

Central Technical School NEWSLETTER

June 6, 2025

May: A Month to Remember!



May was a whirlwind of activity and celebration at CTS! We kicked off the month with our **110th Anniversary**, where walking through the event and hearing stories of learning, enduring friendships, and hard-fought games truly highlighted the deep impact our school has had across generations.

Our **Student Services** team hosted an incredible **Mental Health and Well-Being Fair**, providing students and staff with valuable resources and opportunities to connect with community partners. We also launched our first-ever **Grade 9 Play Day**, a fantastic chance for our grade 9s to connect and have some fun.

We welcomed over 100 Grade 7 students to CTS, showcasing what our **Guidance, Tech, Art, and LAWs teams** have to offer. A huge shout-out to our **student leaders**

who were exceptional mentors, guiding the Grade 7s through their first high school experience.

Our students shone brightly in competitions! **Muhammad Tariq** earned a **silver medal in plumbing at Ontario Skills**, and CTS students were also featured at **PACE (Promoting Arts, Community, and Entrepreneurship)** at STACKT Market.

We celebrated our **graduates** at the annual Grad Breakfast, where they shared a meal, enjoyed music, and chose **Ruby Catucci as their Valedictorian!**

Our LAWS and Specialized Visual Arts students travelled to NYC, where they explored art galleries, took in some culture, ate yummy food, and connected with one another.

The month concluded with two memorable events: our **Spring Concert**, which showcased our talented students, and **Prom**, a spectacular celebration to cap off our Grade 12s' high school journey.

Indigenous Word of the Month:

This month's Indigenous word is **strawberry**. The strawberry holds great significance in many Indigenous communities because it's the first fruit of the year to be harvested. Check out this [article](#) from *CBC News* to learn more. Here are those words in the language of the groups recognized in the TDSB Land Acknowledgement:

Anishinaabe: **ode'imín** (courtesy of the [The Ojibwe People's Dictionary](#); includes pronunciation)

Haudenosaunee: **niyohontéhsa** (courtesy of [Mohawk Language in the Workplace](#) pg. 7)

Wendat: **tihchiont** (courtesy of the [English-Wendat Dictionary](#))

Library Learning Commons:



Kudos to the CTS Student Services department for organizing the Health and Wellness Fair in the Library Learning Commons. The fair was a wildly popular event among students and staff as CTS recognized Children's Mental Health Week. The purpose of the fair was to make students aware of the various support and services available in the community. This year's event also included employment agencies.



The CTS Library Learning Commons hosted a series of workshops for grade 9 classes delivered by the Teens Ending Abusive Relationships group. The interactive and engaging workshops provide youth with the tools, knowledge, and resources to understand what a healthy

relationship looks like and warning signs of unhealthy and potentially abusive relationships.

volunteers. We were truly impressed by the bright, kind, and caring Grade 9 and 10 students who stepped up and represented CTS so well.

Just a reminder that the CTS Library Learning Commons is on Instagram! Scan the QR code to follow all the latest events and happenings.



Asian Heritage Month:

Central Tech proudly celebrated Asian Heritage Month with a bulletin board display highlighting the achievements of famous Asian Canadians. This showcase honours the diverse contributions of individuals in fields such as arts, science, sports, and public service. This shows a celebration of identity, resilience, and excellence that encourages learning, appreciation, and inclusivity within our school community.



Big News from the Art Department!

We're so proud to celebrate Annabel Fleming, whose photographic work has been selected for exhibition in "A Scientific Approach: Visual Documents and Creative Investigation Methods," an international group show opening this June in Rome, Italy.

The exhibition—hosted at Millepiani Gallery—explores how photography, video, and digital design can intersect with scientific inquiry, observation, and aesthetic

experimentation. Annabel's work, thoughtful and quietly powerful as always, was chosen for its unique approach to documentation and visual storytelling.

It's no surprise to those who know her—Annabel's work speaks in layers. Congratulations to our colleague on this well-deserved recognition on the international stage!



NYC TRIP!

Our recent Gr. 11 and 12 five-day NYC art and culture trip for LAWS and Specialized Arts students was unforgettable. The time in the city was packed with inspiration—from the Met and MoMA to street-level galleries, Broadway, and landmark neighbourhoods like Brooklyn and the East Village. It was an impactful, perspective-shifting experience for our students. To reflect on the impact of the trip, we are using our new podcasting equipment to record a special series of episodes featuring student voices and memories from the journey. Stay tuned for their release!



CTS Visual Arts and Hospitality Students Shine at PACE Festival

On Thursday, May 15, students from the CTS Visual Arts and Hospitality Departments and Clubs proudly participated in the PACE Festival (Promoting Arts, Community, and Entrepreneurship) at STACKT Market. The day was filled with creativity, connection, and celebration as students showcased their talents and entrepreneurial spirit.

The festival featured a wide variety of activities, including an art walk, Jingle Dance, student vendor market, fashion runway show, mentors mixer, and performances in dance, drama, and music. Attendees also enjoyed film screenings and hands-on screen printing workshops.

Students, along with their families and friends, had a wonderful time engaging with the wider community and celebrating the vibrant role of the arts within the TDSB. Together, we set the PACE—using the power of art and entrepreneurship to bring people together and strengthen our shared community.



Grad Breakfast!

