



North Toronto Christian School

May 2025 NEWSLETTER

FUNDRAISER & NTCS GAMES—May 15th

The Service and Leadership Team (SaLT) is preparing for our annual NTCS Games event alongside our Spring Fundraiser. We are excited to partner with **Open Doors Canada**, a ministry which exists to help strengthen and equip Christians living under or facing restriction and persecution because of their faith in Jesus. Open Doors works in over seventy countries, providing Bibles and other contextualized Christian materials in minority languages. They offer training for church leaders and discipleships courses, as well as trauma care and persecution survival seminars. They also seek to support persecuted Christians with emergency relief, community development, education, and medical care. Across the world, Open Doors mobilizes prayer support for Christians suffering for their faith, encouraging the global church to stand with them so that they know they are not alone.

Our school theme for this year has been "Live for the King!" (Matthew 6:33). Through chapel services and homeroom devotionals, the students of NTCS have been learning that this requires seeking God's Kingdom and His will above all. By partnering with Open Doors Canada, we have a wonderful opportunity to encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living for the King where faith costs the most. We encourage our entire school to engage in this Spring fundraising effort and help those in the Body of Christ who are facing high levels of persecution and discrimination as they follow Jesus Christ. Full participation is our goal. We will collectively celebrate the proceeds raised at our NTCS Games event on Thursday, May 15th, and an additional 500 points will be awarded to the team that contributes the most funds per student to the Open Doors Canada fundraiser! More details about the NTCS Games 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 noting that the proceeds are for "Open Doors Canada." 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 Wednesday, May 14th. Please contact Mr. Brown at cbrown@ntcs.on.ca if you have any questions.

SaLT and Leadership Team

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 16 PD Day (no school)
- May 19 Victoria Day (no school)
- May 21-22 Drama Production
- May 28 Spring Arts Night
- June 13 Fun Fair
- June 09-19 Exams (Gr. 7-12)
- June 18 SK Graduation
- June 20 Grades JK-6
Last School Day
Grade 8 Grad
- June 24 Grade 12 Grad



Spring Arts Night

Wednesday, May 28th, 2025
7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

NTCS track area

High School Concert Band and Chamber Ensembles
High School Vocal Ensemble
High School Art Show



Grandparents' Day

Thank you to all grandparents who were able to attend our Grandparents' Day event on April 25th. 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.



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.

Graduation Requirements

May 30th, 2025 is the deadline for Grade 12 students to submit outside course report cards and community service hour documentation. Failure to submit documents by May 30th 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. 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

Toronto Public Health Immunization Clinic

Toronto Public Health (TPH) will be holding a second vaccine clinic at North Toronto Christian School on **Monday, May 26th, 2025**. 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 2024 or who missed the first clinic.



Camp Ke-Mon-Oya

REGISTER ONLINE AT CAMPKEMONOYA.COM

Preparations for our summer camp program are currently taking place. Our camp brochure can be accessed from the camp website - <https://campkemonoya.com/downloads/Brochure2025.pdf>.

Some weeks are full, but space is still available, so be sure to register soon to secure a place. Campers do not have to be NTCS students, so feel free to bring a cousin or a friend from your neighbourhood or church!

Junior camp will run for two weeks starting Monday, July 7th, for students entering Grades 3-6 in September. Teen camp will operate for three weeks, starting Monday, July 21st, for students going into Grades 7-10. Don't miss out!

FUN FAIR—Friday, June 13th ***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. Also, note that JK to Grade 1 parents must accompany their child during the fair.

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 9th.

Look for more information in the weeks to come!



E-Waste Collection Campaign

Mr. Vant Erve and the Grade 10/11 computer science class would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the recent E-Waste Campaign. Congratulations to all who did the right thing by disposing of your electronic waste in a way that reflects the biblical principles of environmental stewardship. Combined with the waste generated by the school's decommissioned computers, the campaign collected over 4000 lbs of e-waste. This made quite an impressive mountain in central square! Quantum Lifecycle Partners loaded up all the e-waste at the end of the week and took it to their processing facility for "end-of-life" recycling – a process the class was able to witness first-hand on an exciting field trip a few weeks later.

Bringing in over 14 lbs of e-waste per student, the 7B class won the middle/high-school division! And with almost 32 lbs per student, the Grade 2 class were the elementary champs! Thanks again to everyone for your enthusiastic participation!

