



North Toronto Christian School

## May 2024 NEWSLETTER

### GRACE PLACE FOOD BANK FUNDRAISER & NTCS GAMES—May 30<sup>th</sup>

The Service and Leadership Team (SaLT) is preparing for our annual NTCS Games event alongside our Spring Fundraiser. We are excited to partner with **Grace Place Food Bank**, in Scarborough, to help support their food bank ministry. Their desire is to strengthen and serve our community through the love of Jesus and see lives transformed and people set free. As recent statistics show that as many as 1 in 10 people in Toronto are now relying on food banks, we have an opportunity to meet a very serious need in our local neighbourhoods and demonstrate the care and compassion of Christ. Paired with the power of the gospel, your donations will not only help the hungry, but plant seeds of lasting hope.

Our school theme for this year has been "Be Like Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). Through chapel services and homeroom devotionals, the students of NTCS have been learning that God desires for each of us to think and act like Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. We have several examples in the gospels of Jesus meeting physical needs while emphasizing the greater spiritual need of all humanity. By partnering with Grace Place, we desire and pray that many lives will experience what it means to truly "never go hungry and...never be thirsty." (John 6:35)

We encourage our entire school to engage in this Spring fundraising effort and be a part of the meaningful work that our great God continues to do right here in our local community. Full participation is our goal. We will collectively celebrate the proceeds raised at our NTCS Games event on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, and additional points will be awarded to the team that contributes the most funds per student to the Grace Place fundraiser! More details about that will be posted in the Daily Announcements closer to the event date.

#### HOW TO DONATE

Instead of collecting funds in-person, an e-transfer can be sent to [admin@ntcs.on.ca](mailto:admin@ntcs.on.ca) noting that the proceeds are for "Grace Place Food Bank." For families with more than one child enrolled at NTCS, the donation amount will be split equally between the students' homerooms as we track the amount raised by each class. This fundraiser will close on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Mr. Brown at [cbrown@ntcs.on.ca](mailto:cbrown@ntcs.on.ca) if you have any questions.

### Grandparents' Day

Thank you to all grandparents who were able to attend our Grandparents' Day event on April 26<sup>th</sup>. We recognize that grandparents play a vital role in the lives of their grandchildren, and we know that it was a special time for your grandchild(ren) to have you attend.



### 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) from Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Clothes will be organized and made available to interested families **on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** during the after school hours from 3:30pm to 4:15pm in the cafeteria area at the main south entrance of the school.

## Toronto Public Health Immunization Clinic

Toronto Public Health (TPH) will be holding a second vaccine clinic at North Toronto Christian School on **Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**. This second clinic will offer **Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV)**, and **Meningococcal vaccines** to Grade 7/8 students who received their first dose in November 2023 or who missed the first clinic.

## From the Guidance Office

### Summer School

The summer school programs for local public school boards (eg. TDSB, YRDSB, DDSB) have recently opened for registration. Online and in-person formats are available, and the courses typically run for four weeks. The summer program includes courses in most compulsory subject areas. Please inform Mr. Brown of your summer school course enrollment so that your records are kept up-to-date, and contact him for transcripts or other documentation that is required when registering for your courses. When you complete any summer school courses, make sure that an official copy of your final report card is delivered to Mr. Brown for filing in your Ontario Student Record. Mr. Brown can be reached at [cbrown@ntcs.on.ca](mailto:cbrown@ntcs.on.ca).

### Graduation Requirements

May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 is the deadline for Grade 12 students to submit outside course report cards and community service hour documentation. Failure to submit documents by May 31<sup>st</sup> could result in you not being able to participate in the graduation ceremony with your class. Please let Mr. Brown know when you have finalized plans for next year and of any scholarships that you have been awarded.

### Scholarships

Grade 12 students can continue to sign up and apply for a variety of scholarships at [scholarshipscanada.com](http://scholarshipscanada.com). This website will give you information on a number of scholarships and awards to help cover the cost of post-secondary education.

