

Central Technical School

NEWSLETTER

June 6th, 2023



Sam Richardson Plaque Unveiling Ceremony



On Thursday, May 11, 2023, we were finally able to celebrate the 2020 Heritage Toronto Plaque honouring CTS Alumni, Sam Richardson. We recognized and celebrated Sam Richardson's achievements and his legacy as an outstanding athlete, a role model, and a proud alumnus of Central Technical School. Sam Richardson proudly represented his nation at the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games in Nazi Germany, and he ran alongside the great, Jesse Owens. He also competed in the British Empire Games, taking home a gold and silver medal. Canada was proud, Toronto was prouder and the CTS community was

proudest. The event was largely attended by Sam Richardson's family and friends. We would like to thank Arthur Downes, for sharing stories about Sam, as they grew up, including how friends dared Sam to outrun the Dundas streetcar, and cousin, Carol McGrath, who shared Sam's birth story and how he beat all odds. Our very own Shianne Blackman and retired Track and Field Coach, Bruce Smith shared how Sam's commitment to excellence continues to inspire students to pursue their dreams and strive for success in all areas of their lives.

CTS would like to thank the CTS Alumni Association and Heritage Toronto for their hard work and dedication, who made this plaque unveiling ceremony possible. A very special thank you to Fernanda Pisani, who's dedication and commitment to CTS archives and the alumni made this reception possible.

Did you know that the CTS Alumni Association is made up of CTS Graduates and former staff who still care about this school and its students? This spring, the CTS Alumni Association donated funds to help with the cost of the Semi-Formal, the Prom, and the Pride Ball. They also support the Pride Pop-up Prom Shop. Later this June, they'll be awarding two students with "Success the CTS Way" Alumni Awards.

The funds raised from the sale of name plaques on our Wall of Fame outside of the Principal's office goes back to the students of CTS. If you are interested in purchasing one for yourself, or if you want to join the CTS Alumni Association, you can contact the President, George Homatidis, at ctsalumni.directorspecialevents@gmail.com.

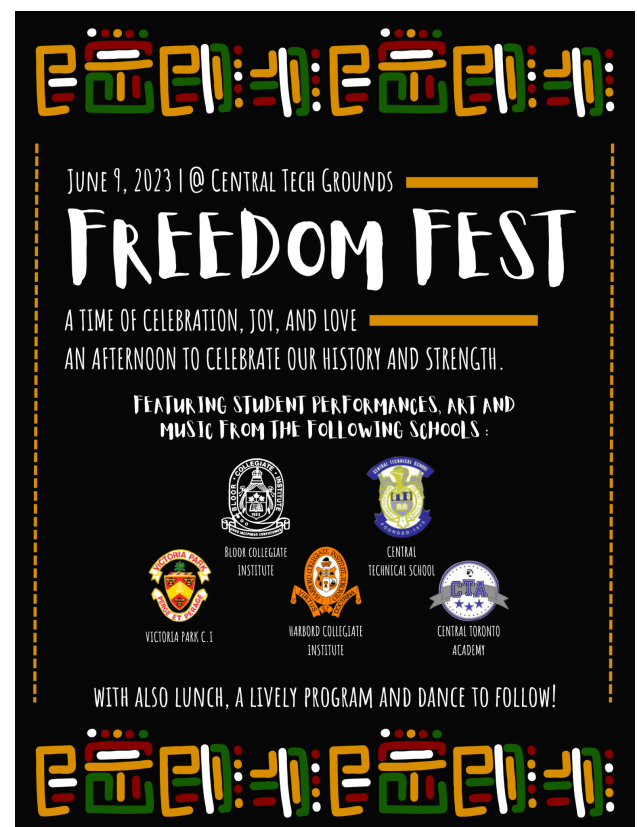
*Photos by Gilbert Prioste

Freedom Fest:

On Friday, June 9th, CTS will be hosting Freedom Fest. Students from Bloor Collegiate, Harbord Collegiate, Central Toronto Academy and Victoria Park will be joining us for the afternoon. We will be offering lunch, a program full of student performances (from all the schools) and Lilian Allen, Toronto's Poet Laureate will be scheduled. A dance to follow. On the 9th - we will be doing a half day schedule. Classes will be completed by 12:00 pm. It is expected that students stay and enjoy the afternoon.

