

Thunder Bay Christian School

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Preparing to Celebrate Christmas

It's hard to believe that we are winding down the year, preparing for Christmas. At the opening assembly for this school year, we prayed together and asked God to "write upon the tablets of their hearts"; so it has been a blessing to hear the Christmas story, verses, and songs all around the school. I pray each student and family experiences the peace and joy that comes from celebrating the full meaning of our Saviour's birth.

On behalf of all of the staff, we wish you a restful holiday, and a Merry Christmas! See you back in 2026!

In His service,
Jolene Makkinga
Director of Operations

Volunteer Spotlight

The Booster Club is a team of volunteers that organize many different food related events. We are so thankful for the ladies who organize and serve food for the Hot Lunch program. Students (and especially parents) look forward to Hot Lunch every other Wednesday. The Booster Club also arranges for food for Field Day, Skate-A-Thon, and helps with the Bazaar as well. Thank you to Emma Baxter, Jessica Breukelman, Amy Hosegood, Sabrina Bolt, Sheleen Veurink, Amanda Jaspers, and Hope Vis for their help this school year!



On December 15th, the staff were able to enjoy a wonderful Christmas party. We are so thankful to Amy Kukkee and Ashleigh Awosika for arranging this for the staff, and to the parent volunteers who came to help supervise recess.



Upcoming Events

December 18
Christmas Program
7pm- First CRC

Dec. 22 - Jan. 2nd
Christmas Break

January 5th
Return to School

January 26
Registration Day
(Elementary & Highschool)

January 31, 2026
Pancake Breakfast



Spiritual Life at TBCS

Recently at TBCS we have been focusing on the proclamation the angel made when Jesus was born:

Luke 2: 10-11 "But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.'"

Since this message is for all people, we also get to experience freedom from fear and great joy through Christ!

On Wednesday, our Bible Study Buddies spent time together building relationships, studying the Bible passages, praying, and making a special Christmas tree ornament.

On the ornament is a wreath, which reminds us that God's love never ends. A Christmas wreath goes around in a perfect circle with no beginning and no end. His love is forever and surrounds us every single day.

Sports

We are so proud of our flag football teams who competed at the end of October. We were able to put in 2 boys teams and 1 girls team. We are thankful for great weather and wonderful coaches to help make this happen for the students. Thank you to our parent volunteers Michael Hosegood, Adam Zachary, and Jacqueline Lemieux.

Grade 7-8 Boys' Volleyball tournament was held the first week of December. They won 3 games! We are proud of the hard work and effort they put into the practices and the tournament. Thank you to Mr. Quarcoo and Mrs. Breukelman for their help with practices and during the tournament.

TBCS after school hockey has started up once again. A big thank you to Nick & Courtney Henny for organizing this for the students.



Recently in Jr. Chapel, Mrs. Makkinga shared a Christmas message on the good news of great joy of Jesus' birth. This message of hope is meant for all people, and that is why it is so important for us to know and spread the truth that Jesus was born to save us from sin, death, and evil. Similarly, in Sr. Chapel, Pastor Al Piper did an interactive object lesson with beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts being stacked to symbolize John 3:16. He explained that Jesus came to the earth as a servant, instead of a king, to be the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29), and also the Bright and Morning Star to shine on us and illuminate our paths through His leadership and guidance!

We are praying that each student will personally open the gift of love, salvation, and relationship with God, that Jesus died to give us.



Field Trips & Special Activities

The Grade 6 class enjoyed curling at the Kakabeka Curling Club. Some of the students became coaches/teachers and explained proper techniques and how to play the game. Students had a great time learning a new sport, building teamwork, and enjoying being active together.



Assemblies

Our classes are excited to host assemblies 3 times a year. Assemblies are typically held at First CRC at 9:15 a.m. (with the exception of the Christmas Assembly which takes place in the evening).

Teachers work with their classes to create a fun themed assembly. It is great to see all the students' hard work and practice come together.

Dec. 18 at 7 pm.: Christmas Assembly (Led by Grades 7-12, all grades involved)

April 8 Easter Assembly (Led by JK- Grade 2)

Please contact the office with any questions.

Save the Date: Pancake Breakfast

Save the Date for the Pancake Breakfast!
Come enjoy pancakes, Finnish pancakes, sausages, coffee, and more. All proceeds go towards to the Grade 8 Toronto Trip.

January 31, 2026

8:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.



Thunder Bay Christian Highschool



Hello TBCS Community,

I need some assistance to connect Co-Op Students for placements for 2nd term. If you know of a business who is willing to take a student, please let the office know, or contact myself directly at amy.kukkee@tbcsc.school.

The student is required to gain 200 hours at their placement. I would like to have 2 placements lined up for each student (there are only 2 students this upcoming term), so that they can gain different experiences. Placement will be a ½ day, 5 days a week and will need to start at the beginning of February. Thank you for your assistance!

Amy Kukkee
Manager of TCH Highschool Program
amy.kukkee@tbcsc.school

Winter Games: The Highschool students helped plan Winter Games on December 15th. They hosted tug of war, snow painting and football stations for elementary students to enjoy.

Upcoming Dates

- January 16- End of Term 1
- January 19- 23- Exam Week
- January 26- Start of Term 2



The Highschool students participated in the Red Cross First Aid Course



Remembrance Day Presentations



The Highschool students were each assigned a class and gave presentations on the meaning of Remembrance Day. They explained why we have Remembrance Day, what a poppy is, and answered student questions. They announced the moment of silence over the intercom and prayed.

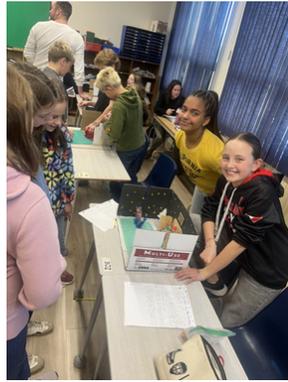
Sports Update

We are thankful that TCH has been paired with Hammarskjold Highschool for sports.

Junior Boys' Volleyball came and went and the season went very well.

Junior Boys' Basketball team finished by placing 3rd in their tournament.

TBCS Hockey is underway. Some of our high school students are captains and will assist their coach during team practices helping run drills.



Grade 7 had an incredible experience showcasing their stories to the Grade 6 class! They shared insights from the book Choices and shared their experiences with their creative story models that truly brought their narratives to life. A big thank you to Mr. J. and the Grade 6 students for being such an enthusiastic and supportive audience—their presence boosted our students' confidence and motivation tremendously.

The Grade 5 class had their second round of the Spelling Bee Quiz competition. Team "Eagles" came back from the last competition with a victory!



TBCS Annual Bazaar & Auction

What an absolutely amazing event we had this year! The Bazaar and Auction were incredible to witness the fun of the games, the tasty foods, the fellowship of our community coming together and of course the continued support towards God's school right here in Thunder Bay. The country western theme was a hit; students loved the "Jail" and had so much fun putting their teachers and even Mrs. Makkinga in jail! A big thank you to Tanka Awosika for all his help!

The Bazaar Committee would like to thank each and everyone who came out to help celebrate the school. This event cannot happen without all of us coming together. The good news - we made budget! The better news - we were witnesses to the broader community of the love we have for our Christian education institution. See you all again next year!



To God be The Glory

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