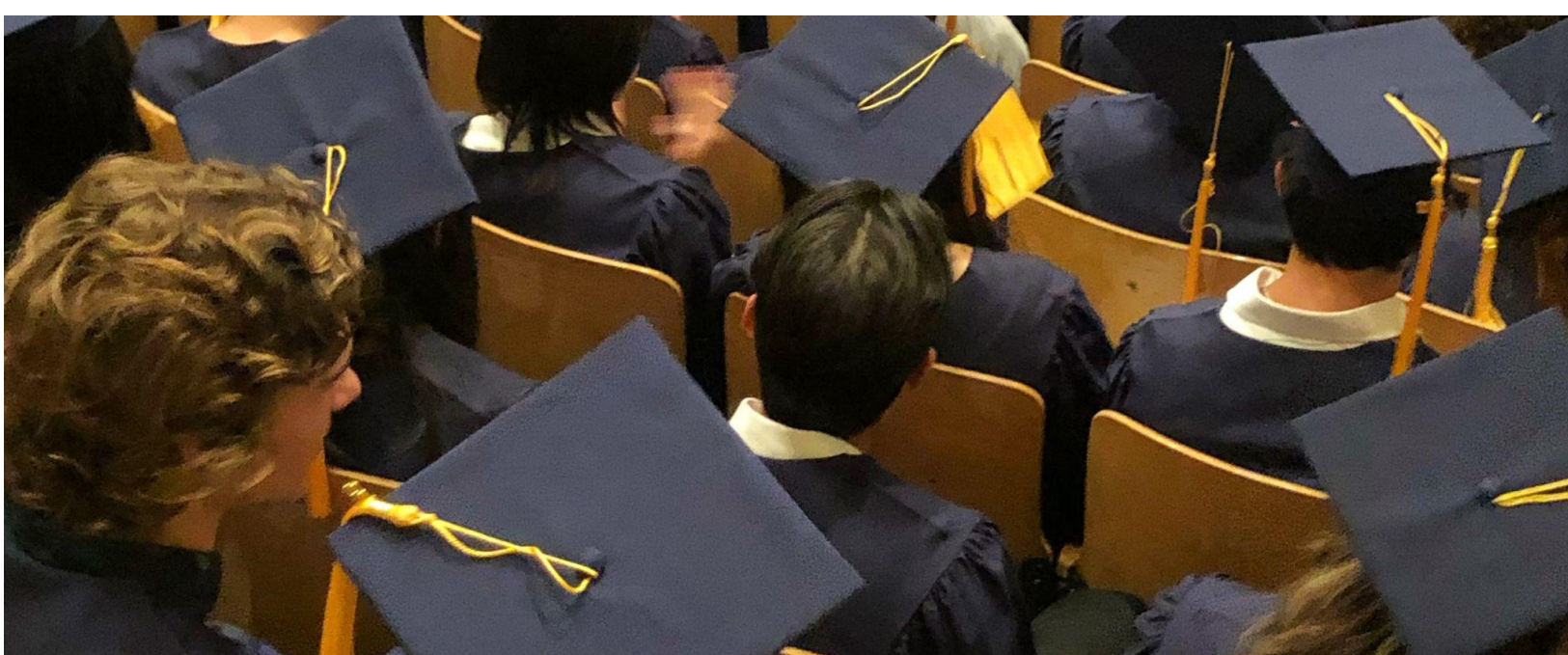


Central Technical School

NEWSLETTER

November 1st, 2022

A time to celebrate, reminisce and reflect - 107th Commencement Ceremony



107th Commencement Ceremony

On October 6th, we welcomed back our graduating class of 2022 and their families to celebrate, reminisce and reflect on their time at CTS. It was a joyous evening, filled with speeches, awards, smiles, yummy food and pictures. It was so nice to reconnect with graduates to see what they have been up to and how this new chapter of their lives has been progressing. Rona Moshini, the valedictorian spoke about just how special CTS is:

"My former classmates, have you recognised just how willing you've been to help each other succeed, including me? There is always someone willing to help with classwork, someone willing to share notes, or someone willing to encourage you as you miss every shot in the basketball game (I am sorry to my

teammates). These actions may seem common sense to many of you, but I promise it is not the norm. I didn't have classmates like you in middle school where everything was a competition and passing was an individual struggle. And I have yet to experience that at my university. Our school has always had an unspoken unity, and I am honoured to have contributed in any way."

