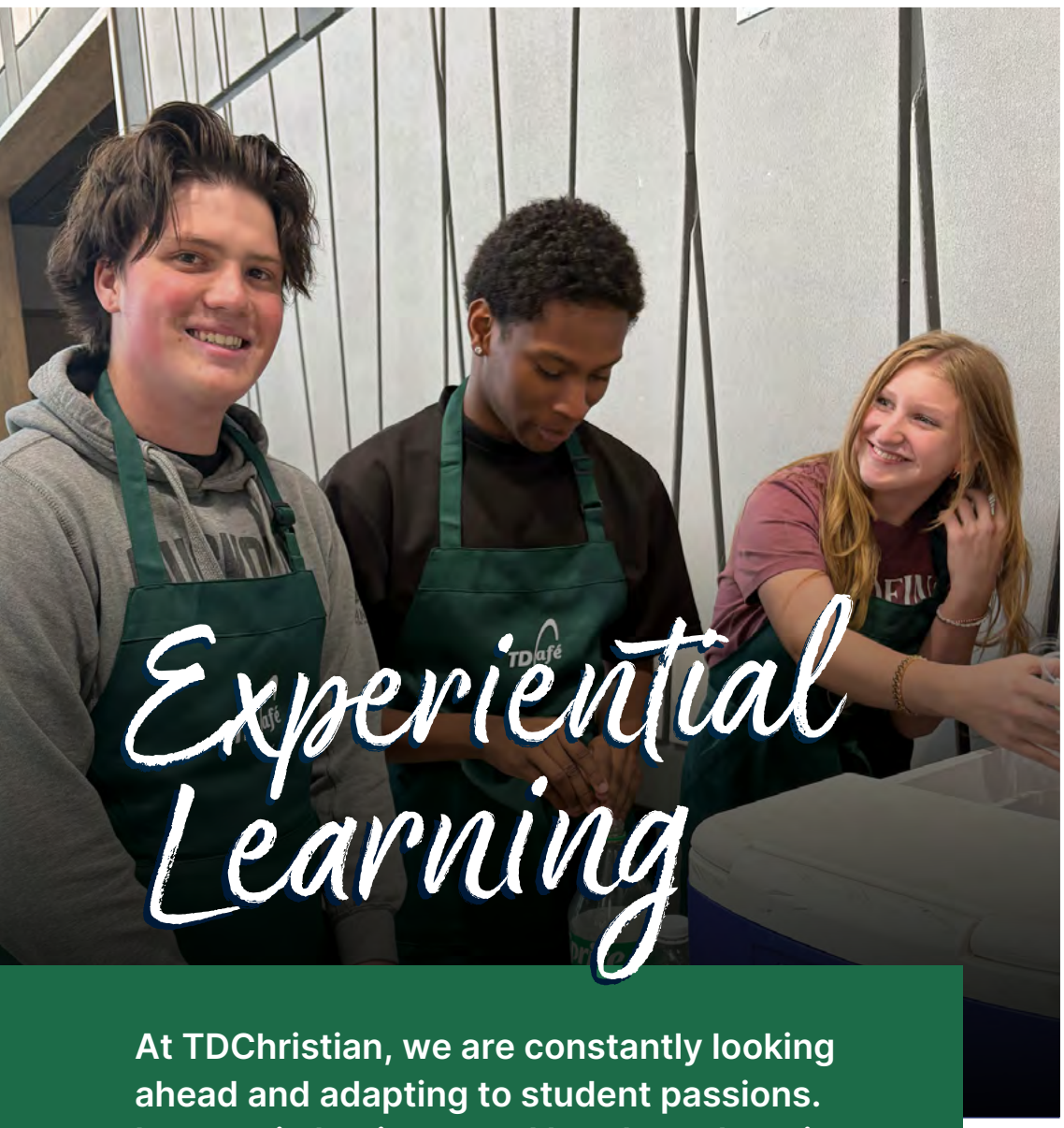
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CONNECTING TDCHRISTIAN WITH OUR SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

In our 64th year of Christian Education

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Experiential Learning





At TDChristian, we are constantly looking ahead and adapting to student passions. Interest in business and hands-on learning is exploding across all grades.

