ANNUAL NTCS OPEN HOUSE

JK—Grade 12

Thursday, February 15th, 2024

7:00 pm—9:00 pm

Current students will make special presentations and visitors will have the opportunity to see exhibits and classrooms and meet our teaching staff. Please invite your friends or neighbours who might be interested in NTCS.

UPCOMING EVENTS February 2 Term 1 reports (Gr. 7-12) February 14 Bake Sale (JK-Gr. 6) Twin Day (all school) February 15 Open House February 16 PD Day (No school) February 19 Family Day (No school) February 23 Spiritual **Emphasis Day** (Gr. 9-12) February 27 Ski Day (Gr. 4-12)

Donations – NTCS

Thank you to all parents and guardians who generously made cash donations to the school over the recent Christmas season. It is encouraging to see the ongoing support of those of you able to make additional financial contributions to the work of the school, beyond what we ask in tuition and other fees. Income tax receipts for 2023 donations, tuition, and extended care were recently emailed to all school families. Please be sure to check your inbox for these documents.

Report Cards (Grades 7-12)

Report cards will be emailed to junior high and high school families on Friday, February 2nd. The report covers the first term evaluation period from September 5th, 2023 to January 19th, 2024. If you have any questions or concerns about the report card, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher through email.

Elementary (JK-Grade 6) term two report cards will be distributed by email on Friday, March 1st, 2024.

Registration 2024-2025

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

Tuition Rates 2024-2025

The following are the tuition rates for the academic school year 2024/2025 set at the recent Board of Directors meeting.

One child: \$12672 or \$1056/month (an increase of \$720/year or \$60/month)

Two children: \$20280 or \$1690/month (an increase of \$1152/year or \$96/month)

Three children: \$25344 or \$2112/month (an increase of \$1440/year or \$120/month)

Four children: \$26352 or \$2196/month (an increase of \$1440/year or \$120/month)

International student rate: \$19190 (an increase of \$1090)

These changes represent a general increase of 6.0%.

Do you know of family and friends who may be interested in sending their children to NTCS in September of 2024? We have already been connecting with individuals and families who are looking for a Christian education for their children, some who have heard of us through your personal networks. Please feel free to continue to direct those you know to our school website, or they can contact the school office by phone or email. In some grades, spaces are limited, so an early registration for new families is recommended.

Annual Bake Sale JK to Gr. 6

Wednesday, February 14th

Our annual bake sale is an eagerly anticipated event each year. Please send in <u>nut-free</u>, baked goodies or treats that are <u>individually wrapped</u>. This may include decorated cupcakes, cookies, squares, and candies. Contributions may be brought to the SOUTH door starting on Monday, February 12th.

The bake sale starts at 9 a.m. and ends at approximately 1 p.m. If you have given Mrs. Brouwer a copy of your Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) and are available to help out, before school or even for just a few hours during the morning, please indicate your availability on the Google form at this <u>link</u>.



Students may also dress as a twin or triplet with their friends on this day. More information will come from your child's classroom teacher

NTCS Board of Directors

NTCS is a non-profit charitable organization that is governed by a volunteer board of directors who oversee all aspects of the school programming, staffing, facilities and finances. We are happy to announce that **Ann-Marie Crouse** and **Leona Lee** have joined the current seven members of the board of directors to provide leadership and governance of NTCS.

Mrs. Crouse was a full time teacher at NTCS from 2010 until her retirement at the end of the 2021/2022 school year, and her two daughters are graduates of NTCS. Mrs. Crouse taught in several Christian schools throughout her teaching career and will bring valuable experience and a strong commitment to Christian education and NTCS to her role on the board. Mrs. Lee's two sons currently attend NTCS in the elementary grades. She brings financial expertise and, as a former NTCS student, a long association with our school program.

We thank Mrs. Crouse and Mrs. Lee for being willing to serve the NTCS community in this role, and we appreciate the leadership and guidance that all the members of the board of directors give to the administration, staff, and student body.



From the Guidance Office...

