



North Toronto Christian School

JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

Graduations 2023

Senior Kindergarten

Wednesday, June 21
2:00 p.m. (Track area)

Grade 8

Friday, June 23
6:30 p.m. (Track area)

Grade 12

Tuesday, June 27
7:00 p.m.

Trinity Presbyterian Church
2737 Bayview Ave.
Toronto, ON M2L 1C5

**All are welcome to come
and celebrate the accomplishments of our students!**

IMPORTANT DATES

Fun Fair (JK-Gr. 6)	June 2
Awards Assembly (Gr. 7-12)	June 9
Exams (Gr. 7-12)	June 12-22
SK Graduation	June 21
Grade 8 Graduation	June 23
Final Report Cards (emailed) (JK-Gr. 6)	June 23
Grade 12 Graduation	June 27
Final Report Cards (emailed) (Gr. 7-12)	July 4



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.

FUN FAIR—Friday, June 2nd

Fun Fair is fast approaching and eagerly anticipated by our elementary students. It is not too late to send ticket money to school with your child. We hope you can drop by to share in the excitement of this annual event! If you decide to take your child home early, please remember to exit at the "CHECK OUT" sign near the south entrance where a teacher will sign your child out on the class list.



Bible League Canada Fundraiser and NTCS Games

The NTCS Games, held Wednesday, May 17th, was a huge success! The SaLT team would like to extend a big thank you to all those who donated to Bible League Canada. Thanks to our collective efforts, we were able to raise **\$6,837.90**, putting Bibles into the hands of **1,368 people!** "God's Word never returns void" (Isaiah 55:11), and this will surely make a great impact as God works in the hearts of people who open these Bibles for the first time around the world. Great job NTCS!

In the thrilling day of events, students competed in various activities, representing their respective coloured teams. The atmosphere was electric as students participated in spirited matches of handball, basketball, relay races, and Just Dance. The games concluded with a final soccer match, where the Red Team emerged victorious for both the elementary and high school divisions!

SaLT would also like to give a special shout out to the Blue Team who were the winners of the day's events, scoring a combined 3,965 points! The Red Team also came close behind with a combined total of 3,745 points.

Once again, thank you all for your support and enthusiasm in making it an incredible day!

Mr. C. Brown

Grandparents' Day

Thank you to all grandparents who were able to attend our Grandparents' Day event on May 26th. We recognize that grandparents can play a vital role in the lives of their grandchildren, and we know that it was a special time for your grandchild(ren) to have you attend. We trust that you found the event informative and enjoyable as well.



Music and Visual Arts Night/Drama Production

During the evening of Thursday, May 25th, the Grade 9 to 12 instrumental ensemble, conducted by Mr. C. Brown, performed a program of delightful music in the track area to an appreciative audience of parents and friends. The high school vocal ensemble, led by Mr. D. Vant Erve, also contributed a lovely selection of songs to the evening and enthusiastically joined with the instrumental ensemble for the concluding piece, **God So Loved**. Thank you to Mr. Brown, Mr. Vant Erve and all of the music students and choir members for their hard work in preparation for this concert.

In addition to the music, the senior art students, under the guidance of Mrs. H. Kim, showcased their best work in The Annex, where concert attendees could browse and observe the imaginative pieces of art created by our artistic students during their classes throughout the year. Thank you to Mrs. Kim and her students who fashioned an impressive display for us to enjoy.

On Wednesday and Thursday, May 31st and June 1st, the high school drama class, taught by Mr. A. Hoover, gave a wonderful and entertaining performance of their spring play, **The Many Jobs of Johnny Flugelbottom**. The script was written by our very own Mr. Hoover, and the performances were enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to the friends and families who came out to support the drama students!

