



North Toronto Christian School

# OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

### *Thanksgiving Food Drive*

The Service and Leadership Team (SaLT) is excited to launch our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive! Collected food donations will go to The Grace Place Food Bank in Scarborough to support families in need. The food drive will run from Thursday, September 28th to Thursday, October 5th. Please bring canned goods and non-perishable items. Collection stations will be set up near each homeroom for students to drop off their contributions.

Each homeroom will receive 1 point for every 100g donated. Items that are in high demand will receive extra bonus points. These items include: oatmeal and other cereal, coffee, tea, Ensure, and toothpaste. The school-wide goal is to reach a total of 45,000 points.

SaLT is a group of Gr. 9-12 NTCS students who seek to grow in their personal relationship with God and in Christian character, which manifests in their love for others in the school, local community, and the world. SaLT demonstrates this by organizing in-school events and supporting local charities. There is an emphasis on spiritual development as members grow as individuals and as a team of servant leaders.

This year, SaLT has 12 members: **Zachary Chan, Alina Chen, Kelly Hsu, Alessia Kaounis, Nikolas Kaounis, Joshua Lam, Lydia Lu, Aidan Ng, Tiffany Pang, Maria Pappalardo, Matthew Tai, and Ally Yang.** The staff advisors are **Mr. Brown** and **Mrs. Tse.**



### UPCOMING EVENTS

PD day (no school)	Oct 06
Thanksgiving (no school)	Oct 09
Interim Reports Gr. 7-12	Nov 10
Term 1 Reports JK-6	Nov 17
Parent/Teacher Interviews (all grades)	Nov 22-23
PD day (no school)	Nov 24

### *Thank You.....*

Thank you to all parents who attended our Get-Acquainted Night held during the second week of school. We trust that you found it both enjoyable and informative.

You will be provided with another opportunity to meet with the teacher(s) of your child(ren) later in the Fall (November 22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>) during the Parent/Teacher interview evenings. In the meantime, please feel free to contact them by email if you have questions or concerns.

### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Assemblies

NTCS would like to thank Mr. D. Kim and his Grade 10B Civics class for their thoughtful and moving presentations at the assembly held for our Grade 7 to 12 students on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. The assembly began with a video of "O Canada" sung in both English, French, and Cree. The class presented a choral reading from the book, "I Am Not a Number," by Jenny Kay Dupuis & Kathy Kacer. They also read their own land acknowledgements, written in class, in a "tapestry of voices." All of the students listened to a reading from the book of Corinthians from the First Nations translation of the Bible. The elementary students also recognized this day with students participating in their respective assemblies. Grade JK to 3 were led by Mrs. Cooke and the Grade 3 students and Grade 4-6 by Ms. Li, Mr. teBokkel and the Grade 6 students. We appreciate the time and effort the classes put into preparing their presentations for this important day.

## Health and Immunization Clinic

Thank you to those of you who are keeping your child/ren at home when they are sick. As the cold weather approaches and colds and flu circulate, we would ask for your continued support and help in ensuring that our school community remains as healthy as possible. Please be sure that we have your most up-to-date contact information so we can reach you if necessary. A back-up plan is advisable as well so that your child can go home if the school calls.

It is important to keep your child's immunization records up-to-date. Student immunizations can be reported on the website of Toronto Public Health at [www.toronto.ca/studentvaccines](http://www.toronto.ca/studentvaccines). If your child is a Junior Kindergarten student or new to our NTCS community this fall and you have not given us a copy of your child's immunization record, please send a copy with your child to give to the school office or scan to [dnewsted@ntcs.on.ca](mailto:dnewsted@ntcs.on.ca).

Grade 7 students and Grade 8 students, who did not receive their immunizations in Grade 7, will have an **Immunization Clinic** on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the afternoon. A vaccine package will be sent home with students on October 10<sup>th</sup> and must be returned to the school by October 18<sup>th</sup>. These are the standard meningococcal, HPV and Hepatitis B vaccines. If you have any questions related to immunizations, you should call Toronto Health Connection at 416-338-7600.

