

# Central Technical School

## NEWSLETTER

April 2, 2026

### BEA is an OFSAA CHAMPION!



On behalf of our entire school community, I am absolutely thrilled to extend a massive congratulations to **Bea Abad** for her phenomenal performance at the OFSAA Wrestling Championship! Bea absolutely dominated the mat, winning all four of her matches to bring home the prestigious gold medal in the girls' 41 kg division. This is an incredible testament to her grit, discipline, and champion spirit. Of course, behind every great athlete is a dedicated support system. A huge thank you goes out to **Coach Dwayne** and **Mr. Druery** for their dedication to all of our wrestling athletes, and especially for guiding and supporting Bea on her journey to becoming a provincial champion. Bea, you have made us all incredibly proud!

### CTS Dominates TDSB Skills Competition!

We are incredibly proud of our talented students who absolutely swept the TDSB Skills Competition, bringing home a staggering **6 Gold, 6 Silver, and 6 Bronze medals!** Congratulations to all of our competitors for showcasing such incredible craft and dedication. A special shout-out and good luck to our gold medalists who will be moving forward to represent us at the **Ontario Skills Competition on May 5th!**

#### TDSB Skills Medalists

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Plumbing	Timothy Lee	Christian Gregorio	Daniel Zhang

<b>Electrical Installation</b>	Julian Drake	Suleiman Babiker	Habeeb Madani
<b>Fashion</b>	—	Mila Henning	—
<b>Carpentry (Individual)</b>	Goncalo Costa Freitas	—	—
<b>Hairstyling</b>	—	Miley Furtado	—
<b>Auto Service Tech</b>	Tyresse Shorter	Trishan Rameshraj	—
<b>Outdoor Power Equip.</b>	—	—	Darren McDowald
<b>Baking</b>	—	—	Paulina Jussal
<b>Culinary Arts</b>	Edmond Ardaba	Dilan Ferreira	—
<b>Photography</b>	Nai Bobyk	—	Orly Kaya
<b>Graphic Design</b>	—	—	Kieran Sa'd

Success like this doesn't happen in a vacuum. A huge thank you to our incredible Chairs and Teacher Advisors for their guidance and expertise: *Robert Schrader, Lucio*

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Stavole, Penelope Parish, Annabel Fleming, Andrew Zalewski, Nitcha Kalerante, Kevin Fam, Christina Leckie, Andrew Frade, and Rachel Rosen.

## Indigenous Word of the Month:

To honour the arrival of spring, this month's Indigenous word is **flower**. Here are those words in the language of the groups recognized in the TDSB Land Acknowledgement:

Anishinaabe: **waabigwan** (courtesy of the *The Ojibwe People's Dictionary*; includes pronunciation)

Haudenosaunee: **otsí:tšya** (courtesy of *Mohawk Language in the Workplace* pg. 11)

Wendat: **otsi'tsa'** (courtesy of the *English-Wendat Dictionary*; includes pronunciation)

## School Council (Parent Council):

The next Council meeting is **Tuesday, April 17th at 7 pm**. The meeting will be virtual. The link for the meeting is below:

### School (Parent) Council Meeting

School (Parent) Council

Tuesday, April 14 · 7:00 – 8:00pm

Time zone: America/Toronto

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/rtd-pgrz-nvu>

Or dial: (US) +1 316-530-5508 PIN: 687 162 413#

In the meantime, if you would like to learn more about School Councils, click here:

<https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/csww/school-council?authuser=0>

