



# PERTH POST

Oct 28, 2022



## SCHOOL INFORMATION

## WELCOME TO 2022-2023 SAC MEMBERS

Welcome to new and continuing members of the School Advisory Council: **Tugce Sahin, Laeticia Diniz, Jessica McQuoid, Bilqis Williams.**

Thank you for supporting Perth students, families and the community. We are looking forward to working with you! Thank you to Mme Bey for continuing in her role as teacher representative.

## Extra Curricular at Perth (will be updated regularly)

Extra Curricular	Grades	Contact Person/s
Junior Choir	Junior Grades	Ms Fulton
Drama Club	4-6	Mr Hodgson, Ms Creedon
Club Calme	1-6	Ms Hodgson, Ms Creedon
Chess Club	1-6	Chess n' Math Association -Thursdays at 11:30a-12:30am (this program is not run by Perth staff- all information is in flyer /website) <a href="https://chess-math.org/perth-fall2022">https://chess-math.org/perth-fall2022</a> .
Junior Ukulele	4-6	Mr Bezaire

### From Mr Hodgson,

Drama club will begin on day 3 next week for students in grades 4-6. We will play drama games and improv games and explore creative movement exercises. We will also see how student interests will evolve and shape the direction of the club.

If there is anyone in the community who has access to bulk dowels (apx 7/16") and cut to 20cm lengths it would be amazing for us in the music program as rhythm sticks/drum sticks in our music program.

If you have any old instruments around your house kicking up dust, we are happy to give them a new life here at Perth. Please kindly email [michael.hodgson@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:michael.hodgson@tdsb.on.ca) and let me know.

## Cross Country

A huge congratulations to our Cross Country team for making this such a successful season at Perth. We had a fantastic turnout this year and all runners did an amazing job of representing their school.

Eleven Perth runners qualified to compete at the South Finals, including Grade 4s: Ethan, Zeppelin, Beatrice, Leni, and Emma S, Gr 5s: Angela, Blake, Michaela, and Gr 6s: Ziggy, Silko and Mia L. Angela S from grade 5 went on to compete in the City Finals at Sunnybrook Park. Thank you to all runners for their spirit and dedication.

Thank you again to our dedicated parent volunteers for making this season happen: Carrie L, Laura Z, Joey H, Christina T, Julie J, Peter D and Marija S. Way to go Perth Panthers!

Cross Country Crew: Mallory Bey, Laura Creedon, Christa Dueck, Meghan Lee, Natalie Meyers, Caley Venn



## Nutrition Program

### SNACK for next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
yogurt tubes	clementines and crackers	bananas and granola bars	melba toast and cheese	ginger snap cookies



Perth lost and found is growing!!

Please check the lost and found located at the front doors of the school regularly. It is a very good idea to label all of your child's belongings so we can return the items when they are sorted. Items not claimed will be donated after a period of time.

**Halloween at Perth-** On Monday afternoon, we plan to have the Kindergarten students lead an "in school" parade. If you are planning to send treats with your child, we encourage you to send healthy treats (e.g., granola bars). We recognize that not all students celebrate Halloween and will have alternative, fun activities for those students.

If your child is planning to wear a costume, please note the following:

**Masks covering the entire face, weapons (e.g., swords, toy knives) are not allowed.**

Thanks for your co-operation.



**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

**NOTE:** Days of Significance/Holy Days may vary a few days before or after the indicated date due to incompatibility of calendars from the Western Gregorian Calendar, moon sightings, time zones, government or ecclesiastical declarations, source website updates or date reporting conflicts between websites, etc.

**NOTE:** In some cases, dates indicated in the websites may not be current with dates indicated in this document and are intended for holyday or secular holiday descriptive purposes only.