Term 1 report cards for Grade 7-12 students will be sent to families by email on Friday, February 2nd. The deadline for Grade 11 and 12 students to drop a course and have it NOT appear on their transcript is Friday, February 9th. Drop course forms can be requested from Mr. Brown at cbrown@ntcs.on.ca and must be returned and approved before a student can stop attending the class. Please note that a student must take a minimum of seven courses in Grade 11 and six courses in Grade 12 to continue their studies at NTCS.

Keep checking your OUAC, OCAS and specific university or college student accounts to stay informed about any outstanding requirements or notices of acceptance.

Congratulations to our students who have already received acceptance letters for the programs to which they applied based on their academic achievement in Grade 11! I trust that we will continue to be made aware of more great news as the universities and colleges process the remaining applications in the coming months.

Mr. Brown, Head of Guidance

High School Course Selections—2024/2025

We will be sending students a link, through their NTCS email accounts, to access Course Selection Google Forms later this month. You can find the course descriptions and prerequisites for these courses at the following link: http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/secondary/grades.html and search for the title of the course. The deadline to submit course selection forms will be Thursday, March 7th.

Exam Schedule (Grades 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 recently posted 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.

Winter Weather Policy

The winter months are still with us, as is the potential for more snow and extreme cold, slippery roads, and greater traffic congestion.

<u>Very wintry days often result in many students arriving late</u>. Please remember to take the weather into consideration when dropping off your child(ren) in the morning and/or picking them up in the evening. <u>Leaving earlier</u> from home in the morning or from work, if possible, in the evening is helpful to avoid unnecessary traffic problems and to avoid late pick-up charges if your child(ren) are in extended care. Also, it is essential to have a back-up plan in place in the event that it is impossible for you to pick up

your child(ren) on any given day due to major winter delays.

Our school policy is to remain open on all school days no matter what the weather (unless, of course, the whole city is closed down). However, you must decide for your own family whether it is safe and whether it makes sense to send or take your child(ren) to school on any specific day. On **very bad weather days**, when many schools within the city limits are closed, students will not be penalized for an absence.

Elementary Cold Weather Policy

Our primary concern is always for the safety of our students. We will only take the children outside when it is safe to do so. The guidelines established are that when the combined temperature and wind chill are **-28C** or lower, the students will remain indoors due to the risk of frostbite. When temperatures with the wind chill factor are between **-20C** and **-28C**, we will shorten recesses to approximately 10 minutes depending on the local conditions, such as if it is sunny, windy, or currently snowing. The teachers on yard duty have also been instructed to use their discretion and to shorten recess to ensure student safety and welfare when necessary. At temperatures above **-20C**, students will go out for regular recess.

It is important that parents send their child(ren) with clothing that allows them to participate in outdoor activities every day during the winter months. Please note that students will be playing outside during extended care and before and after school, so it is essential that extra clothing be packed, especially items like mitts, socks, and pants. On extremely cold days, students in extended care will wait in the track area until they are picked up from the NORTH doors.

If you feel your child is not well enough to participate in recess due to recent illness or not feeling well, then it would be wise to keep them at home until they are able to participate fully in all aspects of the school program. Proper supervision of the children becomes difficult when students are not able to go outside.



WINTER SKATING SCHEDULE—Grades SK-6

A few of the classes have already started their skating sessions! Parents, please note that CSA approved helmets are **required** for all students who are on the ice. This does not include bicycle or ski helmets. Our skating venue is <u>Pleasantview Arena</u>, 545 Van Horne Ave., North York. <u>Please ensure your child brings their skating gear to school on their skating day. Students who are not skating should remain at home as we cannot supervise them at the rink.</u>

Thursday, February 8 th	Gr. SK/1	Gr. 2
Thursday, February 15 th	Gr. 4	Gr. 3
Thursday, February 22 nd	Gr. 6	Gr. 5



PD Day/Family Day

Please note that there will be a PD (professional development) day on **Friday**, **February 16th**. The statutory Family Day holiday is on **Monday**, **February 19th**. NTCS will be closed on both days.

