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# Thunder Bay Christian School

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**TBCS**

THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



THUNDER BAY  
**Christian High**



*With gratefulness and a heart of thanks to our Father in Heaven, I write and share that TBCS and TCS continue to be blessed daily by you all; the community that surrounds and supports us.*

*It has been a real winter! January was full of indoor recess after indoor recess and February brought on some record snow hills! Despite the weather, inside the staff continues to reach academic benchmarks, assist with support wherever it is needed, and add extra fun events whenever possible. The TBCS & TCH staff truly go above and beyond each day. It is evident they have a passion to share God's word and academically nurture each student here. As we anticipate and plan the upcoming spring school events (listed on page 1), I hope that you will all feel welcomed and come join us.*

*Colossians 3:16*

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

*-Jolene Makkinga  
Director of Operations*

*Dear Members of Thunder Bay Christian School,*

*After a thoughtful and prayerful search, we are thrilled to introduce Mr. Mathew Wylie as the new Principal of Thunder Bay Christian School*

*Mr. Wylie will be relocating to Thunder Bay and is expected to begin working alongside Jolene in May. With God's guidance, we are confident that He has led us to the right individual to provide strong, Christ-centered leadership for our school community.*

*We are grateful for the Lord's faithfulness throughout this process and look forward to welcoming Mr. Wylie and his family in the coming months. We will share additional information as his start date approaches.*

*Please join us in praying for a smooth transition as he prepares to move and begin this new chapter with our school, and that God would bless his leadership for the flourishing of our students, staff, and families.*

*On behalf of the Board,  
Jason Buitenhuis*

*"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."  
— Proverbs 16:3*

## Upcoming Events

**March 16-20**

March Break

**March 11**

Skate-A-Thon &  
Potluck Supper

**April 8**

Easter Assembly

**April 24**

Grandparents Day

**June 12**

Graduation  
Ceremony

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## Volunteer Spotlight

Thunder Bay Christian School is blessed with the outdoor rink for the students to use for recess and gym classes. The rink cannot operate without dedicated volunteers keeping the ice maintained and ready to use. Thank you to James DeGroot, Ben DeGroot, and Nathan Henny for their hard work this season. We are grateful for our community and all the effort that is put in to keep things running at TBCS.



## Spiritual Life at TBCS

In Chapel and Bible Study Buddies, we are currently wrapping up our study of what 1 John 4 tells us about God's love. We have learned that God is love, that we love because He first loved us, that He wants us to live and love like Jesus in this world, and that His perfect love drives out our fear, amongst other things.

In the month of February, our Bible Study Buddies will be going on a special field trip together to Silver City to watch a private screening of "David." Young David facing Goliath is a great example of how God's love drives out fear, and we will connect this true story with future Chapels and Bible Study Buddies.

In the Month of March, we will begin to study love through the lens of 1 Corinthians 13, and what the love of God practically looks like in our lives as His followers.



## Sports



We pulled off another successful Grade 7/8 Basketball tournament day! The boys' side had a team with many volunteers stepping in to make it happen! Thank you to: Mrs. Awosika, Mrs. Schelhaas for driving the bus, Lucas Breukelman, Ben Mol, Lily deGroot, and Adam Zachary for stepping in to help with practices, and Mr. Henny for coaching at the tournament. We are also grateful to the teachers in gym class and all the families who came out to support our athletes! It is all appreciated. The girls lost one game and won three games, most likely coming in second place, but the tournament ran too long to run the final games. Excellent job, girls! The boys finished with two wins, one tie and one loss, and played very well as a team with special mention to Sebastian Whomersley, Max Bolt, and Willem Schep. Great job, boys!

The Grade 5/6 teams will continue lunch practices with Mr. Baxter and Mrs. Awosika for their upcoming tournament the end of February.



## Valentines Day Fun!



Valentines Day is a wonderful opportunity to show God's love to each other. John 4:7-8 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God because God is Love.



## Oliver Paipoonge Fire Poster Contest



Our school once again participated in the Oliver Paipoonge Fire Poster Contest. Congratulations to Molly Schelhaas who won the grand prize this year, and to Trinity Whomersley, Ivy Schelhaas, Charlotte Hosegood, and Ainsley Armstrong for winning in their age group! Students were able to attend an awards ceremony at the fire hall and received a prize.

## Assemblies

Our classes are excited to host assemblies 3 times a year. Assemblies are held at First CRC at 9:15 a.m.

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

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

Please contact the office with any questions.

## Save the Date: Grandparents Day!

Grandparents Day will be held April 24<sup>th</sup>!