### Volunteer Opportunities

If you are still looking for volunteer opportunities, please check out <http://www.volunteertoronto.ca/> for ways to earn hours over the summer.

Mr. C. Brown, Head of Guidance

## Music and Visual Arts Night

Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

NTCS track area

Grade 9 to 12 instrumental ensemble  
High School vocal ensemble  
Art presentations by senior art students



## The NTCS MCU (Monthly Chapel Update – March AND April)

### Primary Praise (JK–Grade 3) & Mini-Chapel (Grades 4-6):

The Easter Chapel time we had this year was of particular note, where the high school drama class presented a hilarious and poignant play about the choosing of a symbolic animal for Easter. Neither the bunny, chicken, or lizard was willing to make the sacrifice required for the position:) We have nearly finished the RightNow Media video series by Phil Vischer (creator of Veggie Tales) entitled, "Where Does Joy Come From?". It is a study of the whole book of Philippians and is a remarkable mix of comedy and deep truths - all helping us to "Be Like Jesus". Each of our elementary teachers have taken their turn in leading times of worship, along with contributions from Mr. Vant Erve and Mrs. Newsted, and each class has faithfully presented their Bible memory work.

### Intermediate & Senior Chapel (Grades 7-12):

Due to holidays and short weeks at this time of year, the only chapel time we were able to have in the month of March was an Easter celebration. We made up for it by singing together about Christ's sacrifice and victorious resurrection and were privileged to enjoy the drama class' excellent Easter presentation as described above. Since then, the Grade 11 class led a chapel focused on unity in Christ, where they led us in worship and sent everyone - including the teachers - on a fun and challenging set of teambuilding activities all over the school. **Mr. Mark Collins** has also been back to continue sharing with us how we can "Be Like Jesus", this time in the way of *Selfless Meekness*. We'll hear from him twice more before the end of the school year. Most recently, **Phil Pharoah** encouraged us to emulate the "rest"-ful practices of Christ in our lives. As the year finishes with its usual flurry of activities, this was a crucial message for all of us!

Mr. D. Vant Erve, Vice-Principal

### Grade 12 Service Project

The Grade 12 class had an opportunity to volunteer for a full day at *Grace Place Food Bank* in Scarborough, on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The class volunteered there last year and was 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 served the community every day for years. If any high school students or families are looking for a place to volunteer and serve, we would highly recommend you consider Grace Place Food Bank.

Mr. M. Kim  
Gr. 12 Homeroom teacher

### 2024 Pascal/Cayley/Fermat Math Contest Results

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of February, 62 students from Grades 9-11 competed in the Pascal (9), Cayley (10), and Fermat (11) math contests. A perfect score on these tricky and challenging, mostly multiple choice contests is 150. Our top finishers on this year's Pascal Contest, each achieving a score in the top 25% worldwide, were **Natalie Lau** (120), **Ivan Wang** (112), **Maggie Wang** (110), **Amen Ng** (105), and **Charis Kwok** (103). Top 25% finishers on the Cayley Contest were **Yuhan Liu** (128), **Kenneth Wu** (126), **Zachary Chan** (122), **Samuel Barradas-Villegas** (120), **Noah Xia** (116), and **Isaac Vant Erve** (114), while on the Fermat Contest (the toughest of the three), **Bill Liu** (102), **Joyce Lau** (101), and **Nikolas Kaounis** (99) came out on top.

Congratulations to all participating math-letes!

Ms. D. Brooks and Mr. D. Vant Erve

## ***Grade 6 Trip to the Aga Khan Museum***

The Grade 6 classes visited the *Aga Khan Museum*, a museum of Islamic art, located in North York, on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. The full-day trip involved a guided tour of the facilities where students observed objects in the art collection and learned about different cultures, history, and art. They also participated in two workshops. During the *Pattern Play* workshop, students examined various patterns and motifs found within the Muslim world and then, inspired by the Museum collection, created and designed their own clay tiles.

