black Creek Pioneer Village. The morning was spent touring many of the buildings in the village with a Black Creek staff member highlighting the life of the Indigenous people and early settlers, as well as describing various jobs and trades in the Victorian age.

After lunch, our tour continued with a focus on how the natural environment affected life for people and animals in those days. The students had a scavenger hunt activity and particularly enjoyed seeing the many new baby lambs, visiting an Indigenous wigwam, and being horrified by the somewhat medieval techniques of medicine and dentistry 160 years ago!

We enjoyed spectacular weather, and the trip was a wonderful conclusion to our Early Settlers studies in social studies.

Mrs. V. Cheung & Mrs. B. Chu



Grade 4 Visit to Evergreen Brick Works



To complement their current focus on rocks and minerals in science class, the Grade 4 students enjoyed a field trip to Evergreen Brick Works on Friday, May 30th. Situated on a floodplain, Brick Works was once an industrial quarry used for excavating clay and shale to make bricks for building our city of Toronto. The students enjoyed learning about the geological time and history that was exposed during the excavation.

On the nature trail, the students had a firsthand look at the quarry as they hiked along its edge. They enjoyed games and activities related to rocks and minerals. Assuming the role of geologist, the students also examined rocks for fossil evidence and attempted to identify the various specimens.

Mrs. A. Seenaraine

Grade 11 & 12 Serve Project

The Grade 11 and 12 classes each had an opportunity to volunteer for a full day at *Grace Place Food Bank* in Scarborough, on May 7th and 28th. The Grade 12 students had volunteered there last year and were enthusiastic to return one final time. The students were quickly reminded about how much work was involved and the amount of help required for a food bank to provide its services to families in the community. They were assigned to various tasks and worked diligently and harmoniously, like a well-oiled machine. The food bank staff were very grateful to see our students work tirelessly. However, it was a blessing for us that we participated in the faithful work of fellow Christians who devotedly serve the community every day.

Mr. M. Kim, Mrs. A. Stephen-Singh, & Mr. A. Hoover

Grade 5 Serve Project

The Grade 5 class recently completed their serve project by fundraising to purchase water filters for distribution in Ghana. The Christian, non-profit organization, **Ripple Effect**, works through partnering with leaders in the community and local organizations and has several core programs that focus on educating and sharing resources with farming communities to help them build a more sustainable future. One of their initiatives is to save lives by providing access to clean drinking water and improving sanitation. Each water filtration system can serve a family of 5–10 people for up to 10 years. Our students raised a total of \$1405.05 which will enable the purchase of 30 filters and have the ripple effect of improving the lives of those in many communities. Thank you, grade fives, for your diligent work in serving others.

Mrs. Z. Colic

Elementary Fun Swims

In recent weeks, our swimming pool has been a beehive of activity as the elementary classes (JK–Gr. 6) enjoyed fun swims. This was a wonderful opportunity for the younger children especially to become more comfortable in the water and for all to enjoy a memorable time in the pool with their classmates. Thank you to the staff and NTCS high school students and lifeguards who enthusiastically supervised the children in the water and to the parents who helped in the change rooms.



NTCS FLAMES—Softball

High School Co-ed Softball

The NTCS senior softball team played in a one-day round-robin tournament on Monday, May 26th. Though the competition was really tough, and we weren't able to come away with any victories, the team had an excellent day! Shout-outs go to our big home run hitters (**Kevin**, **Tristan**, and **Ildi**), our persevering pitchers (**Joshua** and **Isaac**), and our capable catchers (**Austin** and **James**) for their performances, but everyone on the team had a moment or two to shine on either offense or defense. With a heavy contingent of Grade 11 players this year, big things are expected of next year's team!

Mr. Vant Erve and Mrs. Erasmus are very proud of all the players who faithfully came to practices for the past few weeks. We enjoyed all the fun helping you to further your love and learning of the game of softball.

Team members included: **Ildi Angjeli**, **James Awadalla**, **Tristan Boertjes**, **Michael Chan**, **Kevin Cheng**, **Judah Flynn**, **Joshua Lam**, **Terrell Lam**, **Amy Liu**, **Isaac Vant Erve**, **Emily Wan**, **William Watson**, **Noah Xia**, and **Austin Zhang**.