Spiritual Emphasis Day (Grades 9-12)

There are many activities going on during the month of February, but one event that we would like to highlight is **Spiritual Emphasis Day**, on Friday, February 23rd. This all-day event for Grades 9-12 students is being held here at NTCS. We have a very exciting day planned, including some fun teambuilding workshops, a pizza lunch provided by the school, and guest speakers who will lead us in discussing a few more ways that we can "Be Like Jesus", particularly in the areas of mental health and prayer. Our keynote speaker this year will be **Michael da Silva**, a former student and occasional speaker at our chapels. It promises to be an exciting time of growth and fellowship! Students will receive more information in homeroom closer to the date.

Mr. Vant Erve, Vice-Principal

SKI DAY—Grades 4-12!

Our annual ski trip to Mount St. Louis/Moonstone is happening this month! We are excited to offer Grade 4 to 12 students an opportunity to spend the day on the slopes with their friends on **February 27**th.

To register, please go to the following link - https://mountstlouis.com/north-toronto-christian-school/register/

Once you have completed the online registration, please send an e-transfer payment to admin@ntcs.on.ca. In the message box, please include your child(ren)'s name(s) and indicate that the payment is for the ski trip.

The fee for this trip is as follows:

- 1. **\$71** Includes lift ticket, lesson, and transportation
- 2. \$91 Includes lift ticket, lesson, ski rentals, and transportation
- 3. \$54 Ski pass holder and transportation

If renting equipment, students **must be renting skis**. For safety reasons, we do not allow students to rent snowboarding equipment for this trip.

All students will be required to do a ski-off, and the instructors will put each student into a lesson, based on their demonstrated skill level. The ski-off ensures a fun and safe time for all participants on the trip.

For students who do not register for the ski trip, it will be a **regular school day**. Spaces will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis until the buses are full. In order to successfully reserve your spot, **registration and payment** must be completed.

The deadline to register is Thursday, February 16th, 2024.













Mathematics Contests

The integer 203 has an odd ones digit, an even tens digit, and an even hundreds digit. How many integers between 100 and 999 have an odd ones digit, an even tens digit, and an even hundreds digit?

In November 2023, 34 of our students in Grades 9 to 12 participated in the Canadian Intermediate and Senior Mathematics Contests sponsored by the University of Waterloo. After quickly seeing that the answer to the above question is 100, students completed six progressively more challenging questions. Congratulations to the students at NTCS who placed in the top 25% of all competitors.

Senior: Nikolas Kaounis, Andrew Shen

Intermediate: Yuhan Liu, Noah Xia

NTCS reached the zone honour roll for team scores at both senior and intermediate levels, and **Nikolas** and **Yuhan** also reached the honour roll for top individual scores.

Teachers: D. Brooks, D. Vant Erve, M. Kim, H. Lee

Grade 4 Christmas Program

Our Grade 4 students worked hard this Christmas season to put on our school production, *Just a Little Christmas*. They transformed themselves into thespians and vocalists for this dramatic retelling of the Christmas story. The class learned the lyrics, melodies, and actions to four Christmas carols in the play. The actors memorized their lines and played their parts skillfully and energetically. Fun and humour was included, particularly through the overly eager angel, wonderfully played by *Julian Nassar*, and the bumbling King Herod's servants, played by *Avio Lai* and *Brooks Li*.



The whole cast did a magnificent job bringing the message of Jesus' birth to our school community.

Mrs. Seenaraine









Once again, our winter Chandos trips have provided a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn outside the classroom. Keep reading to see what the fourth graders (below) had to say about their trip!

Sophia, Abbie, Kaitlyn, & Leanne: "We liked tobogganing the best. It's fun to go down the bumpy hill!"

Noah, Mayo, Avio & Charlie: "Our favourite thing about Chandos is the food. Grilled cheese and ice cream sundaes are the best. Shoutout to Mr. Collins!"

