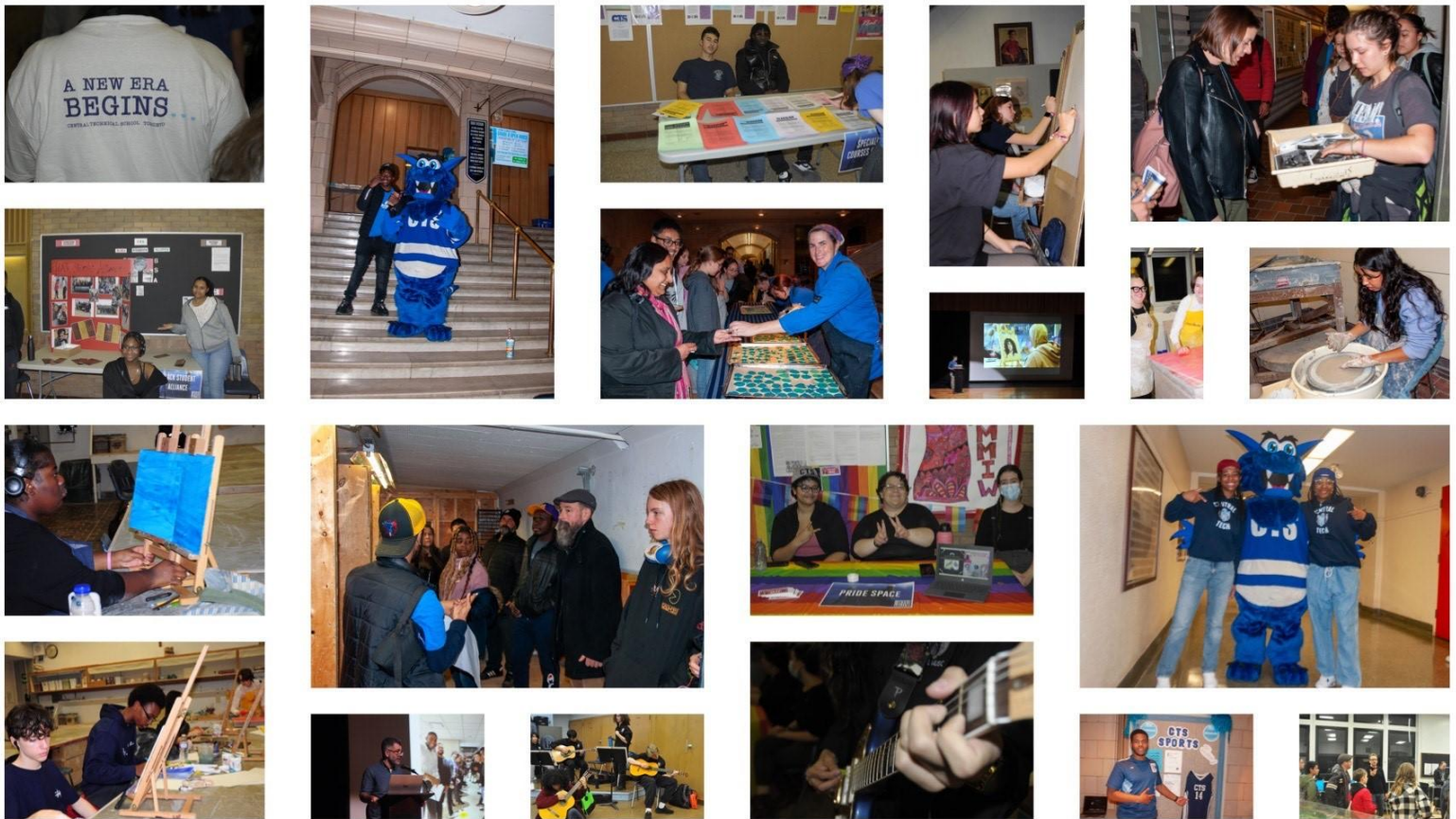


# Central Technical School NEWSLETTER

December 1st, 2023

## You Belong Here!



### A message from your Principal - Anne Chirakal

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On November 16th, CTS was buzzing with excitement as we hosted more than 1000 people to see and experience all of our amazing programmes. Families and grade 8 students asked questions about our Technology offerings, the Central Student Interest Program for Visual Arts, the LAWS program, Academic programming, SHSM and OYAP. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff and students who made the

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evening a success. Please check out our website to see a video, featuring many of our students and our brochure showcasing why CTS is the Right Place at the Right Time.

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/centraltechnicalschool>

## **Council Corner (For Parents/Caregivers and Guardians):**

Welcome to the first CTS Council Corner!

Do you want to improve your student's achievement in school? Research shows that when parents/caregivers are involved in their child's education in school and at home, student achievement increases. One way to get involved is through your School Council.

