



North Toronto Christian School

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:5 (NCV)

The exhortation to "Be Like Jesus" is our theme for the 2023-24 academic year. There are many seasons and circumstances in which it's very difficult for us to live up to this calling we have as Christians (literally meaning "little Christs") and the celebration of Easter offers a unique set of challenges, to be sure. Are we actually called to die for those we love, as He did? Can we really conquer death and experience resurrection, as He did? I believe the next few verses of Philippians 2 give us a glimpse of how we can be these "little Christs" to the world around us:

- ⁶Christ himself was like God in everything.
But he did not think that being equal with God was something to be used for his own benefit.
- ⁷But he gave up his place with God and made himself nothing.
He was born as a man and became like a servant.
- ⁸And when he was living as a man, he humbled himself and was fully obedient to God,
even when that caused his death—death on a cross.
- ⁹So God raised him to the highest place.
God made his name greater than every other name
- ¹⁰so that every knee will bow to the name of Jesus—
everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth.
- ¹¹And everyone will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and bring glory to God the Father.



We may never be asked to give our lives like Christ was, but like Him, we can humble ourselves, be obedient children of our Heavenly Father, and serve those around us, remembering that all are made in His image. And like Christ, our lives, "resurrected" from the pit of Sin and Death, can truly bring glory to the Father as we are continually remade to think and act like Him. May we keep these thoughts in mind as we celebrate Easter this year.

Mr. D. Vant Erve
Vice-Principal

Report Cards (Grade 7 - 12)

Term 2 Interim report cards will be emailed to parents/guardians of Grade 7-12 students on Friday, April 5th, 2024.

Grandparents' Day

(JK—Gr. 6)
Friday, April 26th, 2024
9:15 a.m.—11:15 a.m.

We welcome all grandparents of our elementary students to attend this event. A program by all classes from JK to Grade 6 will be held in the track area, followed by visits to individual classrooms. Refreshments will be served and photos will be taken of grandparents and their grandchild(ren).

Watch for more details from your child's teacher.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 01 Easter Monday
(no school)
- April 05 Report Cards
(Gr. 7-12)
- April 26 Grandparents' Day
- May 17 PD Day
(no school)
- May 20 Victoria Day
(no school)

Solar Eclipse—April 8th

We will be having a regular school day on April 8th, 2024. Depending on weather conditions, we will arrange for an indoor after-school recess for elementary classes if needed. High school students will be dismissed as usual.

NTCS Staffing Change

We say goodbye this month to **Mrs. Caterina Ierullo-Gialone** who goes on maternity leave, and we pray for her good health and strength as she and her husband prepare for the arrival of their child. We welcome **Mrs. Christine Bonadie** to a full-time role with us as she takes over various elementary French and Music classes. Mrs. Bonadie is well known to many of our students, as she taught elementary French for several weeks in the Fall of 2023 and has also been supply teaching periodically. We are very pleased for her to join our staff on a full-time basis to provide a smooth transition for our students.

Toronto Public Health Immunization Clinic

Toronto Public Health (TPH) will be holding a second vaccine clinic at North Toronto Christian School on Friday, April 19th, 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. For first-dose immunizations, the link to the consent form can be found [here](#). Forms should be dropped off in the school office, as Toronto Public Health does not accept electronic forms.



Camp Ke-Mon-Oya

REGISTER ONLINE AT [CAMPKEMONOYA.COM](http://www.campkemonoya.com)

Preparations for our summer camp program are currently taking place. Our camp brochure can be accessed from the camp website <http://www.campkemonoya.com/downloads/Brochure2024.pdf>.

Some weeks are full, but space is still available in certain weeks, 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 8th, for students entering Grades 3-6 in September. Teen camp will operate for three weeks, starting Monday, July 22nd, for students going into Grades 7 to 10. Don't miss out!



Exam Schedule (Grade 7-12)

Since the writing of exams is in itself a valuable skill to be mastered, particularly for the university bound student, the policy of NTCS is that there are no exemptions from final exams for any student. The exam schedule has been posted in the "Downloads" section of the NTCS website and in the "Daily Announcements" Google Classroom.

Students are expected to arrange their end-of-year schedules accordingly so that they are physically present to write their final exams at the designated times.

2024 Canadian Computing and Mathematics Competition Results

On February 21st, 15 of our most devoted computer science students from Grades 10, 11, and 12 competed in either the junior or senior level of the 2024 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 lots of excellent results were achieved.