## October Updates from the Guidance Office

Christian College & University Tour: NTCS will once again be hosting the Christian College & University Tour on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon (1:30-3:30 pm). All Grade 11 and 12 students will be participating in this event. This is a valuable and informative time for all students preparing for post-secondary education, regardless of their current plans.

The Grade 12 students have each had an initial meeting with Mr. Brown to review the requirements for graduation and their plans for next year. Please be aware that final report cards for all credits acquired outside of NTCS, as well as the completed community service form, are due on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to avoid complications with the graduation timeline for our Grade 12 students.

Grade 12 students will begin the university application process this month. A tutorial will take place in the computer lab to walk students through the Ontario University Application Centre online system. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at (416) 491-7667 ext. 232 or [cbrown@ntcs.on.ca](mailto:cbrown@ntcs.on.ca)

Mr. Brown, Head of Guidance



## Remembering Our Veterans

NTCS is making a video to honour those who have served in the military. It will be shown at our all-school Remembrance Day chapel on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to have the veterans in your family included in the video, please send your pictures and a brief summary of their service to Mr. Vant Erve at [dvanterve@ntcs.on.ca](mailto:dvanterve@ntcs.on.ca). In order to allow for production time, please submit them by Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

## NTCS AQUATICS PROGRAM

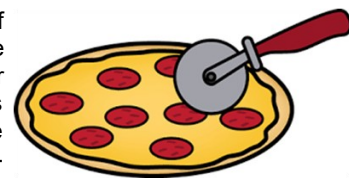
NTCS has been blessed with a beautiful pool and are in the process of preparing for our Fall session of lessons that are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Classes have filled up quickly, but a few spaces are still available for group lessons on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. We are considering offering Bronze classes later on in the Fall session - more information to come. Forms for all classes may be downloaded from our website. Please remember to include your child's **health card number and version code** on the form when registering, as we do not keep family information in a database. This allows us to process your child's registration efficiently and accurately.

Remember that our swimming calendar can be viewed online! This allows you to check lesson dates for the next session, to see if lessons have been cancelled due to bad weather, and to look at how many lessons are remaining. To access the calendar, go to [ntcs.on.ca](http://ntcs.on.ca) and click on the *Aquatics* tab.

Swimming is a large part of our recreational program at the school and a valuable skill for students to acquire. Having swimming qualifications can be a means of employment for students during their teen years and is an activity to be enjoyed at all ages. We are blessed to have a great pool, strong leadership, and very competent instruction at all levels.

## PIZZA DAYS AT NTCS!

We are excited to have pizza days again this year! The pizza lunch includes one or two pieces of pizza, a juice box, and a small bag of chips. The cost is included in the tuition fee. If you would like your child to participate in pizza lunches, please go to the Google form [here](#) to select a Plan and your child's choice of pizza. Only one preference is permitted. If you want to change the number of pieces at some point, please let the office know. If you do not want your child to participate, please indicate on the Form. Please fill out one Form per child. Responses need to be submitted no later than Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. If you would like to volunteer to help on pizza days, please contact Mrs. Brouwer at [nbrouwer@ntcs.on.ca](mailto:nbrouwer@ntcs.on.ca).



Pizza dates are: October 20<sup>th</sup>, November 17<sup>th</sup>, December 15<sup>th</sup>, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, February 23<sup>th</sup>, March 22<sup>th</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup>, and May 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Peer Tutoring

We are able to offer our peer tutoring program again this year. Sessions will begin on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Tutoring sessions are focused on academics in ONE subject. Two, 30-minute sessions per week will be arranged to take place between 3:45-4:15 pm. Tutoring will occur from Monday to Thursday of each week, in the Forum room. Parents of the child being tutored are responsible to pay the tutor directly, \$10.00/30 minute session. Tutors are matched with students in a lower grade and of the same gender. Tutors are recommended by subject teachers and are vetted through the office. If you are interested in having your child tutored, please contact Mrs. Brouwer via email by October 6<sup>th</sup>. Please include your child's name, grade, and the subject in which they require tutoring. Multiple tutors will not be assigned to one child. Please note that the peer tutoring program is VERY popular, and so we are asking that parents request tutors only if their child is currently achieving below the provincial standard (has a current grade of 75% in a subject in Grades 7-12 or below B- in the elementary grades).