Coaches: Mrs. S. Erasmus & Mr. D. Vant Erve

NTCS FLAMES—Track and Field

Junior and Middle School Track and Field

The NTCS 7/8 track and field team travelled on Tuesday, May 28th to York University. Thirty-eight of our athletes worked hard and together had a strong finish to the track season. Results are as follows:

Junior Girls (Gr. 5 & 6)

Madelyn Gomes-Sierra 3rd 400m
2nd Running Long Jump

Also competing for NTCS were: **Brenda Bai, Piper Brooks, Esther Kok, Lydia Wang, Mikaela Woo, and Galaxy Zhu.**

Junior Boys (Gr. 5 & 6)

Mayo Akinawo 1st 100m
Lucas Dubinski 3rd Triple Jump
Simon Morgan 4th Ball Throw

Also competing for NTCS were: **Orion Kwong, Zachary Liu, Max Park, Shane Park, Joshua Matta, and Joshua Moon.**

Intermediate Girls (Gr. 7)

Ada Larratt-Smith 8th 100 m

Also competing for NTCS were: **Sophie Dubinski, Zoe Sargeant, Alena Wang, and Mavis Weng.**

Intermediate Boys (Gr. 7)

Luke Morgan 4th 100 m
Ezra Kok 4th Standing Long Jump

Also competing for NTCS were: **Owen Kwong, Elliot Leung, Glen Li, and Theodore Nassar.**

Senior Girls (Gr. 8)

Carissa Peng 4th Standing Long Jump

Also competing for NTCS were: **Stephanie Duran Pacheco, Cathryn Kwok, and Tina Mazaheri.**

Senior Boys (Gr. 8)

Jason Cheng 1st 1500 m
Damola Eleso 1st 100 m
2nd Running Long Jump
4th Triple Jump
Luke Yeo 6th 100 m

Also competing for NTCS were: **James Chan, Eric Cheng, Alvin Deng, and Tiam Hosseini.**

It has been an encouraging season of track and field.

Coaches: Mrs. J. Cottrill & Mrs. S. Erasmus



Senior Track and Field

On May 5th, our high school track and field team travelled to Brock University to take part in the OCSSAA (Ontario Christian Secondary School Athletic Association) track and field meet. Our students represented our school well with some notable performances. **Noah Sargeant** competed in the 100m finals with a blistering time of 12.86 secs and also competed in the finals for shot put. **Toni Viterbo** ran a gutsy 1500m, leading for most of the race. **Michael Chan** had a good showing in the 3000m. Huge shout-out to **Tyler Wu** for filling in at the last minute for our boys 4x100m relay.

Team Members: **Hannah Brouwer, Michael Chan, Caleb Cheng, Emmanuelle Di, Emma Esho, Hayoon Ku, Joshua Lam, Max Le Maguer, Eugenia Ma, Shanya Munoz, Noah Sargeant, Mackenzie Silva, Isaac Vant Erve, Toni Viterbo, Arwyn Wallis, Chris Wallis, William Watson, Tyler Wu, and Paige Young.**

Coaches: Ms. N. Jones, Mrs. Q. Yoo, & Dr. N. Brouwer

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NTCS to provide a
sound academic
education inte-
grated with a
Christian view of
God and the world.*

For as the soil makes
the sprout come up and
a garden causes seeds
to grow, so the Sover-
eign LORD will make
righteousness and
praise spring up before
all nations. NIV

Isaiah 61:11

Summer 2025 ESL Credit Courses

This summer, NTCS will offer English as a Second Language credit courses during the month of August 2025 (Grades 9-12). These English courses (ESLCO, ESLDO and ESLEO) are designed for students whose first language is not English and will include 110 hours of classroom instruction.

The courses will satisfy Ontario Ministry of Education credit requirements that can be used to count toward the 30 credits students need to complete in order to receive their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). The class will run from Monday, July 28th to Thursday, August 21st from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. The cost is \$1250.00.

NTCS Aquatics

Thank you for your participation in our aquatics program this past school year. Our spring session has now concluded. There will be NO SWIMMING LESSONS held at NTCS during the summer months, as we use this time to maintain our school facilities in preparation for the fall. Swimming lessons will resume after the Thanksgiving weekend in October. Registration forms will be posted on our website in late August or early September.

NTCS Calendar 2024-2025 (major dates)

June 06	Last day of classes (Gr. 7-12)
June 09-19	Exams (Gr. 7-12)
June 18	Senior Kindergarten Graduation
June 20	Last day of school (JK-6)
June 20	Elementary Reports emailed
June 20	Grade 8 Graduation
June 24	Grade 12 Graduation
July 02	High School Reports emailed
August 28	Orientation Day (new Gr. 7-12 students)
August 29	Orientation Day (new JK-Gr. 6 students)
September 02	Back to School
October 10-13	PD day/Thanksgiving (No school)
November 26-27	Parent/Teacher Interviews
November 28	PD Day (No school)



Newsletter

The next newsletter will be sent via email on July 1, 2025.

The newsletter and other information can be found on our website at www.ntcs.on.ca. Please keep us informed of any changes to your email address so that we can continue to keep you updated on important school information.

