

# Central Technical School

## NEWSLETTER

April 5th, 2023



### **CTS at the TDSB Skills Competition 2023!**

On March 7th, our Technology students represented CTS at the 2023 TDSB Skills Competition. We are so proud of our amazingly dedicated and skillful CTS competitors and want to congratulate them on a fantastic Skills Competition! Many of our CTS students earned gold medals in their competitions and will continue on to compete at the Ontario Skills Competitions in May.

The TDSB Skills competitions are directly related to the Ontario Technological Education curriculum, and are an excellent way for students to build confidence, develop real-world skills and be celebrated for putting in extra effort to meet new challenges.

Thank you to our CTS Teacher-Advisors for helping students to train for the competitions, our CTS Chairpersons for organizing and hosting visiting schools,

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our CTS Administration for their support, our CTS Caretaking and Support staff members, and to our CTS families and caregivers for cheering on the most important people in the Skills competitions, our students!

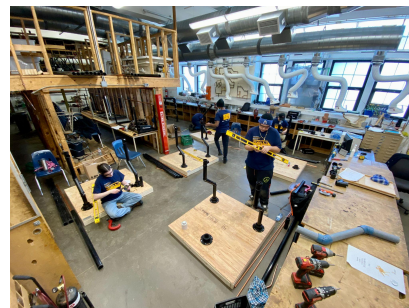
### **TDSB Skills - Electrical Competition:**

The two gold medalists going onto the Ontario Skills competition for Electrical are Paulo Lana (CTS SHSM) and Timothy Moses (CTS OYAP). Congratulations also to Silver medalist Ryder Geluch (CTS OYAP) and Bronze medalist Jasmim Da Silva Costa (CTS SHSM). Congrats!! Thank you also to Mr. Stavole for being a Chairperson for this competition.



### **TDSB Skills - Plumbing Competition:**

Congratulations to Zoe King, our CTS gold medalist who will be going onto the Ontario Skills competition for Plumbing. Congrats also to Silver medalist Reiland Owens and Bronze medalist Jerome Christian. Thank you to Mr. Schrader for being a Chairperson for this competition. Awesome work, everyone!





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### **TDSB Skills - Architectural CAD Competition:**

Congratulations to Brandon LaRosa, who won a gold medal in the Architectural CAD competition! Congrats also to Silver medalist Monica Lam and Bronze medalist Andy Nguyen. Thank you to Mr. Lambert for being a Chairperson for this competition. Congrats!!



### **TDSB Skills - Fashion Competition:**

CTS hosted the Skills Fashion Design Competition this year and welcomed fellow student fashion designers and their teacher advisors from across the TDSB. It was an exciting day which included student competitors sewing a jacket, of their design, in 1 day! Thank you to Ms. Parish for being a Chairperson for this competition. Our CTS fashion students are looking forward to competing next year!

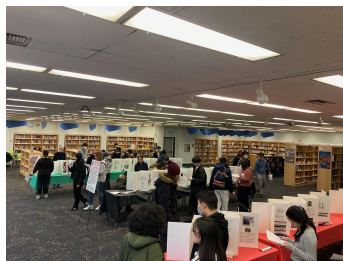
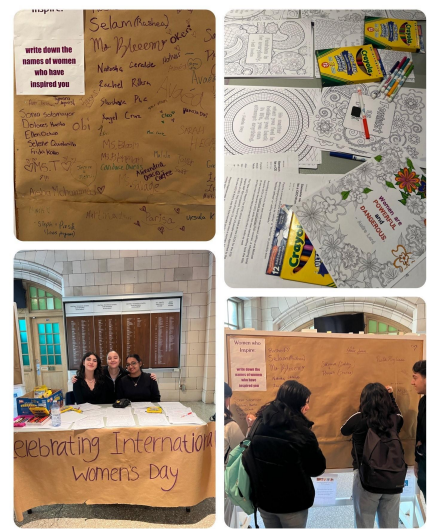
### **TDSB Skills - Baking Competition:**

Gabrielle and Erik did a fantastic job at the Baking competition! They produced a 4 strand Braided Challah loaf, 12 buns, a 3 tiered cake decorated in the theme of four seasons and a dozen piped Shortbread Cookies! Both completed all tasks and presented them to the judges on time. Gabrielle came in 3rd, bringing home a bronze metal and Erik came fourth. Thank you to Ms. Leckie for being a Teacher Advisor for this competition. Great work, everyone!



