

The Timothy Times – Sept 14/20



Mission – TCS exists to provide students with a firm foundation in knowledge and faith, equipping them to impact their community.

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The Goodness of God

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:
Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:21-23

From the Office:

The goodness of God! We are thankful for God's goodness and faithfulness as we've started a new school year. Recently students reflected on what the goodness of God means for them. Some of their thoughts include:

- He gave us trees to breathe
- He gave us a house
- He loves us
- God never leaves us
- He made the trees



Blog post of the week: How wonderful to be back at school again after almost 6 months away. Some things are different, but we continue to work together to build knowledge, faith, and community. Take a moment to read our recent [Blog Post](#) about our first week back.

Great day of Golf: We are thankful for everyone who came out to the golf tournament on Saturday. Thanks also to the organizers and sponsors. It was a great day of golf and raising money for the school!

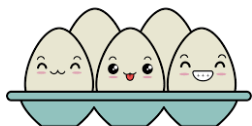
Gazebo Project: There is lots of activity in the school yard as the gazebo gets built for our students and community in memory of Dennis Wubs. The gazebo will offer a fantastic outdoor learning environment for students beyond the classroom and provide an open-air setting for community events when we are once again able to convene in person. To donate to this project, feel free to send a cheque or e-mail transfer to office@tcswilliamsburg.ca.



Picture Day: Friday, September 25 is picture day! Please remember to refrain from wearing green on this day.

Daily Screening: Remember to be screening your children every day before you bring them to school. Use this [screening tool](#) from the Eastern Ontario Health Unit to figure out your next steps if your child is displaying symptoms

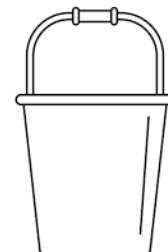
Supporting students when they need to stay home: We recognize that students may have more absences and we want to make sure that they can keep up with their learning. If your child is at home go to the [Distance Learning Folder](#) on Google Drive. There is a folder for each grade and teachers have daily lessons with links and activities. If you need workbooks or other supplies, please contact the school to make arrangements. Students who need help can email principal@tcswilliamsburg.ca with their questions and contact information. A teacher or support staff will be in touch with them during the day to give assistance.



Eggs available: The VanGilst family have eggs available by donation. All donations will go to the Student Fund. Contact Rachel VanGilst at rachel@vangilst.org to arrange for your eggs.

Forms: Please return any outstanding forms to Mrs Downs in the office. This would include enrolment/pledge forms, family information forms, administration of medication and special medical needs forms, digital media releases and screening protocols. If you are unsure if you have submitted everything, please contact Lea Downs at office@tcswilliamsburg.ca.

Buckets: If anyone has any 5-gallon buckets, we could use about 10 more at school for bucket drumming. Please contact Katrina Geertsema if you have some you could donate. Thanks!



From the Classrooms:

Grade 7-8

Trip on Wednesday: This Wednesday, the Grade 7/8 class will have a day of outdoor retreat at the Geertsema's. (11980 County Rd. 18) The weather looks great! Students can be dropped off after 8:30 and picked up by 3:30. Remember to bring a lawn chair, water bottle, snacks, and a towel or mat for fitness.

Earbuds: It would be great if every student could take in a pair of earbuds or headphones.

LA: Students will be assigned 20 minutes of reading each day. Our Pizza Box Autobiography project will be due on Wednesday, September 23.

Spelling: Students will be given a new list of words but the first test will be Wednesday, September 23 as we have our retreat this week.

Memory Work: Lamentations 3:21-23, our theme verse(s) this year. Due Thursday, September 24.

Math: Grade 8 - Prime factorization and GCF's and LCM's of larger numbers.

Grade 7 - Properties of operations and order of operations.

