



Urgent Message from TDSB:

Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers and Students,

As you may know, Environment Canada has issued a [Winter Storm Warning](#) for the City of Toronto saying travel will become hazardous.

With widespread blowing snow, damaging winds, poor visibility, and flash freezing currently being forecast for tomorrow and into the weekend, we have made the decision, together with the Toronto Catholic District School Board, **close all schools, administrative buildings and sites to students and staff tomorrow - Friday, December 23, 2022.**

All Child Care centres and before and after school programs located in TDSB schools will also be closed and all permits will be cancelled for the day. All in-person Continuing Education after school and evening courses are also cancelled tomorrow. This includes – International Languages Elementary and African Heritage, Learn4Life Community Programs and Adult ESL

We recognize that these decisions can have a significant impact on thousands of families across Toronto and are not taken lightly, however given the current weather forecast, we felt it was prudent to make this decision now to provide families and staff with as much notice as possible (TDSB).

Dear Perth Families,

On behalf of the entire Perth Staff, we wish all families a wonderful, healthy winter break. We look forward to seeing students back on **Monday January 9th** when school resumes.

Below are the pics from Perth's annual Door Decorating Contest. The theme this year was "Wacky Winterland. Also, some pics from the Holiday Sing Along/Dance Assembly"













SCHOOL INFORMATION

DATES TO NOTE:

DEC 24-JAN 8	WINTER BREAK
JAN 9, 2023	SCHOOL RESUMES
JAN 13, 2023	PA DAY- NO SCHOOL



Code of On-line Conduct : Parents and Guardians, please take a moment to review this important information with your child/ren regarding the TDSB Online Code of Conduct. *"The "Code of Online Conduct pertains to the use of online systems and resources. This Code has been prepared to protect the rights and safety of all"*

[Online-Code-of-Conduct](#)



A MESSAGE from the ECO CLUB:

#donttrasheschoolchallenge

Attention Perth Families! Please bring your personal unwanted electronics to the office by Wednesday, January 19 for FREE secure recycling and help Eco Club participate in an Eco Schools contest for a chance to win computers and a pizza party for our school! Declutter your home of old and unwanted electronics. Also ask your family, friends and neighbours to increase your haul! Click [here](#) for more contest details!



Winter 2022-2023 Well-Being Guide

In This Guide ...

Let's Get Excited for Winter!

Support for Mental Health & Well-Being

Support & Resources for Youth

Winter Programs & Activities for My Child/Youth

Ideas for Keeping My Child/Youth Active This Winter

Resources for My Child/Youth with Special/Complex Needs

TDSB Supports & Resources for Mental Health & Well-Being



As the days get shorter, the nights get longer & the temperature continues to drop, it is not unusual to feel a decline in our mental wellness. Our **Winter 2022-2023 Well-Being Guide** is a place to learn about Culturally Responsive and Identity Affirming resources and activities to make the most of this time of year while improving our mental well-being. Some ways to do this include:

Keeping Active: Physical activity produces endorphins that help elevate your mood.

Making up for Lost Sunshine: A decrease in daylight can impact your mood. Bundle up and get outside. The sun on your face is an instant booster.

Establishing Healthy Routines: Having a routine to fall back on can be very helpful. It can be as simple as sleeping & waking at the same time each day.

Getting Enough Sleep is important for our physical and mental health.

Reaching Out For Help: This may be the right time to seek extra support if your regular mental health routine & seasonal adjustments just are not enough. We all have mental health & talking about things is one of the best ways to take care of it. No issue is too big or too small.

January is the start of our SAC's Pizza Days!

Please sign in to schoolcashionline.com to contribute!



We are asking for a \$25 optional contribution towards pizza for the entire school on the last Friday of each month Jan-May.

The slices will be cheese pizza, two per student and there is a gluten free option.

Hooray for Pizza day!



Chess Club

The Chess n' Math Association will be running Chess Club again in the new year!

Thursdays during the lunch hour. Cost is \$135 for 8 weeks

Jan 26-Mar 23 Register online at <https://chess-math/org/perth-winter2023>



Nutrition Program

SNACK for week of Jan 9th

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
yogurt tubes	granola bars	pears and crackers	Blueberries and crackers	PA DAY

COVID – 19 Update: We continue to take our health and safety direction from the Ministry and Toronto Public Health, and it is important to note that this is the current information and may change. **Screening:** Students and staff should continue to do a daily self-assessment before entering school or Board buildings and stay home if they are sick. Complete the [TPH School Screening Tool](#) or [Provincial School Screening Tool](#) that is attached each day before arriving at school.

