



# PERTH POST

Jan 20, 2023

## Happy New Year Perth Families!

It has been wonderful having students return from Winter Break and the year is off to a great start! Thank you for your continued support. We are confident that through working together, we will continue to make Perth a place where all students feel safe, valued and included. We are grateful for the dedication of the Perth staff and excited to see the growth and achievements of students in the remainder of the school year.

We encourage you to get involved and actively participate in the school. Whether it is through volunteering or participating in school events, your involvement is vital in supporting students. Please note, to volunteer you need a completed police check. For more information scroll down to "School Information"

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.  
Ms Khan-Fitzpatrick and Ms Madarasz



## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Jan 27	Pizza Lunch
Feb 10	SAC fundraiser (School Dance) 6:30-8pm
Feb 15	Term 1 Report Cards o home
Feb 17	Parent Teacher Interviews - NO SCHOOL
Feb 20	Family Day Holiday- NO SCHOOL
March 2	Literacy Night at Perth- 6-7:30pm



## INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES:

When we have rain/ice rain/extreme cold weather (-20 to -28) prior to the start of the school day, students will be allowed to enter the school and line up outside of their homeroom classroom in the hallway. Students will be supervised by staff during this time. On these days, we recommend arriving at school for 8:45am OR if in Kindergarten 9:00am. Kindergarten students in rooms 108 and 109 would enter

through exit 4. Kindergarten students in 102 and 107 would enter through exit 3. Kindergarten students in 110 would enter through their designated door.

Students stay indoors for recess and lunchtime when temperature and wind chill measure -28°C or lower or if it's raining heavily. If the temperature and wind chill readings hover between -20°C and -28°C, we may choose to shorten or cancel recess. Also, students may be kept indoors if playgrounds and pathways are too icy.

During the lunch period if the weather changes and students need to return inside, students must wait to hear the outdoor bell ring, line up and then proceed inside. Please remind your child/children, in Grades 1-6, to always wait for the directions of the lunchroom supervisors during these situations. **At no time are students allowed to enter the school without lining up first.** Thanks for your cooperation.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR HAPPENING AT PERTH !

Event	Details
Primary Coding Club	Grades 1-3 Day 2 (am recess)
Juggling club	Grades 3-6..The schedule is as follows with Gr. 6 supporting as helpers: Jan 24 Grade 3 Jan 31 Grade 5 Feb 7 Grade 4 Feb 14 Grade 3
Primary Choir	Day 3- Starts Feb 3 in Room #111
Dodge Ball	Every Wednesday @ First Recess Dodge Ball Academy Grades 1- 2
Floor Hockey Grades 3- 6	Both will run until March Break

## Interested in volunteering at Perth?

We'd love to have you!

The first step is getting your police check. Please come to the office and we'll give you a form to fill out! The police check form is a special size so you need to come in person. The cost is \$20 cash.



**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](#)



## 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 23

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
yogurt tubes	apples and crackers	blueberry muffins	bananas and crackers	ginger snap cookies

**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

### JANUARY 2023

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

14	Saturday	<b>Maghi</b>	Sikhism	<a href="#">The Sikh Festivals: Maghi - Gateway to Sikhism</a>
14	Saturday	<b>Orthodox New Year's Day (Julian Calendar)</b>	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	<a href="#">Orthodox New Year's Day - Canada - WinCalendar</a>
15	Sunday	<b>Makara Sankranti</b>	Hinduism	<a href="#">Why is Makar Sankranti celebrated? - Jagran Josh</a>
15	Sunday	<b>World Religion Day</b>	Bahá'í Faith	<a href="https://nationaldaycalendar.com/world-religion-day-third-sunday-in-january/">https://nationaldaycalendar.com/world-religion-day-third-sunday-in-january/</a>
15 - 18	Sunday to Wednesday	<b>Thai Pongal</b>	Hinduism (Tamil)	<a href="#">What is Thai Pongal? - Medium</a>
16	Monday	<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>	Government of the United States	<a href="https://www.nobelprize.org/search/?s=Martin+Luther+King+Jr.">https://www.nobelprize.org/search/?s=Martin+Luther+King+Jr.</a>
16 - 20	Monday to Friday	<b>No Name Calling Week (Starts 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in January)</b>	GLSEN	<a href="#">No Name-Calling Week - 2021   GLSEN</a>
20	Friday	<b>Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday</b>	Sikhism	<a href="#">Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti 2021: History, significance and ...</a>
22	Sunday	<b>Chinese New Year</b>	Chinese National Holiday and Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism	<a href="#">21 Things You Didn't Know About Chinese New Year</a>
22	Sunday	<b>Lunar New Year</b>	Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism	<a href="#">Chinese New Year vs Lunar New Year - China Highlights</a>
22 - 27	Sunday to Friday	<b>Chinese Spring Festival</b>	Government of China	<a href="https://publicholidays.cn/spring-festival/">https://publicholidays.cn/spring-festival/</a>
24	Tuesday	<b>International Day of Education</b>	United Nations	<a href="#">International Day of Education</a>
26	Thursday	<b>Vasant Panchami</b>	Hinduism	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vasant_Panchami">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vasant_Panchami</a>
27	Friday	<b>International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust</b>	United Nations	<a href="#">International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust</a>
27	Friday	<b>St. Sava Devine Day</b>	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox) Serbian Holy Day	<a href="https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Sava">https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Sava</a>