Geography: Quiz on Friday on Oceans, Continents, Equator, Prime Meridian, and International Date Line. KG

Grade 5/6

Agenda: Please check and sign your child's agenda each day as assignments/tests and correspondence will be put in agendas. If there are ever any questions or concerns, we can be reached at marlene.luchies@tcswilliamsburg.ca and heidi.bloklnd@tcswilliamsburg.ca

Math: Grade 5/6 are working on Patterns and Algebra. **Quiz** on Lessons 1-3 Friday. We will review together Thursday. ML

Memory Work: Lamentations 3:21-23 This is our theme verse for the year. Due Fri. Sept. 18. We will review together in class. Students are encouraged to review daily at home as well. See top of Timothy Times for full written text. ML

September Project: We will be studying Work. Rest. Play. ML

Art Sketchbooks: Grade 6 students need to bring their Art Sketchbook back to school. ML

Art Aprons: Students are strongly encouraged to bring in an art apron to leave at school for the year. These can be purchased at the dollar store. An old oversized T-shirt works as well. ML

Word Study: Each week the students will be given 8-10 words that they need to learn how to spell and know the meanings of with a test on Friday. This week our words are: diversity, abundance, ecosystem, organism, species, conserve, coyote, moonlight

Science/Language Arts: Our first unit is about Diversity. We will be looking at biodiversity in creation and reading stories from diverse voices. Currently we are reading stories from First Nation authors. Some of the stories are sad as they deal with Residential Schools and other incidents or racism. We are reading stories from diverse voices to learn from others and how God created diversity in all of creation.

Gym: Students will be working on soccer during gym classes the next few weeks. Please make sure your child is dressed in clothing and footwear that is appropriate for running and stretching

Grade 3/4

Welcome back for week 2! Just a reminder that If your child is absent, please refer to the Gr. 3/4 section in the school's [Distance Learning Folder](#) on the Google Drive.

Spelling: This week we start Lesson 1 of our Spelling books. Grade 3s and Grade 4s will be looking at separating our alphabet into two categories: vowels and consonants. Lesson 1 Spelling Test will be on Friday. Students are reminded to practice spelling words at home.

Literature: We are continuing to delve into our novel study, *James and the Giant Peach*.

Bible: We are actually starting the year looking at Israel's judges, not Ruth, as our first Bible unit.

Social Studies: We have had fun making a map of the playground, and now we get ready to look closer at maps and the different components.

Agendas: Please check and sign your child's agenda each day as assignments/tests and correspondence will be put in agendas. If there are ever any questions or concerns, I can be reached at chris.johnson@tcswilliamsburg.ca

Grade 1/2

If your child is absent, please refer to the Gr 1&2 section in the school's [Distance Learning Folder](#) on Google Drive. I will be posting the day's assignments that they can work on at home. Not everything that we do at school can be done as easily at home, but I will do my best to get the main Language Arts and Math assignments home to you!

Spelling: This week we will continue to do a review of sounds and blends together at school. No Spelling words will be sent home until next Monday.

RAZ Kids/A-Z Reading: Today, students will be starting their daily reading at home. This can be done 2 ways this year. On Monday's, students may choose 5 A-Z Readers from our bins at school to take home and read for the week, OR they can access this same library of books on [RAZ Kids](#). Details of how to log in are found in your child's reading folder in their bookbag.

Bible: We began our first Bible unit of the year on "Jesus Begins his Ministry" with a look at John the Baptist.

Creation Studies: Our first Creation Study unit of the year will be "Canadian Symbols & Celebrations." This week we will be focusing on learning the map of Canada, as well as looking at the symbols found in the "Arms of Canada."

Extra Clothes: If you would like to send an extra change of clothes with your child, I will store them in class. Please label in a ziplock bag. Also, please dress your child for the weather. We will be going out rain or shine this year for recess and breaks unless there is extreme weather, so please dress accordingly!

Please see the front of students' agendas for a note from the teacher. If there are ever any questions or concerns, feel free to email me at alyssa.dekleine@tcswilliwamsburg.ca, or send a note in your child's agenda. Thank you!

Kindergarten

I am thankful for a wonderful first week of school together after 6 months apart!!! The students enjoyed building and re-building relationships with each other, and I've loved seeing their smiles each day. We are continuing to work on learning the classroom routines and building good hand washing skills. If your child is absent, I will have activities and videos listed in the distance learning folder. In kindergarten it is challenging to replicate the learning at home however review of letters and numbers is always encouraged.

Sound of the week: S and words that start with S

Math: Students will be focused on counting to 10 and recognizing single digit numbers

Bible: We are continuing to focus on the creation story.

Outdoor Learning: Our goal this year is to be outside each day so please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather (and has extra clothes in their backpack just in case).