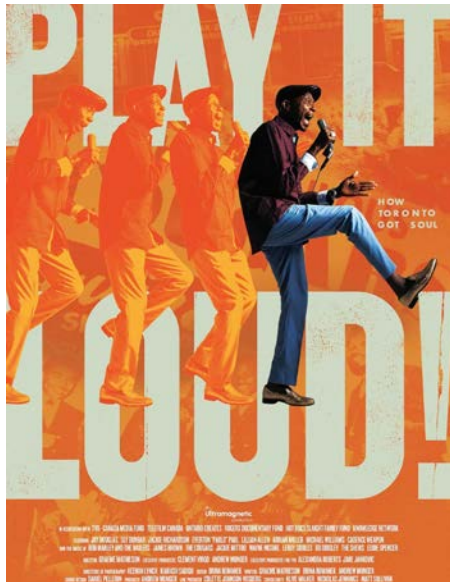


Central Technical School

NEWSLETTER

April 4th, 2025

Play it Loud! Celebrating CTS Alumni, Jay Douglas



On March 19th, students at CTS had the opportunity to watch “Play it Loud,” a documentary featuring our very own Jay Douglas. This captivating film reveals the lesser-known story of how Jamaican music became an influential, yet unexpected, component of Canadian culture, as seen through the life, music, struggles, and triumphs of the beloved singer.

Jay attended the screening and took the time to share with students how CTS positively impacted his confidence and career. Following the screening, students joined him in a heartfelt sing-along of the Bob Marley classic “Don’t Worry About a Thing,” creating an uplifting atmosphere filled with gratitude and joy.



We extend our heartfelt thanks to Jay, the Alumni Association, TVO, and Graeme Mathieson for making this event possible. For those interested, TVO Docs has released a standalone clip featuring Jay’s foundational experience at CTS on their YouTube channel. Watch it here:

<https://youtu.be/kGirBxn9cxk?si=APnk3yUWiNixKEuu>

Indigenous Word of the Month:

This month’s Indigenous word is **spring**. Here are those words in the language of the groups recognized in the TDSB Land Acknowledgement:

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

Haudenosaunee: **kenkwi’té:ne** (courtesy of *Mohawk Language in the Workplace* pg. 20)

Wendat: **yayenra'** (courtesy of the [English-Wendat Dictionary](#); includes pronunciation)

TDSB Skills Competition:

On March 4th and 5th, Central Technical School proudly had students compete at the Skills Toronto Competition. The contests were in Plumbing, Electrical Installations, Architectural Technology and Design, Fashion Design, Carpentry, Baking, Culinary Arts, Automotive Service, Hairstyling, Outdoor Power Equipment, Photography and TV & Video Production. The competition is an annual event that promotes skilled trades and technology careers to students. It allows students to showcase their talents and compete against their peers in a friendly and challenging environment. Many of the students will be progressing to the Ontario Skills Competition in May. Congratulations to all the students and their teacher advisors!

Results: 9 golds, 6 silvers and 7 bronze medals! 31 students participated and 71% earned medals!



Architectural Design:

Gold - Torin Henderson

Silver - Stanley Kan



Auto Service Equipment:

Silver: Mihana Sivakumar

Bronze: Derry McDowald

Baking:

Bronze: Paulina Jassal



Carpentry (Team of 2):

Gold: Gabriel Anselmo, Tim Lee

Carpentry (Team of 4):

Gold: Siyar Sarwari, Wen Wong,



Robyn Boyd, Taiga Jay

Culinary Arts:

Gold: Shiloah Tenn-Wright

Electrical Residential Wiring:

Gold: Ali Abdo Mohammed

Silver: Miles Thomas

Bronze: Lucas De Souza

Fashion Design:

Silver: Toby Chevalier

Bronze: Frida Kelley

Hairstyling:

Silver: Dia Reid

Outdoor Power Equipment:

Bronze: Rahman Nibret

Plumbing:

Gold: Muhammad Tariq

Silver: Simon Agar

Bronze: Amuri Cockburn

Photography:

Bronze: Kevin Parada

Owen Cully-Treloar

TV & Video Production - Team of 2

Angelina Ty Norng, Jason Su



H5 Academy Seniors Night and CTS Fundraiser:

Central Technical School and H5 Academy recently hosted a memorable Seniors Night and fundraiser to celebrate the achievements of our graduating student-athletes, with a special spotlight on Lassina Kone and Chedson Germinal.

