



North Toronto Christian School

JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Senior Kindergarten, Grade 8, and Gr. 12 Graduations!



Congratulations to each of our 22 Grade 12 graduates for their successful completion of the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)! We are pleased that so many of you were able to attend the graduation to celebrate their achievements. We are very proud of the graduates as they leave NTCS to face challenges in new places.

Special congratulations to **Jacquelyne Goligher** who delivered the valedictory speech and to **Andrew Shen** who was the recipient of the Governor General's Academic Medal. **Jacquelyne Goligher** was presented with the Laurie Roberts Memorial Scholarship, **Aidan Ng** was the recipient of the Amy Lau Memorial Scholarship, and **Andrew Shen** was awarded the Oliver Hamilton Memorial Scholarship.

We also want to extend our congratulations to our Grade 8 students as they move on to high school! It was a special evening as we were able to meet together with family and friends to officially acknowledge each student and commend them for their hard work and dedication towards their studies. We recognize that they too have reached an important milestone in their lives.

We want to recognize and extend our thanks to **Ms. A. Leung** in the school office who created and assembled the slide presentations for both of these graduations and compiled the Grade 12 graduation program and booklet. We appreciate her willingness to tackle these very important projects.

Award recipients from Grades 7 to 12 are mentioned later in this newsletter. Grade 12 students will be able to pick up their official diploma and transcript from the school office starting July 3rd.

Our Senior Kindergarten class is another group of students we would like to recognize as they graduate to Grade 1! The students presented a special graduation program to their families and friends on June 19th. A sincere thank you to their teacher, **Mrs. J. Chambers**, for her work with the students in preparation for this event. Each student was presented with a Certificate of Achievement and a personalized Bible. Thank you, as well, to **Mrs. H. Kim** who prepared the Bibles for the students.

As we conclude another academic school year, The NTCS Board of Directors, Administration, and Faculty thank all parents and guardians for your wonderful support throughout the past year. We wish all of our NTCS community a time of rest and rejuvenation over the summer months.

Thank you...to all parent volunteers!

We extend a very sincere thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in so many areas of school life this past year. From pizza days to Chandos trips to Fun Fair and everything else in between, we are grateful for those who were able to assist in the life of the school. It means a great deal to the faculty, staff, and students to have your support.

NTCS Staff Members

We say good-bye to a number of our staff this month, who are leaving the Toronto area to pursue new opportunities and challenges. We are grateful for the time that they have been with us at NTCS and for the contributions they have each made to our school community. We pray for God's continued blessings on **Mr. Arcangel** (Vancouver), **Ms. Calabrese** (Chicago), **Mme Wall** (Thailand), **Mr. Pinsent** (Thailand), and **Mr. Garay** (St. Thomas).

It is a joy to welcome back three of our former staff members, who are returning from their maternity leaves: **Mrs. Whyte-Ha** to teach Grade 6, **Mrs. Stephen Singh** to teach high school English, and **Mrs. Yoo** to teach high school science.

Mrs. M. Cooke will be moving from a full time classroom teaching role in Grade 3 to be our main supply teacher at various grade levels. **Mr. W. teBokkel** will shift from a Grade 6 homeroom class to teach social studies in our junior high program. **Mrs. V. Cheung** will move from a Grade 5 homeroom teaching role to teach one of two Grade 3 homeroom classes.

We also welcome to the NTCS staff the following new teachers:

Mrs. Brianna Chu to teach a second Grade 3 class. Mrs. Chu has a degree in Business and South East Asian Studies from the SOAS School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London, England, a Masters degree in Geography and teaching certification from the National Taiwan Normal University, as well as elementary teaching certification from Moreland University. She has six years of teaching experience in Korea and Ontario, and we look forward to her joining our elementary teaching staff.

Mrs. Sandra Erasmus to teach elementary Physical Education. With over 20 years of teaching and coaching elementary and middle school students in South Africa and Ontario, Mrs. Erasmus brings her wide experience and education from the University of Pretoria in South Africa to contribute to our active physical education and sports programs at NTCS.

Mrs. Zeljka Colic joins us to teach Grade 5. Her degree in music from Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, and her teaching certifications from the University of Nis, Serbia, and Burman University in Alberta, along with fourteen years of experience teaching at several private schools in the Greater Toronto Region, bring a vast experience to our junior elementary program.

