

AMG Weekly Message
Jan 7, 2022

Week 1 of Remote Learning in 2022 is done! 3 days that felt like 5. I'm going to guess a few understanding nods out there. On Monday morning the school and teachers were getting ready for in-person, only to have to switch it up and prepare for virtual school later that afternoon. Was it smooth, not at all, and we appreciate all your patience and support as we get settled into online learning. Staff are working hard to get schedules in place, devices out to students, working through all the technical difficulties, while maintaining and building connections with your children. Lots of learning on both ends with students and families and ourselves. Enjoy a well deserved weekend, we will be back for a fresh start on Monday morning. Take care and stay safe.

Library Commons – January Slides

[Tech tips, read alouds, coding resources, have a look.](#) Resources that can be used by teachers and families to further the learning.

Technical Support and FAQs

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/School-Year-2021-22/Virtual-Learning/Student-Virtual-Learning-IT-Support>

[Student Virtual Learning Technology FAQ](#)

\$50 Grocery Cards for Families

We are pleased to let you know that the Toronto Foundation for Student Success has secured some additional funds, and are able to provide nutritional support for students. We are able to distribute \$50 grocery cards to families. Please email your child's teacher, Ms. Sheehan (michelle.sheehan@tdsb.on.ca) or myself with the following if you request a food card:

Your Name:

Student Name(s):

Address/Unit#:

Postal Code:

By sending this information you are consenting to having the information provided shared with the Toronto Foundation for Student Success so the cards can be directly mailed to your home.

Please reply by January 14. Thank you!

Mental Health and Well-Being Supports

Virtual Drop in where parents/caregivers can connect with Professional Support Service staff to ask questions/get recommendations related to their child's mental health and wellbeing. Please see link for the hours.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/School-Year-2021-22/Mental-Health-and-Well-Being/Virtual-Office-Hours>

The TDSB GSA Network is a virtual Gender & Sexuality Alliance for middle and secondary students. See their [website](#) for meeting details and resources.

Elementary Switching (in-person vs. virtual learning) – Last Day

The Switch Form for elementary students (Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8) will be open from Friday, December 3, 2021 to Friday, January 7, 2022. Families and students who do not wish to make a change do not need to complete a form. Classes will reflect changes due to switches beginning

on February 22, 2022. If you completed the form previously and want to make a change you can complete the form once again with your updated request.

[Elementary Switch Form](#)

Code of Conduct

Virtual learning is a fairly new experience for students, teachers and parents/guardians in response to COVID-19. While virtual learning is taking place at home, the same responsibilities and expectations of students and parents/guardians apply as they do for in-person learning. This includes existing board policies and procedures such as the TDSB Online Code of Conduct. Outlined within the [TDSB Virtual Schools Code of Conduct](#) are guidelines and expectations for schools/educators, students and parents/guardians as well as information regarding privacy issues and expectations related to online learning.

TIPS ON HOW TO PREPARE FOR LEARNING:

- Set up a workspace for your child(ren), this could include sharpened pencils, markers, paper etc.
- If there are different family members working in proximity, headphones are best
- Have some snacks prepared for your child so that they can access them on their own if you are busy with work
- Continue to have daily routines that support your child in having enough time to eat and prepare for learning
- When your child is on a virtual session, help build independence and perseverance from the start.
- For example: It is expected that cameras are on for live teaching sessions. This supports community building and feeling connected to their peers and teachers.

Upcoming Virtual Open Houses

[City View Open House Flyer](#)

[Delta Alternative Open House Flyer](#)

Middle French Immersion Application Process – Grade 4 Entry

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's system-wide Middle French Immersion Program (begins in Grade 4), we offer an online process to apply. To apply for the Middle French Immersion Program (Grade 4 entry) for September 2022, applications must be completed online between January 3 and January 28, 2022. <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Application-Process/Middle-French-Immersion>