## International Women's Day

On Wednesday, March 8th, CTS celebrated International Women's Day at lunch in the front foyer with colouring pages, information about International Women's Day and significant women in Canadian History, and were encouraged to write down the names of women who have inspired them. Many thanks to the students Avaea Walker-Cain, Sabrina McElheran Alluz, and Promiti Mazumder for helping to organize and run these activities.



## Canadian Multicultural Inventors Museum visited CTS

The Canadian Multicultural Inventors Museum visited the CTS library on Friday Feb 28th.

CMIM commemorates the contributions of African Canadian, American, Caribbean & Continental African Scientists and

Inventors by displaying artifacts and information boards. Eighteen classes booked in to participate and there were a variety of assignments to keep students engaged. The museum was well attended with 18 classes booking in to visit and approximately 330 students walking through and learning about Black Scientists and Inventors.

## Camera Links: Emergence 2023 Photography Exhibition

CTS grade 11 and 12 photography student works shone bright at Gallery 44's annual student exhibition, CameraLinks. Returning to an in-person exhibition for the first time since 2020, students from schools across the GTA and beyond were encouraged to visually explore the theme **Emergence**. The students' works were showcased in the professional gallery space from February 10 - 20, 2023 alongside works by students from thirteen other schools



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including Etobicoke School of the Arts, and Havergal College. CTS student works stood out as the only school to use analog film and darkroom printing techniques. Participating artists were: Yehuda Brick, Justine Estrada-Schoen, Margot Labbé, Matthew Martinez, and Benz Stephen Farinas and Garance Hayoz.

## **Special Education: IPRC Reviews in April**

We will be holding annual IPRC meetings to discuss special education placements for all identified students in our Resource, Learning Disabilities and Mild Intellectual Disability/WorkPlace Bound Programs. You would have received an “IPRC Meeting Reviews Letter” from Julie Beattie or an “IPRC Waiver Letter” from Julie Beattie. Please respond to Kathy Le, ACL of Special Education: Resource (kathy.le@tdsb.on.ca) or Julie Beattie, ACL of Special Education: MID/LD (julie.beattie@tdsb.on.ca).

The following links are resources for helping familiarize yourself with the TDSB’s Special Education Process as well as the IPRC process. Please let Julie or Kathy know if you have any questions and take a moment to respond to the waiver at your earliest convenience.

The TDSB Parent Guide for Special Education Process can be found here:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Learning-Equity-and-Well-Being/Special-Education-and-Inclusion/Parent-Guides-to-Special-Education-and-Inclusion>

The TDSB’s full IPRC explanatory document can be found here.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GVS9yQ92xO77oy0PA5x2l-4fsZlsPYii/view>

## **Important Upcoming Dates in April:**

April 7th: Holiday - No school

April 10th: Holiday - No school

April 11th: Credit Rescue Day! More information to follow.

April 12th: International Day of Pink - following an assembly schedule

April 13th: OSSLT for all current grade 10 English Students

April 18th: Term 1 ends, Term 2 begins

April 20th: OSSLT for all students in 12 who have not already successfully met the literacy requirement

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April 21st: Earth Day clean up activities

April 25th: Report Cards emailed to parents/caregivers/guardians

April 28th: Semi-formal - for all grades (Europa Convention Centre)

\* Our Caring and Safe Schools Committee will be meeting in May, please email [Joseph.Ghassibe@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Joseph.Ghassibe@tdsb.on.ca) if you would like more information.

## Final Evaluations:

The final evaluation is intended as an opportunity for students to demonstrate their comprehensive achievement of the overall expectations of the course and to be a celebration of what they know and can do. Thirty percent (30%) of the grade is based on a final evaluation administered at or towards the end of the course. In a semestered school, this occurs in the last 3-4 weeks. Attendance in **June is VERY IMPORTANT** for teachers to collect accurate data to report on student achievement. As always, we will consider mitigating circumstances (illness, death in the family, etc) but this needs to be worked through with your student's Vice Principal.