In the Silk Route Adventures workshop, the students examined objects that travelled on or were inspired by goods found along the Silk Route, as they learned about the role that trade plays in cross-cultural connections. Students explored how luxury goods, languages, resources, and cultures were shared and traded in the ancient world. They also had the opportunity to play the Museum's custom-made board game, which simulates life along the Silk Route. The excursion was a fitting introduction to our social studies unit on International Trade.

Mr. W. teBokkel

## ***Grade 11/12 Law Class Visits the Courthouse***

On Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, the Grade 11 and 12 Law classes collectively went to the Ontario Superior Court on University Ave to observe criminal trials. Three trials ended up on the menu: the first was a high-profile case of a police officer being killed by a vehicle in a garage under Nathan Phillips Square in 2021--which later seemed to have ended in an acquittal; the second was a case of domestic violence, an aggravated assault with a weapon; and the last was a weapons charge. The latter two trials had the accused in the courtroom during the procedures. The students found this excursion to be a very valuable learning experience.

Mr. M. Vuckovic

## ***Grade 2 Visit to Crock a Doodle Art Studio***

The Grade 2 students visited *Crock A Doodle Art Studio*, in Richmond Hill, on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. They enjoyed choosing a palette of paint colours to paint a ready-to-paint pottery square tile and a piece in the shape of a cross. The students learned about various painting "tips and tricks" from our friendly studio supervisors and were excited to see their finished items after they had been professionally glazed and kiln-fired to a bright and shiny finish.

Mrs. F. Lew-Ong

## ***FUN FAIR—Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>*** ***Volunteers Needed!***



Fun Fair is an exciting annual event for our elementary students. Details of the day will be going home with your child later on this month. To make this day a success, we need the help of parents to sell food, help with events, and barbecue. Please fill out and submit the Google form available at this [link](#) if you are able to assist us. We appreciate the many parents who help to make this a memorable day for the students. Please be reminded that a Vulnerable Sector Check is required in order to help.

It is not too early to start thinking about items you can contribute to the White Elephant Table. We will gladly accept any appropriate, and in good condition, games, used books, toys, jewelry, and stuffed animals that you would care to donate. You may bring these items to the EAST door starting Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

# NTCS FLAMES—Badminton

## Grades 5/6 Badminton

On April 10th, the NTCS Grade 5/6 badminton team played in the U12 Badminton South Qualifier tournament held at Progress Badminton Club, in Scarborough. Each team fought valiantly all day and managed to win 4 of the 5 categories. Congratulations to **Mavis Weng** and **Alena Wang** who finished first and second respectively in girls' singles. **Kendra Ho** and **Novella Getachew** displayed excellent teamwork in their first-place finish in girls' doubles. **Samantha Tamondong** and **Madelyn Gomes-Sierra** had a wonderful performance in each contest, finishing fourth overall in girls' doubles. **Owen Kwong** and **Victoria Li** narrowly defeated **Ezra Kok** and **Piper Brooks** in the mixed doubles finals. Partners **Avin Lai** and **Enoch Lau**, as well as **Benjamin Lee** and **Zachary Liu**, had a great competition finishing fourth and fifth respectively in boys' singles. **Curtis Leung** and **Glen Li** had fierce competition in boys' singles as they placed first and fifth respectively.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the qualifying athletes competed in the SSAF (Small Schools Athletic Federation) U12 badminton tournament. Despite tough competition, we showed resilience and teamwork. After a long day, we placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 16 schools. Congratulations to all of our athletes!

Mr. teBokkel, Coach



## Grades 7/8 Badminton

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, the Grade 7/8 badminton team competed in the Toronto Christian Athletic Association (TCAA) tournament, at Oakville Christian School, in Oakville. Notable highlights were **Ali Wang** and **Vivian Li** finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in girls doubles and **Ivan Zeng** almost finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in boys' singles, despite playing against Grade 8 students.