Lassina Kone, whose dedication both on and off the court has been nothing short of inspiring, has received three athletic scholarship offers from prestigious universities. He will be attending



one of these institutions in September 2025, marking an exciting new chapter in his academic and athletic journey. Known for his hard work, respect, and perseverance, Lassina's success is a true reflection of his character and the strong support from his community.

Chedson Germinal, a passionate student-athlete with a deep interest in audio production, is currently awaiting offers from Canadian colleges and universities to pursue his career in this field. His enthusiasm and commitment are remarkable, and we are confident that he will continue to thrive in whatever path he chooses.

The event was made even more special by the participation of the CTS senior boys basketball team. The two teams came together for an exciting night of basketball and fun, showcasing the power of teamwork and sportsmanship. It was a wonderful display of camaraderie between the athletes, highlighting the bond between the H5 Academy and CTS communities.

We were also thrilled to have H5 Academy and CTS alumni, Kayron Shaw, return to show his love and support. His presence was greatly appreciated, and it's always fantastic to see our alumni stay connected to both H5 and CTS.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, the event raised \$525 for Central Technical School, which will help support various initiatives benefiting CTS students and the community. H5 Academy is proud to have been part of such a memorable evening, and we want to extend a special thank you to CTS administration for their unwavering support in making Seniors Night such a success.

We congratulate Lassina and Chedson on their accomplishments and wish them all the best as they take the next steps in their educational and athletic journeys. Thank you to everyone who attended, donated, and helped make the night a true success!

Library Learning Commons:

In March, CTS students learned about treaties, territories, languages, and history by interacting with the Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada. The map was explored by various classes and students using the space during their spare.





A new shipment of manga and graphic novels arrived at the Library Learning Commons prior to March Break. Come and check out your next favourite series!



We want to help you save money. Drop by the Library Learning Commons and grab a coupon or two.

In March, Mr. Druery and Ms. Bloom created a Banned Books display in the Library Learning Commons. These are books that have been banned at some point in various parts of the world. Numerous studies have shown that when young people read "banned books", it increases their empathy, understanding, and compassion of others.



Level-Up Day Details

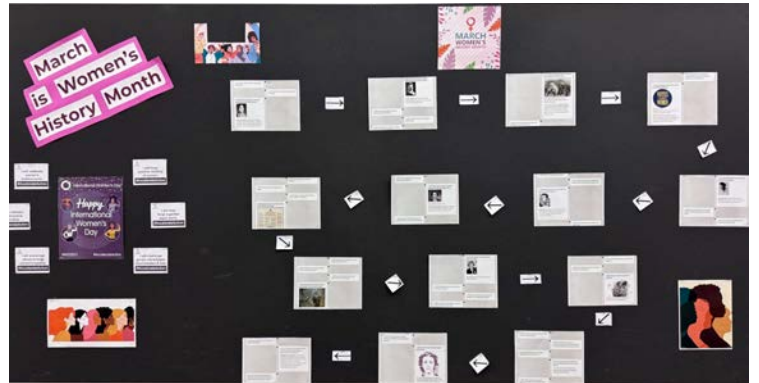
Our next Level-Up Day will take place on Friday, April 25th. This day is specifically designed for students who are currently earning less than a level 1 (50%) in their classes, giving them a chance to catch up on outstanding work. However, students earning a level 1 or above are also encouraged to participate—they can use this time to work on assignments, study for upcoming tests, and help classmates who may be struggling. We believe that in a strong community, we support one another in achieving success!

It's important to note that on Level-Up Day, no new material will be introduced; it will be a regular school day, and attendance will be taken for all students. We expect everyone to be present and engaged.

