



North Toronto Christian School

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

Camp Ke-Mon-Oya Registration Has Begun!

**ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE AT
CAMPKEMONOYA.COM**

We are excited to be able to resume our summer camp program once again this upcoming summer! Our camp brochure can be accessed from the camp [website](https://campkemonoya.com/register.html).

As registrations are received on a first-come, first-served basis, it is important that you submit your registration early for the week(s) you want in order to avoid the disappointment of them being full later.

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 7-10.

Visit <https://campkemonoya.com/register.html> to register.



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1	Report Cards (JK-Grade 6)
March 8-18	March Break (No School)
March 22	Bible Character Day
March 29- April 1	Good Friday Easter Monday (No School)
April 5	Term 2 Interim Report Cards (Grades 7-12)
April 26	Grandparents Day
May 17-20	PD Day/ Victoria Day (No School)

Report Cards

Report cards will be emailed to parents/guardians of elementary students on Friday, March 1st, 2024.

The Term 2 Interim report card for Grades 7 to 12 will be distributed by email on Friday, April 5th, 2024.



Skating

The students in Senior Kindergarten to Grade 6 have enjoyed their skating sessions at Pleasantview Arena these past two months. These sessions have now come to an end for this year. Thank you to all the parents who have come out to assist the students as they develop their skating skills!

Bake Sale

THANK YOU to all who contributed goodies to the recent bake sale. Thank you, as well, to those parents who gave up part/all of their day to help make the bake sale such a success by setting up and selling treats to the students! It was an event thoroughly enjoyed by our elementary students!



Registration 2024-2025

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. 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.

From the Guidance Office

Term 2 is underway and we are progressing well through the year. There are a few items for graduating students to keep in mind:

- ◆ Term 1 marks have been submitted to OUAC and OCAS. Students are encouraged to check for errors or omissions and let Mr. Brown know if changes are needed.
- ◆ May 31st, 2024 is the deadline for Grade 12 students to submit outside course report cards and community service hour documentation. The requirement for community service this year is 40 hours. Failure to submit documents by May 31st could result in not being able to participate in the graduation ceremony in June.
- ◆ Please let Mr. Brown know when you have finalized plans for next year and of any scholarships that you have been awarded.

The NTCS MCU (Monthly Chapel Update for Jan-Feb 2024)

Primary Praise & Mini-Chapel:

Students from JK to grade 6 have been working through a RightNow Media video series by **Phil Vischer** (creator of Veggie Tales) entitled, "Where Does Joy Come From?". It's a study of the whole book of Philippians and is a remarkable mix of comedy and deep truths - all helping us to "Be Like Jesus". Each of our elementary teachers have taken their turn in leading times of worship, along with contributions from Mrs. Ierullo-Gialone, Mr. Vant Erve and Mrs. Newsted. An initiative we started this year is giving each class an opportunity to present their Bible memory work at these chapel times. It's been a great way to motivate our students to "hide God's Word in their heart"!

Intermediate & Senior Chapel:

So far in the new year, our high school chapel times have focussed on mental health and how we can "Be Like Jesus" and overcome adversity by adopting the Mind of Christ. To begin with, we studied a RightNow Media video series on the book of Philippians by **Jennie Allen** entitled, "Get Out of Your Head". This was also the focus of our recent Spiritual Emphasis Day, where students participated in times of teambuilding led by SaLT, mental health workshops led by professional counsellors, and sessions of teaching and reflection led by **Phil Pharoah** (Knowing Me Like Jesus), **James Bi** (Knowing God's Will), and our keynote speaker this year, **Michael Da Silva** (Embracing the Lord's Prayer). Most recently we were visited by **Alyssa Esparaz** of Compassion Canada, who highlighted for us that cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives is another way that we can "think and act like Christ Jesus". Thanks, as always, go out to **Mr. Lau** and all the members of our worship teams for their skilful leadership in musical worship throughout these chapel times.

Mr. Vant Erve, Vice-Principal

8th ANNUAL STUDENT POETRY & SHORT-STORY CONTEST

Every year, Polar Expressions Publishing encourages students throughout the country to take part in their National Student Writing Contests, which aim to foster literacy and provide an outlet for the very creative and talented **youth of Canada**. Last September, they launched their "**18th Annual Student Poetry & Short Story Contest**", and the first-round results have been released.

One of our NTCS students, **Joelle Leung (Grade 8B)**, is participating with one of her poems. Thus, we are delighted to announce that her poem has been selected to be published in the upcoming edition of "Word Webs", which is a collection of poems written by students in Grades 6-8.

Congratulations to Joelle! We thank her for representing our school so well, and we wish her the best in the final round of the competition.

