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Back 2 School

TROY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS EXIST TO UPHOLD GOD'S TRUTH AS WE ASSIST PARENTS IN THE EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN'S MINDS AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF THEIR HEARTS IN A CHRIST-CENTERED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

Dear TCS Families,

It is hard to believe that school is just around the corner. I hope this has been a great summer for your family.

Often it is stated how nice it must be not to have much to do over the summer. I always smile with this comment because summer at TCS is a busy place as we prepare for the new school year. Students have been coming and going with sports' camps, our childcare summer program has provided daily activities for 70 children and our facility crew has worked hard preparing our buildings, especially the Early Childhood area and the roof of the elementary building.

Our teachers met over the summer to evaluate and develop new curricula and to discuss the best ways to meet the educational needs of our students. Many teachers have attended workshops and taken classes; attended Urbana University to prepare for the college courses they will teach in the fall; worked with our high school students enrolled in specific honors and college courses, making sure they are ready for these rigorous courses; and provided a weekly Bible study and leadership development time on campus. Our elementary teachers have completed the new Bible curriculum and are preparing to tackle the social science curriculum and have done numerous assessments of new students.

Our principals have interviewed 35 new families and have been blessed to get to know these families and their hearts. These new families will be welcomed to TCS by our Ambassador Program. This program pairs present families with new families to help make a smooth and friendly transition to TCS.

So you can see, this has been a full summer with action on and off campus as we prepare for the new school year. It's been another summer that continually reinforces the commitment and dedication of our staff.

Please take time to look at important dates in August that will affect all families. We look forward to another great year as we partner to educate students for the 21st Century with strong minds and hearts for Christ.

His Servant and Yours,

Dr. Gary C. Wilber
Superintendent

Communication is Key

Communication is key - to ensure that you receive all important information from the school, please be sure to contact the office to let them know of any changes to your phone number, address or email.



Troy Christian

Free and Reduced Lunch Program

If you would like to apply for the Federal Free and Reduced Price Lunch Program please submit the application. [Click here for application](#) or find it on our website > Admissions > Handbooks & Policies > Elementary Forms or Jr. High & High School Forms. **These must be submitted** to the school office by **August 22, 2011**.

Book Rental & Special Class Fees

Book Rental Fees

* 6th Grade ~ \$35

* 7th-8th ~ \$145*

9th-12th ~ \$205

Fees include all books, workbooks, agenda and student sport pass (sport pass not included in 6th grade fees). All books and resources will be distributed to the student by classroom teachers on the first day of school, if all fees have been paid. All fees are due on Thursday, August 11. Fees not received on time will have an additional 1.5% late fee added and will be automatically withdrawn from your account on Monday, August 15, 2011. Fees can be paid by credit card or bank debit through RenWeb. Check or cash will be accepted in the high school office. A payment plan is available to those whose fees (including athletic fees) are \$500 or more, please log in to RenWeb to complete the Optional Payment Plan no later than August 11, 2011. A convenience fee of 1.5% will be applied to use this payment option.

Special Class Fees

7th - 8th Grades (one time fee) Computer \$20, Art \$15, Band \$25

9th - 12th Grades (per semester) Computer \$25, Art \$25, Band \$25

11th & Honors Spanish IV Netbook Fee \$75

8th Period Eph/Phill (semester) Netbook Fee \$40

Dual Enrollment Courses (Urbana U) \$80/credit hour

*Book rental fees include a student sports pass permitting admission to all home sporting events. (Excluding tournaments)

Calendar

All school dates, including important events, athletic contests, lunch menus and days off, [can be viewed on our website > Calendar](#).

August 4 & 9 @ 7 PM - 1st - 12th Grades New Family Orientation in TCHS Library (Please call the office and let us know which day you will be attending)

August 20 @ 8 AM - Noon - Family Work Day

August 22 – Open House at Both Buildings (see times below) Come check out your classrooms and locker, meet the staff, and tour the building!