Mr. Henry Xu returns to Canada to join our staff after teaching high school science and math in Nanjing, China and Qingdao, China for twelve years. His Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from the University of Toronto, and his Bachelor of Education degree from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) at the University of Toronto, along with a British Columbia teaching certification and additional teaching qualifications earned at Bethel University in the USA prepare him well to teach a variety of high school science courses at NTCS.

We look forward to a new school year starting in September with these various changes to our teaching staff.

ATTENTION: All 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!!



Drama Performance

On Wednesday and Thursday, June 5th and June 6th, the high school drama class, taught by Mr. D. Kim, gave an entertaining performance of their spring play, ***Murder at The Auction***. The script was written by our very own Mr. 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!

2023-2024 Yearbook

The yearbook team, under the leadership of Mr. Pinsent, has been working hard over the past ten months to capture this academic school year. They have included student interviews and pictures of every aspect of student life. Thanks to all the teachers and students for responding with pictures and quotes when requested. The 2023-2024 edition of our yearbook will be available sometime in the fall and will be distributed to all students in school. Former students will be notified via our monthly newsletter and Facebook/LinkedIn as to when the yearbook will be available to pick up.

Congratulations to the yearbook team for producing another wonderful yearbook for all to enjoy! We look forward to seeing the finished product!

FUN, FRIENDS, FOOD!

We were blessed with a wonderful day for our annual Fun Fair on June 14th. The children played many games and ate lots of treats with their friends. Our elementary teachers and the Grade 10 business class, under Mr. Lau's leadership, provided a variety of fun and challenging activities for the students. We are always grateful for the many parents who helped to make the day such a success. Thank you!



The MCU (Monthly Chapel Update—May/June)

Primary Praise (JK - Grade 3):

We finished the excellent video series on Joy in Philippians and the Grade 1, SK, and JK classes enjoyed sharing their memory verses with the other classes. Mrs. Etinger taught a lesson on the importance of praying for one another. Mr. Vant Erve and Mrs. Newsted led a time of focusing on using our words and actions to "Be Like Jesus" in our friendships with classmates, even when we're competing in sports or playing competitively at recess. In the final two weeks of the year, we joined together with the Grades 4-6 classes and enjoyed a time of worship led by CTS, the Chaplaincy Team Singers (and friends). Highlights from this worship set included a guest performance by the SK class for *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* and the last time through Mr. V.'s new rendition of *May the Mind of Christ My Saviour*.

Mini-Chapel (Grades 4 - 6):

Mr. Garay and the Grade 5 class led us in considering some of the attributes of God, and they shared an excellent video from the "Douglas Talks" series. Mr. Vant Erve and Mrs. Newsted led a time of focusing on using our words and actions to "Be Like Jesus" in our friendships with classmates, even when we're competing in sports or playing competitively at recess. Mrs. Cheung and her Grade 5 class built on this, showing us some clear examples of times when we should make the choice to be "quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry." Most recently, we finished off the excellent "Joy" video series on the book of Philippians and then joined together with the Primary grades for a whole lot of worship songs led by Mr. V. and Mrs. Newsted. In the final week, we were visited by the CTS, the Chaplaincy Team Singers.

Intermediate & Senior Chapel:

At the beginning of May, we heard some inspirational stories of rescue and hope from **Brian Mullins**, who works with the International Justice Mission to advocate for those who are oppressed in the terrors of human trafficking and slavery. **Mr. Collins** finished up his "Be Like Jesus" sermon series with encouragements to "Be Meek", "Be Fruitful", and "Be Rich" in His image. We are very thankful for his dedication to sharing with us throughout the year. We also had the privilege of being led in two separate chapels by the Grade 11 class and the Grade 12 class, both of whom had us on our feet for a portion of the service and also led us in times of worship and reflection. These moments, when students are leading their fellow classmates and their teachers in drawing close to God, are some of our most precious times together. It is what we want for every graduate of NTCS - to see them leading others towards our great God!

