

Central Technical School

NEWSLETTER

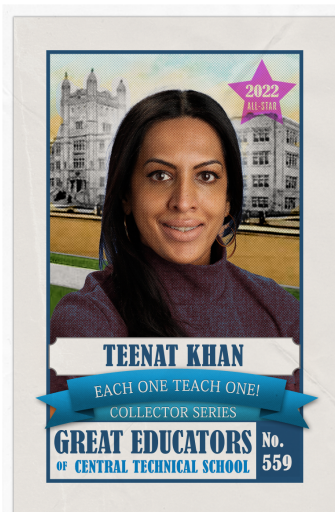
January 11th, 2023



Farewell to Ms. Khan!

On Friday, December 9th we said farewell to Ms. Khan. Ms. Khan has served the CTS community for over 21 years, as a teacher, Guidance Counsellor and Vice

Principal. Her dedication to CTS students and their families, and the work she has done to advocate for Black youth has had an incredibly positive impact on the lives of our young people. One former student shared - *"Many of my archetypes for Black success and Black achievement were discovered in Each 1 Teach 1 . . . None of these experiences would have existed without the help and compassion of Ms. Khan in orchestrating these events and I'm forever grateful and indebted to her."* We have learned so much from Ms. Khan. She helped us to expand



our walls and engage our community partners and families both in and outside of CTS.

Over the years, Ms. Khan has brought in artists to support student learning and engagement, some of the artists wrote this message:

“Wsup Teenah, aka Ms Khan aka Mz EachOneTeachOne!!! Big Congratulations and blessings. We just wanted to express that your contributions to Central Tech students and our community have been invaluable!!! Making space for Black and brown students to express themselves and find their identity, through Hip Hop pedagogy! It has also been instrumental for Toronto ARTISTS and Graffiti/ Hip Hop/ and Street Artists working with students in the TDSB! Much respect! You will definitely be missed within the DownTown core representing the Central Tech community. Much love and prosperity upon your journey and evolution. Indeed, we continue to grow. EachOneTeachOne One Love,

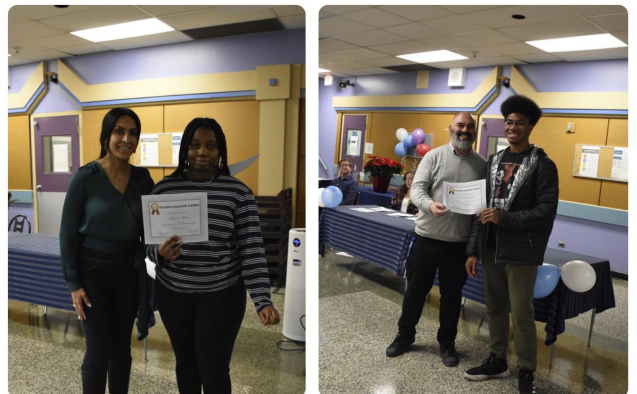
*Danilo Deluxo
Javid Jah
and Moises Luvs of XYZ Collective”*

We will miss you Ms. Khan!

December Awards Ceremony

On Friday December 9th, 2022, we celebrated students who earned the highest grades in their classes last year as well as students who won other CTS and community awards. Students and families came together for the ceremony and celebratory treats afterwards.

Congratulations to all of the award winners! A huge thank you as well to our Hospitality students who provided the refreshments under the leadership of Ms. Leckie and Ms. Kalerante.





Black Brilliance Conference

On December 6th, students from CTS attended the Black Brilliance Conference at Downsview Secondary School, where they participated in student-run workshops on topics relevant to Black youth today. The students thoroughly enjoyed this day of learning, collaboration, and celebration and are planning their own 'Week of Workshops' (WOW!) at CTS. Stay tuned!

Black Student Alliance

On December 20, students from the CTS Black Students Alliance (BSA) went to MSLE Launchpad for an uplifting afternoon of team-building activities, sports, and collaborative brainstorming. The students laughed a lot, but they got serious, too, as they worked in groups to identify barriers and possible solutions to their success at school. Students are working towards an action plan for change and improved outcomes for Black youth.

The BSA wishes to thank the amazing staff at Launchpad who work magic with youth; Rachelle Bloomfield from Peacebuilders, for setting it all up and seeing it through; Clive "Shand" Licorish and Jason Brissett from the



Center of Excellence for Black Achievement, for their love and financial support; Ms. Tsouluhas, for her steadfast allyship; and Principal Chirakal for her much-appreciated support of this field trip. Last but not least, we thank Blessed Love Caribbean Market for the amazing food!

