



**Learning for Service**  
in the Light  
of God's Word

**BE**

*Enfolded  
Engaged  
Empowered*

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# SO, WHO ARE

# YOU?



**Maybe you're artistic.** Maybe you're athletic. Or wild about technology. Academic. A performer. Maybe you're all of those. Or maybe you don't know.

The point is, God made each of us **UNIQUE**. He gave you gifts. Some may be obvious; some you may not know about yet. But whatever your interests are, whatever gets you excited, whatever makes you **YOU**, you'll find that TDChristian is THE high school where you'll grow and thrive!

Caring teachers will guide you along. Project-based learning will help you know **WHY** you're studying what you're studying. Numerous curricular and extra-curricular experiences will provide ways for you to get involved. You'll have countless opportunities to be in front of an audience—or to serve behind the scenes. And all this in a supportive community setting, where love for God, each other, and the wider world is at the heart of everything we do.

**There's a place for YOU at TDChristian.**

*"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."*

**Ephesians 2:10**

# LEARNING FOR SERVICE

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**This is our focus!** It's who we are. It's what we're about. And, it's all connected. God calls us to be people of **ACTION**—that's what our learning is for. And you can't do your best learning, or serve others fully, without following God's Word.

In your very first week in Grade 9 you'll go on a service trip. And you'll be given all kinds of other opportunities to serve throughout your time at TDChristian.

How does our focus relate to your classes?

As an independent school, we are free to explore each subject through the lens of Christian perspective. From the majesty of the starry skies to the simple elegance of a piece of wood or a mathematical equation, from the clash of competing worldviews to the orderly beauty of language and the reasons for speaking, we educate without compromising our beliefs.

**We invite you to be *enfolded, engaged and empowered.***



D.R. Service Trip 2018



# IT STARTS WITH ENFOLDING...



*“TDChristian has been an answer to prayer for our children. The variety of methods used to teach are amazing. Our children love going to the school and all of the amazing opportunities offered to them.”*

**Yvonne Tarasuh,**  
parent of two  
TDChristian grads

## What does a TDChristian student look like?

Thankfully, there are hundreds of answers. Every student is valued as God’s imagebearer. When students are accepted and accepting, and their talents, passions, and gifts are recognized, they become important members of our close-knit school community.

You’re never just a nameless face at TDChristian. Our intentional community-building allows us to get to know you. By learning and understanding your story, we can help you learn more about yourself and grow as a person.

Our diverse student body comes from a wide array of ethnic, geographic, economic, and Christian denominational backgrounds. We celebrate these differences, because when we listen, work, and learn together, we become stronger.

### Here are ways we ENFOLD students:

- Students are members of cross-grade homerooms.
- Teachers meet weekly to share insights about students and to find ways to ensure positive experiences focused on good learning.
- Guidance counsellors, educational assistants, and a personal counsellor work diligently in supporting our students.
- Our resource program and drop-in homework club offer academic support to students.
- Weekly assemblies highlight students’ talents and work. Alumni tell us that assemblies were a favourite part of their time at TDChristian.
- Clubs, extra-curricular activities, teams, and service activities provide opportunities for inclusion.

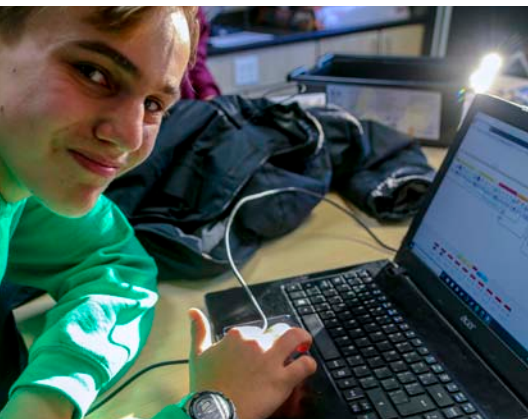








# It CONTINUES WITH ENGAGING...



*“In a world of instant gratification with connections to immense amounts of information, our aim is to create and build on a solid knowledge base through projects that capture our students’ imaginations. We want to dig deeper and go deeper.”*

**William Groot,**  
Principal

**Learning comes alive** when students are interested and involved in their learning.

Engaging students starts with passionate people who love what they teach. Our teachers are committed Christians and lifelong learners who are ready to pass their curiosity and wonder on to students.

In each class, teachers develop stimulating and authentic projects. Students learn to share their learning and receive valuable feedback by displaying their projects on our walls, through oral presentations, at assemblies, and in *Notice*, our annually published collection of student work.

Creating room for students to have voice and choice in their learning produces determination, allows for healthy risk-taking, and brings about a rigorous depth of understanding. Engaged students develop grit, perseverance, and a strong work ethic.

We equip students with the technology and tools to help them create beautiful work. From computers to cameras, Smartboards to industry software, we strive to provide new technologies to support and enhance the learning at TDChristian.