We are thrilled this fall to launch new courses like Outdoor Education and expand our use of the Firehall Experiential Learning Centre, giving students even more room to bring big ideas to life. From skilled trades and STEM fields to real-world business ventures, our experiential programs ground students in practical skills for their future careers.

Last year's Grade 11 Entrepreneurship class offered a powerful preview of where hands-on learning is heading. Through two major projects, the student-run TD Café and the annual Business Fair, students brought business concepts to life beyond standard textbooks.

The TD Café provided daily experience in customer service, inventory, and teamwork as students operated a real refreshment venture.

"TD Café was a valuable learning experience for all of us," shared student Joshua G. **"It provided an opportunity to develop practical skills that can be applied to future business ventures and workplace environments."**

Fellow student Joseph S. added, **"I learned how to mix drinks and advertise them, which was pretty fun."**

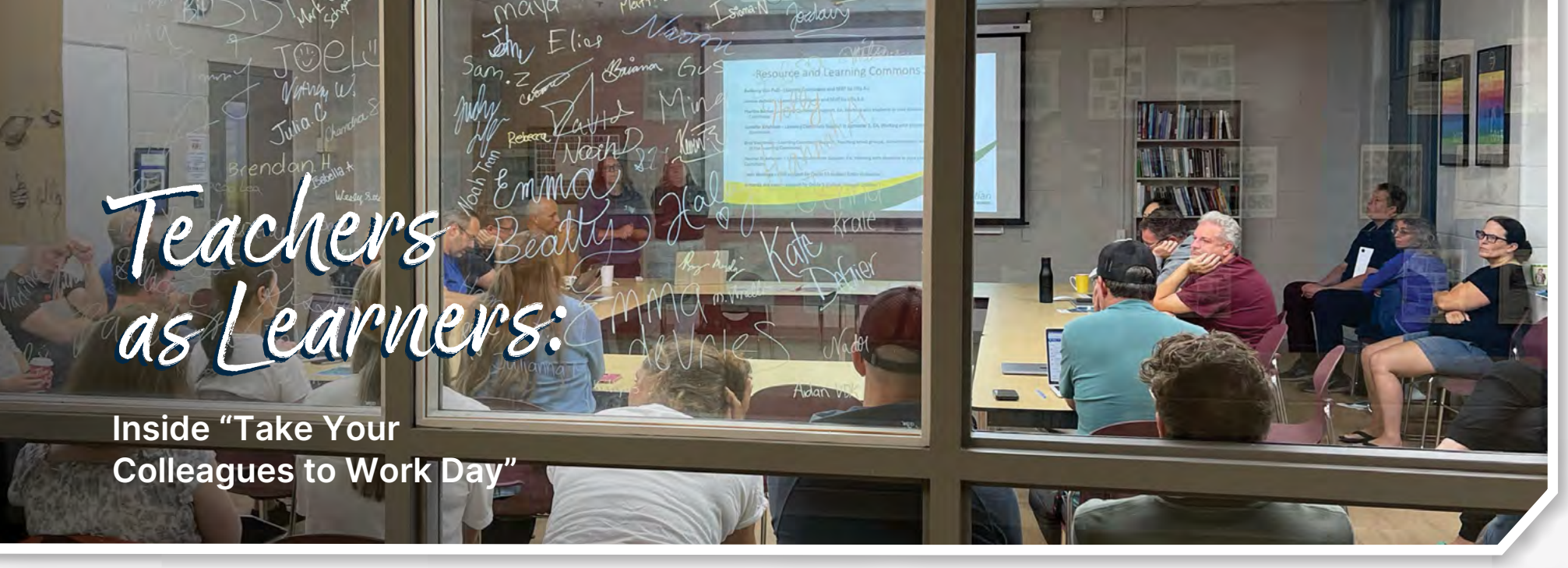
Meanwhile, the Business Fair challenged students to pitch original ideas to parents, teachers, and peers. Students created display boards, built business models, and navigated financial realities.

"We learned how to improve our leadership skills, and we learned how to be creative in the midst of artificial intelligence," noted Izzy S.

