

## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### Christian Curriculum Corner

This year our school theme is "Becoming a Game Changer!" Throughout the year, using the analogy of sports, each class will be focusing on virtues that will help us all contribute to God's team and His game plan for this world. It is our hope that through this, students will continue to recognize the role that they each play in God's restoration plan. We are excited to see how this year will unfold and we invite you to come to our theme chapels each month where we will share with you what we have learned! Please [click here](#) to read our December Focus: Hope

### School Goals

Mrs. Duimel presented our School Goals to our Palliser Senior Leadership team on Wednesday, November 28th and again at our Fall Society Meeting on Thursday, November 29th. Please [click here](#) to view our School Goals for the 2018-19 School Year. One of the resources we are using to help set up our digital citizenship goal is Mike Ribble's book, called Digital Citizenship in Schools.

We recommend the following two links for parents.

- ◆ [Media smarts](#)
- ◆ [Telus Wise](#)

### A Note from Admissions

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, the Admissions office wanted to take a moment to say Thank You! In admissions, we see all the new families who are considering TCS to be their new school community. More often than any other mode of advertising, our current families are listed as the reason new people come to check us out. Families tell us time and time again that they know "many" people who speak highly of TCS! So please know how deeply grateful we are that you promote our school in such a wonderful light!

*Merry Christmas*

### Trinity Christian School Honours

We are so very proud of all our students here at TCS and would like to especially recognize our Junior High Students who have achieved honours and honours with distinction. Please [click here](#) to view our list.



### TCS is proud to present *A Charlie Brown Christmas*

*Our Grade 2-6 students will be performing a special TCS adaptation of this well-loved Christmas classic. "A Charlie Brown Christmas" features a live student band, children's choir with choreography, and all your favourite characters from the Peanuts' gang, as Charlie seeks the answer to the real meaning of the season. (Directed by Charlotte Loeppky, Margo Morris and Ralph Carter)*

*Our Kindergarten students will begin the evening with singing, followed by a "Journey through Bethlehem" led by our Grade 1 students.*

**Thursday, December 13, 2018**

**10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.**

*Doors open 30 minutes prior to show time.*



### Dr. Neil Parker, Psychologist

Save the date for our three part series from Dr. Neil Parker, psychologist, as he informs us on anxiety in children and more. We welcome him back from last year and this year he will be speaking once a month, starting January 17th. We will confirm the February and March dates at a later date.

Session 1 ~ How to address anxiety in your children.

The February and March sessions will build on related topics:

- ◆ Adolescent Neurological Development: God's plan for teenagers written on the brain
- ◆ Recognizing depression and suicide and how to help
- ◆ How to help your child develop healthy self esteem
- ◆ Parenting styles and discipline for adolescents
- ◆ Developing faith and independence in adolescents
- ◆ What the research says about cannabis

To read more about Dr. Parker please [click here](#).



## TCS Open House

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

When we return to school in January of 2019, it will be time to prepare for our Annual TCS Open House on Feb 5, 2019. If you love to tell people what a wonderful school TCS is, then we are looking for you! There will be afternoon and evening shifts available. Please contact Audra Chase if you would like to help!

## Junior High Sensory Safe Room

Junior High is getting a new look in one of its rooms! The dream is to have a sensory safe room within Learning Strategies for students who need a quiet place to destress. Furniture needs have already been taken care of, but we are looking for donations from the TCS community to help stock some sensory/destressing items. If you have something from the list below (or something that we haven't thought of), that you are no longer using, but is still in great shape, we would love to take them off your hands. Plants, indoor water fountain, compact heater, battery operated candles, MP3 player/ipod, small speaker, noise cancelling headphones, weighted blanket/lap cushion, LED string lights, shiplap or hardwood boards, wall baskets, lego, foam, adult colouring books, beading, etch-a-sketch, rain-stick, kaleidoscope, Rubik's cube, pinwheel, individual board games/mazes, white polymer clay, white macramé string, painting canvas, glitter, butterfly cookie cutters.

If you are able to donate please email details to Sandy Stasko at [sandy.stasko@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:sandy.stasko@pallisersd.ab.ca).

## Yearbook Cover Contest

**Due Wed, Dec 18th**

Last year over 100 students submitted artwork for the yearbook cover contest and we are looking forward to seeing this year's submissions.

### Guidelines:

- ◆ 8.5 x 11 computer paper in portrait orientation
- ◆ Draw a picture about our theme: "Become a Game Changer" and include our verse Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it."
- ◆ Include Trinity Christian School 2018-19
- ◆ Colour in pencil crayon with some highlights/outlines done in marker if you wish~ the bolder the colours the better it shows up.
- ◆ Student's first name, last initial and grade should be evident (at the bottom of the picture)
- ◆ If students would like to collaborate and submit a cover with a friend, they are welcome to do so. Please make sure student first names, last initial and grade are on bottom of the picture.



## Christmas Hamper Service Project

With Christmas just about four weeks away, we are reminded of the daily blessings God provides us, plus the unique and special gift of His son, Jesus. It is through His ultimate gift that we are transformed and seek to live out our faith in action. This year through our theme, students, staff, and our school families are being called to 'Become a Game Changer'. In December, we will be studying 'Hope'. Our greatest hope was born in a lowly manger some 2000 years ago to a family in need. Mary and Joseph were a travelling couple in need of shelter and a safe place to deliver their son. As such, this Christmas season, we desire to be a blessing and minister to those in our TCS community and beyond the walls of our school to be living examples of hope. Each homeroom will prepare a hamper filled with food that will be delivered to a family that would benefit from a special blessing this Christmas. Additionally, if you are aware of a family in need this Christmas that would benefit from one of these hampers, please submit their name via this [link](#) so we can review each submission. Also, this year we are pleased to partner with Sonshine Community Services and Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre to reach out to some families right here in our city.

Please note the following important dates for this ministry:

**Friday, December 7th** ~ Deadline to submit potential names for a Hamper Blessing.

**Monday, December 17th** ~ All items for the hampers should be in the homerooms.

**Wednesday, December 19** ~ Hampers will be delivered/available for pick up.



## Another Successful Volleyball Season

We finished off our volleyball season with our traditional staff vs student game. It was a lot of fun and the entire school was involved. Please check out the [blog](#) to read about how volleyball (or, in fact, all we do) is more than just a game at TCS and see some great photos too!