August 24 – School Begins, 1:30 PM Dismissal

TCE Important Dates

August 22 @ 11 AM – 2 PM – Meet the Teacher Open House for students and parents. For our new families the TCE Computer Lab will be open for RenWeb instruction with Mrs. Lindeman

August 22 @ 6:30 – 7:30 PM – Kindergarten Orientation for parents only in TCE Gym

August 25 – First day for Kindergarten Classes

August 29 @ 7 – 9 PM – Back-2-School Night for parents only

TCHS Important Dates

August 22 @ 10 AM – Noon – 7th Grade Orientation in TCHS Commons

August 22 @ 11 AM – Noon – 8th - 12th New Student Luncheon in TCHS Library

August 22 @ Noon – 2 PM – Meet the Teacher Open House for students and parents. For our new families the TCHS Computer Lab will be open for RenWeb instruction with Mrs. Knife

August 25 @ 5 – 8:30 PM – Back-2-School Night & Burger Bash (See pg. 3)

August 30 – Picture Day

Be sure to read all Parent Pages and Newsletters to make sure that you don't miss any of the exciting things happening at TCS!

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Philippians 2: 14 -16

Athletic Fees

Each athlete in grades 7 - 12 will pay an athletic participation fee of \$125 per athlete, per sport. Athletic fees for the fall season are due by Thursday, August 11. Any athletic fees that are not received by August 11, will be debited with the next tuition payment. Payment of any season's athletic fee acknowledges both a parent and an athlete's agreement to abide by the athletic handbook. Remember that athletic fees are no longer listed on the TCE store. Athletic fees may be paid thru RenWeb, along with book rental and class fees. Checks may also be dropped off at the main office.

Athletic Passes (does not include Musical admission)

Athletic Passes can be purchased through the Athletic Department.

REQUIRED

Book rental fees include an athletic pass for each student in grades 7 - 12.

Students will not be issued an actual pass, but will show their school ID for admission into all home athletic events (excluding tournament play).

OPTIONAL

Child Pass (\$15) - Children between the ages of 5 thru 6th grade may purchase an athletic pass which will provide admittance into all home athletic events (excluding tournament play).

Adult Pass (\$50) - Any adult may purchase an athletic pass which will provide admittance into all home athletic events (excluding tournament play).

Grandparent Pass (\$40) - Any adult may purchase an athletic pass which will provide admittance into all home athletic events (excluding tournament play).

Alumni Pass (\$20) - Any adult may purchase an athletic pass which will provide admittance into all home athletic events (excluding tournament play).

*Children under the age of 5 will be admitted free to all home athletic events (excluding tournament play).

Athletic Schedules

Follow these simple steps for the best way to find team schedules. Go to our school website and [click on the calendar icon at the bottom of the home page](#). On the left side of the main calendar you will see a menu called Featured Calendars. Choose the specific team schedule you wish to view. Once you have the team schedule in front of you, you can choose between a daily or calendar style view. The Athletic Department is linked to this calendar, so any changes made in the office will also be made immediately on the main calendar.

Burger Bash

Burger Bash will again be paired up with our annual *TCHS Back To School Night* for Jr. High and High School parents. Come on out, Thursday, August 25 from 5-7 PM and join us! We will have burger meals for your family, and Fall Team Introductions.

As the date gets closer, information will be posted to the web-site.

Upcoming Athletic Dates

- 8/1** 1st day of practice for all fall sports
- 8/15** Fall Team Picture Day
- 8/25** Burger Bash



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Jr. High & High School Schedules will be emailed (or mailed) at the beginning of August.

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Hike 'n Serve

We will hold our all-school Hike 'n Serve event on Wednesday, September 21. Our K-6th grade students will hike at the Hobart Preserve and pray for our 7-12th grade students who will be serving the community. For the fundraising portion of Hike 'n Serve, each grade will create a themed basket for our silent auction to raise money for new technology for our school. The auction will take place during Family Fun Night with Bob Smiley, November 5. Be sure to save the date for this evening of family fun and laughter. Watch for more details to come.

Use Scrip to Reduce Tuition

Are you looking for a way to reduce tuition? Check out our school's Scrip program. It allows families to purchase gift cards at face value, while the school gets a discounted rate. The difference is credited to your tuition account. Learn more about Scrip, including how to get a Kroger Scrip card, on our website > *Giving* (to the left of the search bar on the top right of the homepage).