Tuition Fees 2023-2024

A reminder that tuition fees for the coming 2023/2024 school year are payable starting July 1st, 2023. **If you are paying tuition through a monthly direct debit/pre-authorized withdrawal, the amount will automatically be updated to the new tuition fee amount.** The date (1st or 15th) and frequency will remain the same. If you have replied to our 'Intention to Return' email that your child(ren) does not plan to return in September 2023, or if your child is graduating from Grade 12, your pre-authorized withdrawals will be stopped once your tuition fees for the current school year have been paid in full.

Used Book Sale—Gr. 7-12

We will once again be selling used textbooks over the summer months. Students will be informed soon of which books we will “buy back”. We cannot accept textbooks that will not be used in the new school year or give credit for books that are in disrepair. Students must drop off books to be sold **no later** than Friday, June 23rd, outside the office. Book lists for September 2023 will be posted under “Downloads” on our school website, and instructions about how to purchase used books over the summer or receive credit for those students graduating or departing, will be posted in the “Daily Announcements” Google classroom later this month.



Exam Schedule (Grades 7-12) ***June 12-22***

The exam schedule is posted in the “Daily Announcements” Google Classroom and in the “Downloads” section of our website - www.ntcs.on.ca. Students may not write exams early in order to leave for summer vacation. Please do not ask for special accommodations. 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.

After an exam, students are expected to leave the school building promptly. They are not permitted to stay on the school property. Arrangements should be made for transportation home.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY—Grades 7-12

June 9th, 2023—1:45 p.m.

Please note that the Grade 8 and Grade 12 awards will be presented at their respective graduation ceremonies, with the exception of the sports awards, which will be given at the awards assembly.

Used Uniform Exchange

If you have extra school uniform items in excellent condition that your child has outgrown and you would like to donate to another family, we invite you to drop them off at the school (east main doors) from Monday, June 12th to Thursday, June 15th. Clothes will be organized and made available to interested families **on Friday, June 16th**, during the after school hours from 3:30pm to 4:15pm in the cafeteria area at the main south entrance of the school.



Card Club

The Grades 4 and 5 card-making club will be concluding their sessions this month. This year, the Grades 2 and 3 classes were also able to participate in making several cards. Holiday cards were featured again this year, including Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Mother's and Father's Day cards. Our Christmas and spring card sales were big successes, with over 400 cards sold.

This year, the club was happy to donate **\$400** to the **Bible League Canada** project. A special thank you to the teachers—**Ms. Rooleveld, Mrs. Lew-Ong, and Mrs. Cooke**, who made cards, prepared for and ran the club sessions, and supervised the sale of the cards to the students. Thanks also to **Ms. Sin** and **Grace and Joy Salama**, who assisted with the card sales.

Crochetting and Knitting Club

The Grade 5 crochet and knitting club had their last meeting this week. Here are some of their beautiful creations and some are still in progress! We had a great time together and many students have decided to continue their new hobby over the summer. A special thanks to Mrs. Etinger and Mrs. Chambers for their work with the students.



NTCS Mathletic Department

University of Waterloo Math Contests

NTCS students participated in a variety of mathematics contests in April. Thirty-one Grade 9-11 students wrote the Fryer, Galois and Hypatia contests that focus on problem-solving. Eleven Grade 11-12 students wrote the Euclid contest which covers a wide selection of material from high school and beyond.

Congratulations to the following students for earning special recognition:

Euclid Contest

Aimee Zheng - top 25% Certificate and Student Honour Roll
Andrew Shen - top 25% Certificate
Alice Yao - top 25% Certificate

Hypatia Contest

Andrew Shen - top 25% Certificate and Student Honour Roll

Fryer Contest

Zachary Chan - top 25% Certificate and Student Honour Roll
Bernard Kim - top 25% Certificate
Grace Wan - top 25% Certificate
Samuel Barradas-Villegas - top 25% Certificate
Isaac Vant Erve - top 25% Certificate

Aimee Zheng has also earned a scholarship for her outstanding performance and will be attending the University of Waterloo to study mathematics.



