## "The Messenger"



# December 2020

## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## **Christian Curriculum Corner**

This year our school theme is "Be still". Specifically, each month we will be learning about one of the many promises that God has made to His people throughout scripture.

This month's focus is:

## God leads me

Psalm 46:10-11

<u>Click here</u> to read the December Newsletter

## A Note from Admissions

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, 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 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

## Alberta Health Services

Free Seminars for Parents
Please click here for the link

Some examples of topics that will be covered are:

Understanding Autism and ADHD, Nutrition and Mental Health, Sleep 101 for Teens and Parents, and many more.

Please note that we are sharing this information as part of our commitment to partner with parents and provide resources and connections to equip them in supporting their child. These seminars are not offered through T.C.S. so please use your discretion when selecting sessions.



# Christmas Greetings from our Administrative Team



As we prepare and wait for the coming of our king this Christmas, this year seems similar to what it was like on that first Christmas many years ago. Times were uncertain and yet our saviour was born. It was almost as if everything was stripped away as there was no room in the inn. And yet, no inconveniences could hold back the birth of a king, even if in a stable. Now, many years later, it seems like so much of

ble. Now, many years later, it seems like so much of Christmas as we have come to know, has been stripped away. However, nothing can take the true meaning of Christmas from us. Maybe this year, we are to pause and see Christmas in its simplest form...the gift of a child, a saviour, a king. Jesus came into the ordinary and embraced an ordinary. simple life in order to do the most extraordinary thing for humanity. His coming initiated the most extraordinary rescue plan to redeem and restore lost souls in a broken world. Rarely are we ready to see the extraordinary in the mundane. When we need rescuing, we often look for a colossal salvation plan that we can participate in, rather than the simplicity of receiving the unexpected and undeserved gift. This Christmas, are we ready to embrace the simplicity of this particular season in all its unexpected disappointments and diminished celebrations? Are we open like Simeon and Anna in Luke 2, continuing in worship and service and prayer in the waiting, to recognize the Saviour's presence in our simple and faithful offerings? Let's consider celebrating the simple in the silent night of this particular season.

May the hope, peace, joy and love of this season be embraced through the simplicity of the manger. We wish all of you a Christ-filled Christmas.

Blessings, Michelle, Mike, Lesley, and Jon

## TCS Open House Tuesday, February 9, 2021

When we return to school in January of 2021, it will be time to prepare for our Annual TCS Open House on Tuesday, February 9, 2021. If you love to tell people what a wonderful school TCS is, then we are looking for you! At this time, we are unsure whether it will be an in person or virtual program, however, in either case, we could still use your help. Please contact Audra Chase to find out how you can help out. In the meantime, please spread the word with your family and friends about TCS. We are now accepting applications for Fall 2021 for Grades 1 to 9.

## **Advent**

During this season of Advent we are blessed by some of our Grade 5 and 6 students as they lead us through the next three weeks. For the next three Monday mornings we will hear scripture and we will light the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. On our last day of school, Friday, December 18th, we will light the Christ Candle. Thank you to the students who are leading us through this wonderful season as we reflect on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

#### **Yearbook Cover Contest**

It is that time of year again ~ the annual Yearbook Cover Contest. The deadline is January 22, 2021.

#### Guidelines for submissions

- Use regular sized paper (8.5 x 11), in portrait orientation only
- ullet Draw a picture about our theme: Still
- Drawings can reflect any of the monthly themes or a combination of some/all
- Include "Be still, and know that I am God."
   Psalm 46:10 a (reference or verse)
- Include Trinity Christian School 2020-21
- The colouring should be in pencil crayon with some highlights/outlines done in marker, if you wish
- Student's first name only and grade should be evident (at the bottom of the picture)

## **Call for TCS Artists!**

Original Artwork wanted for the Christmas Concert Presentation

Po you love to draw or paint?
We need <u>artists of all ages</u> to create background scenes for our nativity story to be presented on film.

#### PICTURES WE NEED ...

Star of Bethlehom
The Stable
Town of Bethlehom
Sky full of Angels
Starry sky over a hillside full of sheep
Roman city or columns of Cassar's palace
Wise men with camels
Wise men presenting gifts to baby Jesus
Gold, Frankineense and Myrrh
Baby in the Manger
Joseph walking with Mary riding a donkey
Foor of the lim - sign that says 'No Vacancy'

\*\* Please hand in your Christmas Pictures to the School Front Office by Friday, December 4 \*\*







## TCS CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

If there was ever a year when those in our communities may need a helping hand during the Christmas season, it is this year! Once again, we would like to offer Christmas hampers to families within our communities (whether it is within TCS or our church communities/neighbourhoods/etc.) but we need your help! Please nominate any families who you think would benefit from a Christmas hamper blessing by Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> by clicking here and filling out the form.

We are accepting any cash/change, cheques (made out to TCS) and/or email transfers to Jody Vriend, jody.vriend@pallisersd.ab.ca. If you are choosing to send an email transfer, we ask that you include "Christmas Hampers" in the note/message so that Jody knows where to direct these funds. Please be aware that since we are collecting this money in lieu of food, it is not eligible for a tax receipt.