

# Central Technical School

## NEWSLETTER

December 1, 2022



### **WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!**

On Friday November 11, 2022, the senior boys volleyball team continued their winning streak and defeated Forest Hill at regional finals in three close sets: 25:20, 20:25, and 15:10. The boys showed strong determination, resilience, and teamwork throughout the fall season, enduring early morning practices and recovering through injuries. The team took home championship medals and a TDSSAA plaque for Central Technical School. Please take pride in the team's achievement. Congratulations, Central Tech Blues!

### **The Grade 8 Open House**

The Grade 8 Open House was a huge success, and we would like to thank all of the amazing staff and student volunteers who worked hard to make it happen. The school was buzzing with excitement, and our students did an amazing job interacting with

parents/caregivers and guardians and sharing what they love about our school. Here is some of the feedback we received:

- They loved the diversity of CTS – the students and the programming
- They loved the building
- “The food is AMAZING” (special shout out to the legit Samosas, and the best Carrot Cake I have had in a very long time)
- “The Art Building is inspiring”
- “How cool is it that kids get to try to wire a house?”
- “You do WELDING?!”
- “I really want my son to be in the LAWs program, what an incredible opportunity”
- “You can tell your teachers really care”
- “I loved that we walked in and were immediately embraced by the Pride Space table and learned that there are all-gender washrooms in each building.”
- “I went to CTS and I want my son to have the same hands-on experiences I had.”
- “Why don’t more people consider CTS?”





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## 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, and have led open ended interviews with leaders within and outside of the TDSB who can stretch our thinking on what school can look, sound and feel like for our students and our staff. I am very thankful that I was able to observe and listen most of our students in action and see the interviews they had with Mike Gallagher (a retired Superintendent of Education), Nick Bertrand (an Indigenous Education officer at the Ministry of Education) and Colleen Russell Rawlins (the Director of Education of the Toronto District School Board). I was left feeling both inspired and hopeful after listening to the incredibly thoughtful questions the students created, and the probing questions they came up with during the interview, demonstrating their listening skills. Next, students will look at the data they retrieved from the interviews and determine themes to help them start to craft a vision and mission.



## Visual Arts

Art students took a trip to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair to draw animals. Ms Leis got a big ribbon for attending the fair with students for over ten years!



## Grade 10 LAWS:

On Friday, November 25 students from the grade 10 class of our LAWS program went on a field trip to the University of Toronto Faculty of Law for the LAWS 101 workshops prepared by the LAWS staff. In one workshop, students participated in a Mock Trial where they were given a case and prepared arguments as either the crown or the defense lawyers. In the second workshop, students were given the opportunity to see how the Law can be a part of all aspects of society - from A to Z. Students were given the opportunity to think critically about issues of justice, injustice, and how the legal system affects both. We are thankful to the LAWS program for a fun and thought provoking afternoon.



## Plumbing:

Central Technical plumbing students had the great opportunity to learn from an industry professional from Ridgid Tools on Nov 25<sup>th</sup>. Ridgid Tools have been doing presentations for the last 15 years, demonstrating new and exciting tools used in the plumbing industry. Students were given the opportunity to practice using the tools, gaining invaluable hands-on experience. It was a great day!

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## Special Education:

The Workplace Bound Program Teachers welcomed Alexandra Duco from Community Living last week to lead a workshop on their Student Links program. The Student Links program matches students (ages 14 to 21) who have an intellectual disability with mentors to explore ideas for their future after high school. Students can share a common passion or interest with a mentor with the goal of building their capacity to make informed decisions about their future before leaving school and transitioning to community and workplaces. Teachers are looking forward to connecting interested students with the Community Links Mentors so they can explore their passions and start planning for transitions after graduation.

## Extracurriculars

The **Weight Room Club** is open everyday at lunch. On Tuesday it is available solely for Female Identified students/staff. The HPE department would like to thank the following teachers for supervising: *Mr. R. Ahmed, Mrs. A. Bunting-Fraser, Mr. M. Cormier, Mr. A. McGreal, Mrs. S. LeBlanc, Mr. K. Awad*

CTS is proud to announce that we have 10 teams competing in the TDSSAA this winter season!