These experiences build more than just resume points. They teach initiative, problem-solving, and adaptability. Michaela P., who began selling her custom bookmarks after the fair, reflected: **"TD Café taught me how to work well with others and take initiative, while the business fair taught me to apply said initiative and reach out to investors."**

Whether preparing coffee, pitching to investors, or launching new initiatives in the Firehall Experiential Learning Centre, TDChristian students are gaining the confidence, leadership, and practical tools needed to thrive in tomorrow's workplace.





Teachers as Learners:

Inside “Take Your Colleagues to Work Day”

At TDChristian, learning is woven into the daily life of the school, shaping not only students but also the educators who guide them. Our teachers are committed to continually refining how they teach, connect, and inspire. A recent professional development initiative, “Take Your Colleagues to Work Day,” highlighted this shared dedication to growth.

Built on the belief that great teaching is worth sharing, teachers across disciplines opened their classroom doors to one another. Any opportunities for teachers to grow closer and to learn from each other makes the school better.

Before each visit, hosting teachers shared their lesson goals, strategies, and methods for measuring student understanding. This intentional framing allowed visiting colleagues to observe with clear purpose and insight.

The visits showcased a rich diversity of teaching approaches across our campus. In E-Block with Mr. Freeman, colleagues observed Grade 12 Teaching Assistants leading hands-on learning stations in a powerful display of student leadership.

In Math 9, Mr. Hagen demonstrated Science of Learning techniques, while Ms. Gretton applied inclusive pedagogies in Chemistry 11 to engage every student in the room. In Improv, Mr. Peters explored what it means to teach in an AI-shaped world through gamification and creativity. Meanwhile, Mr. Godber guided teachers in creating detailed STEM projects, Ms. Wells-Jopling facilitated dynamic French conversations, and Mr. Robinson blended science with storytelling to craft engaging lessons.

Afterward, teachers gathered to discuss what supported student learning most effectively and how to adapt those insights into their own classrooms. Rooted in trust and community, this initiative ensured teachers were not working in isolation, but building on each other’s strengths. Just as we encourage our students to be curious, resilient, and open to growth, our teachers model those exact qualities every day.





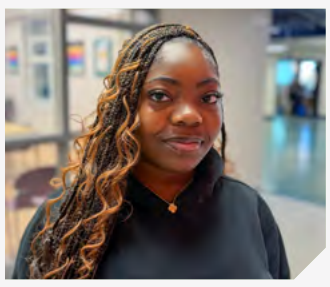
“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.” Psalm 150:6

How would you interpret the meaning of this year’s theme verse?



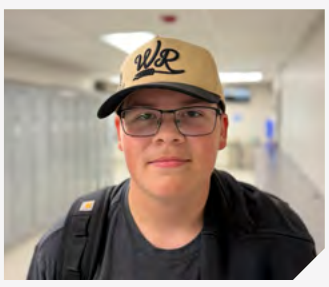
“It doesn’t just have to be singing. We can praise God no matter what class we are in.”

- Savanna Scholten, *Grade 9*



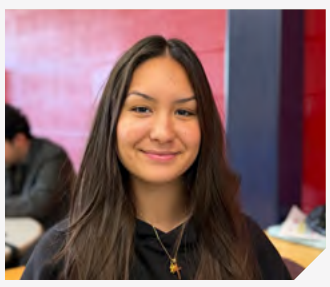
I would say that everyone who can breathe, who has a mouth and a nose, should praise God and accept God as their Lord and Saviour.

- Rere Obimakinde, *Grade 10*



“It means we need to glorify God whereever we are, even if that’s in the gym, an art room, or the woodshop.”

- Tyler Milley, *Grade 11*



“No matter the circumstances or whatever you’re going through, always give praise to God.”

- Keila Martinez Salvador, *Grade 12*



Rooted in Creation

Launching Outdoor Education

In a modern era dominated by screens, artificial intelligence, and constant digital notifications, a profound shift is taking place among students. There is a deep, growing hunger for doing real things with their hands, feet, and minds in the physical world. This year, TDChristian answered that call with the official launch of our brand new Outdoor Education program, led by teacher David Robinson.

For Christians, stepping away from the virtual noise and entering the natural world offers a unique avenue for spiritual formation.

There is a distinct beauty and connection to God found in spending time in His creation. When students hike through rugged terrain, breathe in the crisp air, and observe the intricacies of the natural order, they encounter the Creator in a tangible way.