Mr. Galvez



Grade 5/6 Rubix Cube Club

Mr. teBokkel and Mrs. Lee host a Rubik's Cube club during the second recess on each Day 4. The club consists of about 12 students who range from beginner to expert! Everyone is welcome to come to learn from scratch or to further their skills. The club will continue throughout March. Our current record is 25 seconds from club champion **Elliot Leung (6A)**. If you are in Grade 5 or 6 and are interested in joining the club, come by the 6A classroom on the next Day 4!

Mr. teBokkel

NTCS Aquatics

Thank you to everyone who participated in our winter session. The winter session concludes March 7th. Registration for our Spring session has begun. Dates have been updated on the aquatics calendar. We are scheduled to begin after the Easter Break (April 1st). Registration forms can be found on the aquatics page of our website [here](#). We are planning to offer advanced courses in the Spring. More information will be posted on our website soon.

NTCS FLAMES—Volleyball

Grade 9-12 Girls' Volleyball

Congratulations to the high school girls' volleyball team for a very fun and productive season. The team consisted of a few seasoned volleyball players and a lot of newcomers to the sport! They practiced and played together from January 9 to February 22, just missing the playoffs. During this time, the girls persevered, developing their skills and learning new positions. They demonstrated their dedication to the team, their love for the sport, and their sportsmanship. Everyone showed a lot of improvement and growing confidence as the season progressed. The coaches are hoping to see everyone at tryouts next year!

Team members included:

Hannah Brouwer (10B), Niat Ermias (9B), Emma Esho (11), Shannon Goligher (10A), Alessia Kaounis (9B), Julie Kim (11), Joyce Lau (11), Eugenia Ma (11), Shanya Munoz (10B), Tiffany Pang (9B), Gloria-Marie Salama (10A), and Ella Watson (9A).



Mrs. Tse and Ms. Jones, Coaches



NTCS Flames Swimming

High School Swim Team—TDCAA Swim Championships

The high school swim team participated in the TDCAA swimming championships at the Etobicoke Olympium on Thursday, February 15th. It was a long day full of races, and our 18 participants swam hard and fast at each of their events. They demonstrated great sportsmanship and team spirit as they cheered for their fellow teammates and other swimmers they've competed with before.

Top five relay finishes of the day included:

200m Jr. Girls Freestyle Relay - 2nd Place Finish | **OFSAA Qualified—Clara Burry, Rebecca Goh, Haley Joo, and Shanya Munoz**

200m Sr. Boys Freestyle Relay - 2nd Place Finish | **OFSAA Qualified—Alan Lu, Joshua Ma, Jason Nam, and Peter Tsegelnyuk**

200m Sr. Boys Medley Relay - 2nd Place Finish | **OFSAA Qualified—Magnus Chien, Alan Lu, Joshua Ma, and Jason Nam**

200m Sr. Girls Medley Relay - 5th Place Finish—**Kelly Hsu, Haley Joo, Esther Jung, and Annie Zhao**

Top five individual finishes of the day (and special mentions) included:

Clara Burry

50m Jr. Girls Backstroke - 3rd Place Finish

Magnus Chien

100m Sr. Boys Backstroke - 3rd Place Finish

Haley Joo

50m Jr. Girls Breaststroke - 3rd Place Finish

50m Jr. Girls Butterfly - 4th Place Finish

Esther Jung

100m Sr. Girls Individual Medley - 5th Place Finish

Shanya Munoz

50m Jr. Girls Backstroke - 4th Place Finish

100m Jr. Girls Freestyle - 4th Place Finish

Joshua Ma

100m Sr. Boys Breaststroke - 1st Place Finish | **OFSAA Qualified**

50m Sr. Boys Butterfly - 1st Place Finish | **OFSAA Qualified**

Jason Nam

50m Jr. Boys Breaststroke - 2nd Place Finish | **OFSAA Qualified**

50m Jr. Boys Freestyle - 4th Place Finish | **OFSAA Qualified**

50m Sr. Boys Backstroke - 1st Place Finish | **OFSAA Qualified**

Aaron Tao

100m Open Boys Freestyle - 9th Place Finish | **OFSAA Qualified**

100m Open Boys Individual Medley - 7th Place Finish | **OFSAA Qualified**

Peter Tsegelnyuk

100m Sr. Boys Freestyle - 5th Place Finish

We would like to congratulate everyone on their performance and accomplishments at TDCAA. While not everyone placed, most were able to achieve their best swim times of the season. Out of the 20 schools that competed that day, NTCS placed 7th overall with our combined team score. Great job team!