Throughout the day, the students exhibited excellent sportsmanship. Team members included: **Auvine Fateh Nemati**, **Susie Hong**, **Cathryn Kwok**, **Vivian Li**, **William Li**, **Sophia Liu**, **Tina Mazaheri**, **Jaiden Ng**, **Hyeonbo Shim**, **Brian Song**, **Ali Wang**, **Deborah Wang**, **Pierce Wong**, **Luke Yeo**, **Ivan Zeng**, and **Kai Zou**.

Mr. C. Lau

## Grades 9-12 Badminton

Congratulations to the high school badminton team who competed Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, at Epic Badminton Club, in Scarborough, and then again on Friday and Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, at Brock University, in St. Catharines, for both the SSAF (Small School Athletic Federation) and OCSSAA (Ontario Christian Secondary School Athletic Association) championships. As a team, they achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall for SSAF and second for OCSSAA, which is against all of the Christian high schools in Ontario.

Individual awards for SSAF went to **Rebecca Goh** and **Amy Liu** who won first in girls' doubles; **Thomas Chan** placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in boys' singles; **Martin Lem** and **Kevin Cheng** placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in boys' doubles, and **Tiffany Pang** achieved 4<sup>th</sup> place in girls' singles. OCSSAA award winners were **Rebecca Goh** who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in girls' singles; **Thomas Chan** placed second in boys' singles; **Austin Zhang** and **Tiffany Pang** placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in mixed doubles, and **Charis Kwok** and **Maggie Wang** placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in B division girls' doubles.

The players are to be commended for all of their hard work this past month. The team members included: **Ivan Chan**, **Malcolm Chan**, **Thomas Chan**, **Kevin Cheng**, **Curtis Gao**, **Rebecca Goh**, **Holly Hao**, **Charis Kwok**, **Martin Lem**, **Amy Liu**, **Shanya Munoz**, **Amen Ng**, **Tiffany Pang**, **Andrew Shen**, **Evelyn Sun**, **Maggie Wang**, **Ella Watson**, **Kenneth Wu**, and **Austin Zhang**.

Mr. A. Hoover, Coach



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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.*

For behold, the winter is  
past; the rain is over and  
gone. The flowers appear  
on the earth, the time of  
singing has come, and the  
voice of the turtledove is  
heard in our land.

Song of Solomon 2: 11-12



## NTCS Aquatics

Thank you for your participation in our Aquatics program during our fall and winter sessions. Our spring session will conclude on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. 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. Registration forms will be posted on our website in late August or early September.

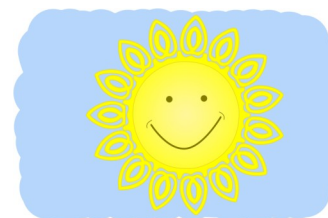
### *Tuition Fees—2024-2025*

A reminder that tuition fees for the coming 2024/2025 school year are payable starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. 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 (1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>) 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 2024, 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.

### *NTCS Calendar 2024-2025 (major dates)*

May	17	PD Day (no school)
May	20	Victoria Day (no school)
May	29	Music & Visual Arts Night
June	05-06	Drama Production
June	07	Last day of classes (Gr. 7-12)
June	14	Fun Fair
June	10-20	Exams (Gr. 7-12)
June	19	Senior Kindergarten Graduation
June	21	Last day of school (JK-6)
June	21	Grade 8 Graduation
June	25	Grade 12 Graduation



### *Newsletter*

The next newsletter will be sent via email on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

The newsletter and other information can be found on our website at [www.ntcs.on.ca](http://www.ntcs.on.ca). Be sure to keep up-to-date by reading the monthly newsletter and the emails that come to you from the school. If your email has changed or you are not receiving the newsletter and other correspondence, please call the school office.