School Council:

Our school council met in October, and overwhelmingly parents/caregivers and guardians asked for more support in understanding graduation requirements, how to assist their child with MyBluePrint and how to use Bright Space. Our next meeting has been rescheduled from November 22nd to **November 29th** and will be hosted via zoom at **6 pm**.

At this meeting the Guidance department will be presenting on graduation requirements, courses and programs available at CTS. All parents/caregivers/guardians are welcome to attend. Zoom registration can be found [here](#).

Communication:

Please ensure your child has downloaded the [TDSB Connects App](#). This app is essential to student life at CTS. Their timetable, announcements, code of conduct and much more is available on this App.

As well please ensure your child has paid for their **student activity card**. This allows students to take part in clubs, attend games and events. Money collected goes back to students and activities they participate in. Fees can be paid at **School Cash Online-->** <https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

Re-Imagining Learning at CTS:

13 students at CTS have been working closely with staff and I-Think of the Rotman Institute (UofT) to reimagine learning at CTS, and create CTS's new vision and mission, and develop a plan to actualize them. To date, students have led focus groups in classes asking, "How would you describe CTS and what kind of school do you want moving forward?" The students learned that relationships matter, students want more connection to community and students want more practical/pragmatic courses. The students who led the focus groups are proud that they were comfortable with public

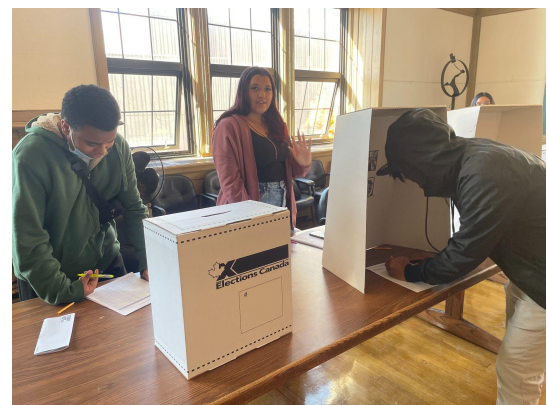
speaking, they were organized to lead the groups and finally, that they were able to curate information that could potentially help the school.

Next, students are gaining the skills to lead open-ended interviews with leaders in both the TDSB and larger community. Some of the folks students will be speaking and listening to are: Colleen Russell-Rawlins (the director of the TDSB), Nick Bertrand (Education Officer at the Ministry of Education, Indigenous Education) and Rachelle Bloomfield (PeaceBuilders facilitator - focussing on restorative justice).

The students are gaining the skills and confidence to lead groups of people, and the tasks they are completing are stretching their creativity and imagination on what school can look like that supports and engages students. The work is super exciting and I am proud of these young people.

Student Vote

Student Vote Canada occurred on October 24th, the same day as our Municipal election. It allows students to participate in the democratic process and cast ballots for Mayor, City Councillor, and TDSB School Trustee. Students were enthusiastic throughout the day-long process and will continue to be involved in current events and politics in the future because of programs like this.



Celebrating Indigenous Excellence



The Canadian and World Studies department is also celebrating a variety of Indigenous peoples across a wide array of occupations by displaying their pictures and brief biographies in our hallway. They include artists, authors, musicians, activists, athletes, lawyers, politicians, storytellers, and doctors.

Grade 11 and 12 Photography Students Practice Film Photography in the City

On October 21, AWQ3/4M students accompanied by Ms. Cuevas and Mr. Bein travelled to Brookfield Place in Toronto for the World Press Photo Exhibition on its worldwide tour showcasing the stories that matter with photography from the 65th annual World Press Photo Contest.



Each equipped with a fully mechanical Pentax K-1000 film camera and a roll of black and white film, students learned to appreciate the benefits of slowing down through the slow processes involved in taking a good picture—careful observation, framing of a scene, and the manual control of aperture, shutter speed and focus. The exhibition was spectacular and moving and

students had the opportunity to photograph a variety of architectural elements and people in the city. It was great fun for everyone in attendance.

Hospitality!

With fall celebrations occurring, the Hospitality classes have been working on making yummy treats.



Transportation



Drilling and tapping photos: at this station students went through the process of correctly identifying the size 3 shop fasteners, selecting a drill bit and tap size using the drill/tap chart, and creating the threads within an aluminum blank. This skill is necessary when repairing or making threads in such items as cylinder heads.