Keep **UPDATED** and **IN THE LOOP** by bookmarking the Perth Website on your browser and checking back frequently!
The Perth School Calendar is there, newsletter archive, news from SAC and reminders and event reminders from the school.
<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/PerthAvenue>



OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Days of Significance

DECEMBER

19 - 26	Monday to Monday	Hanukkah (Festival of Lights)*	Judaism	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/hanukkah
21 to 01 January 2023	Wednesday to Sunday	Yule (Winter Solstice)	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.goddessandgreenman.co.uk/yule/
25	Sunday	Christmas Day (Gregorian Calendar)	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	https://www.history.com/topics/christmas/history-of-christmas
26	Monday	Boxing Day	Government of Canada	www.history.com/news/why-is-the-day-after-christmas-called-boxing-day
26	Monday	Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra)	Zoroastrian	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zartosht_No-Diso

26 to 01 January 2023	Monday to Sunday	Kwanzaa	African Canadian/American Celebration	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/kwanzaa-history
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JANUARY

Date	Day of Week	Event	Source	Website
01	Sunday	Gantan-sai (Japanese New Year)	Government of Japan and Buddhism (Shintoism)	http://faith.wikidot.com/qantan-sai
01	Sunday	New Year's Day (Gregorian Calendar)	Government of Canada	New Year's - Traditions, Resolutions & Date - History
02	Monday	Pasha Putrada Ekadashi	Hinduism/Sikhism	https://www.drikpanchang.com/ekadashis/putrada/pausha-putrada-ekadashi-date-time.html?year=2023
05	Thursday	Twelfth Night	Christianity (Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelve_Days_of_Christmas
06	Friday	Feast of the Epiphany	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	When Is Three Kings' Day and How Is It Celebrated?
07	Saturday	Orthodox Christmas Day (Julian Calendar)	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/why-celebrate-christmas-january
07	Saturday	Mahayana New Year	Buddhism (Mahayana)	The Origins and Practice of Holidays: Mahayana New Year
08	Sunday	Baptism of Jesus Christ	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	The Baptism of Jesus - Bible Story Verses & Meaning
13	Friday	Punjabi Lohri	Hinduism/Sikhism	What is Lohri? Why is it celebrated? - IndiaToday

30	Monday	Jashan-e-Sadeh	Zoroastrian	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sadeh
15	Sunday	Feast of the Wedding of Cana	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://saintmarkhouston.org/smh/calendars/the-wedding-of-cana-of-galilee-feast-liturgy/

MIDDLE FRENCH IMMERSION (Grade 4 Entry)

Applications Open: January 9, 2023

Deadline to Apply: February 3, 2023

Applications to the Middle French Immersion program may be submitted, on behalf of students in the English program, the year the child is in Grade 3 for entry in September of Grade 4. It is an entirely online process. All communication will be sent via the email address you provide. Please check your email regularly, including junk mail folders. Please visit the application site www.tdsb.on.ca/pars

- You will need your child's date of birth and OEN. The OEN is a

9-digit number found on any report card from the TDSB.

- For non-TDSB students, please select the "Non-TDSB Student" option and follow the steps to generate an identification number. You must then return to the PARS site and follow the application procedure with this number.
- Please select Middle French Immersion from the drop-down menu and complete the application process.

On-time applicants will be offered a placement via the email address you have provided. You **MUST** take action to reserve a spot by the deadline requested when you are offered a placement.

Offers of placement will be on-going through the weeks and months following the close of the application period. *Please check your email regularly, including junk mail folders, and follow any instructions.*

[Learn more at an Information Session](#)

Please note:

- *While every effort will be made to place students in the school identified as their area Middle French Immersion school, this is not always possible. In cases where the number of applications in a given area is greater than the number of allotted program spaces in the school, students may be redirected to schools with available program space.*
- *Placements are made based on the child's primary home address of record prior to the application deadline. If the address changes between the application deadline and the fall of the Grade 4 year, there is no guarantee of placement in the new area.*
- *Late applicants will be held on a local school waitlist and considered subject to available space until the end of September of the entry year.*

Winter Weather and Student Transportation

From time to time, it may be necessary to cancel student transportation, classes and/or programs because of severe weather. On rare occasions, severe weather makes it necessary to close schools, administrative offices or sites.