The program kicked off this fall with a foundational trip to Algonquin Park from September 24 to September 28. Surrounded by towering pines and pristine lakes, students immersed themselves fully in the backcountry experience. Back on campus, the class has dived straight into hands-on learning. The Outdoor Education students recently traveled to the Humber River to observe the salmon run.

Throughout these experiences, the curriculum focuses on essential wilderness and practical skills. Students are mastering land navigation, wilderness orientation, and survival basics that foster resilience and problem-solving. The class also incorporates specific student interests, such as fishing, where students practise tying lines, giving peer feedback, and learning patience on the water.



A Million Blessings...

Every Gift Doubled. Every Blessing Multiplied.

Our vision has never been to provide only the minimum. We believe students flourish when they are encouraged to discover God's calling in every area of learning.

At the heart of Christian education at TDChristian is a desire to prepare young people to serve Christ and others with wisdom, compassion, creativity, and excellence. That calling shapes everything we do.

It is reflected in meaningful programs that help students explore God's world and develop their gifts, from French, Music, and World Cultures to experiential learning opportunities such as Environmental Block, Outdoor Education, and Show-Pro. This is reflected in exciting new opportunities through the Firehall Experiential Learning Centre, including our new drone program, 3D printing lab and expanded business programming that encourages entrepreneurial thinking and innovation.

As the world changes, we want to continue providing experiences that equip students to lead faithfully and confidently in a wide variety of fields.

Learning at TDChristian extends beyond the classroom. Through service-focused and empathy-building trips, students are challenged to grow in character, deepen their understanding of others, and live out their faith in practical ways. These experiences are central to who we are. They help shape students into thoughtful disciples and compassionate leaders.

The same is true of the many opportunities students have to discover and develop the gifts God has given them. Through programs such as Servant Student Leadership, students learn to lead by serving, following the example of Christ. Through athletics, the arts, and a wide variety of extracurricular opportunities, they learn perseverance, teamwork, creativity, and stewardship of their talents. In each of these experiences, students gain a deeper understanding of who God has created them to be.

By supporting A Million Blessings..., you help preserve these opportunities, strengthen their future, and create room for continued growth and innovation for generations to come.

By the Numbers

- Matching campaign of $500k results in $1M total towards debt reduction - this equates to 32% less debt!
- Total interest savings are approximately $600k at current rates (equivalent to 86% of the education department cost and supplies in the Spring 2026/2027 budget).
- Full participation in the matching campaign eliminates 4.5 years of debt repayments! (Bringing our debt free date from 2040 to 2035, 13.8 years left to 9.4 years).

Alumni News

Rachel Fox (Hofland) ('12) and Samuel Fox were married in London UK on October 8, 2022. They have since welcomed a baby girl Poppy Leonora in June, 2026.

Emily Savoie (Butler) ('12) and Ryan Savoie were married in Italy on May 24, 2024. They have since welcomed a baby boy Jack Ryan in February, 2026.

Steven Pitman ('10) and Shine Dimarucot married September 19, 2026.

Upcoming Events

Grade 7 & 8 Day
November 6, 9:30am

Fall Market & Alumni Volleyball Tournament
November 7, 9am

Talent Show
November 12, 6pm (all welcome)

Annual General Meeting
November 26, 7pm Renew your membership before the meeting at *tdchristian.ca/splash/membership/*

Christmas Concert
December 3, 7pm

Arsenic and Old Lace

Drama Production, December 9-12



Purchase Tickets Today!

(A play for ages 12+)

Arsenic and Old Lace follows drama critic Mortimer Brewster, who seems to have it all-until he discovers a shocking secret in his family home: his sweet, elderly aunts, Abby and Martha, have developed a rather peculiar habit of poisoning lonely old men with arsenic-laced elderberry wine. Add in a brother who believes he's Teddy Roosevelt, another brother on the run with a sinister plastic surgeon, and a chaotic night where nothing goes to plan!

New to the Team



Brayden Jackson (19)

is a new member of our teaching staff after completing a student teaching placement at TDChristian in the spring. His specialty is geography and he'll be teaching variety courses such as mathematics and computer science.



Maddy Schuurman (18)

will be assuming various tasks in administrative support including facilitating all of the rentals that happen at TDChristian.

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