Here are the teams and coaches:

- **Badminton (Boys' & Girls')** - *Mr. M. Luu, Mrs. E. Uhm*
- **Novice Boys' Basketball** - *Mrs. K. Chau, Mr. D. Martin*
- **Junior Boys' Basketball** - *Mrs. P. Min, Mr. D. Martin*
- **Senior Boys' Basketball** - *Mr. K. Buy*
- **Junior Indoor Boys' Soccer** - *Mr. K. Awad, Mr. A. Mohktari*
- **Senior Indoor Boys' Soccer** - *Mr. B. Waldie*
- **Swim Team (Boys' & Girls')** - *Mrs. L. Dela Cruz, Mr. A. Mohktari*
- **Junior Girls' Volleyball** - *Mrs. K. Le, Mrs. J. Cepin*
- **Senior Girls' Volleyball** - *Mrs. K. Le, Mrs. J. Cepin*
- **Wrestling Team (Boys' & Girls')** - *Mr. O. Budziszyn, Mr. R. Druery*





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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>

## **Important Upcoming Dates:**

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

**December 7th:** Credit-Rescue Day. This will be an attendance-taking day, however, there will be no new learning. There will be opportunities for students who are behind to catch up, and opportunities for students who are on track to practice the skills they have learned.

## **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:** Lingruo Chen

**Graduated Class of:** 2015, I was a part of the LAWS program. Even though I didn't end up going into law, I enjoyed all of the LAWS related classes, especially English class with Mr. Chandler and Ms. Garby, and Law class with Mr. Voight.

**What they are doing now:** I have just graduated from teacher's college at the University of Ottawa earlier this year in June. I currently work as an occasional elementary teacher in the York Region District School.

**Name:** Desjaune Jackman-Rhoden

**Class of:** 2015

**What they are doing now:** I'm currently working as a Licensed plumber and gas fitter out of local 46. Central Tech is where it all started; the instructors, Mr. Schrader & Mr. Mandros, gave me the skills and a true reality of the trade. They showed me how it's going to be in the real world, so I wasn't blindsided by the cool but sometimes harsh reality of the workforce! I encourage anyone who wants to learn plumbing and is serious about getting their license to apply for OYAP and take the plumbing course at Central

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Technical school!!! Big thanks to Tech, Mr.Schrader, and Mr. Mandros for helping me get to where I am today!

## **Guidance**

### **Counsellor Contact Information:**

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### **University Application Deadline: January 12, 2023**

- PIN (Personal Identification Numbers) are required to create an account
- PIN's are available for pick up through your guidance counsellor
- Guide to applying to university - <https://bit.ly/3Fazg7R>
- Websites – [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca) & <https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca>

### **College Application Deadline: February 1, 2023**

- PIN is NOT necessary
- Guide to applying to college: <https://bit.ly/3qNul9a>
- OCAS website: <https://bit.ly/3qNul9a>

### **Class of 2023 – Post-Secondary Survey**

- Please complete this survey if you are graduating by June 2023:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcdOJmDBH5Z2byn-VcRCFm9k42yqK10kMNdKcbRwHoy2G5AA/viewform>

### **University Visit**

University of Toronto will be here on December 7 in room 210 at lunch. All students are welcome to come learn about UofT programs.

### **Applying to College and University Workshops**

Need or want help applying to college or university? Join a guidance counsellor in the library at lunch time on these days:

December 15, 22

January 12. 19

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## Scholarship Info

- **Scholarship Meeting – December 15 @ 12pm, room 214**
- 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**

## Course Offering for 2022 -2023 – We want student input!

- We are asking students to let us know what courses we can add to our course selections for next year
- Complete survey by **December 10**
- <https://forms.gle/4mMCAcEDA2j9Pk1Q6>

## Grade 10 Virtual Pathways Presentation – December 14 10:30 am to 11:30 am

- <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/93759944573>

### **Night School:**

- Registration for **Semester 2 Night School** classes opens **December 1 @ 10am**.
- For information:  
[Night School Semester 2](#)