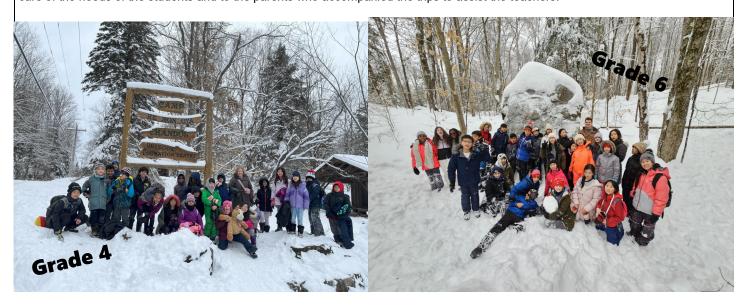
Lewhat, **Isabel**, & **Eliza**: "Our favourite part of Chandos is the hiking and snowshoeing. The snowy part and the hills are fun because when we fall, we sink into it."

Julian, **Joshua** & **Jordan**: "Our favourite part was in the morning. We didn't want to stay cooped up inside the cabin, so we went tobogganing for an hour and a half before breakfast.

Brooks & **Daniel:** "Our favourite part of Chandos was playing werewolf in the cabin. Someone plays the wolf, and everyone tries to escape it by using trick moves with the lights and our flashlights."

The Grade 6 class also thoroughly enjoyed their recent time at the camp.

These trips will conclude with the Grade 7 and 9 classes next week. Thank you to **Mr. G. Brinkman** and **Mr. M. Collins** for taking care of the needs of the students and to the parents who accompanied the trips to assist the teachers.





Service Project - Grade 2

Over the past two months, the Grade 2 students have, once again, been collecting gently used toys, books, and children's shoes and clothing to send to the Philippines, specifically to the **Eldorado Kids** of Paranaque, a home-based church ministry that reaches children in poorer communities, **Talking Hands**, a centre for the deaf in Quezon City, and **Boystown** Orphanage with 120 boys in the city of Markina.

The 7B homeroom service project was to collect new or gently used school supplies for the less fortunate during the same time frame. Students collected pens, pencils, crayons, markers, paper, pencil cases, erasers, scissors, rulers, and colouring books. Upon learning of the needs of the Grade 2 service project recipients, the 7B class decided to send their donations to the same organizations.

Mr. Lew/Mrs. Lew-Ong

Service Project - Grade 11 - Christmas Cards to Tendercare's Residents



The Grade 11 class collaborated and created close to 215 beautiful and thoughtfully hand-written Christmas cards for the residents at Tendercare Long-Term Care Retirement Home in Scarborough. The majority of the residents are Chinese, and so the students wrote personalized messages in Chinese and some even crafted their own cards. We pray that the residents were able to experience God's love and the gospel. It was such a blessing to be able to give back to the community and send joy and warmth during the Christmas season. In the spring, during the Easter season, the Grade 11 students hope to visit the Tendercare residents in-person.

Mrs. Tse

Service Project - JK, SK, and Grade 1

The Junior and Senior Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes worked hard to make many beautiful Christmas cards for the residents at Shepherd Village Long-Term Care Home, located here in Toronto. Students coloured the cards and wrote messages expressing Christmas joy and God's love. These cards were distributed to residents during the Christmas season.

Mrs. Etinger



NTCS Aquatics

Regular Lessons Program:

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for our Winter 2024 aquatics session. We are currently on Week 4 of eight weeks. Lessons are scheduled to conclude at the end of February/beginning of March. Registration forms for our Spring 2024 session will be released at that time. Our spring session will begin immediately after the Easter break.

Please refer to our website for more information and access to our aquatics calendar - https://www.ntcs.on.ca/aquatics.html.

Advanced Courses:

NTCS Aquatics is also planning to offer Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, and National Lifeguard during the Spring session. These forms will be released after March Break. More information will be posted on our website once courses are finalized.

Ms. Leung



NTCS Flames—Swimming



NTCS Swim Meet

On Friday, December 8th, our pool was buzzing with activity as NTCS hosted four other schools within the TDCAA organization for a friendly swim meet. NTCS competed against Marshall McLuhan, Michael Power/St. Joseph, Neil McNeil, and TanenbaumCHAT and placed 3rd overall in terms of team scores.