## OCTOBER 2022

24	Monday	Diwali	Hinduism/Jainism/ Sikhism	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diwali">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diwali</a>
26	Wednesday	Birth of the Bā'ḥ	Bahā'i Faith	<a href="https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/">https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/</a>
29	Saturday	Gyan Panchami	Jainism	<a href="https://www.jainmatrimony.com/articles/gyan-panchami.php">https://www.jainmatrimony.com/articles/gyan-panchami.php</a>

Date	Day of Week	Event	Source	Website
01	Tuesday	All Saints Day	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_Saints%27_Day">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_Saints%27_Day</a>
01	Tuesday	Samhain*	Wicca/Pagan	<a href="https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/samhain">https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/samhain</a>
02	Wednesday	Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian Holy Day	<a href="https://royalwatcherblog.com/2020/11/02/coronation-of-emperor-haile-selassie-of-ethiopia-1930/">https://royalwatcherblog.com/2020/11/02/coronation-of-emperor-haile-selassie-of-ethiopia-1930/</a>
06 - 12	Sunday to Saturday	Treaties Recognition Week (First Full Week of November)	Government of Ontario	<a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties-recognition-week">https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties-recognition-week</a>

Asterisk (\*) indicates Religious Holy Day or other event begins on the **evening before** the beginning date indicated

## TDSB Recognizes Dress Purple Day

Thursday October 27, 2022

Categories: [Happenings at TDSB](#)

Each year in October, Children’s Aid Societies across Ontario raise awareness about the important role that individuals and communities play in supporting vulnerable children, youth, and families through the provincial Dress Purple Day campaign.

At the TDSB, we support Dress Purple Day in raising awareness of the incredible variety of culturally-relevant and responsive resources developed by our Mental Health and Well-Being Team, which are available to all staff, students and families in the TDSB community. [Learn more here!](#)

## Halloween Costumes—#MyCulturesNotACostume

Thursday October 20, 2022

Categories: [Happenings at TDSB](#)

For many, Halloween is an exciting time of year. For people whose cultures are caricatured and appropriated, it can be a difficult time. As educators, we must prevent harm by engaging students in critical conversations about cultural appropriation, stereotypes and caricature versus culture.

This is supported by the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action](#), action #63 iii - “Building student capacity for intercultural understanding, empathy, and mutual respect.” “Indigenous” costumes stereotype, misrepresent, disrespect, and dehumanize Indigenous peoples. To learn more, please see the resources below, which were compiled by the [Urban Indigenous Education Centre](#). [@UIEC\\_tdsb](#)

Videos

- [#IAMNOTACOSTUME \(Elementary\)](#)
- [Cultural Appropriation vs. Appreciation \(Secondary\)](#)
- [Cultural Appropriation vs. Appreciation \(Professional Resource\)](#)

Articles

- [My Culture Is Not Your Costume](#)
- [Indigenous Students Speak](#)
- [Demeaning Costumes](#)
- [Unreserved Radio Segment](#)



## Hallowe'en Safety Tips

Hallowe'en provides an opportunity for parents and children to spend time together creating costumes, carving pumpkins, planning trick or treat activities and participating in family parties. Hallowe'en is a big event at schools and provides opportunities for parties, creative activities, art

programs and impromptu history lessons. Hallowe'en is also a time for students, parents, and schools to take extra care to ensure safety and security.

### TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY

If parents are concerned about trick or treating, here are some basic safety rules to follow:

- Children should NEVER eat any treats until parents have had a chance to go through them and inspect them. Parents should look for tampering of packages and discard any they believe to be unsafe or unknown.
- Have your child carry a flashlight.
- NEVER go into a stranger's house.
- NEVER trick or treat with people you do not know.
- Trick or treat only at homes you know.
- Children should always stay in groups if no parent is present.
- Younger children should ALWAYS be accompanied by an older person.
- Accompany your child when trick or treating.
- If you can not accompany your child then know the route your child will take.
- Flame resistant (retardant) costumes are in order. Keep costumes short and remind children to stay away from pumpkins with candles in them.
- Remind children to stay away from pets they do not know.
- Remind children of road safety rules. Cross only at corners. Do not criss-cross the road. Go up one side of the road and down the other side. Never cross between parked cars. Walk facing on-coming traffic if there is no sidewalk
- If adults are driving their children, drive slowly, with lights on and be cautious when pulling to the side of the road.
- Children should wear their own shoes when trick or treating. Wearing costume shoes/boots can be dangerous and uncomfortable.
- Remind children that not everyone celebrates Hallowe'en, and to avoid any homes that have no lights on. Also remind children not to run through neighbours yards or gardens.
- With older children, be sure to know what other events (such as parties) they plan on attending.
- Set time limits when children should return home.