Mr. D. Vant Erve

Civics & Citizenship - Student Vote 2025

Student Vote is a program presented by CIVIX in collaboration with ELECTIONS CANADA. Their approach to Civic education is about providing opportunities for students to experience their democracy first-hand rather than by reading about it in a textbook. Since 2003, CIVIX has worked with educators to provide experiential learning opportunities to help millions of school-aged youth develop the habits of active and informed citizenship. Introducing the students to the concepts of Democracy and Elections improves awareness about the government and the role of elected representatives, and teaches them how to participate effectively as informed and responsible citizens in their community.

As part of this program, our **Grade 10 Civics & Citizenship** class had the opportunity to be informed about the different candidate's platforms and make a decision on who they would vote for. They participated by casting their ballots in a **Student Mock Election** on Thursday, April 24th, and the results of that election were released on April 29th, once the official election was closed. NTCS wants to recognize the students' commitment expressed in their enthusiasm and participation throughout this process.

Mr. H. Galvez



JK/SK/Grade 1 Service Project

To celebrate Easter, the Junior Kindergarten, Senior Kindergarten, and Grade 1 students created bookmarks with messages of Jesus' love for the residents of Greenview Seniors Residence, in North York. Through their thoughtful words, our youngest students helped to spread the message of God's love and hope to the elderly residents.

Mrs. J. Chambers, SK teacher



Grade 8 Service Project

In a recent mini-chapel, the 8B homeroom class presented four different plays to an enthusiastic audience of students in Grades 4, 5, and 6. Written and directed by Grade 8 student, **Michael Sawires**, the audience was encouraged to find the truth and application(s) to one's daily life from each drama.



Real vs. Fake Friends depicted that HOW you win an award matters as much as the award given. Awards can be gained and friends can be fake or even lost, but true friends build you up for success. In **Hard Work Pays Off**, students dramatized how success comes to those who finish what they start and do not let distractions get in their way. The **Mad Libs** play presented, in an amusing way, a timely message about being careful not to believe everything you hear and read on the internet and the importance of being discerning. **Looking Closer** encouraged students to be confident in who God made them to be and not in what others think of them.

The Grade 8B class did a great job executing scene changes and editing and filming the sequences, and our junior students were a wonderful audience.

Mrs. J. Cottrill, 8B Homeroom teacher

Grade 9 Service Project

On April 24th, the Grade 9 students went to Downsview Park for a conservation workshop. Students learned how to live sustainably, plant trees in a way that would help them grow optimally, and clear away invasive species. Our host was particularly impressed by how well the students were able to clear away much of the invasive species that were around the plot of land where the students planted the trees. Congratulations on a job well done!

Mr. C. Lau



Reach-for-the-Top

The NTCS School Reach team completed a strong season in the North Toronto League. Players used their nimble, unhesitating, and lightning-quick recall and a broad range of obscure, arcane, and esoteric knowledge to "reach" as far as the semi-finals. Congratulations to all of the players for their enthusiasm and consistently excellent sportsmanship.

Team members: **Hannah Brouwer, Zachary Brouwer, Zachary Chan, Alessia Kaounis, Nikolas Kaounis, Martin Lem, Shanya Munoz, Maria Pappalardo, Isaac Vant Erve (Captain), and Grace Wan,**

Ms. D. Brooks & Mr. D. Vant Erve, Coaches

2025 Canadian Computing Competition Results

On February 19th, eight of our most devoted computer science students from Grades 10, 11, and 12 competed in either the junior or senior level of the 2025 Canadian Computing Competition, an international programming contest administered by the Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing at the University of Waterloo. Mr. V is proud to report that lots of brain-bending fun (and belly-filling pizza) was had, and some excellent results were achieved. Six of our seven junior contestants were able to solve at least two of the five tough problems, and two students were able to solve at least three! Our top two contestants on the Junior Contest this year were **Ivan Wang**, competing for the first time as a Grade 10 student, with a score of 49/75 and **Brandon Yip**, a Grade 12 student, with a score of 45/75. Both of these scores are well above the worldwide average of 40 points. On the Senior Contest, **Nikolas Kaounis** was able to achieve 27/75, several points higher than the worldwide average on this extremely challenging level. Congratulations to all who participated!

Mr. D. Vant Erve

Grade 11/12 Law Class Visits the Courthouse

The Grade 11 and 12 students went to the Ontario Superior Court, in downtown Toronto, on April 11th and were able to observe two trials. It was a very full courtroom, and each had their respective defense counsel and assistants. The first trial was an attempted murder involving three suspects. The case was somewhat bizarre, since the victim survived the attacks during this trial (the murder in the second degree was "attempted"), however, he ended up deceased due to an unrelated incident and was simultaneously the victim of a manslaughter trial happening in parallel. By the time everyone was on the same page about this, the judge decided to adjourn until the following week. The students then moved to a domestic assault trial and were fortunate to observe cross-examination of the key witness (who was interestingly avoiding answering questions) by the defense counsel and then the defense's address to the jury. This address, interestingly enough, was botched by the defense attorney, forcing the Judge to say some stern words!