Team members that day included: Clara Burry (9), Ivan Chan (10), Magnus Chien (12), Rebecca Goh (10), Haley Joo (10), Esther Jung (10), Jayden Lee (10), Alan Lu (12), Joshua Ma (12), Shanya Munoz (10), Richard Stsiapura (10), Aaron Tao (11), Peter Tsegelnyuk (11), and Annie Zhao (12).

Some highlights at the meet included top 5 finishes in the following categories:

Senior Boys 200m Freestyle Relay

Placed 2nd out of 6 teams

Joshua Ma, Alan Lu, Peter Tsegelnyuk, Aaron Tao

Senior Boys 200m Individual Medley Relay

Team A Placed 2nd out of 7 teams

Magnus Chien, Joshua Ma, Aaron Tao, Alan Lu

Team B Placed 5th out of 7 teams

Richard Stsiapura, Jayden Lee, Ivan Chan, Peter Tsegelnyuk

Senior Boys 100m Breaststroke

Joshua Ma | Placed 2nd out of 12 swimmers

Senior Boys 50m Freestyle

Aaron Tao | Placed 2nd out of 22 swimmers

Senior Boys 50m Butterfly

Aaron Tao | Placed 2nd out of 7 swimmers

Joshua Ma | Placed 3rd out of 7 swimmers

Senior Boys 100m Backstroke

Magnus Chien | Placed 1st out of 6 swimmers

Senior Boys 100m Freestyle

Aaron Tao | Placed 1st out of 10 swimmers

Peter Tsegelnyuk | Placed 4th out of 10 swimmers

Senior Boys 100m Individual Medley

Joshua Ma | Placed 3rd out of 8 swimmers

Aaron Tao | Placed 4th out of 8 swimmers

Junior Girls 200m Freestyle Relay

Placed 1st out of 2 teams

Shanya Munoz, Haley Joo, Rebecca Goh, Clara Burry

Senior Girls 200m Individual Medley Relay

Placed 2nd out of 2 teams

Shanya Munoz, Esther Jung, Haley Joo, Annie Zhao

Girls 100m Breaststroke

Esther Jung | Placed 1st out of 4 swimmers

Annie Zhao | Placed 2nd out of 4 swimmers

Junior Girls 50m Breaststroke

Rebecca Goh | Placed 4th out of 5 swimmers

Senior Girls 50m Freestyle

Esther Jung | Placed 3rd out of 6 swimmers

Junior Girls 50m Freestyle

Shanya Munoz | Placed 3rd out of 10 swimmers Clara Burry | Placed 5th out of 10 swimmers

Junior Girls 50m Backstroke

Shanya Munoz | Placed 2nd out of 9 swimmers Clara Burry | Placed 3rd out of 9 swimmers

Junior Girls 100m Freestyle

Shanya Munoz | Placed 1st out of 3 swimmers Rebecca Goh | Placed 2nd out of 3 swimmers

Ms. Jones and I would like to thank all the staff and students who assisted in making our meet run smoothly. Everyone had an enjoyable time and filled their different roles well to keep the meet on track and organized.

We look forward to seeing how our swimmers will perform at the upcoming TDCAA Swim Championships at Etobicoke Olympium on Thursday, February 15th.

Ms. Leung, Coach



NTCS Flames—Dodgeball

Grade 7/8 Co-ed Dodgeball

On December 4th, the Grade 7/8 co-ed dodgeball team competed in a 16-team tournament at The Hanger. The team finished 3-0 in their pool, claiming the top seed going into the playoffs. In their first playoff game, **Allison Chuang** and **William Gomes-Sierra** saved the team from elimination by winning a 6 vs 2 situation. In the end, the team finished in the top four.

A shout-out to everyone on the team for their great play: Arthur Chan, Allison Chuang, Damola Eleso, Judah Flynn, Ian Goligher, William Gomes-Sierra, Terrell Lam, William Li, Pierce Wong, and Paige Young.