Thank you to all the swimmers for a wonderful season. We would like to acknowledge all the hard work and dedication from all our 2023-2024 swim team members: **Andrei Agache** (10), **Clara Burry** (9), **Ivan Chan** (10), **Magnus Chien** (12), **Rebecca Goh** (10), **Kelly Hsu** (12), **Haley Joo** (10), **Esther Jung** (10), **Jayden Lee** (10), **Alan Lu** (12), **Joshua Ma** (12), **Shanya Munoz** (10), **Jason Nam** (10), **Maria Pappalardo** (9), **Richard Stsiapura** (10), **Aaron Tao** (11), **Peter Tsegelnyuk** (11), **Gabriel Wong** (9), and **Annie Zhao** (12).

All the best to our OFSAA qualifiers at their event(s) on either March 5th or 6th.

Ms. Jones and Ms. Leung, Coaches



NTCS FLAMES—Basketball

Grades 4-6 Girls' Basketball

On February 7th, the Grade 5/6 girls' basketball team participated in the Junior Girls TDCAA basketball tournament at Oakville Christian School. A total of 6 teams attended making the tournament a hustle and bustle of excitement and anticipation. Our girls played hard and gave it their all on the court. The result was a well-earned 3rd place spot on the podium!

Congratulations to all the girls who played. It was exciting to be their coach, and I hope all of them keep working on their basketball skills to further represent our school in the future. Go FLAMES!

Team members included: **Piper Brooks, Skyrah Flynn, Novella Getachew, Madelyn Gomes-Sierra, Cora Hackmann, Victoria Li, Leona Lian, Zoe Sargeant, Hyeonseo Shim, Jocelyn Wong, and Amy Zhao.**

Mr. Garay, Coach

Grades 4-6 Boys' Basketball

Congratulations to the Grades 4-6 boys' basketball team, who competed in the Edvance Christian Schools Association basketball tournament at Brampton Christian School, on February 2nd. Six teams participated and all of the boys played well on both ends of the floor. Our team ended up winning two games on the day, competing hard and putting in 100% effort throughout the day!

Team members included: **Kabeer Bhatia, Ademidun Eleso, Kirubel Ermias, Colwyn Gao, Ezra Kok, Owen Kwong, Avin Lai, Curtis Leung, Elliot Leung, Glen Li, Zachary Liu, Theodore Nassar, Theodore Salama, Sean Samuel, Michael Shenouda, Theodore Youssef, and Harrison Yuan.**

Mr. Arcangel, Coach

Grade 7/8 Girls' Basketball

On January 30th, the Gr. 7 & 8 girls' basketball team competed in a 4-team tournament at Toronto District Christian High School, in Woodbridge. The team practised four times and made it to the championship round **finishing second**. **Eden Hackmann** intercepted passes throughout games. Co-captain **Aksha Joel** led the team in sinking baskets and determining strengths and weaknesses of opponents. **Sophia Liu** and **Auvine Fateh Nemati** also helped score baskets. Team captain, **Emily Wan**, led charges to the basket and gave valuable input from the action on the court. **Stephanie Duran Pacheco** and **Paige Young** set up teammates, scored points, and helped the team advance play after play.



Team unity was excellent and in a pivotal game, when it was time to take their turn on the court, many players said "No! We are winning. Keep everyone on!" They unselfishly gave up their turn to allow NTCS to advance to the championship game. **Susie Hong, Tina Mazaheri, Toni Viterbo, and Rachel Zhang** dribbled until they dropped and proved flexible as they played various positions throughout the five games.

Mrs. Cottrill, Coach



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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.*

"Praise the Lord...He
spreads the snow like
wool and scatters the
frost like ashes. He
hurls down His hail like
pebbles. Who can with-
stand His icy blast?"

Psalm 147:12,16-17



NTCS FLAMES—Basketball

Grade 9/10 Boys' Basketball

On February 15th, the NTCS Grade 9/10 boys' basketball team played a tournament at The Hoop-dome. The day started off with a big win over the favourites of the pool, Hudson College. **Luke Zhang** scored 30 points, hitting an amazing 7, three pointers in one game. Playing a back-to-back game, and giving up a big lead earlier, the Flames were extremely tired going into their second game. Once they settled in, they made a triumphant comeback, winning the game by 9 points in the end. This led to the semi-finals where they were tied with People's Christian Academy at half time. Exhaustion and injuries got the best of the Flames, however, where they lost a close one to the eventual silver medalists.

Congratulations to the boys for a hard fought day and a top 4 finish out of 12 teams. Team members included: **Mide Akinnawo, James Awadalla, Thomas Chan, Simon Chen, Curtis Gao, Jeffrey Jun, Amen Ng, Mars Sun, Luke Zhang, and George Zhou.**

Mr. Hoover, Coach

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 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.

NTCS Calendar 2023-2024 (major dates)

March 8-18	March Break (no school)
March 29-April 1	Good Friday/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 April 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.