Mr. M. Vuckovic

HOSA Conference

On March 27th and 28th, 23 HOSA members attended the 2-day Spring Leadership Conference at the Metro Convention Centre, hosted by HOSA Canada (Health Occupations Students of America, Canadian Chapter).

Leading up to the event, club members diligently prepared for their competitions and successfully showcased their knowledge and skills under the leadership of Grade 12 executive members, **Alina Chen, Emma Esho, Julie Kim, Nancy Liang, and Arwyn Wallis**. These leaders organized weekly study sessions, provided study tips, and helped grow the club's presence within the school community.

During the conference, our HOSA club members competed against hundreds of students across the GTA in events such as behavioral health, human growth and development, pathophysiology, nutrition, medical terminology, and CPR/First Aid. Beyond the competitions, they attended insightful workshops led by industry professionals, professors, and medical students, gaining valuable hands-on opportunities. The experience was both enriching and inspiring, offering students a deeper understanding of healthcare careers and the skills needed to succeed in the field.

Mrs. H. Tse, Faculty Advisor



Grade 2 Visit to Crock a Doodle Art Studio

The Grade 2 students visited *Crock A Doodle Art Studio*, in Richmond Hill, on Thursday, April 10th. They enjoyed choosing a palette of colours to paint a ready-to-paint pottery square tile and a piece in the shape of a cross. The students also learned about various painting “tips and tricks” from our friendly studio supervisors. Their painted items will now be professionally glazed and kiln-fired to a bright and shiny finish. The students eagerly anticipate seeing their finished projects!

Mrs. F. Lew-Ong

Hart House Theatre Trip

The Grade 11 English class visited Hart House Theatre, in downtown Toronto, on April 24th, to see a theatre adaptation of *Fahrenheit 451*, by Ray Bradbury, a novel the students studied this year. It was interesting to see how different elements of the story, like the mechanical dog and the fire scenes, were showcased. The play included scenes specially written for the theatre adaptation that were not present in the novel. This helped students gain a new perspective of the characters.

The full-day field trip involved students, accompanied by Mrs. Stephen Singh, Mrs. Yoo, and Mr. Lew, taking the TTC to the Toronto Eaton Centre where they stopped for lunch. Afterwards, the group made their way to the theatre. The lovely weather made the trip even more enjoyable.

Mrs. A. Stephen Singh



Watts Ahead for Electricity?

On Wednesday, April 30th, the Grade 9 science classes enjoyed a fantastic day at the *Watts Ahead for Electricity Symposium*, hosted by the Ontario Science Centre at the brand new York University campus in Markham. Through a series of engaging hands-on workshops and presentations from experts in the energy industry, students spent the day building motors and circuits, modelling electricity transmission, debating the pros and cons of energy sources, and learning about careers in energy production. One of the favourite activities was designing the marble run that modeled voltage step-up and step-downs by transformers in electricity transmission lines; another was using hand-held generators to build a circuit and

test efficiency of generator-turned-motors. All in all, it was a valuable and enriching opportunity for students to see the real world applications of their classroom learning!

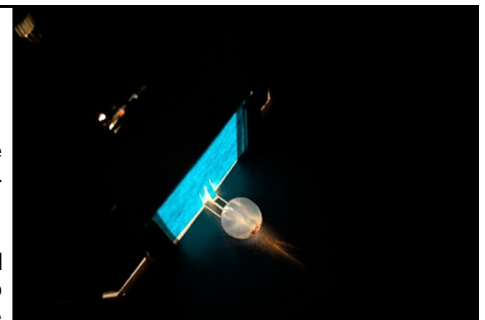
Mrs. Q. Yoo

The Science Club Looks Up Close at Eyes

The high school science club's activity for the month of April was to examine the structure of the eye. After dissecting some fresh sheep eyeballs to identify structures, we attempted to isolate the fragile lens from behind the cornea.

One group of participants, **Robyn Hong** (Gr. 9) and **Yinuo Hao** (Gr. 10), was successful at this delicate task. Because of the unpreserved nature of the eyeballs, we were also able to study the optical properties of the lens. When put in front of a light ray box, the lens converged the rays of light together.

The science club would like to extend a big thanks to **Willowtree Farm**, in Port Perry, for supplying these amazing fresh specimens for us to examine!