Grandparents are invited to a special appreciation tea held in the school gym.

More information will be coming soon!

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# Thunder Bay Christian Highschool



**Hello TBCS Community,**

**Co-op update:** Students have begun their on-site placements, and so far are enjoying their hands-on learning. If anyone knows of other locations for hands-on learning opportunities, please contact Amy Kukkee at [amy.kukkee@tbc.school](mailto:amy.kukkee@tbc.school)

Amy Kukkee  
Manager of TCH Highschool Program  
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Registration for the 2026/2027 School Year

Registration is open for the upcoming school year! We are excited to welcome you to TCH. If you or someone you know has any questions please contact the office at [office@tbc.school](mailto:office@tbc.school) or by calling the school office at (807) 939-1209



The Highschool technology class paired up with the Kinderschool students to help them build their own tic-tac-toe sets. The high school students were the “experts” and helped each student build their own set to take home.

## Sports Update

TBCS Hockey is underway; some of our high school students are captains assisting in running drills and helping with practices.

The Girls high school hockey team paired with Hammarskjold Highschool is preparing for a tournament. The tournament date to be held February 24-26th, from 8:00a.m.-3:30p.m. at the Grandview Arena. Come out and support Sarah Jaspers and Hannah Vaillancourt!

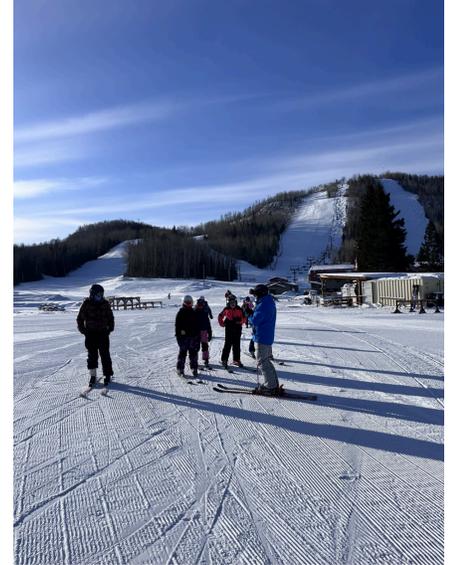
Upcoming Sports: Soccer – Indoor and Outdoor, Badminton, Track and Field, Cycling

Please contact Amy Kukkee @ [amy.kukkee@tbc.school](mailto:amy.kukkee@tbc.school), or Jami Breukelman if you have questions regarding try-outs or sports season information.

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## Field Trips & Special Activities

Our Grade 5-12 students enjoyed a wonderful day at Loch Lomond Ski Hill. We are thankful for this opportunity and thankful that the weather warmed up a bit to allow for this again. The second session will be held in March.



## Pancake Breakfast

Thank you so much to our community for supporting the Grade 8 class at our annual Pancake Breakfast. It was a busy morning and we are so grateful for the great attendance. A big thank you to the businesses that sponsored the students in the poster contest and as placemat sponsors. All funds from this breakfast directly support the Grade 8 class and their upcoming Toronto Trip.

Winners of the poster contest are:

1. **Levi Breukelman (Thunder Bay Co-Op)**
2. **Marcus Mol (Janssens Trucking)**
3. **Mya Templeman (Crossways Dairy Farm)**

Congratulations!





JK & SK Polar Bear Art



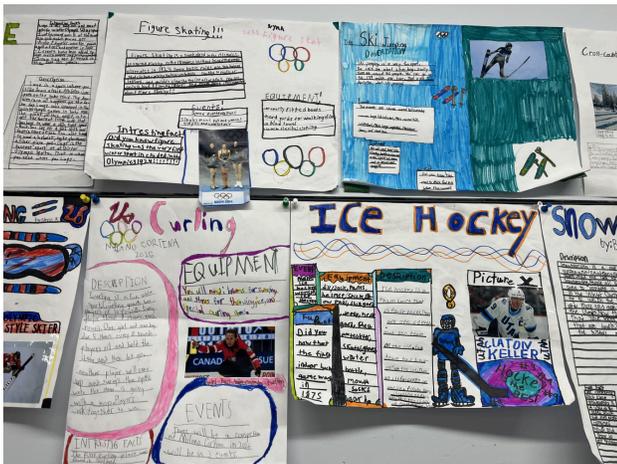
Grade 7 "Catch a Snowflake" Art



Grade 2-3 Crystal Snowflakes



Grade 1-2 Snowy Bears



Grade 4 Olympic Projects



Grade 6 Flower Art



*To God be The Glory*

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