Math Teachers: D. Brooks, D. Vant Erve, M. Kim

Grade 3 Black Creek Pioneer Village

On May 18th, the Grade 3 students took a trip back in time to the 1860s, at Black Creek Pioneer Village. The morning was spent in a one-room schoolhouse, experiencing what school was like for students at that time. Fortunately, despite the cooler weather, the students were not required to stoke the stove which would have heated the classroom! The afternoon was spent exploring the many historic buildings and gaining a better understanding of village life in the 19th century. The students particularly enjoyed seeing the shearing of a sheep, visiting an Indigenous wigwam, and watching a tinsmith in action. The trip was a wonderful conclusion to our Early Settlers studies.

Mrs. M. Cooke

Senior Business Field Trip to Canada's Wonderland

The Grade 10 and 12 business students attended a marketing workshop at Canada's Wonderland on Friday, May 26th. As part of the largest theme park group in North America, Canada's Wonderland boasts a number of thrilling rides and attractions, located right in the biggest city of Canada. But even with the unparalleled "products" they provide, this was a great learning experience for the students to see how carefully researched and executed marketing strategies are necessary to build and maintain the park's revenue level on the heels of rising inflation.

The workshop was led by the senior director of sales and marketing. The Grade 10 students were able to make connections to their carnival games and projects for the upcoming NTCS Fun Fair, while the Grade 12 students were able to gain the real-life perspective on how the four P's (product, price, place, and promotion) of marketing are applied. This was a particularly valuable lesson as the students are currently working on marketing strategies in their final capstone project. Following the workshop, the students were able to enjoy some of the rides together and share fun memories. It was a great way to end the week!

Mr. C. Lau & Mr. M. Kim

Grade 11 and 12 Serve Project

The Grade 11 and 12 classes recently had an opportunity to volunteer for a full day at Grace Place Food Bank in Scarborough. Each class helped out on two different days, and the students quickly learned about how much work is involved and the amount of help required for a food bank to provide its services to families in the community. The students were assigned to various tasks and worked harmoniously, like a well-oiled machine. The staff were very grateful for our tireless work, but it was more of a blessing for us that we were able to participate in the faithful work of this group of fellow Christians who devotedly serve the community all year around. If any high school students or families are looking for a place to volunteer and serve, we would highly recommend you consider Grace Place Food Bank.

Mr. A. Hoover & Mr. M. Kim

Grade 9 Service Project

For their service project, the Grade 9s wrote prayers and encouragements for Christians in a country that is going through major geopolitical issues. (This was also an application to concepts learned in our geography classes which included poverty issues, ways to provide help that will last for the long-term, and geographical challenges to distributing aid to those locations). Mr. Lau passed the prayers onto a friend who is living in that country. Thanks, Grade 9s!

Mr. C. Lau

NTCS FLAMES—Badminton

Grades 7/8—Badminton—CHAMPIONS!

On April 20th, the NTCS Grade 7/8 badminton team played in the Toronto District Catholic Athletic Association (TDCAA) badminton tournament held at Toronto District Christian High School. The team fought valiantly all day and managed to win 3 of the 5 categories, scoring the most points overall for the team and bringing home the **CHAMPIONSHIP banner**. **Brighton Wu**, **Tiffany Pang**, **Curtis Gao**, and **Austin Zhang** each won the **GOLD** medal in boys' singles, girls' singles, and boys' doubles respectively. **Ella Watson** and **Charis Kwok** placed 3rd for girls' doubles and **Naomi Kang** and **Mide Akinnawo** placed 3rd in mixed doubles. This is the first time that NTCS has won the TDCAA badminton championship!

Team members included: Grade 7/8 girls: **Robyn Hong**, **Naomi Kang**, **Charis Kwok**, **Tiffany Pang**, **Hadassah Sananda**, **Salome Sananda**, **Ali Wang**, **Ella Watson**; Grade 7/8 boys: **Mide Akinnawo**, **Curtis Gao**, **Jaiden Ng**, **Jeffrey Tao**, **Brighton Wu**, **Austin Zhang**, **William Zheng**, and **Kai Zou**.