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a successful learning environment for our students. If you have any questions about Credit Rescue or Level-Up Days, please feel free to reach out.

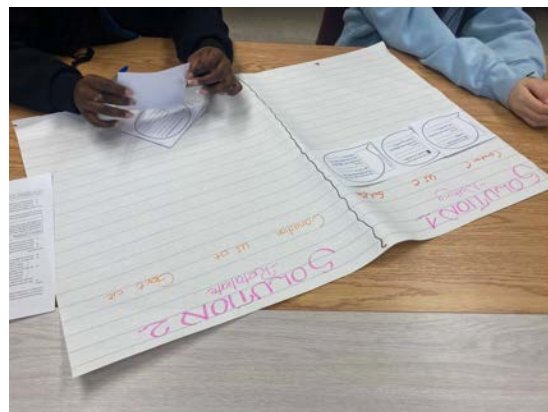
Women's History Month:

Central Tech celebrated Women's History Month during March which is a commemoration and appreciation of the brilliant Women in our lives. A timeline that displayed the accomplishments of Canadian Women in politics, economics, science, education, and sports was shown on our bulletin board.



Grade 12 International Business:

Students in our grade 12 business class worked through Canada's response to US tariffs. Using an integrative thinking approach developed within the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management, they considered the various impacts that tariffs can have on different citizens and stakeholders.



Grade 9 French:

This week, our Grade 9 French students dove into the delicious history of the croissant and put their skills to the test in the kitchen! Partnering with Ms. Leckie's class, they learned the art of

making professional croissants from scratch. From flaky layers to golden perfection—c'est magnifique! Bon appétit!



Embroidery by CTS Fashion Students!

This month the grades 9, 11 & 12 Fashion classes had the opportunity to discover hand embroidery techniques with Ms. Jung, a student teacher from OISE/University of Toronto.

Our CTS student fashion designers might be using their new skills as they create their outfits for their own fashion show on June 11th during the CTS Arts Showcase. Stay tuned for details, save the date and see you there!



Special Education: IPRC Reviews in April

Just a reminder, we will be holding annual IPRC meetings in April. You will have received an "IPRC Meeting Reviews Letter" or an "IPRC Waiver Letter" in the mail or by email. These meetings are to discuss special education placements for all identified students in our Resource, Learning Disabilities and Mild Intellectual Disability Programs. Please return all letters at your soonest convenience.

Please note: If your student is in the Learning Disabilities and Mild Intellectual Disability/WorkPlace Bound Programs, an IPRC meeting must be held, so you will receive a time and date for the meeting. If you need to reschedule, please reach out to Julie Beattie (LD ISP) or Alia Bunting-Fraser (MID ISP) to reschedule.

Included in this email are resources for helping familiarize yourself with the TDSB's Special Education Process as well as the IPRC process. These resources are linked again here.

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/1GVS9yQ92xO77oy0PA5x2I-4fsZIsPYii/view>

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



Student: Joshawn Lewis

Graduated: June 2023

Best memories of CTS: Welding with Mr. Edwards!

What are they doing now: Working at RBC as a porter. His job is doing office design and event set-up, and he's really enjoying it and learning a lot about investments. In the future Joshawn's thinking about going to college to study a trade - maybe plumbing.

Important Upcoming Dates:

April 22 - 25th: Mid-term report Distribution

April 25th: Level Up Day

May 3rd: 110th Anniversary

May 15th: [PACE](#)

May 21st: Grad Breakfast (period 2)

May 22nd: Spring Concert

May 28th: Prom

June 3rd: Freedom Fest




June 5th: CTS film festival

June 10th: Athletic Banquet

June 11th: Annual Arts Exhibition
June 26th: Commencement (Info to follow)

Guidance

- Please use the link below to schedule the appointment for alpha counsellor:
- If an appointment time is unavailable with your alpha counsellor Please contact/see dolores.douglas@tdsb.on.ca in room 205 to set up an appointment. An extra guidance counsellor will be available.

