



North Toronto Christian School

JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Senior Kindergarten, Grade 8, and Gr. 12 Graduations!



Congratulations to each of our 29 Grade 12 graduates for their successful completion of the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)! We are pleased that so many of you were able to attend the graduation to celebrate their achievements. We are very proud of the graduates as they leave NTCS to face challenges in new places.

Special congratulations to **Grace-Marie Salama and Joy-Marie Salama** who delivered the valedictory speech and to **Joy-Marie Salama** who was the recipient of the Governor General's Academic Medal. **Elissa Chee** was presented with the Laurie Roberts Memorial Scholarship, and **Aimee Zheng** was the recipient of the Amy Lau Memorial Scholarship.

We also want to extend our congratulations to our Grade 8 students as they move on to high school! It was a special evening as we were able to meet together with family and friends to officially acknowledge each student and commend them for their hard work and dedication towards their studies. We recognize that they too have reached an important milestone in their lives.

We want to recognize and extend our thanks to **Ms. A. Leung** in the school office who created and assembled the slide presentations for both of these graduations and compiled the Grade 12 graduation program and booklet. We appreciate her willingness to tackle these very important projects.

Award recipients from Grades 7 to 12 are mentioned later in this newsletter. Grade 12 students will be able to pick up their official diploma and transcript from the school office starting July 4th.

Our Senior Kindergarten class is another group of students we would like to recognize as they graduate to Grade 1! The students presented a special graduation program to their families and friends on June 21st. A sincere thank you to their teacher, **Mrs. J. Chambers**, for her work with the students in preparation for this event. Each student was presented with a Certificate of Achievement and a personalized Bible. Thank you, as well, to **Mrs. H. Kim** who prepared the Bibles for the students.

As we conclude another academic school year, The NTCS Board of Directors, Administration, and Faculty thank all parents and guardians for your wonderful support throughout the past year. We wish all of our NTCS community a time of rest and rejuvenation over the summer months.

Thank you...to all parent volunteers!

We extend a very sincere thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in so many areas of school life this past year. From pizza days to Chandos trips to Fun Fair and everything else in between, we are grateful for those who were able to assist in the life of the school. It means a great deal to the faculty, staff, and students to have your support.

Vulnerable Sector Check Policy

The NTCS Board of Directors has recently approved a Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) policy that can be found [here](#), to take effect September 1, 2023.

It will require that any NTCS parents who intend to volunteer, in any capacity, will be required to provide a Vulnerable Sector Check to NTCS administration prior to their involvement in school activities.

A Vulnerable Sector Check policy is already in place for all NTCS teachers and staff.

The process to obtain a VSC depends on the municipality in which you live. For those who live in Toronto (postal code starting with 'M'), a form signed by the NTCS Principal, Mrs. Brouwer, is required to be submitted as part of the application for a VSC. This can be obtained by emailing her at nbrouwer@ntcs.on.ca.

Other regions (York, Peel, Durham, etc...) have different requirements that can be obtained from their local police department.

Additionally, each staff and volunteer will need to sign an Offence Declaration Form each year that a new VCS is not required. A clear VSC is required every 5 years.

New Language Curriculum

On June 23rd, 2023, the Ontario Ministry of Education announced a new language curriculum for Grades K-8. After a careful review of the new expectations, some highlights of the new curriculum are teaching cursive writing and phonics. **We have always taught cursive writing and phonics as part of our language program.** Cursive writing is introduced in Grade 2 and is an area of focus in Grade 3 and 4. Students are expected to turn in written work in Grades 5 and 6. We have a comprehensive phonics program for Grades 1-8 in our Language Power program and as part of our reading and spelling programs in Grades K-8. We strive to offer the most up-to-date curriculum through proven methods of instruction. Our teachers use a mix of traditional and modern methods to keep the students engaged and moving forward in their educational journey.

Welcoming New NTCS Staff Members!

We will be adding a second homeroom class in September at each of the Grade 5, 8, and 10 levels in order to accommodate an increasing number of students enrolling at NTCS.

We are very pleased that **Mrs. Vicky Lin** will be joining our staff to teach one of the Grade 5 classes. Mrs. Lin has an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in Language Studies and an Honours Bachelor of Education degree, specializing in English, from The Education University of Hong Kong. She has been a worship leader in her church, and involved in camping as well, so we are looking forward to her participation in our music programs and our outdoor education programs at Chandos. Mrs. Lin has most recently been teaching in the Christian Alliance P.C. Lau Memorial International School in Hong Kong.