Unlearn Conference

On May 30th, three classes of Gr. 9 and 10 CTS students participated in a full day conference focused on dialogue about anti-discrimination. Led by seasoned workshop facilitators from **unlearn**, students had the opportunity to engage in difficult conversations about attitudes, biases, and beliefs we hold, whether conscious or unconscious. Participants grappled with



“outside the box” proposals to build a school community where everyone is treated with dignity and respect and where people are empowered to dismantle racism, sexism, and other forms of exclusion. Breakout sessions allowed for smaller group conversations about what equity means in practical terms. Throughout the day, these students bravely co-created a space that allowed for sometimes uncomfortable conversations about how to make CTS a more inclusive space for everyone. One of the many highlights of the day's program was a delicious lunch, including halal and vegetarian options, shared by students and educators in the CTS Conference Room.

Pride Ball 2023!

This year CTS' Pride Space hosted our 2nd annual Pride Ball! It was a HUGE success with about 200 students attending from 20 schools across the TDSB.

2SLGBTQIAP+ students and their allies were able to celebrate their identities and connect with their peers.

The event allowed students to express themselves in a safe and affirming environment, featuring a dance hosted by a queer DJ and performances from 2 local drag queens. The perfect start to Pride Month! *Artwork by Obi Onwubuke



Water Polo!



Congratulations to the CTS Water Polo Team!! Winning GOLD at the City Championships against Victoria Park C.I. by a score of 19-17.

A bunch of individuals plucked from every grade came together to form a tight-knit squad that supported, cheered, and challenged each other to push, pull, and rise. Getting up every morning for practices at 7 am... and convincing the coaches to hold more practices during every lunch period... simply, the boys were getting hooked on the game and, dare we say, enjoyed each other's company.

Ultimate Frisbee!

Congratulations to the 2023 Varsity Ultimate Frisbee team on their Tier 2 Regional Championship win!! The team started practicing back in February with the determination to be competitive this season. There was strong leadership with Omar Malik and Grace Blanchette leading warm-ups and encouraging new athletes to join. Brandon, Dayton, Matthew, Valerie, Keira, Bayan, and Mohammed had veteran knowledge and experience from playing previous seasons. New teammates including Kairi, Jason, Jacob, Jake, Suhayl Omar, Ayumi, Mia, and Dylan had immense tenacity showing off their skills - hucking, swinging, and laying out for the disc. The team finished with a 3-1 record in the regular season. In the playoffs, they played a competitive quarter finals against Malvern and a very challenging double-header semi-finals against Leaside and finals against Forest Hill on one of the hottest days this year!!

Thank you to all of the athletes for your passion and resilience and best of luck to our graduating athletes on your future endeavors!

Track and Field!

From June 7-10, 2023, Zev Zabitsky and Aidan Peters will be representing Central Technical School at OFSAA Track and Field in Ottawa at the Terry Fox Athletic Centre. Zev will be competing in pole vault and Aidan will be competing in the 100 m sprint. Zev is grade 12 club decathlete, who has passionately shared his knowledge and experiences with CTS to mentor students new to track and field. He has been signed with York University to continue competing in track and field while studying economics next year. Aidan is a grade 11 prep basketball

athlete, who has transferred his athleticism to track and field. Together, the two exceptional student-athletes have inspired their teammates through regional meets and metros with TDSSAA. We wish them continued success as they compete at OFSAA this week!



Badminton:



The CTS Badminton team had a successful season in a pool of 7 schools. With grit and perseverance, the Girls Doubles A Team, featuring Lara and Mia, advanced Regionals. Our Boys team with Dillon, Jason, Brandon and Omar, captivated the spectators with their agility and strength on the court. Our players were highly skilled and displayed great sportsmanship throughout the whole season. It took the dedication and teamwork of all our team members to end on a positive note and the

foundation has been set for an even stronger season next year. Go Blues!