What's Coming Up in NOVEMBER:

NOVEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hindu Heritage Month</li><li>• Indigenous Education Month</li></ul>
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November is Indigenous Education Month:

November is Indigenous Education Month at the Toronto District School Board. It is important to centre First Nations, Métis and Inuit histories, contemporary realities and voices. For classrooms across the TDSB, this is an opportunity to learn from Indigenous perspectives on treaties, Indigenous leadership, achievements, resistance and creativity. Truth and Reconciliation is a guiding principle at the TDSB. Throughout November, students, staff and community members will engage in meaningful opportunities to learn together about our shared histories and to build stronger relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples. The Urban Indigenous Education Centre (UIEC) will be hosting a number of events to support students and staff to learn from Indigenous Peoples.

EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION



Early French Immersion  
Begins in Junior Kindergarten

Applications Open: October 31, 2022  
Deadline to Apply: November 25, 2022



Apply Online at [www.tdsb.on.ca/french](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/french)



(Junior Kindergarten Entry) Application Deadline

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's system-wide French Immersion Program, we offer an online process to apply for Early French Immersion (begins in JK). An offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants. Families with an older sibling currently in an Early French Immersion program are still required to complete an online application for the new student.

The timeline to apply to the program for September 2023 is:  
Early French Immersion: Applications must be completed online between October 31 and November 25, 2022. For more information, please visit: Early French Immersion, Virtual & In-Person Information Sessions or the Application Process.



# PERTH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hello everyone!

We hope this last full week of October is treating you all well. Here are some updates from the Perth school council this week.

## Oct. 12 School Council Meeting

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend this meeting. There was a ton of great information shared and important conversations were held.

A few subcommittees were formed, including the new **Extracurriculars Subcommittee**, which will offer parents/caregivers at Perth a chance to support extracurricular activities at the school. The other subcommittees are:

- Fundraising
- Outdoor Education
- Pizza Day

Details about how to volunteer to be part of a subcommittee will be shared shortly, but you can always reach out at [perthschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:perthschoolcouncil@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

The new Perth school council exec was also announced at this meeting. **The 2022–2023 Perth school council exec is:**

Jessica McQuoid  
Tugce Sahin  
Bilqis Williams  
Laeticia Diniz

You can watch a recording of the meeting using this link:

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/rec/share/cl5xqYjHfaDHykf4MZz4eKEsSg7eZIUal-gft6OjcnadywiLR-Z53c8GsRmXic6.cmPoQMCL0mHyPXiR>

And you can find the meeting minutes at this link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/17TCLsIZvkQxaYyqVHkkcZO92DpINDTIZ/view?usp=sharing>



## Junction Triangle Craft Show



The Junction Triangle Craft Show, which is happening on **Saturday Dec. 10** at Perth, and is a fundraiser for the school and a great community building effort, is looking for vendors. This show is always really well attended and is a wonderful opportunity for vendors. Please reach out at [Junctiontrianglecraftshow@gmail.com](mailto:Junctiontrianglecraftshow@gmail.com) if you'd like to sell your goods there or have questions.

They will also be looking for volunteers to help out on the day of, so please keep your eyes out for that call out.

### 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](mailto: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/](http://www.perthschoolcouncil.com/), which has tons of information Perth families need, including an event calendar.

Thank you for reading. We hope you have a fantastic weekend!