## Skate Buy & Sell—JK to Gr. 6

October 23<sup>rd</sup>—October 26<sup>th</sup>

Students from SK to Grade 6 are scheduled to go skating at Pleasantview arena in January 2024. Bring in your old skates to sell on October 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> and purchase another pair at a reasonable price on October 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>.

Even if you do not have skates to sell, you may still purchase a pair for your child(ren). Skates may also be purchased for JK students if sizes are available. All elementary students are expected to participate in the skating trips as skating is part of our physical education program.

A reminder with more information will be sent home in the coming weeks. Payment is by cash only. Please bring small bills to make your payment.



## DECA Symposium—Mississauga

The Executive team of the NTCS DECA Club (**Lydia Lu, Eugenia Ma, Arwyn Wallis, and Ally Yang**) had the opportunity to attend the Fall Symposium Event in Mississauga on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. At this event, they were given a chance to learn from Barry Wright (Dean at Goodman School of Business and Associate Professor of Organizational Behaviour, Brock University) and the Ontario DECA Executives.

The day consisted of several seminars that taught students professionalism and essential networking skills in real-life scenarios. Other topics included developing leadership, communication, and public speaking skills. Along with these business tips, the DECA Executives received helpful advice to effectively prepare members for the role-play component of upcoming competitions. NTCS will be participating in the regional competition on November 12<sup>th</sup> at Seneca College. Overall, the symposium offered great learning opportunities for this year's DECA executives to become better leaders and to lead the team to a successful year ahead.

Mr. M. Kim, DECA Adviser

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*It is the purpose of  
NTCS to provide a  
sound academic edu-  
cation integrated with  
a Christian view of  
God and the world.*

**It is good to give  
thanks to the  
LORD.**

Psalms 92:1



## After School Care Invoicing and Payments

A reminder to elementary parents that after-school care in the playground is charged at a rate of \$5/half hour beginning at 3:45 pm each day. Children must be picked up from the playground no later than 4:30 pm. Please ensure that you have a backup plan in place in the event that you are unable to pick up by this time and that the office has been notified of the arrangement.

Invoices that detail the days and times your child(ren) was in our after-school care program will be sent to you by email every two months, at the end of October, December, February, April, and June. Payment of these invoices can be made by e-transfer to "admin@ntcs.on.ca".

## Yearbook Distribution

The 2022-2023 yearbook has arrived and will be distributed on October 5<sup>th</sup> to all current students who attended NTCS during the 2022-2023 academic year. All former students may pick up their yearbook after that date during school office hours, 8:30 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.

Congratulations to last year's yearbook team for producing a wonderful yearbook for all to enjoy! Special thanks to Mr. Pin-sent and his team from the Grade 11 journalism class last year for their hard work in overseeing the production of this major annual project!



## 2023-2024 School Calendar

The following is a list of the key dates until the end of March Break .

October 6	PD day - No school
October 9	Thanksgiving Day - No school
November 22/23	Parent Teacher Interviews
November 24	PD day - No school
Dec. 25, 2023—Jan. 5, 2024	Christmas Break - No school
February 16	PD day - No school
February 19,	Family Day - No school
March 8-18	March Break - No school

## Newsletter

**A monthly Newsletter will be sent via email to all school families on the first day of each month.** It contains interesting and often important information. Please ensure you provide the school with your current email address and, if it changes, please notify the office. For your convenience, the Newsletter will continue to be posted monthly on the school website.