Panel project: at this station students are to use their tool and mathematical skills to create a miniature door panel similar to an actual door skin on a vehicle. From the instruction package, students must learn various tools and machinery to create and assemble this project. These include, riveting, metal shear, metal

bending, gas welding, mid welding, and brazing. These skills will lend themselves nicely to a future career in the autobody sector and collision repair specialist.

Tire changer and balancer: at this station students must learn how to correctly remove & replace a tire and balance it. The skills learned from this project are a part of a greater unit where students must learn various types of maintenance and service procedures necessary for accessing the general condition of a vehicle for a customer or a first time buyer.

Extracurriculars

GIRLS BASKETBALL!

Congratulations to the Jr Girls Basketball Team for their undefeated regular season record of 6-0! Registering wins over Northern, Harbord and Parkdale in regular league play, and defeating Greenwood and Northern in a tournament earlier in the season. The team will be taking on #2 East York C.I. in the semi-finals on Monday Nov. 7th.



Winter Sports are starting!

- Badminton
- Sr. Boys' Basketball
- Jr. Boys' Basketball
- Sr. Boys' Indoor Soccer
- Jr. Boys' Indoor Soccer
- Girls' Indoor Soccer
- Swimming
- Girls' Volleyball
- Wrestling

All students who participate in a school team must pay their **ATHLETIC FEE (\$40)**. The athletic fee helps cover the costs associated with referees, transportation to away games, new uniforms and Athletic Banquet.

School Cash Online-->

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com>



Clay Club:

Clay Club has begun! We meet on Thursdays at lunch (and sometimes after school) in room A205 in the Art Building. You can make pottery or sculpture or just hang out & muck around!


Math Support:

As well we will be offering drop-in tutoring sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. If your child is interested in this, please email your guidance counselor.

Important Upcoming Dates:

November 9th: End of term 1

November 15th : Mid-term reports will be sent home.





**Need Help in
Grade 9 and 10
Math?**

Come to get help at
LUNCH
every Tuesday and Thursday
in
Room 504
Bring your lunch!

See your marks increase!

**Math help that YOU can
count on!**

Sponsored by your friendly CTS math teachers



November 21st: Open House - information about classes and programs offered at CTS! All are welcome.

December 1 and 2: OSSLT for grade 10 students currently taking English class

Where are CTS grads now?

Each month we would like to feature graduates from CTS. If you, your child, a sibling or a friend is a graduate and want to be featured, please send information to:

centraltechnicalschool@tdsb.on.ca

Justin Korz

Graduated class of 2007 and was part of the football teams and tier 2 rugby champions. I also was part of the drama club which went to the Sears Drama festival.

What he's doing now: Since graduation I have taken the lessons and amazing experiences that Central Tech taught me and have gone on to become a Community Worker where I am now the Executive Director for a community based organization in Cambridge. Without Central Tech and great teachers, like Ms Boutier (former CTS teacher) and others I wouldn't be where I am today.

Laura Monsalve

Graduated class of 2017: I attended Central Technical School from grade 9-12, graduating in 2017. My time there was wonderful, I chose to come there for the programs and courses that this unique high-school offered. During my time there I was part of the student council, the LAWS program and took courses such as welding, small engines and automotive. I can happily look back and say that every single one of those opportunities gave me a unique experience. I was able to learn and take away something important from each and everyone one of them.

What she's doing now: After graduation, I took some time off to think about future prospects for myself which then led me to joining and serving in the Canadian Armed Forces. It has been about 5 years since my enlistment. I am currently serving as an Aviation Systems Technician with the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command. The day to day of my job comes down to maintaining, repairing and servicing our aircraft platform. My time in the forces has been a very unique and amazing experience.

Ashley Harripersad

Graduated Class of 2012

What I am doing now: *Currently studying for the Ontario Bar Exams and almost into my third month of articling with Steinmetz & Associates.*

Where I attended undergrad: The University of Toronto – Victoria College (2012-2016): Graduated with a double major in Political Science and Equity Studies

Where I attended law school: I worked at the Ontario Justice Education Network (OJEN) from 2016-2019 before I started law school at the University of Windsor, Faculty of Law (2019-2022)

Special Programs at CTS: Law in Action Within Schools Program (LAWS)

LAWS opened so many doors for me and I am forever grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of such a wonderful cohort and Program. Thanks for thinking of me to be included in this Ms. Orifama. 😊.