We are also happy to welcome **Mrs. Ho Jung Lee** to teach Mathematics in our junior and senior school program. Mrs. Lee is a graduate of Korea University with a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Arts in International Studies (International Security). Her Bachelor of Education degree is from Tyndale Christian University, with Mathematics qualifications from the University of Toronto (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education). She has a wide variety of work experience as an English editor, as a financial coordinator with World Vision Korea (South Sudan humanitarian aid and regional development), and as a researcher at Ewha Womans University in Seoul, Korea.

We look forward to our new staff joining us and contributing their expertise to the NTCS program.

2022-2023 Yearbook

The yearbook team, under the leadership of Mr. Pinsent, has been working hard over the past ten months to capture this academic school year. They have included student interviews and pictures of every aspect of student life. Thanks to all the teachers and students for responding with pictures and quotes when requested. The 2022-2023 edition of our yearbook will be available sometime in the fall and will be distributed to all students in school. Former students will be notified via our monthly newsletter and Facebook/LinkedIn as to when the yearbook will be available to pick up.

Congratulations to the yearbook team for producing another wonderful yearbook for all to enjoy! We look forward to seeing the finished product!

FUN, FRIENDS, FOOD!

We were blessed with a wonderful day for our annual Fun Fair on June 2nd. The children played many games and ate lots of treats with their friends. Our elementary teachers and the Grade 10 business class, under Mr. Lau's leadership, provided a variety of fun and challenging activities for the students. We are always grateful for the many parents who helped to make the day such a success. Thank you!



The MCU (Monthly Chapel Update—May/June)

Primary Praise (JK - Grade 3):

The JK and SK classes enjoyed shared their memory verses with the other classes. Mrs. Etinger taught a lesson on the importance of praying for one another. Mr. V shared some of his own nature photos with us in celebration of our "All Things New" theme of the year. We also watched the Grade 4 class present some funny and meaningful "New Beginnings" Bible skits they had written together. In the final two weeks of the year, we joined together with the Grades 4-6 classes and enjoyed a whole lot of worship times led by Mr. V. and Mrs. Newsted, Grade 12 student, Michelle Abraham, and the CTS, the Chaplaincy Team Singers.

Mini-Chapel (Grades 4 - 6):

The Grade 6 class led a devotional on the "Joy" we can show as a part of the Fruit of the Spirit. Mr. V shared some of his own nature photos with us in celebration of our "All Things New" theme of the year. After that, the Grade 4 class shared some more of their original "New Beginnings" Bible skits. We enjoyed two more hilarious and poignant *Kids Connect videos* on "The Exodus" and "The Wilderness". Finally, we joined together with the Primary grades for a whole lot of worship songs led by Mr. V. and Mrs. Newsted, and in the final week, by the CTS, the Chaplaincy Team Singers.

Intermediate & Senior Chapel:

Energetic times of worship were led by the student worship teams right up to the last chapel of the year, where CTS (The Chaplaincy Team Singers) took over so that all students could focus on end-of-year projects and exam preparation. **James Bi**, who shared with us back in the fall, joined us again with a challenging and encouraging message. Following this, the Grade 12 class presented a dramatic version of the song, "Lord of Hosts", along with an interactive building challenge and a hard-hitting spoken-word video sermon composed and presented by **Grace-Marie Salama** and **Joy-Marie Salama**. We heard **Mr. Collins** complete his sermon series on Romans 12 and were very thankful for his dedication to sharing with us throughout the year. Finally, Mr. V led us on a final time of reflection on our theme of the year, including a crowd-sourcing review of all the "New-making" Jesus has been doing in our school and our lives this year.

Mr. Vant Erve, Vice-Principal

NTCS FLAMES—Track and Field

Grade 5/6 Track and Field

On May 31st, our elementary track and field team competed in the Toronto District Christian Schools track and field competition. The events included long jump, standing long jump, triple jump, ball throw, 100m and 400m dash. All of the team members put in a great effort in their respective events. Special shout out to **Damola Eleso** who finished 3rd overall in the standing long jump competition and **Alena Wang** who ran a 16.6 second 100m dash!

Team members included:

Grade 5: Charlie Chan, Andy Deng, Cora Hackmann, Kendra Ho, Owen Kwong, Avin Lai, Curtis Leung, Elliot Leung, Theodore Nassar, Alena Wang, Mavis Weng, and Agnes Yan.

Grade 6: Carrie Chan, Hannah Choy, Damola Eleso, Ian Goligher, Cathryn Kwok, Mena Matta, Zoe Sargeant, Brian Song, Luke Yeo, and Ivan Zeng.