Athletic Banquet:

Central Tech's Athletic Banquet made a triumphant return with over 80 people signed up and two of our teams (Ultimate & Waterpolo) winning their gold medal matches during the Athletic Banquet! Central Tech's athletic department would like to thank all the students, teachers and admin who made this season a success.

Major Award winners:

Coaches of The Year: **Ms. K. Le & Mr. D. Martin**

Junior Athletes of The Year: **Thomas Mitchell & Mia Tamburri**

Senior Athletes of The Year: **Omar Malik & Eva Holzman-Sharfe**

Congratulations to everyone!

A BIG Thank YOU!

Central Technical School and the Prom Committee would like to say a BIG thank you to all folks who made donations to help make Prom more accessible for more of our students! As well for the CTS Alumni for providing a Prom Boutique, where students could get dresses, suits, make-up, shoes and jewelry.

Thank you to the following people:

- A Different Booklist
- CTS Alumni
- Peter Voight
- Linval Burke
- Mark Vicari
- All the staff who bought donuts and coffee every month and those who supplemented costs of tickets for students



Experiential Learning at CTS (CO-OP):



Experiential learning is an engaged learning process whereby students “learn by doing” and by reflecting on the experience. Karis Galea earned a certificate for participating in the “Be Our Guest” program at the Hazelton Hotel. The Be Our Guest Program provided students with opportunities to gain understanding of the Hospitality and

Tourism Industry.

Students in our Workplace Bound Program are also enjoying their time at their placements. Some of the Placements include



Shopper's Drug Mart, MLSE Launchpad, A Different Booklist, an auto body shop, gym, flower market

Forest of Reading Club:



On May 17, students from the [Forest of Reading Club](#) attended the Forest of Reading Festival at the Harbourfront Centre. Students attended author workshops, got their favourite novels signed by the authors, and were part of the White Pine Award Ceremony where this year's White Pine Award winner, *Daughter* by Nova Scotian author Kate McLaughlin, was announced. Another highlight was seeing H.N. Khan, author of *Wrong Side of the Court*, who also visited our school in the fall. His sister is a Central Tech grad, and CTS gets a mention in his book. It was an amazing day to celebrate all things books. Please encourage your child to join the club next year by visiting the CTS library for more details.

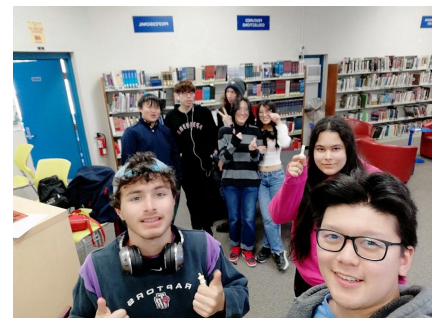
CTS Camera Club:

In the art building, the CTS camera club has been diving into the captivating world of cyanotype printing. What is cyanotype, you ask? It's an alternative photographic printing process that produces stunning blue and white images. The students have been having a blast creating photograms using flowers, leaves, and stems, resulting in unique and vibrant compositions. From delicate petals to intricate foliage, their creations have truly captured the essence of nature's beauty. Stay tuned for more captivating projects from our talented camera club members!



Chess Team:

8 pawns, 2 knights, 2 bishops, 2 rooks, 1 queen, 1 king, over a space of 64 squares, and a dream. While our players started as a small club back in November, it grew into a competitive TDSB Chess League team. Our team played in two tournaments. The first was against Thistletown CI,



where we placed 6th out of 8 teams. The second was played at Lawrence Park CI, where the top 3 boys and top 3 girls of each school competed for the championship. While the CTS Chess team is new, we have created dreams and ambitions for next year's competitions. You will find them wearing cool hoodies in the next school year. Congratulations to all the members who tried out and participated in these tournaments!