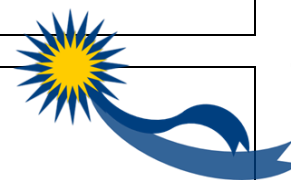
Mr. Vant Erve, Vice-Principal

Awards 2023-2024

Congratulations to all students for a successful school year! The following are the recipients of various awards which were presented either at the awards assembly or the graduation ceremonies in June. The students are to be commended for their diligence and work ethic in achieving a high standard of excellence.

<u>Grade 7</u>	<u>7A</u>	<u>7B</u>	<u>Grade 8</u>	<u>8A</u>	<u>8B</u>
Bible	Vivian Li	Audrey Rofaiel	Bible	Garrick Wong	Ashlee Yan
Computing	Alvin Deng	Rosalina Park	Computing	Pierce Wong	Mercia Hui
English	Emma Kim	Michael Sawires	English	Emily Wan	Ali Wang
French	Emma Kim	Aksha Joel	French	Iris Zhong	William Gomes-Sierra
Math	Hannah Choy	Michael Sawires	Math	Emily Wan	Jaiden Ng
Music	Alvin Deng	Sophia Liu	Music	Nala Pinsent	Allison Chuang
Physical Ed.	Luke Yeo	Tina Mazaheri	Physical Ed.	Judah Flynn	Allison Chuang
Science	Hannah Choy	Aksha Joel	Science	Rachel Zhang	Joelle Leung
Social Studies	Vivian Li	Sophia Liu	Social Studies	Rachel Zhang	Joelle Leung
Visual Arts	James Chan	Tina Mazaheri	Visual Arts	Iris Zhong	Jaiden Ng

<u>Grade 9</u>		<u>Grade 10</u>	
Drama	Ella Watson	Business	Ildi Angjeli
English	Natalie Lau	Career Studies	Ildi Angjeli
ESL	Holly Hao	Christian Studies	Grace Wan
Open French	Tiffany Pang	Civics	Hannah Brouwer
French	Alessia Kaounis	Drama	Yuhan Liu
Geography	Tiffany Pang	English	Isaac Vant Erve
Math	Liam Lu	ESL	Maggie Liu
Music	Alessia Kaounis	French	Grace Wan
Physical Ed.	Ella Watson/James Awadalla	History	Shanya Munoz
Science	Maggie Wang	Math (Applied)	Hannah Brouwer
Technology	Maggie Wang	Math	Bernard Kim
Visual Arts	James Awadalla	Music	Isaac Vant Erve
		Science	Yuhan Liu
		Visual Arts	Ashlyn Yiu



Awards continued...2023-2024



Grade 11

Accounting	Matthew Tai
Biology	Alina Chen
Chemistry	Martin Lem
Computer Science	Brandon Yip (Gr. 11) Nikolas Kaounis (Gr. 12)
Drama	Joyce Lau
English	Joyce Lau
French	Nikolas Kaounis
Foundations of Math	Mackenzie Silva
Functions	Joyce Lau
Journalism	Charlotte Peng
Law	Eugenia Ma
Music Performance	Maggie Wang
Physical Education	Amy Liu
Physics	Nikolas Kaounis
Visual Arts	Na Wang
World Religions	Eugenia Ma

Grade 12

Advanced Functions	Adrina Esfandiari
Biology	Eunice Deng
Calculus and Vectors	Andrew Shen
Chemistry	Aidan Ng
Data Management	Andrew Shen
Earth and Space Science	Jacquelyne Goligher
English	Jacquelyne Goligher
French	Jacquelyne Goligher
Kinesiology	Daniella Attalla
Western Thought	Adrina Esfandiari
International Business	Anna Wong
Law	Uriel Omozusi
Music	Evelyn Chan
Physics	Andrew Shen
Visual Arts	Aidan Ng
Writer's Craft	Ally Yang

Academic Proficiency

Gr. 7	Michael Sawires
Gr. 8	Emily Wan
Gr. 9	Liam Lu, Tiffany Pang, Maggie Wang
Gr. 10	Grace Wan
Gr. 11	Nikolas Kaounis
Gr. 12	Andrew Shen

Nehemiah

Seraphina Guirguis
Rachel Zhang
Holly Hao
Yuhan Liu
Amy Liu
Adrina Esfandiari

Spirit of the Apostle

Michael Sawires, Audrey Rofaiel
Eden Hackmann
Tiffany Pang
Grace Wan/Isaac Vant Erve
Charlotte Peng
Jacquelyne Goligher