Mr. J. Arcangel, Coach

Grade 7/8 Track and Field Results

The NTCS Flames Gr. 7 and 8 track and field team of 16 athletes travelled on Wednesday, May 31st, 2023 to York University for the Toronto District Christian Schools track and field meet. Results are as follows:

Grade 7 and 8 girls

Naomi Kang MVP recipient	1 st	1500 m
	2 nd	400 m
Toni Viterbo	2 nd	1500 m
	5 th	400 m
Ella Watson	6 th	Shot Put
Paige Young	9 th	Triple Jump

Girls Relay 8th— **Paige Young, Salome Sananda, Natalie Lau, and Hadassah Sananda**
Also representing NTCS was **Eden Hackmann**.

Grade 7 and 8 boys

Josiah Oladiran	6 th	100 m
	10 th	Standing Long Jump
Noah Sargeant	1 st	Standing Long Jump
Chris Wallis MIP recipient	8 th	400 m

Boys Relay 5th— **Noah Sargeant, Caleb Wang, Chris Wallis and Josiah Oladiran**

Also representing NTCS was **Ayomide Akinawo, Adam Connesson, David He, and Tommy Ong-Walters**

There was a good attitude and excellent effort by all our team members.

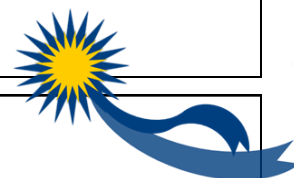
Mrs. J. Cottrill, Coach



Awards 2022-2023

Congratulations to all students for a successful school year! The following are the recipients of various awards which were presented either at the awards assembly or the graduation ceremonies in June. The students are to be commended for their diligence and work ethic in achieving a high standard of excellence.

<u>Grade 7</u>	<u>7A</u>	<u>7B</u>	<u>Grade 8</u>	
Bible	Garrick Wong	Arthur Chan	Bible	Ella Watson
Computing	Robyn Hong	Joelle Leung	Computing	Alessia Kaounis
English	Garrick Wong	Adam Valani	English	Tiffany Pang
French	Emily Wan	Isabella De Sousa	French	Caiden Hui
Math	Emily Wan	Joelle Leung	Math	Natalie Lau
Music	Adam Connesson	Jaiden Ng	Music	Jeffrey Tao
Physical Ed.	Hadassah Sananda	Caleb Wang	Physical Ed.	Ella Watson, James Awadalla
Science	Emily Wan	Adam Valani	Science	Liam Lu
Social Studies	Caleb Wang	Isabella De Sousa	Social Studies	Liam Lu
Visual Arts	Jane Li	Eden Hackmann	Visual Arts	Alessia Kaounis



<u>Grade 9</u>		<u>Grade 10</u>	
Business	Grace Wan	Business	Alina Chen
Drama	Daniel Jabbarpoor-Manzano	Career Studies	Eugenia Ma
English	Isaac Vant Erve	Christian Studies	Alina Chen
ESL	Noah Xia	Civics	Nikolas Kaounis
French	Gloria Salama, James Wong	English	Joyce Lau
Geography	Shanya Munoz	French	Arwyn Wallis
Learning Strategies	Ella Wang	History	Matthew Tai
Math	Grace Wan	Math	Nikolas Kaounis
Music	Zachary Chan	Physical Education	Hannah Berhardt
Physical Ed.	Shanya Munoz, Kevin Cheng	Science	Martin Lem
Science	Ivan Chan	Visual Arts	Julie Kim
Visual Arts	Kevin Cheng		

Grade 11

Accounting	Anna Wong
Biology	Anya Rankine-Rivers
Chemistry	Andrew Shen
Computer Science	Jason Wong
Earth and Space Science	Aidan Ng
English	Jacquelyne Goligher
French	Jacquelyne Goligher
History	Ally Yang
Journalism	Jacquelyne Goligher
Functions	Andrew Shen
Music	Evelyn Chan
Music Performance	Brandon Yip
Physics	Andrew Shen
World Issues	Eunice Deng

Grade 12

Advanced Functions	Matthew Ma
Biology	Anna Li
Calculus and Vectors	Anna Li
Chemistry	Aimee Zheng
Computer Science	Benjamin Yao
Data Management	Elissa Chee
English	Joy-Marie Salama
French	Athena Yiu
Western Thought	Elissa Chee
International Business	Elissa Chee
Law	Andrew Burry
Music	Athena Yiu
Music Performance	Michelle Abraham
Physical Education	Denise Chan, Andrew Burry
Physics	Aimee Zheng
Visual Arts	Natalie Pak

