Timothy Today Summer 2020



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#### **HOPE IN CHRIST**

On Sunday, March 15th, Governor Reynolds recommended schools close due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Timothy Christian School closed starting Monday, March 16th, and we remained closed for the rest of the year. However, that was not the end of the story. On Monday, March 16th, teachers and staff met, prayed, and planned. Through the hope we have in Christ, we quickly focused on what we could do. Teachers and staff got to work, and we started school again on Wednesday, March 18th.

It looked different. Students were given at-home learning guides and packets, and school work was completed at home. Devotions were delivered over the internet (check out tosdevotional.com). Parents picked up and dropped off student work every two weeks, and teachers reached out to students and parents over email, Zoom, phone calls, texts, Facebook, Marco Polo, and Google Apps.

Student learning opportunities were given, but so much was out of our control. Families and students were all affected by this pandemic in different ways. We simply asked that parents and students do what they could, and we were amazed by the outcome. All students participated in the at-home learning opportunities. Some did more than others, but that is okay! This is a time where we all need grace, compassion, and understanding. I am so thankful for the hard work of our teachers, staff, school board, parents, and students during this time. More importantly, I am thankful to our Lord, Jesus Christ, for the hope He freely gives us and for His continued faithfulness.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23

Rebecca Johnson, Administrator



## **Hope United Fund**

Giving Financial Hope to Families of South Central Iowa Christian Schools

A word from Dale....

Changing times require new words as our God and our HOPE remains the same. Normally at this time of the year, you would be receiving my summer letter along with this newsletter. As "Mr. Covid-19" is changing our lives, we must change our path to "battle the storm." We are partnering with 8 other Christian schools under the **Hope United Fund** banner to raise tuition funds for our Christian school families.

It would be my HOPE that you would read this letter, visit the website, and prayerfully consider how to come alongside and support Christian education at Timothy Christian School.

In His Service,

Dale Akkerman, Development Director

As a united group of Christian Schools, we rejoice in the hope we have in Christ to see us through this pandemic, but we also recognize the financial strain many of our families may be enduring. For this reason, Timothy Christian School and 8 other schools are uniting together to raise funds for additional tuition assistance during this uncertain time.

Visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/HopeUnitedFund">https://tinyurl.com/HopeUnitedFund</a> to support Christian School families. You can select Timothy Christian School or give a gift to be divided among all participating schools. Options are available to donate by check, credit card, or bank account.

Please consider supporting the Hope United Fund financially. We appreciate your prayers for our schools and the students and families who have invested in a Christ-centered education.

### **TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020**

Due to COVID-19, Timothy Christian School was unable to hold 8th-Grade Graduation on Thursday, May 21st. However, we still celebrate our six graduates and pray that the Lord bless them as they prepare for high school. Graduation will be scheduled sometime over the summer, and each student will receive a diploma and Bible from the school.













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Eli Schipper

Christian Meester

Serena Hunter

Eli Thorne

Alan Johnson

n Jace Pruisner

#### **AMAZING AUCTION**

We praise God for the success of this year's auction and give thanks to all the people who came out to support our school on March 7th!





#### **STAFF SAYING GOODBYE**



Betsy Vollema served as Hot Lunch Cook and Food Manager from 2014-2020.

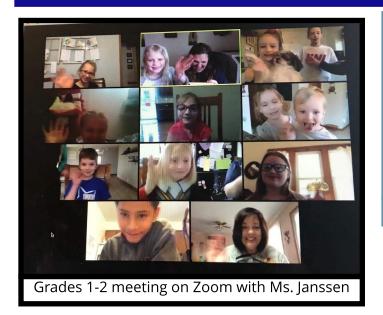
Betsy Vollema joined the TCS faculty as Food Manager and Cook in the fall of 2014. We have enjoyed her wonderful meals and her deep care for the staff and students. Betsy has decided to resign in order to spend more time caring for her family. Thank you for your years of service and modeling a sincere love for Christ to us all!



Dennise Smith served as 5th and 6th Grade Teacher from 2015-2020.

Dennise Smith taught for many years before she came to TCS, but she cherished teaching students about the love of Christ and living for Him. In retirement. Dennise looks forward to reading, spending time with grandchildren and friends, and relaxing. Thank you for your years of service and for sharing your wisdom from Christ to staff and students!

# DISTANCE LEARNING MARCH 16-MAY 22













And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17



Mrs. Donald creates videos to teach students

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





Art projects done at home



Grades 7-8 frog dissection at home



School work and projects done outside and with family





#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

August 24 All-School Potluck Picnic 6:30 PM

August 26 First Day of School and All School Chapel 8:30 AM

September 12 TCS Benefit Golf Outing at Beaver Meadows Golf Course in Parkersburg