



Thank you for your support during virtual learning during these past couple of weeks. As we prepare for a safe return to school, please review and become familiar with the new [screening tool](#), including the second page which provides direction on isolation measures in a variety of scenarios based on age and vaccination status. Please take the time to read through the screener carefully and do not send your child to school if he/she or anyone in your family is experiencing the symptoms listed. All students received a box of rapid antigen tests prior to the break, and if you still have any left, consider using it prior to the return to school on Monday.

After reviewing the screening questions, please sign the health pass that is on your child's backpack. We will hand out new health passes on Monday when they return to school.

Please do not send your child to school if they are sick with any symptoms - please view the below link for more information.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1X2Pgk739kFJcql_YFxLXfO-fVkwUhjPi2cXALzNc5iw/mobilepresent?slide=id.g10b5faac175_1_5

At Alvin Curling School we will continue to cohort our students and use the HEPA filters that are in all of our instructional areas. Please help us keep everyone safe by **reminding your child(ren)** about the importance of wearing a mask properly and for those who must stay for lunch to refrain from talking *while their mask is removed*. If an adult is home and your child is able to go home for lunch this is recommended as well.

Also, please continue to read the messages being sent by TDSB regarding the return to in-person learning. Here is the link to yesterday's update for parents.
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1753/Message-from-the-Director-Return-to-School-Update>

We are looking forward to seeing our students back to school on Monday. **If you have borrowed a device from the school, please ensure that it also gets returned as soon as possible.** We need all of our devices back in classrooms.

We will be hosting a **Question and Answer session for parents on Tuesday, January 18th from 6:30 -7:15 pm** to help answer any questions you may have about the return to school. Please join us by zoom on Tuesday evening - the link will be sent Tuesday morning.

Covid Vaccine Information Session

The East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club is hosting an information session for parents on the covid vaccine on Thursday, January 20th at 1:30 - see [Flyer](#) if interested.



January is Tamil Heritage Month at the TDSB

Tamil Heritage Month is proudly recognized during the month of January at the Toronto District School Board. This year our theme for Tamil Heritage Month is: Our Histories. Our Legacies. Our Homelands. (எமது வரலாறுகள். எமது மரபுகள். எமது தாயகங்கள்).

Each one of us carries a unique story and experience that we either bring into this country or is shared to us by our families. As Canadians from many facets of life these identities shape who we are and build the foundation of this great nation. Our Histories/எமது வரலாறுகள் speaks to the lived or shared history each of us carry. Our Legacies/எமது மரபுகள் addresses what we either left behind in our native country or have created for ourselves that sets us apart from others. Our Homelands/எமது தாயகங்கள் recognizes that each one of us can have more than one homeland and each lived experience makes us stronger.

Toronto has the largest Tamil population outside of the South Asian subcontinent with thousands of TDSB students and staff members identified 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.

For further information about Tamil Heritage Month, please view this [power point](#) on interesting facts on Tamil customs and traditions.