**Academic Proficiency****Nehemiah****Spirit of the Apostle**

Gr. 7	Emily Wan	Adam Connesson	Isabella De Sousa
Gr. 8	Alessia Kaounis Tiffany Pang	Maria Pappalardo	Alessia Kaounis
Gr. 9	Grace Wan	Ella Wang Noah Xia	Grace Wan
Gr. 10	Alina Chen Nikolas Kaounis Joyce Lau	Prisca Chien Martin Lem	Arwyn Wallis Nikolas Kaounis
Gr. 11	Eunice Deng Aidan Ng Andrew Shen	Uriel Omozusi	Aidan Ng
Gr. 12	Elissa Chee Joy-Marie Salama Athena Yiu Aimee Zheng	Brayden Kwan	Michelle Abraham Denise Chan

Principal's Honour Roll—2022-2023

The following students in Grades 4 to 8 have achieved an overall average of 85+%.



Grade 4

Kristen Au
Kirubel Ermias
Madelyn Gomes-Sierra
Elias Jara
Laelle Kim
Ethan Li
Victoria Li

Edward Lin
Danelle Mann
Samantha Rofaiel
Theodore Salama
Emiko Sang
Michael Shenouda
Jocelyn Wong

Grade 5

Kabeer Bhatia
Charlie Chan
Cora Hackmann
Kendra Ho
Lael Kim
Owen Kwong
Avin Lai
Curtis Leung
Elliot Leung

Leona Lian
Grace Liang
Theodore Nassar
Zoe Sargeant
Max Wang
Mavis Weng
Maria Xu
Esther Yang

Grade 6

Carrie Chan
Hannah Choy
Alvin Deng
Aksha Joel
Emma Kim
Cathryn Kwok

Vivian Li
Audrey Rofaiel
Zoe Sami
Michael Sawires
Audrey Zhou

Grade 7

Arthur Chan
Adam Connesson
Isabella De Sousa
Joelle Leung
Hadassah Sananda
Adam Valani

Emily Wan (*Academic Proficiency Award*)
Caleb Wang
Garrick Wong
Ashlee Yan
Kai Zou

Grade 8

James Awadalla
Caiden Hui
Naomi Kang
Alessia Kaounis (*Academic Proficiency Award*)
Charis Kwok
Natalie Lau

Liam Lu
Josiah Oladiran
Tiffany Pang (*Academic Proficiency Award*)
Jeffrey Tao
Ella Watson

Principal's Honour Roll—2022-2023

Grades 9-12 - an overall average of 80+% (**a full course load at NTCS**)
Academic Proficiency Award (highest overall average in the grade)

Grade 9A

Samuel Barradas-Villegas
Zachary Chan
Rebecca Goh
Shannon Goligher
Daniel Jabbarpoor-Manzano
Lee Jasper
Bernard Kim
Queenie Miao
Mars Sun
Ella Wang
Priscilla Wang
Kenneth Wu
Lily Zhao

Grade 9B

Ildi Angjeli
Ivan Chan
Caleb Cheng
Charlotte Fung
Kevin Cheng
Shanya Munoz
Gloria-Marie Salama
Isaac Vant Erve
Grace Wan
(Academic Proficiency Award)
James Wong
Noah Xia
Ashlyn Yiu

Grade 10

Hannah Berhardt
Alina Chen
(Academic Proficiency Award)
Prisca Chien
Emma Esho
Nikolas Kaounis
(Academic Proficiency Award)
Julie Kim
Michelle Lai
Joyce Lau
(Academic Proficiency Award)
Martin Lem
Sabrina Li
Nancy Liang
Eugenia Ma
Charlotte Peng
Deborah Shih
Matthew Tai
Arwyn Wallis
Jason Wong
Brandon Yip

Grade 11

Daniella Attalla
Haydrian Cheung
Eunice Deng
(Academic Proficiency Award)
Jacquelyne Goligher
Alan Lu
Lydia Lu
Joshua Ma
Aidan Ng
(Academic Proficiency Award)
Uriel Omozusi
Anyia Rankine-Rivers
Andrew Shen
(Academic Proficiency Award)
Alexander Watson
Anna Wong
Ally Yang
Annie Zhao

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ontario Scholars—Grade 12

An Ontario Scholar is a student who obtains an aggregate of at least 480 marks in any combination of six Ontario Ministry of Education approved Grade 12 university preparation, university/college preparation, and/or college preparation courses authorized under the *Ontario Secondary School, Grade 9 to 12: Program and Diploma Requirements, 1999* (OSS).