“Da Kink in My Hair”



On December 21, twelve students attended a matinee performance of Trey Anthony’s “da Kink in My Hair” presented by Soulpepper. The play is set in a West Indian hair salon in Toronto and features a cast of women whose unforgettable stories had the audience riveted. The students wish to thank Blackhurst Cultural Center for making it all possible by donating the tickets to this event.

School (Parent) Council Meeting:

Our next school council meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8th at 6 pm. We will be hosting both in-person (room 208) and online. On the 8th, we will look closely at course selection and MyBluePrint. This information will help parents/caregivers and guardians support their students in planning post-secondary options. Please use this link to register for the meeting (it is new because Ms. Khan has left):

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/99554717744?pwd=YWZ1UTlLa3N3eIJ5UGFodVhDVVZ2UT09>

Important Upcoming Dates:

Starting as early as January 9th, 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 9th - 24th: In-class final evaluations - ATTENDANCE VERY IMPORTANT

January 19th - 24th: 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 25th - Day 1, Period 1 (AM)

January 26th - Day 1, Period 2 (AM)

January 27th - Day 1, Period 3 (AM)

January 30th - Day 1, Period 4 (AM)

January 31st - 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 25th - 31st, 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.

February 1st: In the morning, there will be an exam/final evaluation review day modified schedule. This is not a mandatory day, but students can come in to review their Final Evaluation.

The schedule is as follows:

Period 1: 9:00 - 9:30 am

Period 2: 9:35 - 10:05 am

Period 3: 10:10 - 10:40 am

Period 4: 10:45 - 11:15 am

February 2nd: No school.

February 3rd: First day of Semester 2

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

Name of Student: Ashley Harripersad

Graduated Class of 2012

What I am doing now: Currently studying for the Ontario Bar Exams and almost into my third month of articling with Steinmetz & Associates.

Where I attended undergrad: The University of Toronto – Victoria College (2012-2016): Graduated with a double major in Political Science and Equity Studies

Where I attended law school: I worked at the Ontario Justice Education Network (OJEN) from 2016-2019 before I started law school at the University of Windsor, Faculty of Law (2019-2022)

Special Programs at CTS: Law in Action Within Schools Program (LAWS)

LAWS opened so many doors for me and I am forever grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of such a wonderful cohort and Program.

Name: Bilan Mohamoud

Graduated class of: 2015, part of the LAWS program

What I am doing now: Currently, working in a library full-time. I'm also doing my MA in library and information science.

Guidance

Semester 2 Timetable Changes End January 24, 2023

Semester 2 is around the corner. Contact your counsellor to set up an appointment to review and make any changes before the semester begins.

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Ontario University Application Deadline - January 12, 2022

- The 101 Ontario Application deadline is January 12, 2022.
- Link to application - <https://www.ouac.on.ca>
- Application guide
- Contact your counsellor for your PIN letter required to apply
- University Information in grade 11/12 google classroom

College Application Deadline - February 1, 2022

- Applications for equal consideration are due February 1, 2023
- Link to application - <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en>
- No PIN required
- Application guide
- College Information in grade 12 google classroom

Scholarship Info

- **Scholarship Meeting – Tuesday January 17 @ 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**

Night School:

- Registration for **Semester 2 Night School** classes is OPEN! **Registration closes on Friday January 20 @ 4pm.**
- For information: Night School Semester 2

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>

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

January 11th, 2023	January 18th, 2023	
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February 15th, 2023	February 22nd, 2023	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.
March 22nd, 2023	March 29th, 2023	
April 1st, 2023	April 26th, 2023	
May 24th, 2023	May 31st, 2023	

From our Trustee, Deborah Williams:

Please find the meeting notice for the next Ward 10 Forum below (link to view online)

Ward 10 Forum: Welcome and PIAC / FSLCAC Elections Thurs Jan 12, 6 to 8 PM

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.

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

Girls Workshop/Event Planning Committee – Are you a girl between the ages of 13- 19, interested in leading in planning workshops and events for girls in the community? Join the Girls Workshop/Event Planning Committee to plan out workshops and events for girls. 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

programs in the school year. Youth interested can email me at 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 for more information about volunteering.