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

# FEBRUARY 2023

Date	Day of Week	Event	Source	Website
01	Wednesday	Winter Walk to School Day	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	<a href="https://www.envirocentre.ca/events/winter-walk-to-school-day/">https://www.envirocentre.ca/events/winter-walk-to-school-day/</a>
01 - 02	Wednesday and Thursday	Imbolc	Wicca/Pagan	<a href="#">Imbolc / Candlemas   The Goddess and the Greenman</a>
02	Thursday	Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	<a href="#">Meeting of the Lord - OrthodoxWiki</a>
03	Friday	Setsubun	Buddhism (Shintoism)	<a href="#">What is Setsubun?: Traditional Event in February - Japan ...</a>
05	Sunday	Magha Puja Day (Lantern Festival)	Buddhism	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lantern_Festival">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lantern_Festival</a>
06	Monday	International Day of Zero Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting/Mutilation	United Nations and World Health Organization	<a href="#">International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation</a>
06	Monday	Tu B'Shevat*	Judaism	<a href="#">Tu Bishvat 101 - My Jewish Learning</a>
13 - 17	Monday to Friday	Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week	Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights	<a href="https://www.actioncanadashr.org/srhweek">https://www.actioncanadashr.org/srhweek</a>
15	Wednesday	Parinirvana Day (Buddha's Death)	Buddhism	<a href="https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/bhutan/buddha-parinirvana">https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/bhutan/buddha-parinirvana</a>
18	Saturday	Isra'a and Miraj*	Islam	<a href="https://muslimhands.org.uk/latest/2019/04/al-isra-wal-miraj-the-story-of-the-miraculous-night-journey">https://muslimhands.org.uk/latest/2019/04/al-isra-wal-miraj-the-story-of-the-miraculous-night-journey</a>
18	Saturday	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism	<a href="https://www.hindustantimes.com/lifestyle/festivals/maha-shivaratri-2021-history-significance-and-celebration-101615434959914.html">https://www.hindustantimes.com/lifestyle/festivals/maha-shivaratri-2021-history-significance-and-celebration-101615434959914.html</a>
20	Monday	Family Day (Ontario)	Government of Ontario	<a href="#">How Did Family Day Get Its Start? - 123Dentist</a>



# CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMMING: Explore Continuing Education Programming at the TDSB!

Learning opportunities are available for children, families, adults and visitors:

- Secondary Credit Night School Program - Semester 2
- International Languages Elementary & African Heritage Program
- Learn4Life General Interest Winter Program 2023 - Adults 18+ and Seniors
- Continuing Education - Adult ESL Program



## TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH

Tamil Heritage Month is proudly recognized during the month of January at the Toronto District School Board since January 2016. It has also been marked across the province of Ontario since March 2004 with the implementation of the [Tamil Heritage Month Act, 2014](#). Further, Tamil Heritage Month is also formally recognized nationally since January 2016 by the passing of a motion which reads,

*That, in the opinion of the House, the government should recognize the contributions that Tamil-Canadians have made to Canadian society, the richness of the Tamil language and culture, and the importance of educating and reflecting upon Tamil heritage for future generations by declaring January, every year, Tamil Heritage Month.*

This year our theme for Tamil Heritage Month is: *Community. Belonging. Joy -*

**சமூகம் சார்ந்த சந்தோசம்** Belonging comes with a sense of acceptance and inclusion for who you are, and there is great joy that comes from knowing you belong within any given community. This year's Tamil Heritage Month theme was selected to highlight that joy and belonging, and is intentionally aligned with one of the TDSB's priorities - Joy, Engagement and Belonging. Please see the posters below from our students as a result of a Poster Challenge inviting all TDSB student to submit an image to reflect this year's theme.

Toronto has the largest Tamil population outside of the South Asian subcontinent with thousands of TDSB students and staff members who identify as Tamil. The importance of building awareness, creating a strong self and collective identities, and understanding one's own roots and rights are important objectives of the Tamil Heritage Month volunteer planning committee.

To mark Tamil Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board in January, various educational opportunities will be offered to students to learn about the history, culture, and traditions.

For further information about Tamil Heritage Month, please follow us on twitter to learn interesting facts on Tamil customs and traditions [@TDSB\\_Tamil](#)



## AFRICAN HERITAGE (BLACK HISTORY) MONTH AT THE TDSB

Virtual Launch: February 1st, 2023

During the month of February, the TDSB proudly recognizes African Heritage (Black History) Month. It is an occasion to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of peoples of African descent to Canada and the world. The chosen theme for 2022-2023 is *Black Joy*.

The theme of *Black Joy* was selected this year by the African Heritage Month Volunteer Planning Committee. This academic school year, "Joy" is one of TDSB's two overarching priorities. The first priority being the importance of joy, engagement and belonging in our schools as a foundation for academic achievement and student success; and the second priority being the elimination of disproportionate outcomes for students. Black Joy emulates how Black People have been able to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally as a People and as a Community, despite the systemic barriers and oppression faced.