Vacation Policy

Whenever possible, family vacation needs to be scheduled during regular school breaks. However, we realize that is not always possible. Therefore, when seeking approval for vacations during other times, a completed Request for Student Absence Form must be submitted to the building principal no less than two weeks (14 days) before the start of the vacation/leave. The terms and conditions for assignments missed during approved vacation/leave are clearly stated on the Request for Student Absence Form. By following these conditions it provides the least disruption to the educational process for your child, the teacher, and the class. Thank you for being diligent in these procedures.

Dress Standards

Dress standards will remain the same for our new school year. Shorts days may be announced based on the principal's discretion. [You can view dress standards by clicking here](#) or on our website under *Admissions > Handbooks & Policies*.

Transportation Information

You should receive your transportation information by August 13. If you do not receive it by then please contact Pam Ondera at 937.308.3777 or 937.857.9048.

Parent Place

Parent Place is a resource open to all parents who have children in the preschool, elementary, junior high or high school. It is hosted by Mr. Orange, with other staff and/or parents assisting as facilitators. We all, as parents, grandparents or guardians, feel isolated and uncertain sometimes when it comes to rearing our children. This group is designed to provide support and encouragement within an environment of Christian fellowship. This year we are changing things a bit. The group will meet once per quarter on the dates listed below. We will meet on Thursday nights at 7 PM in the high school library. While we may have a special topic of focus, the meetings this year will be geared more toward parent questions and needs. So, please plan to attend as you have the opportunity. We look forward to seeing you there. Meeting dates are as follows:

Thursday September 29, 2011

Thursday December 1, 2011

Thursday March 1, 2012

Thursday April 19, 2012

Year Verse

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RenWeb Software

As an addition to our website, we are using RenWeb as our administrative software. RenWeb is a web-based software that will provide our families with access to:

- Pay Fees
- JH & HS Lunch Account (add money & view purchases)
- Student Grades (Parents)
- Class Information & Assignments
- Class Schedules & Scheduling
- School Announcements

Please Note:

RenWeb has implemented a new user name/password security authentication system. All users have had their user name initially set to their email address. Passwords have not changed. You can change your user name something other than your email address. To change your email or password click on the *Family Information* and then the *Username/Password*. Our district code is TC-OH. The login page also has a new look.

Netbooks

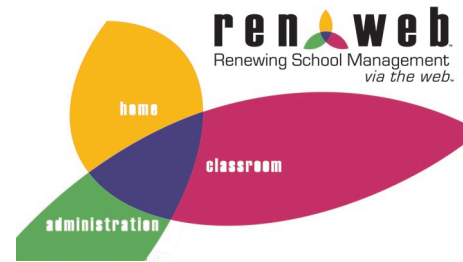
All juniors will be assigned a Netbook for the school year to use for their classes, especially for classes using e-books (electronic books). Chemistry, Honors Spanish III & IV, College Algebra and Algebra 2 will be using e-books. Many other high school classes have web-based resources which will require the use of the Netbooks. Our desire at TCS is for our students to have the most updated resources available. By providing web-based tools, such as Netbooks and e-books, we provide students with updated and relevant resources. Netbook will be assigned to each junior; and only seniors who are scheduled for Ephesians/Philippians first semester 8th period and Spanish IV. Details on distribution will be emailed to families. A usage cost will be charged to each student assigned a Netbook. Our Technology Department will also install a filtering system that protects the integrity of web access on or off campus.

Juniors - \$75 for school year

Seniors - \$40 for semester scheduled for 8th period Ephesians/Philippians; or \$75 for the school year if taking Honors Spanish IV.

This charge is noted on the fee schedule of RenWeb. If a student has their own Laptop or Netbook, they are welcomed to use that and eliminate the usage fee. Our Technology Director, Mrs. Knife, will email additional information on procedures for personal electronic devices. If a student will be providing their own Laptop or Netbook they must reply by using the RenWeb accounting notification and the charge will be removed. Computers and Netbooks must be brought to school every day. TCS will maintain the Netbooks. If abuse or carelessness damages the Netbook, an additional fee will be charged.

Our mobile computer lab will be used in our Algebra II classes, so students do not need their own computers. Our library is also available with laptops for use by those students who are not assigned a Netbook. Over the next few years our goal is to have Netbooks available for all high school students.



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