## 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](mailto:centraltechnicalschool@tdsb.on.ca)

**Name:** Choi Ho

**Graduation class of:** 2000

**What are they doing now?** Choi Ho holds a Master of Architecture (2013) and a Master of City Planning (2020) from the University of Manitoba. She is a planner at Landmark Planning & Design Inc. where she assists project leads on consultancy work for private and public sector clients in Winnipeg and rural Manitoba. Choi enjoys all things City Building and serves on the following non-profit/charity organization Boards: Winnipeg Trails Association, Building Equality Architecture Prairies, and Storefront Manitoba. She lives in Winter-peg with her partner in a bright green house, not too far from where they first met. Find Choi in the community leading a walking conversation at the annual Jane's Walk festival inspired by Jane Jacobs and follow her on Instagram @walkwinnipeg. Go Blues Go!

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**Name:** Amaranath George (aka George)

**Graduated Class of:** 2010

**Program:** Automotive Tech. George won the Gold Medal for Small Engines at Skills Canada in 2010.

**What are they doing now?** George went to work for TTC right out of High School. He is also dabbling in Real Estate, Construction, and Flipping houses. George's siblings Shara and Daniel are also Central Graduates.

## Guidance

### Upcoming Credit Rescue Day:

- April 11 (Day 1 schedule)

***No new work will be given on this day.*** This will be time for students to catch up on missed assignments, and improve their prospect of earning their credits.

### Literacy Test

Grade 12 students who are eligible to write the test can do so on April 20th. If you are unsure if you have passed this requirement you may ask your guidance counsellor. Should you wish to write the test and want to confirm you are on the list to write or would like to add your name to write the test speak to the Vice Principal Mr. Ghassibe.

### Grade 12 Graduation Survey

If you are graduating at the end of this school year please complete the graduation survey at this [link](#).

### Graduation Reminders

Please review important information for graduation at this [link](#).

### Summer School

Summer school will be delivered in several different formats in 2023:

- **In-person/Remote Full Credit** (9:00am - 3:15pm, July 4 - 28). Registration runs April 18 - June 9, 2023.
- **Remote Credit Recovery** (9:00 - 11:45am and/or 12:30 - 3:15pm, July 6 - 28). Registration runs April 18 - June 28, 2023.  
More information can be found here: [TDSB Summer School](#)  
**Registration** for these programs begins April 18. The registration page can be found at [TDSB Summer School Registration](#)
- **e-Summer School** is another remote learning option available in both July and August. The program is primarily asynchronous with direct teaching for about one hour/day and teachers



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available for the rest of the school day to hold office hours, small group sessions, individual tutorials and respond to student questions via email

- e-Summer School You can earn two credits for doing a summer co-op placement! The placement dates will be July 4 - August 11, and there will be mandatory pre-placement online classes on both Saturday June 17 and Saturday June 24.

**Registration** for e-Summer School is tentatively scheduled to open on April 4 at 10am at [e-Summer School Registration](#)

### **Dual Credit Opportunity**

Students can still enrol in spring Dual Credits! Dual credits are College courses (online this year), 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 for May and June:

- Baking Fundamentals (Spring)
- Culinary Fundamentals (Spring)
- Criminal Justice and Society (Spring)
- Engines 1 (Spring)
- Baking and Pastry for Cooks (Spring)
- Canadian Criminal Justice System (Spring)
- Social Psychology (Spring)
- Introduction to Business (Spring)
- Sustainable Horticultural Practices 1 (Spring)
- Beauty and Glamour Makeup Techniques (Spring)
- Foundations of Psychology I (Spring)

See your guidance counsellor if you are interested!