To kick off African Heritage month at the TDSB, we are excited to extend an invitation to all students, staff, and the TDSB community to join us in marking this significant month with entertainment, and noteworthy speakers. Announcements about several educational opportunities that are being planned throughout the month of February and beyond will also be shared at the African Heritage Month Virtual Launch.

### African Heritage Month Virtual Launch

Date: Wednesday, February 1st, 2023

Time: 10:00 am - 10:45 am

Zoom Webinar Link: <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/97398652590>

## INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Friday, January 27 is designated by the United Nations General Assembly as International Holocaust Remembrance Day (IHRD). On this annual day of commemoration, ceremonies are held to mark the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and to honor the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust and millions of other victims of Nazism.

At the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) the Jewish Heritage Committee is hosting the following events for TDSB staff and students:

Pinchas Gutter: In conversation with TDSB's Shari Schwartz-Maltz

Pinchas Gutter, a Holocaust Survivor and contributor to the Azrieli Foundation's 'The Holocaust Survivor Memoirs Program' and USC Shoah Foundation's 'IWitness: Dimensions in Testimony' will be sharing his memories and experiences with TDSB classes in-person and virtually.

This webcast is open to TDSB classes Grades 6 and up from 10:15 a.m.-11 a.m. on Friday, January 27.

This event will be [live streamed](#). [View this poster for more information](#).

## Willesden Reads Concerts Jan 31 & Feb 1

Thousands of Grade 6-8 students across Canada will attend the Canadian Premiere of Willesden READS! Live in concert and virtually on January 31 and February 1. The theatrical performance is based on the best-selling book, *The Children of Willesden Lane*, which tells the story of the power of music and how one teenage refugee, Lisa Jura, held onto her dreams, survived the Holocaust and inspired a generation.

To watch the live stream of the performance, [click here](#).

### Willesden Reads: Hold on to Your Music with author Mona Golabek

The Jewish Heritage Committee is providing TDSB educators of Grades 2 to 5 a read aloud video and performance by author Mona Golabek and Lee Cohen of the children's version of *The Children of Willesden Lane - Hold onto your Music*.

The interactive pre-recorded session is guided via a slide deck, which includes resources and several arts integrated lesson ideas created by Lindsay Rosen, TDSB music teacher, with Catherine West, Pedagogy Leader at the Oscar Peterson School of Music (Royal Conservatory of Music).

For more information, contact [Shari.Schwartz-maltz@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Shari.Schwartz-maltz@tdsb.on.ca)

## Kindergarten Registration Begins in February!

A colorful poster for Kindergarten Registration. At the top, a child is sliding down a blue slide with the text 'Come Learn With Us!'. Below this, it says 'Kindergarten Registration for English Programs opens in February'. There are two circular inset photos: one of a child reading and another of a child smiling. The text continues: 'Our Kindergarten program provides young students with a rich and safe learning environment that enables all children to learn and grow.' and 'At the TDSB, your child will have many opportunities to learn through play, build new skills and enhance their curiosity.' It also states 'Starting Kindergarten is a very exciting time. We are here to support you and your child in getting ready for school during this important transition.' At the bottom, it says 'To learn more, please visit: [tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten](http://tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten)' and 'Registration'. A small note at the very bottom says 'To qualify for Junior Kindergarten, children must be four years of age by December 31 of that year. Go to [tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten](http://tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten) or visit your local TDSB school to get started.'

Registration for English Kindergarten programs begins in February. We look forward to welcoming you and your child at school in September!

Registration is via [Online Portal](#)

Perth Avenue PS is a closed catchment school. If you live in catchment, your children are entitled to attend Perth when they are school age. Please check [HERE](#)

To attend Junior Kindergarten in September, children must turn four-years-old by December 31. To register for Senior Kindergarten, children must be five-years-old by December 31. For more information about the Kindergarten program and registration requirements, please visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten).



# PERTH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hello Everyone!

We hope you all had a wonderful winter break. Happy New Year! Here are the Perth school council's most recent updates.

## January School Council Meeting

The first Perth school council meeting of 2023 took place on Wednesday Jan. 18. Here is a link to the meeting's [agenda](#). You can watch a recording of the meeting [here](#).

## Next Perth School Council Meeting

The next School council meeting will take place in the evening of **Wed. March 8**. An agenda and Zoom link will be sent out closer to the meeting date. If you'd like Ms. Khan-Fitzpatrick to discuss something specific at this meeting, please email us at [perthschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:perthschoolcouncil@gmail.com).

## 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**, so the first pizza day of the year will happen on **Friday January 27!**

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.schoolcashonline.com](http://www.schoolcashonline.com)

Thank you for your support and participation!

- Perth JPS Pizza Day Subcommittee

**Valentine's Day Dance – Friday February 10**



The Perth School Council is so pleased to announce that we will be holding **a dance in the Perth school gym on Friday Feb. 10 from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.**

Full details to come soon, but please save the date!

**We are looking for volunteers for the dance**, so if you would like to volunteer, please email [perthschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:perthschoolcouncil@gmail.com)

### **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)