- Attend a meeting (virtually or in-person)
- Become a member
- Give your feedback to the school and the TDSB

Advocate for your student and their learning environment. School Council gives you a chance to be involved in the discussions that make CTS a better place.

The CTS Council welcomes new faces and encourages your participation! We hope to highlight the issues that matter to our Parent & Caregiver community while providing a safe space for questions about school, CTS or navigating the TDSB in any way.

We hope you can take a few minutes to anonymously complete a survey that will help the Council learn more about what matters to you and to help us focus on the questions you may have.

[LINK TO SURVEY](#)

The next Council meeting is December 5, 2023 at 6pm. You are welcome to attend in person or virtually. If you are planning to attend, virtually, please register here:

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYscuCgqTssHtfjoMjiZ2TglLo975tlz4RD> .

In the meantime, if you would like to learn more about School Councils, click here:

<https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/csww/school-council?authuser=0>

OR reach out to us at our soon to be operational email:

[SC.centraltechnicalschool@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:SC.centraltechnicalschool@tdsb.on.ca)

We look forward to a great year ahead!

Co-Chairs: Tanya Becker & Crystal Stewart

## It's Time to Toyota!

Senior transportation technology students went on a field trip to the Toyota/Lexus manufacturing plant in Cambridge. Students were able to get a behind-the-scenes tour of how Toyota and Lexus vehicles are manufactured. This provided students with curriculum connections and possible career opportunities.



## Coding Challenges

Central Tech's Computer Science students have been hard at work foreseeing the future! November's coding challenges included Python mini-projects, with students creating Magic 8 Balls, password-checkers, and text-based RPGs. They also explored topics in operational security, channeling their inner Cyberpunk!

## Grade 10 English

Students from Ms. Bloom's grade 10 English class (ENG2D1-5) matching up terms to definitions to review Narrative Elements and Literary Devices.



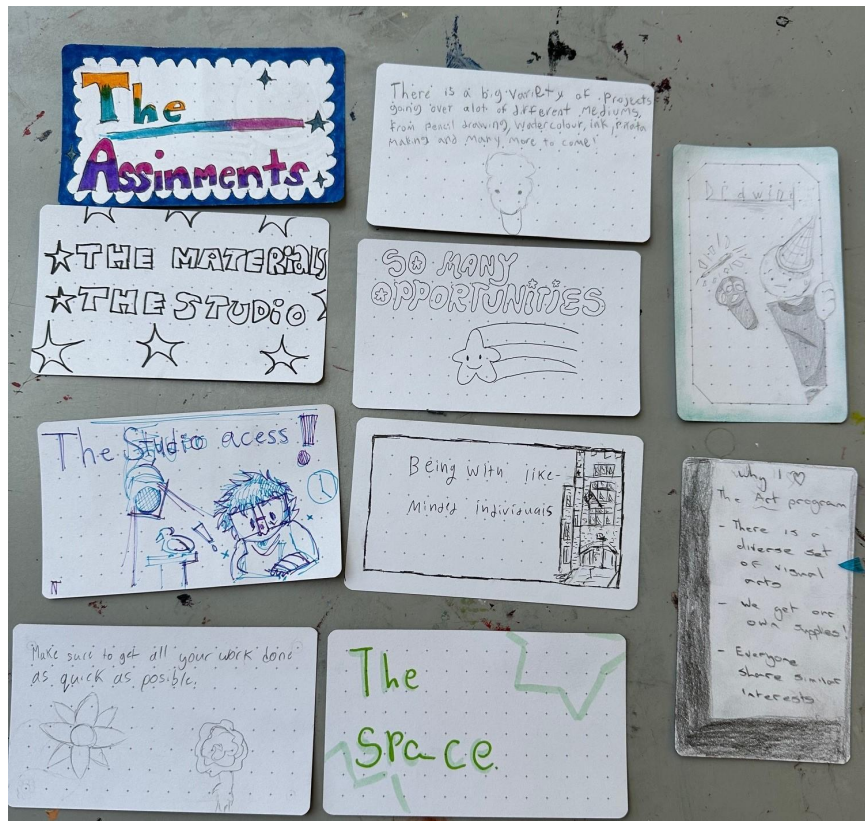


#ArtEducation #CreativityInProgress 🎨🗿

The collage consists of 20 hand-drawn posters arranged in a 5x4 grid. Each poster is a student's expression of their appreciation for the Central Tech Art program. The posters include:

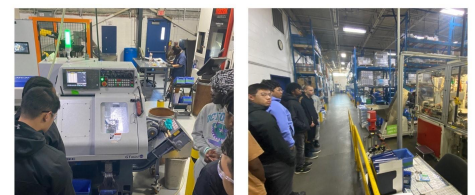
- Top Row:**
  - "School can be scary at first but not when you have amazing teachers! (P.S. they have so many art materials you can test out)" with a drawing of a girl giving a thumbs up.
  - "Getting To Experiment With Different Materials" with a heart border.
  - "I like how many RESOURCES we have." with star symbols.
  - "AWESOME TEACHERS" with "Fun Opportunities and trips!" below.
- Second Row:**
  - "You get to have 2 classes with the same people." with a drawing of a landscape and a tree.
  - "It brings out the BEST in the Students" with a drawing of a person's head and shoulders.
  - "AD I love being free!" with a drawing of a building and a person.
  - "I Love that the art program lets us work on independent projects." with a drawing of a sandwich.
- Third Row:**
  - "TOOLS PEOPLE" with a diamond border.
  - "Opportunity TO Create" with a star border.
  - "The more open mindset Concerning art." with a drawing of a person's head and shoulders.
  - "My favorite part of the art program is that I get to try and use different materials and learn different techniques for art." with a drawing of a person's head and shoulders.
- Fourth Row:**
  - "This Art Program is the ROOTS" with a drawing of a tree.
  - "My Favourite Part About The Arts Program Is Making Pottery." with a drawing of a person's head and shoulders.
  - "The Time" with a drawing of a person's head and shoulders.
  - "Creative Freedom and Support and Feedback from fellow peers." with a drawing of a person's head and shoulders.
- Fifth Row:**
  - "The Art Program is the ROOTS" with a drawing of a tree.
  - "My Favourite Part About The Arts Program Is Making Pottery." with a drawing of a person's head and shoulders.
  - "The Time" with a drawing of a person's head and shoulders.
  - "Creative Freedom and Support and Feedback from fellow peers." with a drawing of a person's head and shoulders.
- Sixth Row:**
  - "The Art Program is the ROOTS" with a drawing of a tree.
  - "My Favourite Part About The Arts Program Is Making Pottery." with a drawing of a person's head and shoulders.
  - "The Time" with a drawing of a person's head and shoulders.
  - "Creative Freedom and Support and Feedback from fellow peers." with a drawing of a person's head and shoulders.





## Plumbing goes to Dahl

For more than 15 years, Dahl Brothers Canada Ltd has been inviting plumbing students from Central Technical School to their offices to soak up some knowledge, learn first-hand about the business, take a plant tour, take home some dahl swag, and enjoy a pizza lunch! Dahl has a particularly strong relationship with Central Technical High School. The students enjoyed an in-depth tour of the plant, where they were shown everything from the receiving of the raw materials, to the final output and testing of each finished part. This year, Central Technical High School got an extra treat, when Dahl announced that a Central Tech plumbing student would be a recipient of one of the Dahl Outstanding Student awards – the scholarship Dahl has set up to support plumbing programs across Canada.



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## Experiential Learning at CTS

Experiential learning is an engaged learning process whereby students “learn by doing” and by reflecting on the experience. Students choose the type of placement they desire. These placements are well-planned, supervised and assessed. The



co-op program stimulates academic and all other educational pathways by promoting career development, civic engagement, cultural awareness and other professional and intellectual skills. Our students are engaging in work experiences all over the GTA.

Some are at schools, restaurants, auto shops, music stores, retail stores, hospitals and law firms to name a few.



## Hairstyling:

The Barbers from ColdKutz, including Zack Morales, CTS alumni 2014 and Shawn Barbz, Wahl Educator & Canadian National Barber Champion, visited Central Tech to speak with students about their journey in becoming barbers while providing their haircutting services. It was an informative session, as well as the lucky students who got a Cool Kutz!





## Bullying Awareness Month

In November, Central Tech recognizes Bullying Awareness Month. It is an opportunity to remember the impact that bullying can have on our school community and to talk about the ways we can report, support, and prevent bullying at CTS.

As a system, we focus on prevention efforts and creating a welcoming school community – both in-person and online. Supporting a positive school climate is an important way that we support students' well-being. Central Tech is committed to working to strengthen relationships between students and adults and improving our overall school climate to create inviting and engaging learning spaces where students want to be.



## 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:** Edwin Zapata  
**Graduated:** Class of 2006  
**Program:** Automotive  
**Extracurriculars:** Archery, Sewing

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**Where are they now?** Was working Construction Unionized as a General Foreman for one of Canada's Largest General Contractors. Now I'm an author. I also do speaking, coaching, and mentoring for entrepreneurs, upcoming authors and Social Media Marketers. I'm soon to be married and travel frequently.