Principal's Honour Roll—2023-2024

The following students in Grades 4 to 8 have achieved an overall average of 85+%.
Academic Proficiency Award (highest overall average in the grade)



Grade 4

Miyuki Chau
Sophia Man
Julian Nassar
Gabriel Sawires

Leanne Thomas
Isabel Wan
Jordan Zeng

Grade 5

Kristen Au
Kirubel Ermias
Madelyn Gomes-Sierra
Laelle Kim
Benjamin Lee
Clarissa Leung
Ethan Li
Victoria Li
Zachary Liu

Danelle Mann
Adam Mei
Samantha Rofaiel
Theodore Salama
Samantha Tamondong
Emiko Sang
Michael Shenouda
Jocelyn Wong

Grade 6

Kabeer Bhatia
Charlie Chan
Cora Hackmann
Kendra Ho
Lael Kim
Ezra Kok
Owen Kwong
Curtis Leung
Elliot Leung

Leona Lian
Grace Liang
Theodore Nassar
Zoe Sargeant
Hyeonseo Shim
Alena Wang
Mavis Weng
Esther Yang
Amy Zhao

Grade 7

Carrie Chan
Hannah Choy
Alvin Deng
Aksha Joel
Emma Kim
Cathryn Kwok

Vivian Li
Sophia Liu
Audrey Rofaiel
Michael Sawires (*Academic Proficiency Award*)
Deborah Wang

Grade 8

Arthur Chan
Allison Chuang
Mercia Hui
Joelle Leung
Jane Li
Emily Wan (*Academic Proficiency Award*)
Ali Wang

Caleb Wang
Garrick Wong
Pierce Wong
Ashlee Yan
Rachel Zhang
Kai Zou

Principal's Honour Roll—2023-2024

Grades 9-12 - an overall average of 80+% (a full course load at NTCS)
Academic Proficiency Award (highest overall average in the grade)

Grade 9A

Clara Burry
Simon Chen
Curtis Gao
Natalie Lau
Liam Lu
(Academic Proficiency Award)
Amen Ng
Noah Sargeant
Jeffrey Tao
Maggie Wang
(Academic Proficiency Award)
Ella Watson
Luke Zhang

Grade 9B

Ayomide Akinnawo
James Awadalla
Michael Chan
Niat Ermias
Caiden Hui
Alessia Kaounis
Charis Kwok
Joshua Lam
Aiden Lau
Tiffany Pang
(Academic Proficiency Award)
Chris Wallis
Ivan Wang
Gabriel Wong

Grade 10A

Samuel Barradas-Villegas
Zachary Chan
Nicholas Cheng
Kiman Ghiasi Esfahani
Rebecca Goh
Shannon Goligher
Bernard Kim
Maggie Liu
Queenie Miao
Gloria-Marie Salama
Veronica Sami
Evelyn Sun
Mars Sun
Priscilla Wang
Kenneth Wu

Grade 10B

Ildi Angjeli
Hannah Brouwer
Ivan Chan
Kevin Cheng
Dorothy Law
Yuhan Liu
Shanya Munoz
Richard Stsiapura
Isaac Vant Erve
Grace Wan
(Academic Proficiency Award)
Noah Xia
Ashlyn Yiu

Grade 11

Alina Chen
Emma Esho
Nikolas Kaounis
(Academic Proficiency Award)
Michelle Lai
Joyce Lau
Martin Lem
Alice Li
Nancy Liang
Eugenia Ma
Chan Park
Charlotte Peng
Gabriella Philips
Mackenzie Silva
Matthew Tai
Arwyn Wallis
Brandon Yip

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ontario Scholars—Grade 12

An Ontario Scholar is a student who obtains an aggregate of at least 480 marks in any combination of six Ontario Ministry of Education approved Grade 12 university preparation, university/college preparation, and/or college preparation courses authorized under the *Ontario Secondary School, Grade 9 to 12: Program and Diploma Requirements, 1999 (OSS)*.

