

Central Technical School

NEWSLETTER

November 4th, 2024



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October arrived with lots of activity, and this newsletter is a way for us to share the accomplishments and upcoming events that make our school such a vibrant community!

On October 10th we celebrated our 109th Commencement Ceremony for our graduating class of 2024. This milestone represented not just years of academic work but the growth and friendships that have shaped these students into the incredible individuals they are today. The evening was filled with laughter, joy and immense pride.

On November 13th we will be hosting our annual Open House for elementary students. We will be showcasing our amazing programs, facilities, students and staff. CTS is the Right Place at the Right Time. All are welcome, please spread the word to your friends and neighbours!

Thank you for your continued support in fostering such a positive and dynamic school community.

Indigenous Word of the Month:

This is a new feature of the newsletter that will see the introduction of an Indigenous word or phrase. It's only appropriate we begin the Indigenous Word of the Month section with "hello" or "hi". Here are those words in the language of the groups recognized in the TDSB Land Acknowledgement:

Anishinaabe: **Aanii** (casual) / **Bozhoo** (ceremonial) (click [here](#) to listen to a pronunciation and explanation of each term - give the page a few seconds to load)

Haudenosaunee: **Shé:kon** (click [here](#) to listen to a pronunciation: skip ahead to the 26-second mark)

Wendat: **Ndio!** / **Kwe!** (click [here](#) to listen to a pronunciation)

Halloween Fun!



Staff and students celebrating Halloween had lots of fun dressing up and engaging in activities! The Science Department dressed up, any guesses who they are? And students in the art classes had fun with the halloween theme.



Library Learning Commons

It's been another busy month at the CTS Library Learning Commons (LLC). On October 21, we began hosting a homework club during lunch. Although attendance was sparse at the

beginning, word has quickly spread as more students are seeking extra support. Classroom Teachers and Educational Assistants are volunteering their time to help with student achievement.

We celebrated and honoured two important events at the LLC in October as it was Women's History Month and Islamic Heritage Month.



Technological Design

In Technological Design students began the semester learning CAD software for 3D printing. For a summative assignment students designed their own name plates and then 3D printed them.

After 3D printing, students began refining their architecture and interior design skills. Students drew floorplans of their dream houses and then constructed a to scale model of them using foam board.

Recently, students have taken their new design skills and applied them to a familiar place... CTS! Students were asked to redesign the main foyer of Central Tech using the design program Sketch Up.



Computer Science



Central Tech's Computer Science students have been parsing through lessons on code structures, maintenance, and debugging with programming languages like Python and HTML & CSS. They recently finished a personal website design task, showing off both their coding skills and their creativity! We've had a fantastic range of website

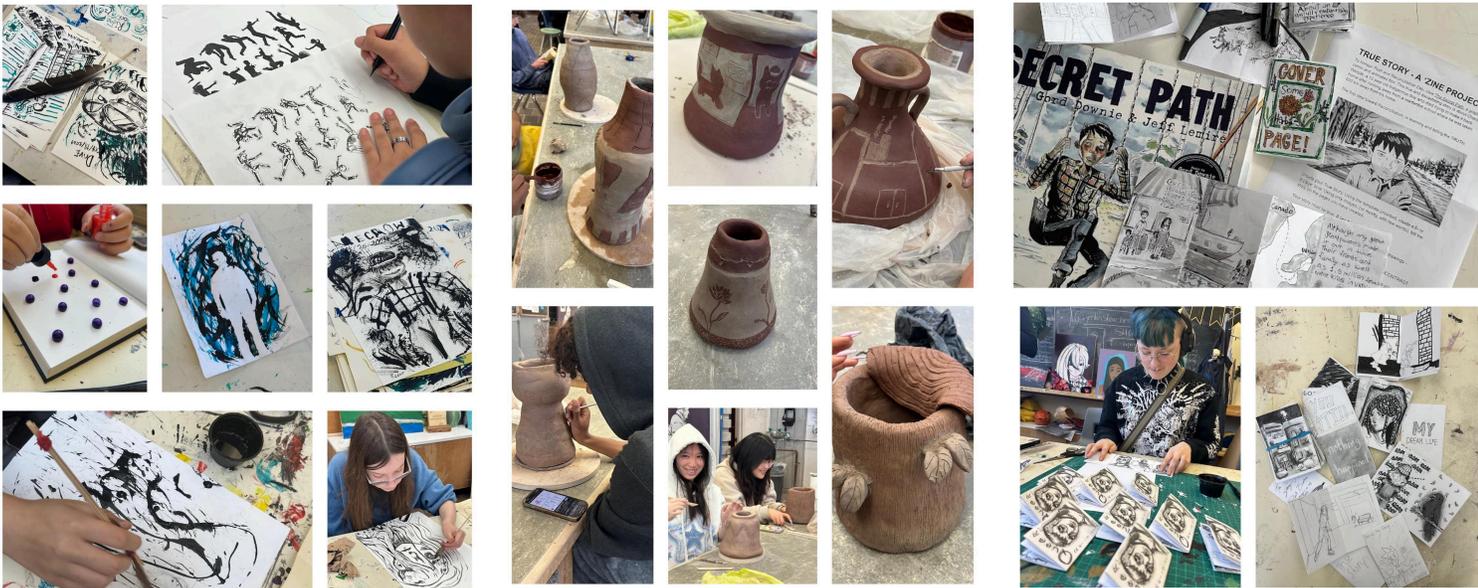
submissions—based on study habits, personal fitness, abstract art... and one or two Rick Rolls.

Visual Arts:

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Grade 9 & 10 specialized Art students worked with ink for the month of “Inktober”, including making their own ink, brushes and pens to draw with.