**Name:** Loki Piper

**Graduated:** Class of 2022

***What programs and extracurricular activities I joined at CTS:***

Specialized Art Program, Physics, Robotics, Woodworking, Electrical, Welding, Fashion Design, 3-D Design Club, Fashion Club

***What am I doing now?***

I am in my second year in the University of Toronto Materials Science Engineering Program

***What are my hobbies and interests?***

Industrial Design, Guitar/Songwriting, Painting, Fashion Design, Cycling

***What are my hopes and aspirations?***

I hope to go into sustainable battery research and recycling, alongside researching the applications of water's gel phase as applied to desalination.

**Instagram:** @badlowkey\_



**Name:** Aleks Simic

**Graduated:** Class of 2007

**Program:** Plumbing OYAP program, no extracurriculars aside from playing football beside class.

**Where are they now?** Completed OYAP program and obtained Interprovincial Red Seal license in Plumbing, Completed UofT Business management courses such as Introduction to business management, Construction Project Management,

Construction Law, Contract Negotiation and Conflict Resolution.

Currently am the Co-Owner of Annex Mechanical Installations, a medium size Plumbing, Heating, Sheet Metal, Welding and Refrigeration contracting company with 42 employees between Toronto and Ottawa. The knowledge and environment at Tech gave me the confidence and knowledge to help me build my career as a Plumber. Mr



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Schrader was not just my teacher but my mentor and thanks in part to his time and effort I learned a lot about not just plumbing as a subject but as a business.

## **Important Upcoming Dates:**

**December 14th** : Winter Concert

**December 22nd**: Last Day before the holidays

Starting as early as January 8th, classes will start their Final Evaluations in their different classes. **Attendance is super important** as this is the **final opportunity** for students to provide evidence of their knowledge and skills of the Overall expectations of the different courses. As well, the Final Evaluation is made up of different components worth 30% of the grade. Please ensure your student understands the timelines and the expectations each of their teachers have of them.

**January 8th - 23rd**: In-class final evaluations - **ATTENDANCE VERY IMPORTANT**

**January 18th - 23rd**: moratorium - no field trips, inter-school activities, no tests/projects of new content

### **Formal Final Evaluation Period:**

Please note, students only come into school if they have a scheduled formal final evaluation on these dates. Formal final evaluations will only occur in the AM. Individual students will also be contacted if they need an opportunity for credit rescue to come in during this time.

**January 24th** - Day 1, Period 1 (AM)

**January 25th** - Day 1, Period 2 (AM)

**January 26th** - Day 1, Period 3 (AM)

**January 29th** - Day 1, Period 4 (AM)

**January 30th** - Inclement weather day, and make-up day for students.

\*\*\* Not all courses are using these days for the Final Evaluations.

### **Credit Rescue:**

Please note, that on January 24th - 30th, if students are in-risk of not earning their credit, teachers will be contacting students and families with dates and times they can come in to engage in work to support them earning their credit.

## **Guidance**

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### **Counsellor Contact Information:**

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[eleonora.ferrari@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:eleonora.ferrari@tdsb.on.ca)

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

### **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=rzzv44l>

### **Community Service Requirement:**

Students who will be graduating by June 2024 are required to complete 40 hours of community service.

Visit: [www.volunteertoronto.ca](http://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

### **University Application Deadline: January 15, 2024**

- NO PIN (Personal Identification Numbers) required
- Websites – [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca) & <https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca>

### **College Application Deadline: February 1, 2024**

- PIN is NOT necessary
- OCAS website: [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)



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### **Need help applying to College or University?**

- We would be glad to help
- Set up an appointment with your guidance counsellor and we will walk you through the process

### **Scholarship Info**

- **Scholarship Meeting – December 7 @ 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/>
  - [\*\*CTS Scholarship Chart\*\*](#)

### **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 😊

### **Timetable Changes**

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Semester 2 timetable changes begin **December 1** and end **January 26**. Students are encouraged to set up appointments with their counsellors to review and or change their courses for semester 2.

### **OYAP Open House**

We will host an OYAP Open House on **December 7** in room 208 from **6:00pm-8:00pm**. If you are a grade 11 or 12 student and are interested in the trades come out to find more information.

### **Course Selections**

#### ***Grade 9 Course Selections***

Course selections for grade 9 students begin in January with a course selection assembly on January 10 during period 1, followed by a courses selection fair. Students will be able to learn about the various options available in grade 10.

Counsellors will visit grade 9 classes from January 15 to January 24 to help students with their selections.

Course selection information will be sent to families and caregivers in the new year.

#### ***Grade 10 - 12 Course Selections***

Course Selections for Grade 10 to 12 students will begin at the beginning of February. More information will be shared in the January newsletter.

### **LATE START SCHEDULE**

December 13th, 2023	December 20th, 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>
January 10th, 2024	January 17th, 2024	
February 21st, 2024	February 28th, 2024	
March 20th, 2024	March 26th, 2024	
April 17th, 2024	April 24th, 2024	
May 22nd, 2024	May 29th, 2024	