## Library Learning Commons:

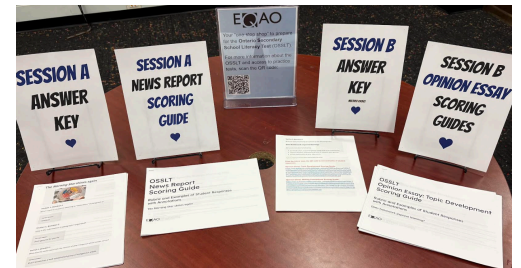
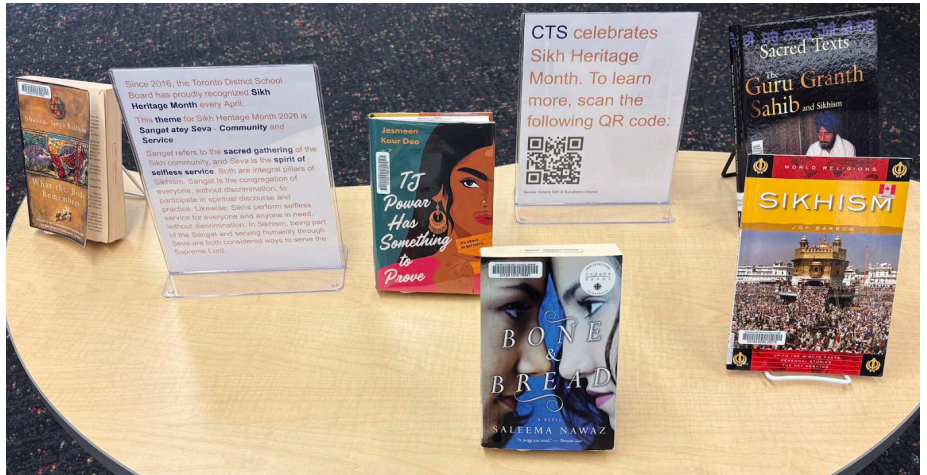
We celebrated Greek Heritage Month in the Library Learning Commons. March is a significant month for the Hellenic Community and March 25 is celebrated each year as Greek Independence Day. Proclaiming March as Hellenic Heritage Month provides an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the outstanding achievements and contributions of the Hellenic Canadians in the province.

In April, the LLC will celebrate Sikh Heritage Month. This year's theme is *Sangat atey Seva - Community and Service*. *Sangat* refers to the sacred gathering of the Sikh

community, and Seva is the spirit of selfless service. Both are integral pillars of Sikhism. Sangat is the congregation of everyone, without discrimination, to participate in spiritual discourse and practice.

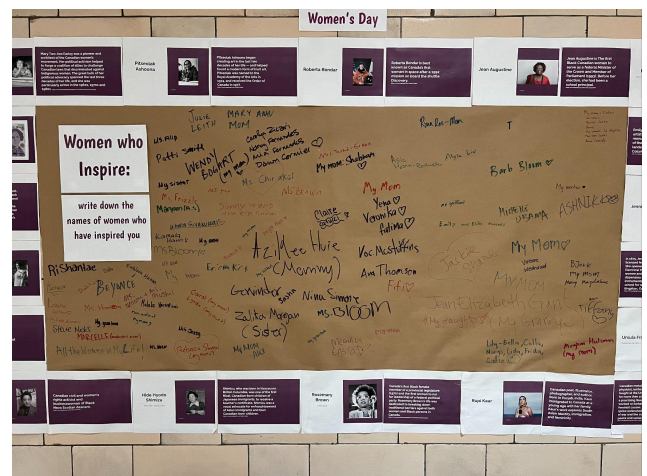
Likewise, Sikhs perform selfless service for everyone and anyone in need, without discrimination. In Sikhism, being part of the Sangat and serving humanity through Seva are both considered ways to serve the Supreme Lord.

With the arrival of the spring Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) window, we are supporting our first-time and previously eligible students with this one-stop shop to prepare for the OSSLT. Grade 10 English classes and previously eligible students have been engaging in workshops in the LLC.



### International Women’s Day:

The CTS feminist club celebrated International Women’s Day the week of March 2-6 with a slide deck of Influential Women around the world, a movie lunch, and with a display in the front foyer honouring the contributions of Canadian Women and Inspirational Women in our own lives. Students and staff were able to think and reflect on the progress we have made and encouraged us to continue to fight towards achieving gender equity for all women.