Grades 9-12—Badminton

On April 28th and 29th, the NTCS high school badminton team traveled to Brock University in St. Catharines to take on the best players from all the Christian schools in Ontario. A special congratulations to **Rebecca Goh** for winning **GOLD** in junior girls' singles. **Thomas Chan** won the **SILVER** in junior boys' singles. **Wallace Pan** finished 3rd but was a single point away from winning the gold medal himself. **Amy Liu** won the **GOLD** medal in B tier for senior girls' singles, despite being a junior. Finally, **Martin Lem** and **Deborah Shih** placed 3rd in B losing a close 3 set match for the silver medal. Overall, the team finished 8th out of 22 schools, despite having fewer team members than the other schools.

Team members included: **Rebecca Goh**, **Joyce Lau**, **Amy Liu**, **Eugenia Ma**, **Deborah Shih**, **Thomas Chan**, **Martin Lem**, **Trinity Pang**, **Amanda Wong**, **Sophia Wu**, **Andrew Burry**, **David Cao**, **Wallace Pan**, and **Jed Sananda**.

Mr. A. Hoover

NTCS FLAMES—Track and Field

High School Track and Field

On Monday, May 10th, twenty-five high school students competed in NTCS' first ever high school track and field event in St. Catharines! Everyone did an amazing job; they showed great sportsmanship, skill, and perseverance, but most of all, they had fun! Special shoutout to the following students for making it in the top six of their events:

Lee Jasper	1 st for Novice Mens' shotput
William Watson	6 th for Novice Mens' discus
Amy Liu	6 th for the Junior Girls' 1500m race
Eugenia Ma	5 th for the Junior Girls' 400m race
Arwyn Wallis	4 th for the Junior Girls' 800m race; 6 th for the Junior Girls' 400m race
Paolo Ciamei	5 th for the Senior Mens' 800m race
Denise Chan	5 th for the Senior Girls' 1500m race

Other team members who also gave their events their best effort included: **Ethan Berhardt**, **David Cao**, **Magnus Chien**, **Eunice Deng**, **Kelly Hsu**, **Sally Kim**, **Anna Li**, **Joshua Ma**, **Uriel Omozusi**, **Natalie Pak**, **Wallace Pan**, **Anya Rankine-Rivers**, **Jed Sananda**, **Andrew Shen**, **Priscilla Wang**, **Alex Watson**, **Brandon Yip**, and **Joanna Zhao**.

Congratulations to everyone who participated! Go Flames!

Ms. N. Jones



NTCS FLAMES—Soccer

High School Boys Soccer—Tournament May 12th

The high school boys soccer team successfully participated in the Ontario Christian Secondary School Athletic Association (OCSSAA) tournament on May 12th, and in the Small Schools Athletic Federation (SSAF) tournament on May 23rd. Though the season was not very long, all 17 students put forth their best effort and worked together, both on and off the field. Many of the Grade 12s showed exemplary leadership, led by **Paolo Ciamei**, the team captain. The budding talents of the Grade 9 and 10 players were apparent as they learned to follow the strategic plays under steady leadership.

The team also had the pleasure of having **Damian Salama** (NTCS graduating class of 2022) on the coaching staff. His expertise in the game provided the team with valuable and timely guidance and tips. The team finished third in the SSAF tournament, among the nine teams that competed. We scored a whopping 13 goals throughout the day, while only letting in six goals. Congratulations to all players on your achievement! Go Flames!

Team members included: Gr. 9—Ildi Angjeli, Tristan Boertjes, Zachary Chan, Daniel Jabbar-poor-Manzano, James Wong; Grade 10—Leo Luo, Peter Tsegelnyuk, Brandon Yip; Grade 11—Magnus Chien; Grade 12—Ethan Berhardt, Daniel Bryniawsky, Andrew Burry, David Cao, Paolo Ciamei, Brayden Kwan, and Jed Sananda.