Grade 10 ceramics students are making big coil pots! Inspired by ancient Greek forms and comic strip-style narrative, they are using the sgraffito technique to paint and carve a story of their own.



Credit Recovery

From solving murder-mysteries in English, to completing optics projects, preparing for the OSSLT, and learning about trigonometry, Central Tech's Credit Recovery students have been hard at work tackling different subjects in order to achieve



their credits. Classes have been ongoing both in our regular rooms and in the library, where we've made use of books and chromebooks, as well as internet resources thanks to our friendly librarian, Mr. Druery!

Canadian and World Studies:

Central Tech and the Canadian and World Studies Department are celebrating Hindu Heritage month in November. Canada is home to a large and vibrant Hindu community. Since the first Hindu immigrants arrived in Canada at the beginning of the 20th century, Hindu Canadians from across Ontario have made significant contributions across all fields: science, education, medicine, law, politics, business, culture, and sports. Hindu Canadians have helped build Ontario into the multicultural success story that it is and have helped to build this province into the best place to live, work and raise families. They continue to help foster growth, prosperity, and innovation throughout Ontario.

Central Tech also honours and commemorates Remembrance Day on November 11th by acknowledging the sacrifices and service of Canadians who served their country. The day also recognizes the diverse identities of those who have served, including Indigenous people, Black people, women, Jewish people, Muslim people, South Asian people, East Asian people, racialized people, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people.

Athletics

Our Varsity football team wrapped their season on Wednesday with an exhibition game in Markham. It was a close loss but the team had their highest point total of the season in a 30-20 result. The team showed steady improvement throughout the season and are excited for the future. Big thanks to Coach Abe Shah and his unwavering commitment to the players, the team, and to CTS, as well as Mr. Bader-Shamai and Mr. Kosick, our dedicated staff coaches. Training will continue throughout the winter.

Meanwhile, our Girls Basketball, Boys Volleyball, and Junior Boys soccer teams are all wrapping up their regular seasons, and preparing for big playoff pushes in the coming days.

Go Blues!

Girls' Basketball



This year's basketball team has recorded 4 wins - 1 loss in the Senior Girls Tier 1 division. We are currently sitting in 2nd place having registered big wins against Riverdale, Northern, Malvern and Monarch Park. With one remaining regular season game against East York - on Halloween day - this team is looking to make some big noise in the playoffs!



All-Gender Football



CTS Football has had a remarkable season, showcasing our commitment, unity, and growth, both on and off the field! Football is an amazing team sport that brings people together! We've had tons of fun while learning and pushing each other to new levels!



This year we've had the Toronto Argonauts come by to practice and Coach us up, we've had over 60 players practicing and playing and we also "twin" with Bloor C.I.!

The energy is only building, so be sure to follow us on Instagram at [@football.centraltech](https://www.instagram.com/football.centraltech) for all the latest updates and highlights!

Boys' Volleyball

The Varsity Boys volleyball team coached by Mr. Estick and Mr. Bryant has had their regular season come to an end. After many hard and close-fought games early in the season, the team has really found their stride and is looking to continue their momentum into the playoffs. Ending the season in 4th place with a 2-3 record, the boys look to get their redemption against the first place East York whom they have already taken to a deuce! Please wish the team good luck in their playoff run. Go Blues!

Special Education:

IEPs Mailed Home

Dear Parents/Guardians and Caregivers. IEPs have been mailed home last week. Thank you for all your input! If you have not received your copy, please let us know.

If your student is new to the TDSB this year and has Special Education needs and/or an IEP, please reach out to us. We'd like to connect with you as soon as possible so we can best support all CTS students.

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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

Important Upcoming Dates:

November 5th: Last day of term 1

November 6th: First day of term 2, and midterm reports will be due on this date.

November 11th: Remembrance Day - Slide Deck and schedule for the day to follow.

Wednesday, November 13th: Open House

Friday, November 15th: PL Day

Friday, November 29th: PL Day

Guidance

Counsellor Contact Information:

- Eleonora Ferrari (A – F) (416) 393 – 0070 ext 20042
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Stay Informed:

Google Classroom Codes:

Grade 9/10: <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzUwNzA1MTc0MjM2?cjc=6hdk43k>

Grade 11/12: <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzcxNDIzMjQ2OTcy?cjc=rzzv44I>

Community Service Requirement:

Students who will be graduating by June 2025 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 Monday, Wednesday and Friday in room 501

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- Homework club meets at lunch in the library everyday. This is a good place to get help with classes
 - Get tutoring for free with a U of T student. See your guidance counselor

Academic Support - Free

[TVO mathify](#) - this site provides help with maths from grades k - 12.

Post Secondary Information:

College Information:

Everything you need to know about applying to College Presentation

Application Deadline

- 2025 Application Deadline – February 1, 2025
- Visit www.ontariocolleges.ca

College Open Houses

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

Everything you need to know about applying to University

Application Deadline

- 2025 Application Deadline – January 15, 2025
- Visit: www.ouac.on.ca

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 13**, 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 14, 12pm, room 214** with Mr. Cormier
- Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines:
 - TD Community Leader Scholarship - November 13, 2024 (1pm)
- 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/>
 - **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://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/conedsecondarycreditprogram/Night-School>

LATE START SCHEDULE

November 20th, 2024	November 27th, 2024	Schedule on these days: P. 1: 9:55 am - 10: 55 am P2: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
December 11th, 2024	December 18th, 2024	
January 8th, 2025	January 15th, 2025	

February 19th, 2025	February 26th, 2025	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.
March 19th, 2025	March 26th, 2025	
April 23rd, 2025	April 30th, 2025	
May 21st, 2025	May 28th, 2025	