Twelve students were able to solve at least two of the five problems, and eight students were able to solve at least three! Our top three contestants on the Junior Contest this year were **Kenneth Wu**, competing for the first time as a Grade 10 student, with a score of 56/75; **Eunice Deng**, a Grade 12 student, with a score of 52/75; and **Alexander Watson**, also in Grade 12, with a score of 51/75. On the Senior Contest, **Andrew Shen** was able to earn a remarkable score of 32/75, one of the highest ever achieved by an NTCS student on this extremely challenging level. All four of these students have earned a Certificate of Distinction for scoring in the top 25% of contestants worldwide!

Mr. D. Vant Erve

Grade 8 Science Fair Results

Cotton Candy, a Da Vinci Bridge, and a Feedback Loop were some of the Grade 8 projects presented. Thinking outside the box was a theme as 12 of the topics had never been displayed at NTCS before.

The winning projects were:

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1st	Pierce Wong	Fabulous Freeze Drying
1st	Emily Wan	To Bean or Not To Bean
2nd	Nala Pinsent	Shrivel Up & Dye
3rd	Judah Flynn	An Examination of Bacteria in the House
3rd	Jane Li	Melting & Freezing Liquids

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1st	Ali Wang	Robo Bees
2nd	Joelle Leung	Minute Glass
3rd	Naomi Croft	Can Weather Affect Mood?



The top projects overall were:

1st place: **Ali Wang**; 2nd place: **Pierce Wong**; 2nd place: **Emily Wan**; 3rd place: **Nala Pinsent**.

Congratulations go to all the creative students presenting inspiring projects!

Mrs. J. Cottrill



Grade 5/6 Rubix Cube Club

Mr. teBokkel and Mrs. Lee continue to host Rubik's Cube Club during the second recess on Day 4. Since the start of the club, we have seen students grow their skills in incredible ways. Everyone is welcome to come to learn from scratch or to further their skills. The club will continue in April if you are interested in joining. Come by the 6A classroom on the next Day 4!

Mr. W. teBokkel

Ontario Science Centre—DNA Fingerprinting Workshop

The Grade 12 biology and kinesiology classes visited the Ontario Science Centre on Thursday, February 29th, 2024. They participated in an all-day workshop on DNA fingerprinting which took place in a real biotechnology lab. The students gained valuable first-hand experience using science equipment used in molecular biology and forensics. The students amplified and analyzed their own DNA using the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and gel electrophoresis. The application of this experience is endless, and the class learned how scientists use this laboratory technique to solve crimes, detect food fraud, and more.

It was such an enriching educational experience to reinforce the importance of biotechnology, which we had been discussing in class, and an enjoyable way to end our molecular genetics unit.

Mrs. H. Tse



Service Project—Grade 11—Tendercare Living Centre Visit

Easter is just around the corner! On March 20th, the Grade 11 homeroom visited the seniors at the *Tendercare Long Term Care Retirement Home* and presented an Easter program. The program was presented in three languages (English, Cantonese, and Mandarin) and featured worship songs, a dramatic reading, storytelling with puppets, exercises, and even a magic trick showcasing the wonders of the resurrection. Having previously sent Christmas cards to the residents in December, it was a true blessing for us to connect with them in person.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve in our local community and to share the love of our Saviour. Our heartfelt prayer is that God's glory was shown and that the seniors were touched by the message of unconditional love displayed on the cross.

Mrs. H. Tse
Homeroom teacher

NTCS FLAMES—Table Tennis

Grade 7-12—Table Tennis Tournament

On March 5th, the NTCS Grade 7/8 and high school table tennis teams played for the SSAF (Small Schools Athletics Federation) championship at *Sunny Culture and Sports Centre*, in Scarborough. They were 3-time defending champions of the banner, but unfortunately, while playing hard, they fell just short, finishing in second place in the high school division and missing the banner by a single game in the Grade 7/8 division. Top 3 finishes were **Alan Lu** for high school boys' singles and **Amy Liu** and **Anya Rankine-Rivers** agreed to tie for 3rd for high school girls' singles. **Joelle Leung** and **Ashlee Yan** finished 3rd in high school girls' doubles (despite being Grade 8's). In the 7/8 divisions, **Jaiden Ng** achieved the silver medal in boys' singles, and **William Li** and **Arthur Chan** won the silver medal in boys' doubles. **Auvine Fateh Nemati** and **Tina Mazaheri** also achieved 2nd place in girls' doubles. The remaining team members included **Stephanie Duran Pacheco**, **Terrell Lam**, **Deborah Wang**, **Garrick Wong**, **Liam Lu**, and **Noel Selvaretnam**. Congratulations to everyone on a hard-fought day.