Mr. M. Kim, Coach



High School Girls Soccer Tournament—May 30th



On Tuesday, May 30th, the high school girls soccer team participated in the SSAF soccer tournament. The girls displayed excellent offense and a determined defense. They also displayed outstanding sportsmanship, which was commented on by other teams and coaches. I want to thank the girls for their dedication and hard work. Special thanks to **Mr. Munoz, Ms. Forsey** and **Ms. Si** who provided the team with extra fruit, water and ice. The pitch was very hot and the extra supplies were very welcome.

Team members included: **Rachel Delic, Emma Esho, Charlotte Fung, Kelly Hsu, Esther Jung, Amy Liu, Eugenia Ma, Shanya Munoz, Anya Rankine-Rivers, Deborah Shih, Arwyn Wallis, Annie Zhao, and Lily Zhao.**

Mrs. Brouwer, Coach

NTCS Aquatics

Thank you for your participation in our aquatics program during this past school year. Our spring session will conclude on Saturday, June 3rd. There will be NO SWIMMING LESSONS held at NTCS during the summer months, as we use this time to maintain our school facilities in preparation for the fall. Swimming lessons will resume after the Thanksgiving weekend in October. Registration forms will be posted on our website in September.

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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.*

For as the earth bringeth
forth her bud, and as the
garden causeth the
things that are sown in it
to spring forth; so the
Lord God will cause
righteousness and
praise to spring forth
before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11



NTCS FLAMES—Softball

High School Co-ed Softball

On Monday and Tuesday, May 29th and 30th, the senior softball team competed in a two-day tournament with teams from the Toronto District Catholic Athletic Association (TDCAA). After being out-slugged by the teams from Neil McNeil, St. Oscar Romero, and Bishop Marocco in their first three games, the Flames “turned up the heat” for the last game, hammering line drive after line drive, and handily defeating Cardinal McGuigan to salvage a victory. All of our players showed excellent effort and sportsmanship in each game and should be congratulated for their perseverance. Some highlights include: **Andrew Burry** making great catches on deep fly balls in center field, **Ethan Berhardt** and **Lee Jasper** providing a terrific 1-2 punch on the pitching rubber, **Denise Chan** and **Daniel Bryniawsky** surprising opposing pitchers with their powerful swings, **Ildi Angjeli** sliding head-first into third base even when it wasn’t necessary, and **Ezra Balanag** willingly donning the catching gear for 10 straight innings in the scorching heat.

Mr. Vant Erve and Ms. Leung are very proud of the progress the team made this season and look forward to continuing a strong NTCS softball tradition next year!

Team members included: **Ildi Angjeli, Ezra Balanag, Ethan Berhardt, Tristan Boertjes, Daniel Bryniawsky, Andrew Burry, David Cao, Denise Chan, Kevin Cheng, Haydrian Cheung, Paolo Ciamei, Jack Hyun, Lee Jasper, Joshua Ma, and Jed Sananda.**

Ms. A. Leung & Mr. Vant Erve, Coaches



NTCS Calendar 2022-2023 (major dates)

June 9	Last day of classes (Gr. 7-12)
June 12-22	Exams (Gr. 7-12)
June 21	Senior Kindergarten Graduation
June 23	Last day of school (JK-6)
June 23	Grade 8 Graduation
June 27	Grade 12 Graduation
July 4	High School Reports emailed
August 31	Orientation Day (new Gr. 7-12 students)
September 1	Orientation Day (new JK-Gr. 6 students)
September 5	Back to School
October 6-9	PD day/Thanksgiving
November 22-23	Parent/Teacher Interviews
November 24	PD Day
December 25–Jan 5/24	Christmas Break



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