### Senior Visual Arts:

Senior Visual Art students have been working with professional artists to create pieces that will be on display at the Hallway Galleries at Daniels Spectrum. Come support your

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CTS friends at the opening reception on April 16th from 6:00 - 8:30. The exhibition runs from April 9th - April 21st.



## Co-operative Education at CTS:

Our Co-op program is off to a fantastic start this semester! Students are actively engaged in placements across our community, gaining valuable hands-on experience in a wide range of fields. From carpentry and auto service to plumbing, electrical work, hairstyling, healthcare, hospitality, accounting, customer service and even military infantry, our students are developing practical skills while exploring future career pathways.

Students interested in Co-op are encouraged to visit Room 415 for more information or to ask questions about next year's opportunities. Please note that some specialized or central programs offered in Semester 1 require an early application, typically due in May.

If you know of a business or organization that would be interested in hosting a Co-op student next year, we would love to hear from you. Please reach out to our Guidance department.



## Celebration of Graduates for our Specialized Co-op Program

We would like to Congratulate Austin Li who Graduated his Military Basic Training on Saturday March 28th at Fort York. As part of our specialized co-op program, Austin is currently training with the 32 Brigade Army Infantry of the Canadian Armed Forces. Basic training is both difficult and rigorous, and not all recruits make it to graduation,

making this achievement especially meaningful. Austin's dedication, perseverance and commitment to excellence are truly commendable. We wish him continued success as he continues on to the next phase of his military training.



### **Grade 10 LAWS:**

Grade 10 LAWS classes, accompanied by Ms Testa-Mughal and Mr Kirsch-Spring, attended the annual Rights & Responsibilities conference at Osgoode Hall Law school, York University. The conference brought together students from

across several TDSB partner core program schools - CW Jefferys Collegiate, Westview Centennial, Downsview Secondary and Central Technical School - where students engaged in discussions and challenged their notions around rights, responsibilities, and legal consciousness among young people in society.



The conference featured a day of interactive rights-themed activities and workshops. Workshops ranged from a variety of incredible organizations, for example, the Canadian Civil Liberties Education Trust (CCLET) and the Ontario Justice Education Network (OJEN).

### **Key Club:**



On the weekend of March 27th, students were invited to the Kiwanis Eastern Canada- District Education and Leadership Conference at the Don Valley Hotel. Key Club members worked with other like minded students from across the province to build leadership skills, engage in workshops and exchange ideas on how their respective clubs can engage in community service for the benefit of others.

On March 31st, three of our Key Club leaders, Arabella Deen, Lila Klassen and Evalisa Rosaldo were invited to Casa Loma for the annual Key Club President's dinner. At the dinner, Key Club leaders from across the GTA presented the work they have been doing

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over the past year as well as their future endeavours. Arabella prepared and delivered a memorable speech which received a rich round of applause from the audience as she regaled them with the many activities that the club have engaged in this past year, raising significant funds for charitable causes.



If you are interested in participating in Key Club, please join the Google Classroom-(Code: xpwxzin)

## Guidance

### Summer School Registration

- **TDSB Summer School Registration opens April 28 @ 10am.**
  - Information page: [TDSB Summer School Information](#)
  - Registration page: [Summer School Registration](#)
- **eLearning** (asynchronous learning model) registration opens **April 21 @ 10am.** These courses fill quickly!!
  - Information page: [Summer eLearning Information](#)
  - Registration page: [e-Summer School Registration](#)

### Dual Credits

Students can still enrol in spring Dual Credits! Dual credits are College courses that are offered to high school students. Upon completion of a Dual Credit course, the student earns a college credit **and** a high school credit. These spring courses will run twice per week or one full day per week for May and June. Priority will be given to grade 12 students. Here are the courses available:

#### Centennial College:

- Baking Fundamentals
- Culinary Fundamentals
- Engines 1

#### George Brown College:

- Baking & Pastry for Cooks

#### Humber (North):

- Skin Care Techniques
- Photography - Image Capture and Editing

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### Seneca (Newnham):

- Beauty & Glamour Makeup Techniques
- Flight Attendant Specific - Policies and Procedures
- Colour and Fashion Trends

If interested, see your guidance ASAP as these courses fill quickly!

### Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines:



#### LusoGolf Bursary for Graduating Student of Portuguese/Luso Heritage

If you are a student of Portuguese heritage, and if you have financial need, and are entering college/university in September, please see Mr. Cormier ([Michael.Cormier@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Michael.Cormier@tdsb.on.ca)).

- **University Women's Club (UWC) Scholarship**
  - Are you a high-achieving female student, who has overcome obstacles, and have financial need, this scholarships of **\$10,000** could be yours.
  - Application due to Mr. Cormier by **May 1, 2026**.  
Contact Mr. Cormier ([Michael.Cormier@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Michael.Cormier@tdsb.on.ca)) if you are interested.
- **[The Jerome Henry Foundation Scholarship](#) May 31, 2026**
- **[The Meridian Sean Jackson Award](#) - April 30, 2026**
- **[Odenza Vacations College Scholarship](#) - May 1, 2026**
- **[Scotiabank Awards](#) - April 24, 2026**
- **[The Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarship](#) - April 15, 2026**
- **[The Bridges EDU Scholarship](#) - June 30, 2026**

### Tutoring:

- We are looking for Volunteer Peer Tutors for all subject areas. **Earn volunteer hours!**  
If you are interested, please complete this Google form:  
[I would like to be a peer tutor!](#)
- **Free Math Help - Grade 6 - 12:** <https://www.tvomathify.com/students>
- **Extra Help @ CTS:** Check out this extra help schedule: [CTS Homework Clubs](#)

### Commencement:

- ★ For students graduating in this 2025-2026 school year, the commencement ceremony will be held on **Thursday, June 25, 2026**. More information to follow.



Created in 1999, we work in partnership with the Children's Aid Foundation of Canada to provide free formal wear and accessories to **female-identifying** high school students unable to purchase their own prom attire. The Corsage Project accepts students referred by their schools or through social service agencies. These students will be formally invited to attend our 'Boutique Ball' on

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Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 at Rosedale School of the Arts. ***Please contact your guidance counsellor by April 15th, 2026 if you are interested in participating.***

### **Help and Distress Lines**

- [Kids Help Line](#)
- [What's Up Walk In](#)
- [Mental Health TO](#)
- [Black Youth Helpline](#)
- [LGBT Youthline](#)
- [Naseeha](#) - Mental health hotline, resources, workshops, web therapy and more for Muslim and non-Muslim youth and individuals.
- [Indigenous Youth Help Line](#)
- 911

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- **Grade 7 Tour Day May 28** if interested contact Mr. Rasmussen
- We will need volunteers for this years commencement in June. Contact Mr. Rasmussen
- St Alban's Community Centre is looking for summer volunteers. You can contact them at (416) 534-8461

### **Employment Opportunities**

- Want a job and paid training to get that job? Apply with Youth Employment Services. For more information and to apply online visit <https://www.yes.on.ca/>
- Camp Wanakita is hiring staff for the summer. Want to get out of the city and work at a camp this summer? For further information or to apply online visit [ymcawanakita.ca](http://ymcawanakita.ca)

### **Free Math Help - Grade 6 - 12**

- <https://www.tvomathify.com/students>

### **Google Classroom Codes:**

\_Grade 9/10: [invite link](#)

Grade 11/12: [invite link](#)

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

**March 31st - April 17th:** OSSLT window

**April 14th:** Term 1 ends

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**April 16th:** Sex Trafficking Presentation - Grade 9s - Period 2