Mr. Arcangel

High School Dodgeball

On Wednesday, December 6th, the high school boys' dodgeball team competed against seven other schools in a one-day tournament at the Hanger, in Downsview Park. The players demonstrated excellent teamwork and great effort, resulting in a third place finish!

The team included: Mide Akinnawo, Ildi Angjeli, Tristan Boertjes, Ivan Chan, Curtis Gao, Josiah Oladiran, Aidan Untalasco, William Watson, Brandon Yip, and Austin Zhang. Thank you to Mr. Lew for his coaching help on tournament day.

Mr. Hoover

NTCS Flames—Basketball

Senior Girls' Basketball

Congratulations to the high school girls' basketball team on finishing the season in December! Over the course of eight weeks, the team competed against 10 other schools in the Under 20 North Toronto division that was organized by SSAF (Small Schools Athletic Federation) and successfully made it to the quarter-final match. Throughout the entire season, the team demonstrated enthusiasm, both on and off the court, inspiring sportsmanship, and promising growth as a team and as individuals. The coaches are very proud and appreciative of all the effort, dedication, and positivity the girls gave to the team and to each other. A special shout-out to our top scorers: Adrina Esfandiari (12), Ella Watson (9), and Alessia Kaounis (9).

Team members included: Niat Ermias, Adrina Esfandiari, Rachel Gray, Alessia Kaounis, Tiffany Pang, Maria Pappalardo, Gloria-Marie Salama, Maggie Wang, and Ella Watson.

Ms. Jones and Mrs. Tse

Junior Boys' Basketball

The Grade 7/8 boys participated in a one-day tournament at The Playground facility, in Burlington, on Tuesday, January 30th. The boys played hard all day and finished 5th in the tournament. It was the first time many of the team members had played organized basketball, but the team put forth their best efforts against the more experienced competition.

Team members included: Damola Eleso, Judah Flynn, Mena Matta, Ian Goligher, Brian Song, Caleb Wang, Garrick Wong, Arthur Mei, Luke Yeo, Ivan Zeng, and Kai Zou.

Mr. Arcangel

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It is the purpose of NTCS to provide a sound academic education integrated with a Christian view of God and the world.

"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends."

I Corinthians 13: 7-8a

Camp Ke-Mon-Oya Registration Has Begun!

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE AT CAMP KEMONOYA.COM

Once again, our camp program will operate this upcoming summer. If your child attended last summer, you will already have received a brochure by email, along with an income tax receipt. Brochures and application forms are now available online for those students who are interested in attending. As registrations are received on a first-come, first-served basis, it is important that you submit your application early for the week(s) you want in order to avoid the disappointment of them being full later.

The first 2 weeks are Junior camp, starting Monday, July 8th, for students entering Grades 3-6 in September. The last 3 weeks are Teen weeks, starting Monday, July 22nd, for students going into Grades 7-10.

In the past, some of our students have participated in camp life as a Leader-in-Training (LIT) or camp counsellor. The LIT program runs during the first 3 weeks of July. Students must be entering Grade 11 in September 2024 to be eligible. This program includes Bible study, leadership seminars, activity training and helping out around the camp wherever needed. For the final week, LITs assist a senior counsellor in a cabin as a junior counsellor and help with camp activities.

There are also some openings for senior counsellors. Students must be at least 15 years of age to work at Junior Camp and at least 17 years old to work at Teen Camp. Students must complete an application form and be interviewed in order to be considered for the LIT program or for a counsellor position.

Applications for both LIT and senior counsellor positions are available on the camp website (campkemonoya.com) and are to be sent to gbrink-man@ntcs.on.ca for consideration. The deadline for LIT and camp counsellor applications is Thursday, February 29th.

NTCS Calendar 2023-2024 (major dates)

Feb 16 PD Day (no school)
Feb 19 Family Day (no school)

March 08-18 March Break

March 29-April 01 Good Friday/Easter Monday (no school)

 May
 17
 PD Day

 May
 20
 Victoria Day

 June
 10-20
 Exams (Gr. 7-12)

 June
 21
 Last day of school





Newsletter

The next newsletter will be sent via email on March 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.