Technology available for our students to better ENGAGE in their learning includes:

- 3D printers, a CNC router, and laser cutter in our STEM Space
- a Tricaster video switcher for live streaming and broadcasting
- Mac computers running FCPX and Premiere in our video lab
- scores of DSLR cameras for photography and videomaking
- the full Adobe Suite and Microsoft Office 365 for student home use
- hundreds of computers throughout the school









# IT MOVES TO EMPOWERING...



*“For their final project in Comm Tech, students must write, film, edit, and submit a video to the Vaughan Film Festival. There’s no better encouragement for students than to see their work on the big screen.”*

**Tim Buwalda,**  
Communications  
Technology teacher

## Empowering brings learning to the next level

by taking it outside the classroom in service to God and others. We strive to make TDChristian’s walls permeable and find opportunities for students to connect with community groups, experts, businesses, and service organizations.

When students take ownership, and see for themselves that their learning is important not just for tomorrow but RIGHT NOW, it spurs them on to take confident action that will make a difference—locally and globally—throughout God’s Kingdom.

Ways students are EMPOWERED:

- Student presentations are part of every course.
- Grade 10 Environmental Block students plant and maintain a community garden that grows vegetables for a local food bank, a hospice, neighbours, and our cafeteria.
- Students spend at least three days working alongside an adult mentor in our mandatory Grade 11 Mentorship Program.
- Students take on leadership and service roles throughout the school.
- Communications Technology students regularly produce video projects for nonprofit organizations.
- Focus Days, Project Days, Service Trips, and interdisciplinary classes (such as Show Period and Internship Block) provide opportunities for empowerment.





EXCLUSIVE TO

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HOW WILL YOU BE INVOLVED?



In **ENVIRONMENTAL BLOCK**, students learn about government, get their hands dirty exploring environmental issues, and learn to consume responsibly.



In **EARTH & SPACE SCIENCE**, the class is organized around an unforgettable trip in the back country of Algonquin Park.

**PHYSICS BLOCK** gives students opportunities to apply physics to design.



**ENGLISH & PERSPECTIVES BLOCK** investigates life's biggest questions through literature and creative writing.



In **STEM SPACE**, students solve problems and become makers using our CNC Router, laser cutter, and 3D printers.

In **INTERNATIONAL BLOCK**, students spend six weeks learning and serving in a developing country.



In **INTERNSHIP BLOCK**, for a full semester, students spend two days a week in an adult mentor's workplace and the other three days a week at school.



In **THE PULSE CLASS**, Grade 9-12 students make a monthly television show for our assemblies and the Internet.



In **SHOW PERIOD**, students from Grades 10-12 rehearse, produce, and perform our main stage drama production.



*"TD not only provided me with a variety of sporting opportunities that I never had before, but more importantly shaped an approach to sport that fit my faith."*

**Jim Veltman**,  
Former Captain  
of the Toronto Rock,  
alumnus  
(Class of 1984)



High school is a great time to explore your interests and meet other people who share your passions. At TDChristian you'll find so many ways to get involved.

#### ATHLETICS

- 17 different competitive sports teams led by enthusiastic coaches, from track & field to volleyball, cross country to ultimate
- the TDCHHL, our very own intramural hockey league
- drop-in sports every lunch period
- a weight training and fitness centre

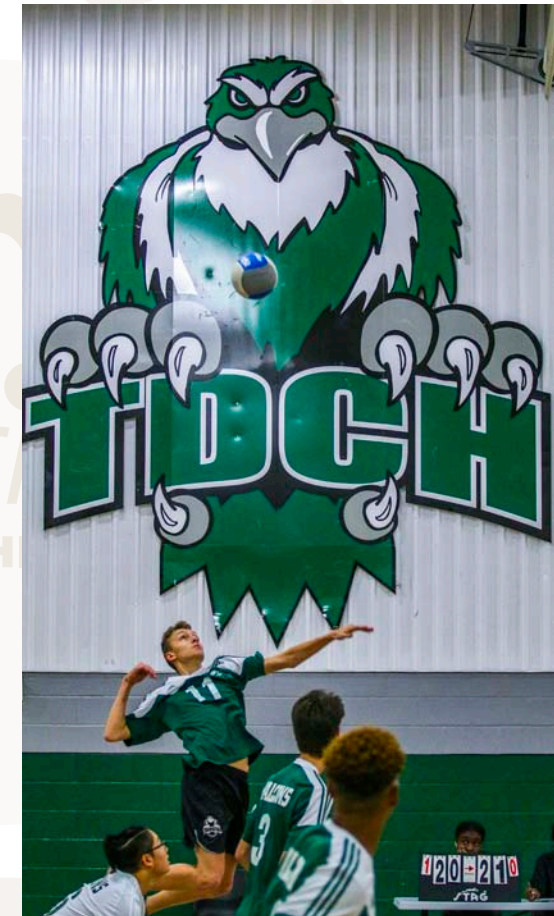
#### MUSIC

- choirs, Concert Band, and Jazz Band
- concerts and music festivals each semester
- A Praise Team made up of students often leads worship or performs at assemblies.

#### CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

- A/V Tech Crew
- Belize March Break Service Trip
- Book Club
- Computer Club
- Drama Improv Club
- European Cultural Trip
- Global Missions Club
- Homework Club
- International Students Advisory Group
- Math Contests
- Prayer Group
- Recycled Runway Club
- Robotics Club and Competitions
- School Play
- SCUBA club
- Student Leadership Groups
- Yearbook Photography Club
- Writers' Guild

*Don't see a club, activity, or team for you? We'll empower you to start your own!*





# AFTER

# TDCHRISTIAN



*"TDChristian is a place where you can grow, experience diversity, responsibility, and freedom. TD continually shaped me into the person that I am today. It's a wonderful place and I will always remember my high school experience!"*

Andrea Kotys,  
(Class of 2011)

We love to see the growth and flourishing of our students that occurs over the 252,586 minutes (yes, we love math!) of high school. Graduation is truly a celebration as students move on to the next chapter of their lives, joining the more than 4,950 graduates serving God and their neighbours across Canada and around the globe.

Feel free to dream big! Not only do all of our courses meet Ministry of Education standards, our graduates consistently tell us they were well-prepared for their post-secondary college and university programs.

*A sampling of where our graduates go:*

Brock University	Humber College
Queen's University	Sheridan College
University of Toronto	Tyndale University
University of Waterloo	OCAD University
Calvin University	Redeemer University College
McGill University	University of Guelph
	... and many more.



# BY THE NUMBERS



## 1963

The year the school opened

## 13

acres of beautiful grounds & forest

## 74,000

square feet of indoor learning spaces

## 13

bus routes across the GTA

## 17:1

TDChristian's student-teacher ratio

## 1

former fire hall (for future use)

## 22

students in an average class

## 250+

number of computers in the school

## 50+

international students we welcome each year from Korea, China, Nigeria, Indonesia and elsewhere. Many of these students homestay with TDChristian families.

## 24/7

parental access to Edsby, our communications system for students' marks, assignments, and class notes





# BE INVESTED



*“Having had two children graduate from the school, I am so impressed with the quality of education, the dedication of the teachers, and the spirit of service.”*

**Dirk Booy,**  
(Class of 1976)

Since our inception in 1963, we’ve striven to be a school that serves families. So at TDChristian, your child is ensured an education that complements the teaching carried out in your home. It’s also why we offer family-friendly tuition rates that include the cost of bus transportation, many extracurricular activities, class trips, textbook rentals, instrument rentals, and other miscellaneous items. Almost everything is included in the initial cost of tuition!

Every year, we disburse well over half of a million dollars in tuition bursaries to families with children in associated Christian elementary schools, families who are long-term supporters, and families who require financial aid. In addition, since TDChristian High School is a charitable organization, most families are eligible to receive an income tax credit based on a portion of the tuition paid.

An estimate of the annual after-tax cost of an education at TDChristian (in the case where no bursaries apply) is \$12,300 for one child or \$18,114 for two children.

*As each family’s situation is unique, we encourage you to contact our Finance Office to determine possible bursaries for which you may qualify.*



*“Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power.”*

**Psalm 145:4**



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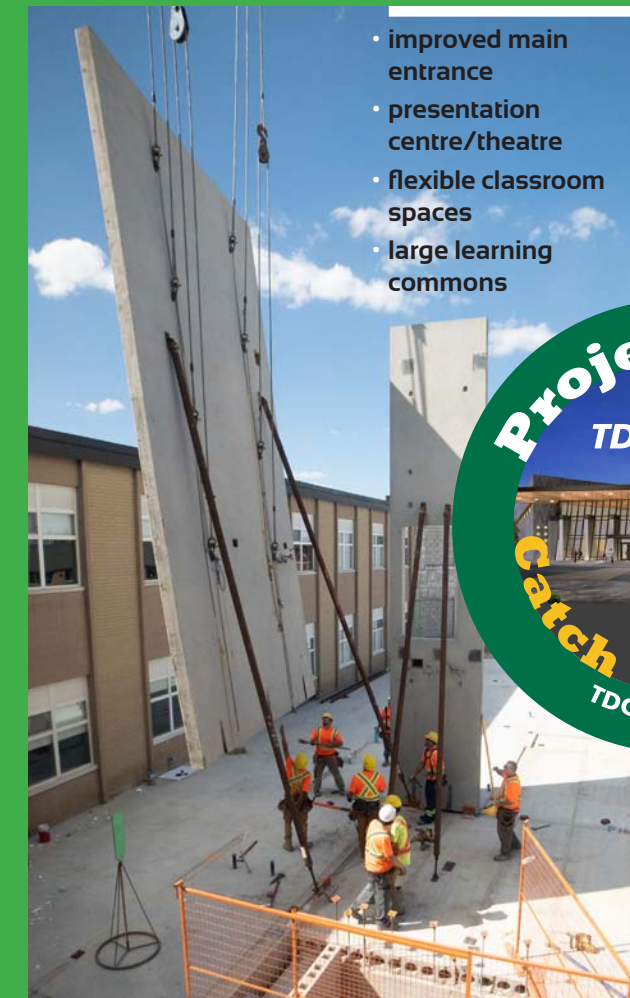
To learn more about TDChristian High School, schedule a visit or drop by, attend an event, or check our website at [www.tdchristian.ca](http://www.tdchristian.ca).

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