With approximately 235,000 students in 583 schools, any decision to cancel buses, classes and/or programs or to close sites can have a significant impact on thousands of families across Toronto. This decision is not taken lightly. When schools remain open on days with inclement weather, parents/guardians make the final decision on whether to send their children to school and they can keep children home from school if they so choose. For more information, please see:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Severe-Weather/Snow-Cold-Weather>

Traffic Safety Tips: Help Make this a Safe Winter Season

As winter approaches, we know that severe weather will be part of our daily lives for the next several months. While traffic safety is an important matter all year long, this is a particularly good time to review what we can do to keep students safe.

The need to be aware and alert at all times, on any road, and even in the most routine circumstances is key to traffic safety. This applies to students and drivers alike. Road conditions can be challenging in the winter months. So to those of us who drive, please take extra care on the roads and in parking lots, especially in areas where children might be present.

School staff periodically review street and traffic safety with students. Parents can help reinforce these safety messages with children at home. Below are some tips that might be helpful to review.

Stop, look, and listen for traffic.

Only cross at corners and crosswalks.

Make eye contact with drivers.

Walk on the right side of the crosswalk.

Wear appropriate footwear to reduce the chances of slipping.

Never run into the street.

Obey crossing signals.

Cross only if clear.

Walk on sidewalks.

Where there are no sidewalks, walk as far away from traffic as possible, facing traffic.

The safety of our students is always a top priority. Let's work together to make the winter season safe so we can enjoy all it has to offer



PERTH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dear Perth Families,

Here are the Perth school council's last updates for 2022!

Future Perth School Council Meeting Dates

Please save the date for Perth school council meetings on the evenings of:

January 18

March 8

April 19

May 29

Pizza Days



The Pizza Day subcommittee is so pleased to bring Pizza Days back to Perth Ave. JPS!

Pizza Days will happen on the **last Friday of each month, from January to May 2023**. On pizza days, **all students will each receive two slices of cheese pizza (the cheese contains no rennet)**.

Please indicate if your student will need a gluten-free option.

The cost for the full program per student is \$25.00. Any remaining funds will be directed toward the school generated funds pool, which helps to pay for items that will enrich the education experience of Perth students and support their families and caregivers. Some examples of items that have been paid for with these funds in the past

include Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy books for classrooms, the schoolyard revitalization, dance workshops, field trips and an upgraded sound system for the school gym.

If you haven't already please sign up for School Cash Online to contribute. It's the easy and safe way to pay for all school events, trips and contributions like this one!

www.schoolcashionline.com

Thank you for your support and participation!

- Perth JPS Pizza Day Subcommittee

Junction Triangle Craft Show



We were thrilled that the Junction Triangle Craft Show made a return to Perth after a two-year hiatus! This event is a fundraiser for the school and also a wonderful community builder.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of the volunteers, donors, attendees and vendors! Without you, this wouldn't have been possible.

There was wonderful community turnout, including visits from our MPP Marit Stiles and our city councillor Alejandra Bravo!

And thanks to your generous donations, the food drive for the [Stop Community Food Centre](#) was a great success, too! The Perth school council delivered 44 cans and bags of beans/lentils, 33 cans and jars of tomatoes/sauce, 53 packages of pasta/rice/oats, 24 cans of soup and more!

Social media

Please be sure to follow the Perth school council's social media for information and more frequent updates.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/perthpanthers14>

Instagram: [instagram.com/perthave.parentcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/perthave.parentcouncil)

You can also reach out at perthschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Take a peek at the school council's [Linktree site](#), where you can find an archive of previous school council meeting agendas and minutes, advocacy letters and other resources.

And please be sure to visit the school council website at www.perthschoolcouncil.com/, which has tons of information Perth families need, including an event calendar.

Thank you for reading. We hope you all get some time to relax and enjoy the company of your loved ones over the winter break. See you in 2023!

–The Perth School Council Exec