CTS Fashion Field Trip to Fabricland:

On May 9th, the TDP gr.11 Fashion class visited the new, neighbourhood Fabricland store at Bloor & Yonge. The students completed a 'Sewing Scavenger Hunt' and had fun finding fabrics and fashion project supplies!



Health Care Classes went to Sick Kids!

On May 30, Grade 11 and 12 health care students had an extraordinary opportunity to visit the Peter Gilgan Centre for Research and Learning at SickKids Hospital. The afternoon was filled with hands-on workshops where students practiced essential medical skills like suturing, casting, and CPR. They also had the chance to interview and chat with pediatricians, gaining invaluable advice on pursuing medical careers and how to plan for a future in health care. Check out these photos to see our students actively engaged in these transformative experiences.



Workplace Bound/MID Program:

High Park Trip: Students and staff in the WPB program are very excited to be heading to High Park on June 7th for the day. Students will be taking part in a scavenger hunt, zoo trip, picnic and sports and games. Parents and Guardians, please return the field trip forms by Tues. June 8th or fill them in online.

WPB/MID End of Year/ Graduation Party: Everyone in the department is encouraged to come celebrate the end of the school year on June 15th in the afternoon. Pizza, snacks and cake, catered by our own hospitality class. Sports and activities in the front field. A big congratulations to all the students graduating from the WPB program- we're very proud of you!

Upcoming Events at CTS:

June 6th: Prom

June 9th: Freedom Fest

June 14th: Arts Showcase (evening)

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: Larissa Pham

Graduated Class of: 2019

Program: LAWS

Extracurriculars: Forest of Reading Club, Student Council Treasurer

What are they doing now? Studying Life Science at the University of Toronto with a Biochemical Specialist

Name: Lam Pham

Graduated Class of: 2021

Program: LAWS, Tech (Graphic Design)

Extracurriculars: Forest of Reading Club, Yearbook Club, Archery Club

What are they doing now? Studying Architectural Science at Toronto Metropolitan University

Name: Bryn Ludlow, Ph. D

Graduated Class of: 2003, Valedictorian

Program: Specialized Art Program

Extracurriculars: Volleyball team, Basketball team

What are they doing now? Graduated from OCAD My fourth year thesis project at OCADU received the “Sir Edmund Walker Award” for proficiency in Integrated Media; Master of Arts at McMaster University (2010-2012), where I continued working with patients receiving daily haemodialysis therapy (6d/week) for end-stage renal disease, and I studied the method of “body mapping” with patients while they were receiving haemodialysis therapy to find out if the method could help them connect to their emotions and sensations while undergoing dialysis therapy; accepted into a PhD program in fall 2014 at York University in the York and Toronto Metropolitan University Joint Graduate Program in Communication and Culture.

Guidance

SUMMER SCHOOL:

In-Person Summer School

Some in person **summer school sites** have been **closed** (for example, Harbord CI and Riverdale). Check your email for any notifications and/or instructions. If your site was closed, you will need to register for another site or remote learning (See below).

For updated course offerings, check here:

[TDSB In-Person Summer School Course Offerings](#)

For registration, go here: [TDSB Summer School Registration](#)

The deadline to register is Friday June 9 @ 4pm.

See your Guidance Counsellor if you have any questions or require assistance.

Remote Summer School

Remote summer school is an online synchronous learning model, where students will be live online with their class for the duration of the course. Remote summer school runs one session from **July 4 to July 28**.

For Remote learning course offerings, click here:

[TDSB Remote Summer School Course Offerings](#)

For registration, go here: [TDSB Summer School Registration](#)

Credit Recovery

Credit Recovery is offered online (only) in July (only) to students who were unsuccessful in passing their course. Credit recovery is offered as a half day per course, so each student can enrol in up to two courses. For Credit Recovery course offerings, click here:

[TDSB Summer Credit Recovery Course Offerings](#)

For registration, go here: [TDSB Summer School Registration](#)

Registration Deadline for Credit Recovery is Wednesday June 28 @ 4pm.

Elearning

Elearning offers students online learning that is **asynchronous**, meaning that **live attendance is not required**, so work completion time is more flexible, but the course demands are the same as the synchronous model.