## **Dual Credit** registration is now open for semester two.

- You could earn an **EXTRA** credit!
- Dual (2) means that a student takes a course that allows them to earn **BOTH** a secondary high school credit AND a college credit
- Students are able to take a college level course in a huge variety of areas to experience something they are considering as a possible career path
- Check out the Dual Credit website: [TDSB Dual Credit Information](#)
- See your guidance counsellor for more information 😊

## **SWAC (School Within A College)** registration is now open for semester two.

- Are you in grade 12, and behind on credits?
- Are you interested in studying at a college, and earning up to 8 credits in semester two?
- Check out this video presentation for more information: Open House Video Presentation for Staff and Students



- Check in with your guidance counsellor to see if you are eligible 😊

### 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

December 14th, 2022	December 21st, 2022	<p><b>Schedule on these days:</b></p> <p><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></p> <p><b>*** We ask that your student does not come to school until 9:45 am.</b></p>
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	

### From Cecil Community Centre:

**Youth Drop-in Program** – Monday to Friday from 3:00pm – 6:00pm. It's a place where youth can come in, relax, work on homework, get advice, play video games, learn about volunteer & job opportunities, play sports, ping pong, be mentored and snacks are provided.

**Girls Youth Drop-in Program** – Every Tuesday from 3:00pm – 6:00pm we have a girls only drop-in space. It's a place where girls ages 13 -19 can come in, relax, work on homework, get advice, play video games, learn about volunteer & job opportunities, play sports, ping pong, be mentored and snacks are provided.

**Cecil Tutors** – Are you looking for a tutor or want to be a tutor? Join Cecil Tutors! Earn volunteer hours as a tutor or get help on your homework or certain subjects at school.

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Currently looking for a Grade 11 Physics Tutor(s).(Still looking for other subject(s) tutors as well.) Youth interested can email me at adam@cecilcentre.ca for more details and to sign up.

**Youth Drop-in Basketball** – Every Wednesday from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Youth can drop-in at Ryerson Public School Gym at 96 Denison Avenue to play basketball.

**Youth Drop in Ping-Pong/Badminton** – Every Monday from 4:00pm-5:00pm. Youth can drop in and play ping pong or badminton at Cecil Community Centre.

**Seeing Ourselves in Symphony Program** - The Toronto Symphony Orchestra is hosting a new program at Cecil Community Centre. Composer Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser & Kevin Lau will be hosting the program starting in January 2023 for the program starting in January 2023. Learn from the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, build musical community connections, learn about music, work with Orchestra musicians , and more. To register for the program and for more information email adam@cecilcentre.ca

**SOCirC Program** - Social Circus Organization led by professional circus artists trained in social circus approaches. They work alongside community workers to create community and space to build artistic voices, communication skills, self-esteem, relationships, and creativity. All of this is achieved while engaging the artistic expression and movement of circus skills. This is a free community program for youth ages 15-29, every Thursday, from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. The evening includes a free meal at 6:00pm for all participants. Email rachel@socirc.ca for more information to register

**Below are some summaries of current and upcoming volunteer programs we have available at Cecil. Have a great day!**

**Cecil Tutors** – Are you looking for a tutor or want to be a tutor? Join Cecil Tutors! Earn volunteer hours as a tutor or get help on your homework or certain subjects at school. Youth interested can email me at adam@cecilcentre.ca for more details and to sign up.

**Youth Event Planning Committee** – Between the ages of 13- 19 and interested in leading in planning fun event in the community? Join the Youth Event Planning Committee to plan out youth events, develop leadership skills, while building your professional resume. Limited spots available. Those interested can email me at adam@cecilcentre.ca for more information

**Youth Outreach Assistants** – I am looking for Youth interested in helping with Outreach. As a Youth Outreach Assistant you will earn volunteer hours while handing out posters for youth

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programs in the school year. Youth interested can email me at [adam@cecilcentre.ca](mailto:adam@cecilcentre.ca) for more details and to sign up.

**Cecil Kids Volunteers** – Do you enjoy working with children and want to earn volunteer hours? Cecil's Children's Program is looking for volunteers. Those interested can email [adam@cecilcentre.ca](mailto:adam@cecilcentre.ca) for more information about volunteering.