| Counsellor | Ms. Ferrari | Mr. Rasmussen | Mr. Cormier |
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| Student Last Name | A-F | G-N | O-Z |
| <i>Use the scan codes to set up an appointment to see your guidance counsellor.</i> |  |  |  |

Summer School Registration

- **eLearning** (asynchronous learning model) registration opens **April 15, 10am**. These course fill quickly!!
 - Registration page: [e-Summer School Registration](#)
- **Full Credit In-Person and Full Credit Remote** (synchronous learning model) registration opens **April 22, 10am**.
 - Registration page: [Summer School Registration](#)

Summer Co-op:

Program details and dates:

- Students need to be available from **July 2- August 8 from 8-4**, Monday-Friday. Vacation plans cannot be accommodated. This is a 6 week, 2-credit co-op program.
- Only students who are in grade 11 or 12 in the current 2024/2025 school year (Sept.-June), can apply for this summer.
- Students who are participating in any other TDSB summer credit course/program including e-learning (July and August) are ineligible to apply.

Deadlines:

- Application deadline **for students requesting a central summer co-op placement** (see list of central placements below) is **April 17th by 3:00pm**.

Central co-op placements require a supplementary application package to be completed by students, and an employer interview in May.

- Application deadline for **all other students** requesting regular summer co-op placements is **May 2nd by 3:00 pm**.

Central co-op placements available in the summer:

Hospital Placements

**Healthcare and non-healthcare placements are available at these hospitals. Detailed information is provided in the Expression of Interest (EOI) Google Form*

- Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
- Scarborough Health Network
- North York General Hospital- Seniors' Health Centre

Film/TV/Animation Placements

- xoTO film/television/animation placements (no acting placements available)

How to Apply:

Please see your guidance counsellor if you are interested.

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 for May and June:

- CENTENNIAL - Baking Fundamentals (Spring)
- CENTENNIAL - Culinary Fundamentals (Spring)
- CENTENNIAL - Criminal Justice and Society (Spring)
- CENTENNIAL - Engines 1 - (Spring)
- GEORGE BROWN - Baking and Pastry for Cooks (Spring)
- HUMBER (NORTH) - Principles of Emergency Services (Spring)
- HUMBER (NORTH) - Group Exercise Leadership 1 (Spring)
- HUMBER (NORTH) - Video Production (Spring)
- SENECA - Flight Attendant Specific - Policies and Procedures (Spring)
- SENECA - Colour and Fashion Trends (Spring)
- SENECA - Beauty and Glamour Makeup Techniques (Spring)

Registration ends April 25, 2025, but some of these courses will fill up quickly!

See Mr. Cormier in the guidance office (room 205), or email Michael.Cormier@tdsb.on.ca to register or for more information.

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).

- **University Women's Club (UWC) Scholarship**
 - Are you a high-achieving female student, who has overcome obstacles, and have financial need, this scholarships of **\$8,000 - \$10,000** could be yours.
 - Application due to Mr. Cormier by **April 29, 2025**.
Contact Mr. Cormier (Michael.Cormier@tdsb.on.ca) if you are interested.
- **[The Meridian Sean Jackson Award](#) - April 30, 2025**
- **[Odenza Vacations College Scholarship](#) - May 1, 2025**
- **[FirstOntario Education Awards](#) - May 2, 2025**
- **[Scotiabank Scholarships](#) - May 7, 2025**
- **[The Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarship](#) - May 16, 2025**
- **[The Bridges EDU Scholarship](#) - June 30, 2025**

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 13** if interested contact Mr. Rasmussen
- We will need volunteers for this year's 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 kitchen 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
- Toronto Police Services are hiring for their Youth in Policing program
 - \$16.55 per hour, 6 hours per week
 - Apply now at tps.ca/careers

Free Math Help - Grade 6 - 11

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

Google Classroom Codes:

Grade 9/10: [invite link](#)

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

LATE START SCHEDULE

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| April 23rd, 2025 | April 30th, 2025 | 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. |
| May 21st, 2025 | May 28th, 2025 | |