Special Education:

All students with an IEP should have received theirs by now to be signed by a parent or guardian. If you still have not received your child's IEP please email Ms. Le (kathy.le@tdsb.on.ca) or Ms. Beattie (julie.beattie@tdsb.on.ca).

Guidance

Counsellor Contact Information:

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Mike Cormier (O – Z) (416) 393 – 0060 ext 20046
michael.cormier@tsb.on.ca

Community Service Requirement:

Students who will be graduating by June 2023 are required to complete 40 hours of community service.

Visit: www.volunteertoronto.ca , <http://ovcn.ca/> and the CTS guidance bulletin boards and google classroom for opportunities.

Need community service hours? Visit <https://info.volunteertoronto.ca/ignitefair> to sign up for the Ignite Fair for Toronto based volunteer opportunities.

Tutoring

- Math tutoring available for all grades every Tuesday and Thursday in room 504 at lunch
- Peer tutoring available in room 102 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at lunch

Post Secondary Information:

[Student Life Expo](#) - Canada's largest Education and Lifestyle event for graduates is being held Nov 12 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Tickets have been distributed to grade 11 and 12 classes. The guidance office does have some tickets for parents/guardians or siblings interested in attending the event.

College Information:

CTS and Bloor will be hosting a joint Mini College Panel Friday, November 4 during period 2 in the auditorium. George Brown, Seneca, Humber and Centennial will be here to talk about programs, admissions and college life.

[Everything you need to know about applying to College Presentation](#)

Application Deadline

- 2022 Application Deadline – February 1, 2023
- Visit www.ontariocolleges.ca

College Open Houses

Every college is hosting open house and tours either in person or virtually. Visit the individual college websites for dates and times.

University Visit

University of Western Ontario will be here on Friday, Nov. 25 at lunch in room 210 to present to students interested in learning about their programs.

[Everything you need to know about applying to University](#)

Application Deadline

- 2022 Application Deadline – January 12, 2023
- Visit: www.ouac.on.ca

University PINs – personal identification numbers

- Every student applying to university using the 101 application for programs starting in September 2023, will need a PIN
- PIN's will in late-November
- Counsellor will inform students when they arrive

Websites for Program/University Research

- <https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/>
- <https://myblueprint.ca/tdsb>

FULL DISCLOSURE – Grade 12 students only

- Students who qualify may drop a course on or before November 22, should they wish for the course to not appear on their transcript.
- Students must see their counsellor and complete a request to drop form.

Scholarship Information

- Scholarship Information Session – **November 10, 12pm, room 214** with Mr. Cormier
- Links to Scholarship & Awards sites:
 - <https://www.universitystudy.ca/plan-for-university/scholarships-grants-and-bursaries-for-canadian-students/>
 - <https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>
 - <https://scholartree.ca/find-scholarships>
 - <https://yconic.com/>
 - <https://www.educanada.ca/scholarships-bourses/index.aspx?lang=eng>
 - <https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/>

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- [Scholarship Chart](#)

Dual Credits:

Dual credit programs are programs approved by the Ministry of Education that allow students, while they are still in secondary school, to take college or apprenticeship course that counts towards both their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and a postsecondary certificate, diploma, degree, or a Certificate of Apprenticeship.

Dual credit programs are intended to assist secondary school students in completing their OSSD and making a successful transition to college and/or apprenticeship programs.

Information about Semester two Dual Credits should be released in November.
Please contact your guidance counsellor for more information.

Click this link for more details:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Other-Learning-Opportunities/Dual-Credits>

Night School

- Information for semester two night school should be available in early December at
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Night-School-and-Summer-School/Night-School>

Google Classroom Codes:

Grade 9/10

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MzUwNzA1MTc0MjM2?cjc=6hdk43k>

Grade 11/12

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MzcxNDIzMjQ2OTcy?cjc=rzzv44l>

Late Start Schedule

November 23rd, 2022	November 30th, 2022	Schedule on these days: P. 1: 9:55 am - 10: 55 am P2: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Lunch: 12:00 pm - 1:05 pm P3: 1:05 pm - 2:10 pm P4: 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm *** We ask that your student does not come to school until 9:45 am.
December 14th, 2022	December 21st, 2022	
January 11th, 2023	January 18th, 2023	
February 15th, 2023	February 22nd, 2023	
March 22nd, 2023	March 29th, 2023	
April 1st, 2023	April 26th, 2023	
May 24th, 2023	May 31st, 2023	