Mrs. Q. Yoo

NTCS FLAMES—Badminton

Grades 5/6 Badminton

On Tuesday, April 8th, our spirited young badminton players eagerly took part in the annual U-12 badminton tournament at Progress Badminton Club where their enthusiasm was as sharp as their smashes. **Melody Weng** (Grade 3) won the championship title in the girls' singles bracket after a day of round-robin play and playoffs. Yet, every shuttle rally showcased teamwork, tenacity, and Christian sportsmanship from the whole squad that included Grade 4 students: **Kate Brooks, Coen Kwok, Christopher Lee, and Alexander Le Maguer**; Grade 5 students: **Dominic Chow, Ester Kok, and Jordan Zeng**; and Grade 6 students: **Brenda Bai, Piper Brooks, Ademidun Eleso, Madelyn Gomes-Sierra, Benjamin Lee, Zachary Liu, Samantha Tamondong, and Lydia Wang**.

These athletes showed perseverance and teamwork, making the tournament a great success, whether they were making precise drop shots or cheering from the sidelines. Congratulations, Flames!

Ms. K. Li, Coach



Grades 7/8 Badminton

The NTCS Flames Grade 7/8 badminton team recently concluded a successful and hard-fought season, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship and Christian character throughout. On April 23rd, the Flames earned an impressive second-place finish overall at the OCSSAA (Ontario Christian Secondary School Athletic Association) tournament held at Oakville Christian School. Earlier, on April 10th, the team had participated in a qualifying tournament hosted by the SSAF (Small Schools Athletic Federation), where each team and pair qualified for the regional tournament at Epic Badminton on April 24th. At the regional competition, **Mavis Weng** claimed 3rd place, while **Kendra Ho** and **Caleb Chiu** secured an impressive 2nd place finish in their mixed doubles event. Congratulations to all our athletes for their dedication and exceptional achievements.

Team members included: **Caleb Chiu, Colwyn Gao, Novella Getachew, Baarman Ghiasi Esfahani, Kendra Ho, Ezra Kok, Cathryn Kwok, Curtis Leung, Vivian Li, Sophia Liu, Tina Mazaheri, Brian Song, Allan Wang, Deborah Wang, Mavis Weng, and Ivan Zeng**.

Mr. W. teBokkel, Coach



Grades 9-12 Badminton

The NTCS high school badminton team had a tremendous season this year winning the SSAF (Small Schools Athletic Federation) team championship and almost winning the OCSSAA (Ontario Christian Secondary School Athletic Association) senior team championship. On April 9th, the Flames played the qualifying tournament for the SSAF championship. 14 of 16 players qualified for the final tournament which was played on April 23rd. The tournament was dominated by NTCS scoring a record 21 team points. Medalists included gold for **Thomas Chan** (boys' singles) who beat teammate, **Martin Lem** (silver) in the finals. Girls' doubles was won by **Rebecca Goh** and **Amy Liu** who repeated as gold medal champions. **Amen Ng** and **Tiffany Pang** won gold for mixed doubles, while **Kevin Cheng** and **Austin Zhang** rounded out the medals with the bronze for boys' doubles. At OCSSAA (an Ontario-wide tournament) medals were won by **Rebecca Goh** and **Amy Liu** who won gold, making them double gold medalists this year, and **Amen Ng** who won silver in junior boys' singles. **Thomas Chan** finished third in senior boys' singles. Many other players were able to reach the top six in their respective categories. Other team members included **Ivan Chan, Curtis Gao, Robyn Hong, Charis Kwok, Shanya Munoz, Ray Sun, Maggie Wang, Ella Watson, and Pierce Wong**. Congratulations on being the best badminton team in school history!

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

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.

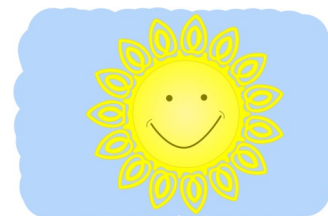
Tuition Fees—2025-2026

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.

NTCS Calendar 2024-2025 (major dates)

May	16	PD Day (no school)
May	19	Victoria Day (no school)
May	21-22	Drama Production
May	28	Music & Visual Arts Night
June	06	Last day of classes (Gr. 7-12)
June	13	Fun Fair
June	09-19	Exams (Gr. 7-12)
June	18	Senior Kindergarten Graduation
June	20	Last day of school (JK-6)
June	20	Grade 8 Graduation
June	24	Grade 12 Graduation

***Newsletter***

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

The newsletter and other information can be found on our website at 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.