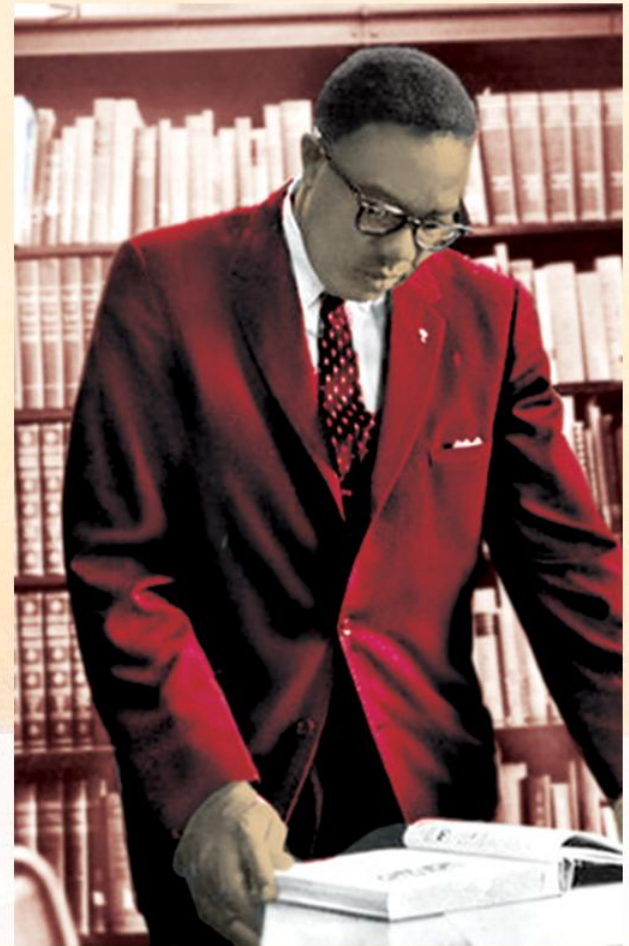


# The Leonard Braithwaite Program

**Secondary Africentric**

**Grade 8 Student &  
Parent/Guardian  
Information Session**

**January 2013**



## TDSB Specialized Programs

- The TDSB is committed to developing programs that inspire *all* learners to strive for personal success and create opportunities for students to discover their full potential.
- A key part of this is to provide students with greater **choice** and a **range of program options**.
- We're excited to offer specialized programs that give students the choice to focus their education on their interests.



# The Leonard Braithwaite Program

- The Leonard Braithwaite Program is Canada's first secondary Africentric program.
- The program is offered at Winston Churchill Collegiate Institute – a dynamic and vibrant school in Toronto's east end.



# The Leonard Braithwaite Program

- The program is currently offered at the Grade 9 level and enrollment is open to all students who live in Toronto.
- We are excited to present a “**de-streamed**” cohort program, where all students will have access to the academic designation for all core subjects.
- With the success of the elementary Africentric Alternative School, a secondary Africentric pathway provides an option for students wishing to continue in a program with the same guiding principles.



# The Leonard Braithwaite Program

- The Leonard Braithwaite Program gives students the chance to learn the provincial curriculum through the diverse perspectives, experiences and histories of people from the African Diaspora.
- An Africentric approach to learning is embedded in each course and the curriculum draws on African-centered sources of knowledge and perspectives to create a rich and diverse educational experience.
- The program aims to strengthen positive self-concept and create an environment of excellence, excitement and engagement for all students.



## Africentric Courses

Students in the Leonard Braithwaite Program can take the following courses with an Africentric focus:

### Compulsory Courses

- English
- Geography
- Principles of Mathematics
- Science
- Core French

### Elective Courses

- Drama
- Music
- Information & Communication Technology in Business



Students can also take the following non-Africentric courses: Health & Physical Education, Technological Education, and Food & Nutrition

## Life at Churchill

- There are many ways for students to get involved in the school community at Winston Churchill CI. From sports teams and clubs, to student and athletic councils, to supporting humanitarian causes, Churchill offers a wide range of activities for students.
- There are more than 60 different activities and opportunities available to Churchill students, including:
  - Art Club
  - Basketball, Football, Cross Country, Track and Field, Volleyball, and more.
  - Black History Month Activities
  - Boys 2 Men
  - Chess Club
  - Cultural Connections Events and Show
  - Environmental Action Committee
  - Girls' Group
  - Inclusive library collection with a dedicated space for Leonard Braithwaite Program students, parents and community
  - Leadership Camp, Power Your Future Program, Student Activity Council
  - Technology: 6 Laptop Carts (180 laptops total), 5 Computer Labs (100+ computers total), Smart Boards, Document Cameras in every department



## Key Outcomes for Students

- The Leonard Braithwaite Program has three key outcomes for its students:
  - High academic achievement
  - High self and cultural pride
  - A high motivation to succeed in post secondary opportunities, professional careers and beyond
- Additional support services will be available to encourage optimal opportunities for academic enrichment, student-community engagement and civic leadership.





# The Africentric Curriculum

- The Africentric curriculum aims to place students, or center them, within the context of familiar cultural and social references from their own historical settings.
- This is a process of cultural grounding, empowering students through their culture and centering them within their own cultural framework.

# The Africentric Curriculum

- Collective Work & Responsibility
- Unity
- Culture
- Building Respectful Relationships
- Historical Context
- Anti-oppression Framework
- Asset-based approach to families and communities

## How To Register

The application is for students wishing to start the program September 2013.

Registration forms can be found at  
**[www.lifeatchurchill.com](http://www.lifeatchurchill.com)** and submitted by:

**Fax:** 416-396-6893

**Mail:** 2239 Lawrence Avenue East, Scarborough ON, M1P 2P7

Please work through your school's Guidance Counsellor, and complete and submit a Leonard Braithwaite Program registration form.



## Something to think about...

**“Until the lions have their own historians, the history of the hunt will always glorify the hunter.”**

**(Chinua Achebe)**