Daniella Attalla
Evelyn Chan
Alley Chen
Haydrian Cheung
Magnus Chien
Eunice Deng
Adrina Esfandiari

Jacquelyne Goligher
Alan Lu
Joshua Ma
Aidan Ng
Uriel Omozusi
Anya Rankine-Rivers

Andrew Shen
(Academic Proficiency Award)
Alexander Watson
Anna Wong
Ally Yang
Annie Zhao
Joanna Zhao



Grade 12 Graduates 2023-2024—Destinations

STUDENT NAME	UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE	PROGRAM
Daniella Attalla	University of Sunderland, UK	Master of Pharmacy
Evelyn Chan	Queen's University	Arts/Education—Concurrent
Alley Chen	Queen's University	Psychology
Haydrian Cheung	University of Ottawa	Mechanical Engineering
Magnus Chien	Humber College	Music
Joshua Delic	Apprenticeship	Appraisal
Eunice Deng	University of Toronto	Forensic Science
Adrina Esfandiari	University of Waterloo	Mathematics
Jacquelyne Goligher	University of Toronto	Humanities
Kelly Hsu	University of Ottawa	Environmental Science
Alan Lu	York University	Kinesiology and Health Science
Lydia Lu	Fordham University, NY	Communications and Culture
Joshua Ma	Toronto Metropolitan University	Mechatronics Engineering
Aidan Ng	University of Toronto	Psychology & Health Studies—Co-op
Uriel Omozusi	York University	Commerce—Management specialization
Anya Rankine-Rivers	University of Toronto	Life Sciences
Andrew Shen	University of Toronto	Computer Science
Alexander Watson	York University	Software Engineering
Anna Wong	University of British Columbia	Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
Ally Yang	Carleton University	Law and Journalism
Annie Zhao	University of Ottawa	Mechanical Engineering
Joanna Zhao	University of Toronto	Music Education

YOU DID IT!
Congratulations



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

*Let not steadfast love
and faithfulness forsake
you: bind them around
your neck; write them
on the tablet of your
heart.*

Proverbs 3:3



Uniform Guidelines

Please review the **Uniform Guidelines** document that was sent recently to all families (the link was attached to the email with your child's report card) to ensure you purchase the correct clothing items for your child and understand the expectations.

All students should examine their uniform items over the summer to ensure that they fit properly, are in good condition, and adhere to the expectations that are outlined in the *Uniform Guidelines* document. Girls in Grades 7 to 12 need to be sure they have a kilt that is the correct length with sufficient hem to allow for lowering as they grow. Boys need to remember that alterations to the pant legs to make them slimmer are not permitted. All students must have black dress shoes in good repair.

Uniform items can be obtained at the McCarthy's showroom at 12 Trojan Gate in Scarborough. Alternatively, clothing can be purchased online at mccarthyuniforms.ca/shop or by calling the Call Center at 416-593-6900.

If you have any questions about the uniform, please feel free to call the school office.

2024-2025 School Calendar

The following is a list of the key dates for the 2024/2025 school year. Please note the dates for the end of the school year as well. The last official day of school is Friday, June 20th, 2025. Grade 8 graduation will be the evening of Friday, June 20th, 2025 and the Grade 12 graduation will be the evening of Tuesday, June 24th, 2025.

2024	Monday, September 2	Labour Day – No school
	Tuesday, September 3	First day of school
	Friday, October 11	PD day—No school
	Monday, October 14	Thanksgiving Day—No school
	Wed/Thurs, November 20/21	Parent Teacher Interviews
	Friday, November 22	PD day—No school
	Mon., Dec. 23—Fri., Jan. 3	Christmas Break—No school
2025	Friday, February 14	PD day—No school
	Monday, February 17	Family Day—No school
	Fri., Mar. 7—Mon., Mar. 17 (inclusive)	March Break—No school
	Friday, April 18	Good Friday—No school
	Monday, April 21	Easter Monday—No school
	Friday, May 16	PD day—No school
	Monday, May 19	Victoria Day—No school
	Mon., June 9—Thurs., June 19	Grade 7 to 12 Exams
	Friday, June 20	Last day of classes (JK-Grade 6)
	Friday, June 20	Grade 8 Graduation
	Tuesday, June 24	Grade 12 Graduation

Have a wonderful summer!
See you in September!