### **Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines:**

- **Know Your Worth Scholarships (for students of African heritage)**
  - **Kujichagulia Academic Award** (Due Friday, May 12, 2023, @ 11:59pm)
  - **Kuumba Creative Award, and** (Due Friday April 28, 2023, @ 11:59pm)
  - **Umoja Leadership Award** (Due Friday April 21, 2023, @11:59pm)

For information and link to the application form, click here: [Know Your Worth Scholarships](#)

- **One City Scholarship**
  - April 11th, 2023  
<https://www.onecityfund.com/>
- **LusoGolf Bursary for Graduating Student of Portuguese/Luso Heritage**



- April 21st

Please see Mr. Cormier ([Michael.Cormier@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Michael.Cormier@tdsb.on.ca)) if you have financial need, and are entering college/university in September.

- **University Women's Club (UWC) Scholarship**

- May 5th

If you are a high-achieving female student, who has overcome obstacles, and have financial need, this scholarship of \$6,000 could be yours.

Contact Mr. Cormier ([Michael.Cormier@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Michael.Cormier@tdsb.on.ca)) if you are interested.

Please use the link below to schedule the appointment for alpha counsellor:

Mr. Rassmussen		Ms. Ferrari		Mr. Cormier	
A - F		G - N		O - Z	

If an appointment time is unavailable with your alpha counsellor, please contact/see [dolores.douglas@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:dolores.douglas@tdsb.on.ca) in room 205 to set up an appointment. An extra guidance counsellor will be available.

#### Guidance Google Classroom links

- Grade 9/10 <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzUwNzA1MTc0MjM2?cjc=6hdk43k>
- Grade 11/12 <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzcxNDIzMjQ2OTcy?cjc=rzzv44l>

#### Volunteer Opportunities

- **Carleton Village Fun Fair** Date of the Fair: May 27 from 12pm-4pm. If you are interested contact Mr. Rasmussen at [ryan.rasmussen@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:ryan.rasmussen@tdsb.on.ca)

#### Employment Opportunities

- Employment Readiness Workshop Series (Spanish)
  - To register go to [bit.ly/EmploymentReadiness2023](https://bit.ly/EmploymentReadiness2023)
  - Resume building April 15th

#### 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

### Free Math Help - Grade 6 - 11

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

## Late Start Schedule

April 19th, 2023	April 26th, 2023	<b>Schedule on these days:</b>  <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 24th, 2023	May 31st, 2023	

## From Peacebuilders Canada:



Peacebuilders in partnership with The Neighbourhood Group & Wanasah will host Sister-2 Sister, a 10 week program for Black identified young women to explore issues they are facing through the lens of what we call healing justice. We will have fun while examining topics such as intergenerational trauma, self-love, sisterhood, mental health, challenging femininity, healing journey etc...

Starting April 15<sup>th</sup>, this program will be held on Saturday's from 2-5pm.

## From Cecil Community Centre:

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Below are some summaries of current and upcoming volunteer opportunities we have available at Cecil.

**A Look at Refugees** - Register Today! Come and join our A Look at Refugees Workshops. Learn about refugee rights and obstacles & how to get involved in the community! Become a change maker while earning volunteer hours. Email [adam@cecilcentre.ca](mailto:adam@cecilcentre.ca) to register and for more information.

**Girls Focus Group** – Register today! April 3 4:00pm. Interested in earning a \$20 honorarium and volunteer hours? Come join Cecil's Youth focus group to voice what resources you want/need, events, workshops, games and more at Cecil Community Centre. Limited spots available. Email [adam@cecilcentre.ca](mailto:adam@cecilcentre.ca) to register.

**Youth Focus Group** - Register today! April 4 4:00pm. Interested in earning a \$20 honorarium and volunteer hours? Come join Cecil's Youth focus group to voice what resources you want/need, events, workshops, games and more at Cecil Community Centre. Limited spots available. Email [adam@cecilcentre.ca](mailto:adam@cecilcentre.ca) to register.

**Peer (to Peer) Workshop** – April 20<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm-6:00pm. Earn Volunteer hours (featuring games, trivia and discussion) that focuses on learning about building healthier relationships, setting boundaries, mental health care, harm reduction strategies and so on. This would be a really great opportunity to have fun, gain valuable knowledge, enjoy free food and win prizes. Register using link <https://letsstopaids.typeform.com/to/afhyqFGy> For ages 15 – 19.