**April 22nd:** Report Card Distribution

**May 7th:** Contact Photography Festival

**May 8th:** Level Up Day

**May 13th:** Prom

**May 21st:** Spring Music Festival and Art Show

**May 28th:** Engagement Night for Parents of Black Children

**June 2nd:** Juneteenth

**June 9th:** Athletic Banquet

**June 25th:** Commencement

### **Late Start Schedule:**

April 22, 2026	April 29, 2026	<b>P. 1: 9:55 am - 10: 55 am</b> <b>P2: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm</b> <b>Lunch: 12:00 pm - 1:05 pm</b> <b>P3: 1:05 pm - 2:10 pm</b> <b>P4: 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm</b> <b>*** We ask that your student does not come to school until 9:45 am.</b>
May 20, 2026	May 27, 2026	

### **Attention Parents & Caregivers in Wards**

**1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 14, 17, 20, 22**

The Parent Involvement Advisory Committee of the Toronto District School Board will be holding elections for new Ward Co-Representatives in Wards 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 14, 17, 20, & 22.

The nomination and voter registration period runs from Monday, March 23rd through Monday, April 6th @ 11:59PM.

To register either as a nominee or a voter, please complete this form: [Qualtrics Survey | Qualtrics Experience Management](#)

You will not be able to vote in the election unless you register by filling out the form above by April 6th.

The election will be held electronically between [April 16th and 27th](#) via an Election Buddy link

sent to your email. You can also request a paper ballot that can be completed in person at the TDSB offices at 5050 Yonge St.

The eligibility criteria for ward co-rep nomination and voter registration are the same. For each, you must meet at least ONE of the following, per Ontario Regulations 612/00 and 330/10:

- You reside in the ward.
- You have a child who attends school in the ward.
- You have a child who lives in the ward.

## FAQs

What if I meet the eligibility criteria in multiple wards?:

- You can register to vote and cast one vote in each ward in which you are eligible.
- You can run for ward co-rep in multiple wards, but you can only fill the position in one ward.

What if I am not yet a Canadian citizen?:

- Being a citizen or having permanent immigration status is not part of the eligibility requirement to either vote or run for PIAC ward co-rep.

How do I know my ward?:

- See ward maps here: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/PDF-Map>

## From the Community:



**AMESBURY SOFTBALL**  
AMESBURY PARK  
1507 Lawrence Ave W.

**COME JOIN US:**  
MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>

**BRING YOUR GLOVES AND LET'S HAVE FUN**

**AGES:**  
TYKE (4-8)  
SQUIRT (8-12)  
PEEWEE (12-17)

JOIN NOW  
\$200.00

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[amesburysoftball.ca](http://amesburysoftball.ca)

AMESBURY SPORTS CLUB  
MINOR SOFTBALL

QR code for registration



**PIAC** Parent Involvement Advisory Committee

Your Voice, Your Vote: Shaping PIAC Together.

**MARCH 23, 2026**  
**Call for Nominations Open**  
Official announcement marking the start of the nomination process for parent representatives.

**APRIL 6, 2026**  
**Deadline for both nominations and voter registration**  
Form closes at 11:59 PM. TDSB staff will verify all eligibility criteria for candidates and voters.

**APRIL 15, 2026**  
**Candidate Slate Published & Voter Registration**  
Verified candidates list posted on [torontopiacc.com](http://torontopiacc.com) & TDSB PIAC Elections Webpage for public view.

**APRIL 16-27, 2026**  
**Voting Period**  
Online voting via ElectionBuddy with unique ballot links sent to verified voters. Paper ballot requests may be completed at 5050 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario.

**PIAC's Role & Transparency**  
PIAC ensures parent engagement to improve student achievement and well-being. These elections ensure transparent and equitable leadership. These elections ensure trust and collaboration within the TDSB community. Your participation within the TDSB community, your participation matters.

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