Mr. A. Hoover, Coach

NTCS FLAMES—Swimming

OFSAA Swimming Championships 2024

After months of rigorous training and dedicated practice, the NTCS swim team had quite the success at the TDCAA swim meet held in February, in Etobicoke, resulting in 10 swimmers qualifying for OFSAA 2024! However, the work wasn't over as the OFSAA qualifiers continued to train for a few more weeks for their competition at the Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre, in Scarborough.

On March 5th, the Junior Girls' 200m Freestyle relay placed 33rd out of 62 at preliminaries with a finishing time of 2:26.98 (3 seconds faster than their qualifying time! Congratulations **Clara Burry** (9A), **Rebecca Goh** (10A), **Haley Joo** (10B), and **Shanya Munoz** (10B)!

On March 6th, the boys' team: **Magnus Chien** (12), **Alan Lu** (12), **Joshua Ma** (12), **Jason Nam** (10B), **Aaron Tao** (11), and **Peter Tsegelnyuk** (11) had success as well! The events and statistics are as follows:

200m Individual Medley relay (**Magnus, Jason, Joshua, Alan**)
Prelims - placed 12th | seed time was 2:11.60, finished 2:11.28
Finals - placed 15th out of 43, with time of 2:12.81

200m Freestyle relay (**Jason, Alan, Peter, Joshua**)
Prelims - placed 14th | seed 1:56.49, finished 1:56.47
Finals - placed 17th out of 94, with time of 1:56.89

Aaron Tao - Open Category

100m IM - placed 30th out of 66 | seeded 1:06.44, finished 1:06.73
100m Free - placed 38th out of 44 | seeded 57.93, finished 58.58

Jason Nam - Junior Category, 50m Breaststroke

Prelims - placed 4th | seeded 36.94, finished 35.83
Finals - placed tied 4th out of 75 | finished 36.16 ***Ribbon**

Joshua Ma - Senior Category, 100m Breaststroke

Prelims - placed 1st | seeded 1:12.56, finished 1:11.98
Finals - placed 2nd out of 63 | finished 1:10.74 ***Silver Medal**



Not photographed—Aaron Tao

Ms. Jones and Ms. Leung are incredibly proud of all who participated on the swim team this year and thank everyone for their diligence and commitment to the team.

Ms. Jones and Ms. Leung, Coaches

NTCS Aquatics

Regular Program:

There is still time to registration for our Spring session which begins the week of April 2nd. The forms can be found on our aquatics website under '[Forms and Schedules](#)'. Please refer to the Google calendar on our website - <https://www.ntcs.on.ca/aquatics.html> for dates.

Advanced Awards:

NTCS Aquatics is hoping to offer two advanced award courses this spring - Bronze Cross and Bronze Medallion. Registration forms will be released after the Easter break. We require a total of six participants per course in order to run the course successfully. Candidates will be notified after the registration deadline if the course will run or not.

Ms. A. Leung

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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.*

"In His great mercy
He has given us new
birth into a living hope
through the resurrec-
tion of Jesus Christ
from the dead..."

I Peter 1:3

Registration 2024-2025

If you have younger children ready for school next year, please register them soon as we are accept-
ing applicants for the coming school year now. Application forms can be found on our website under
"Downloads".

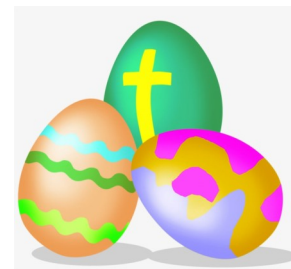
Summer 2024 ESL Credit Courses

This summer, NTCS will offer English as a Second Language credit courses during the month of
August 2024 (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 29th to Friday, August 23rd from 8:45 a.m. to
3:30 p.m. daily. The cost is \$1250.00.

NTCS Calendar 2023-2024 (major dates)

April	01	Easter Monday (no school)
May	17	PD Day (no school)
May	20	Victoria Day (no school)
June	10-20	Exams (Gr. 7-12)
June	21	Last day of school (JK-Gr. 6)
June	21	Grade 8 Graduation
June	25	Grade 12 Graduation



Newsletter

The next newsletter will be sent via email on May 1st, 2024.

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.