Michelle Abraham
Ethan Berhardt
Andrew Burry
David Cao
Elissa Chee
(Academic Proficiency Award)
Jack Hyun
Sally Kim
Brayden Kwan

Anna Li
Lucy Liu
Matthew Ma
Natalie Pak
Trinity Pang
Grace-Marie Salama
Joy-Marie Salama
(Academic Proficiency Award)
Jed Sananda

Nezra Tagudar
Amanda Wong
Sophia Wu
Alice Yao
Benjamin Yao
Athena Yiu
(Academic Proficiency Award)
Aimee Zheng
(Academic Proficiency Award)



Grade 12 Graduates 2022-2023—Destinations

STUDENT NAME	UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE	PROGRAM
Michelle Abraham	University of Toronto Scarborough	Life Science
Ezra Balanag	Trent University	Business
Ethan Berhardt	Carleton University	Computer Science
Daniel Bryniawsky	Workplace training	Mentorship Program
Andrew Burry	Toronto Metropolitan University	Business
David Cao	University of Toronto	Mathematics
Denise Chan	Redeemer University	Physical Education & English
Elissa Chee	University of Toronto	Social Sciences Trinity College
Paolo Ciamei	Ontario Tech University	Mechanical Engineering
Jack Hyun	University of Alberta	Biochemistry
Hyeonjin Kim	Boston University	Law
Brayden Kwan	York University	Nursing
Anna Li	Brunel University London England	Physiotherapy
Lucy Liu	Western University	Medical Science
Matthew Ma	University of Toronto	Computer Science
Joseph Ojo	University of Ottawa	Ethics and Political Philosophy
Natalie Pak	Biola University, California	Health Science
Wallace Pan	Brock University	Accounting
Trinity Pang	University of Toronto	Life Science
Grace-Marie Salama	University of Waterloo	Health Sciences Co-op
Joy-Marie Salama	University of Waterloo	Chemical Engineering Co-op
Jed Sananda	McMaster University	Automation Engineering
Nezra Tagudar	George Brown College	Dental Technology
Amanda Wong	York University	Law & Society
Sophia Wu	Western University	Management & Organizational Studies
Alice Yao	University of Waterloo	Accounting and Financial Management
Benjamin Yao	University of Waterloo	Computer Engineering
Athena Yiu	University of Toronto	Life Science
Aimee Zheng	University of Waterloo	Mathematics

YOU DID IT!
Congratulations



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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.*

*Let not steadfast love
and faithfulness forsake
you: bind them around
your neck; write them
on the tablet of your
heart.*

Proverbs 3:3

Grade 2 Visit Crock a Doodle Art Studio

The Grade 2 students visited Crock A Doodle Art Studio, in Richmond Hill, on June 13th. They enjoyed choosing a palette of paint colours to paint a ready-to-paint pottery square tile and a piece in the shape of a cross. The students learned about various painting "tips and tricks" from our friendly studio supervisors and were excited to see their finished items after they had been professionally glazed and kiln-fired to a bright and shiny finish. Many students gave one of their pieces to their father as a gift on Father's Day!

Mrs. F. Lew-On

Grade 1 Toronto Zoo Trip

On June 15th, the Grade 1 students enjoyed a field trip to the Toronto Zoo. The day was spent at an interactive tiger presentation, visiting animals, and playing at the KidsZoo. The trip extended our learning about living things and was a wonderful end of year celebration!

Mrs. D. Valani

2023-2024 School Calendar

The following is a list of the key dates for the 2023/2024 school year. Please note the dates for the end of the school year as well. The last official day of school is Friday, June 21st, 2024. Grade 8 graduation will be the evening of Friday, June 21st, 2024 and the Grade 12 graduation will be the evening of Tuesday, June 25th, 2024.

2023	Monday, September 4 Tuesday, September 5 Monday, October 9 Wed/Thurs, November 22/23 Friday, November 24 Mon., Dec. 25– Fri., Jan. 5	Labour Day – No school First day of school Thanksgiving Day – No school Parent Teacher Interviews PD day – No school Christmas Break – No school
2024	Friday, February 16 Monday, February 19 Fri., Mar. 8 – Mon., Mar. 18 (inclusive) Friday, March 29 Sunday, April 1 Friday, May 17 Monday, May 20 Mon., June 10 - Thurs., June 20 Friday, June 21 Friday, June 21 Tuesday, June 25	PD day – No school Family Day – No school March Break – No school Good Friday – No school Easter Monday PD day – No school Victoria Day – No school Grade 7 to 12 Exams Last day of classes Grade 8 Graduation Grade 12 Graduation



Have a wonderful summer!
See you in September!