Elearning offers two sessions: **July (July 4 - 28) and August (July 31 - August 25).**

For more information about eLearning, click here:

[TDSB eLearning Summer Program](#)

POST-SECONDARY INFO:

- If you have accepted an offer to University or College, please be sure to carefully review all correspondence. Your **tuition deposit** should be due soon! If you do not meet this deadline, your offer will be rescinded!
- June 5 - **Admission Information Service** will be available through the Ontario Universities Application Centre. This service will let students know which **University programs are still accepting applications**. Go to <https://www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-101/>, and click “**Open Programs**”. Good luck!
- To see which **College programs** are still accepting programs, go to www.ontariocollege.ca and search programs.
- **OSAP - Ontario Student Assistance Program:**
As soon as a student has accepted an offer, they may apply for OSAP to help fund their tuition for the post-secondary education.
[OSAP Application link](#)
[How to Apply for OSAP](#)

University Pathways Program

The University Pathways Program is a collaboration between three Canadian business schools -- Ivey Business School at Western University, Schulich School of Business at York University, and Smith School of Business at Queen's University. It is designed to support self-identified **Black students** in their post-secondary academic journeys, as a way to address the significant

under-representation of Black students in Canadian university enrolment, including in business schools. The first cohort of the program started in January 2023 with 55 students from across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

Some key facts:

- The program is no-cost to participants
- Mentoring by current Black university students is a key element
- Enrollment is by student application and approval. Applications for the fall 2023 start will open at the end of May
- Students begin the program while in grade 11
- Content includes insights on the university experience from current Black undergraduate students, and learning about pre-requisites and requirements for programs so high school students have the time, experiential learning opportunities, and support networks to prepare for post-secondary education
- The program is primarily delivered online via Zoom sessions outside of school hours. There are occasional in-person activities that provide a chance to visit the campuses of participating universities
- The Program offers significant financial support options to reduce the financial barrier to post-secondary education
- The program is currently only available to Black students based in the GTA There is more information at: <https://smith.queensu.ca/university-pathways/>

The University Pathways Program will be hosting **information webinars** on **June 5th, 12th, and 18th at 5:00 PM**. The information sessions will cover the same content.

Zoom link: <https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/j/98221812232>

SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations if you have received a scholarship for next year. Please notify Mr. Cormier of the name and amount of the scholarship as soon as you can, so this can be announced at our Commencement ceremony (fall 2023)

For Scholarship Information, see the latest edition of the Scholarship Report:

[The Scholarship Report](#), enter password: **scholar1**

SWAC & DUAL CREDITS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Dual Credits allow you to earn an **additional credit** (plus a free college credit!) in a semester!

SWAC allows students to earn up to **7 credits in one semester** if they are within graduation range.

Dual credit and SWAC registration is now open. For more information about dual credit visit the [Dual Credit Information Page](#) and the [SWAC information page](#).

See your guidance counsellor for details or to sign up :)

Need Volunteer Hours?

You can set up a phone meeting with a volunteer advisor. Click the link below:

<https://www.volunteertoronto.ca/page/BookAppointment>

Grade 12 Graduation Survey

If you are graduating at the end of this school year please complete the graduation survey at this [link](#).

Graduation Reminders

Please review important information for graduation at this [link](#).

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Please use the link below to schedule the appointment for alpha counsellor:

Mr. Rasmussen		Ms. Ferrari		Mr. Cormier	
A - F		G - N		O- Z	

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.

Guidance Google Classroom links

- Grade 9/10 <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzUwNzA1MTc0MjM2?cjc=6hdk43k>
- Grade 11/12 <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzcxNDIzMjQ2OTcy?cjc=rzzv44l>

Volunteer Opportunities

- Join the CTS Guidance google classroom to receive information about the latest volunteer opportunities advertised by the guidance office.
- Grade 9 and 10 classroom code: 6hdk43k
- Grade 11 and 12 classroom code: rzzv44l

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>