On Wednesday, May 21, CTS hosted a breakfast for over 150 future grads to begin the celebration of their upcoming graduation. Students enjoyed delicious food prepared by Ms. Leckie, participated in a raffle to win some sweet CTS merch, took pictures at our photo booth, recorded Grad Testimonials, and voted for their valedictorian. A big thank you to our student Grad Committee for beautifully decorating our cafeteria, and



to all the staff volunteers. We are so proud of our students and look forward to celebrating their graduation in June.

Grade 7 Tours:

On May 13th, Central Technical School had the pleasure of hosting some of the brightest young minds from Rawlinson Community School, Ryerson Community School and King Edward Junior and Senior Public School. We were thrilled to see the enthusiasm and curiosity these Grade 7's brought to our school.

They explored hands-on activities that showcased their talent and potential. They participated in some of the many programs that are offered by Central Tech like Plumbing, Art, Design, Hairstyling, Cooking, Electrical, Laws, Automotive, Carpentry and Athletics. Much appreciation to the staff that participated in all their efforts in creating such a welcoming and engaging day for all the visiting students and staff. Also, thanks to Kevin Parada for taking the photos that day.

Thank you for lighting up our school with your energy. We can't wait to see all that you'll achieve in the future.



Ontario Skills Competition - Silver!

The Ontario Skills Competition offers a unique opportunity for top students to demonstrate that they are the best of the best in their field. Over the two and a half days, they turn the heads of their educators, family, friends and prospective employers. Winners are awarded with Gold, Silver or Bronze medals - and some with monetary awards, too - and the opportunity to compete at the Skills Canada National Competition. We would like to congratulate all of our students who represented CTS. Special congratulations goes to Muhammad Tariq who earned Silver for Plumbing. We also like to thank all of our Technology teachers for their hard work and support of our students who want to go into the skilled trades or work in the technology industry.



Exhibition Recap: The Rise of the Modern Tattoo Watercolours by Aba Bayefsky and Contemporary Student Photography



On May 3, Central Tech's Art Centre hosted the opening of The Rise of the Modern Tattoo: Watercolours by Aba Bayefsky and Contemporary Student Photography as part of the 2025 CONTACT Photography Festival. The show brought together Bayefsky's striking documentation of tattoo culture in Toronto and Japan during the 1970s and '80s with new photographic works by CTS students.

The evening was made especially meaningful by the presence of Bayefsky's wife, Evelyn, and daughter, Edra, who shared personal reflections on his life and work. Guest speaker Sylvia Lassam, archivist at Trinity College, University of Toronto, offered powerful context about Bayefsky's legacy and his place in Canadian art history.



Bayefsky once taught art at Central Tech, and many felt he would have loved the idea of his work being shown here again—this time, in conversation with the voices and visions of a new generation.

The exhibition ran through May 31 and was a moving tribute to art, identity, and connection across time.

Spring Concert:

Spring has sprung, and the Central Tech auditorium came alive with the incredible sounds of our talented music students! Hats off to everyone for an outstanding performance at this year's Spring Concerts—your hard work and passion truly shined on stage. Bravo!



EQAO - Grade 9:

This semester's math EQAO will take place from June 9th to June 12th. Students will be writing the evaluation in their math classroom with their math teacher. Your student's math teacher will email you with a detailed schedule. The EQAO accounts for 10% of a student's overall grade. All students are entitled to double time. The EQAO is an online assessment, please remind your student to bring their Chromebook to class on these dates. Students who are absent on the scheduled EQAO dates will be required to complete the evaluation on another date.

Best of luck to all our grade 9 math students who are writing the EQAO this semester and thank you as always for supporting our learners.

Final Evaluations:

Students have started completing 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 for 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.

May 20th - June 17th: In-class final evaluations - **ATTENDANCE VERY IMPORTANT.**

Accommodations will not be provided to students who miss class during this time (for travel, skipping, etc).

June 12th - June 17th: 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.

June 18th - Day 1, Period 1 (AM)

June 19th - Day 1, Period 2 (AM)

June 20th - Day 1, Period 3 (AM)

June 23rd - Day 1, Period 4 (AM)

June 24th - 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 June 18th - June 23rd, 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.

Important Upcoming Dates:

June 5th: CTS film festival




June 10th: Athletic Banquet

June 11th: Annual Arts Exhibition

June 26th: Commencement

Guidance:

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

Counsellor	Ms. Ferrari	Mr. Rasmussen	Mr. Cormier
Student Last Name	A-F	G-N	O-Z
<i>Use the scan codes to set up an appointment to see your guidance counsellor.</i>			

SUMMER SCHOOL:

Summer school will be delivered in 4 different formats in 2025:

- **In-person Full Credit** (8:45am - 3:30pm, July 2 - 25). Registration runs April 22 - June 17, 2025.
- **Remote Full Credit** (8:45am - 3:30pm, July 2 - 25). Registration runs April 22 - June 17, 2025.
- **Remote Credit Recovery** (8:45am - 11:45am and/or 12:30 - 3:30pm).

More information can be found here: [TDSB Summer School](#)

Registration for these programs begins April 19. The registration page can be found at [Summer School Registration](#)

- **e-Summer School** is another remote learning option available in both July and August. The program is primarily **asynchronous** with direct teaching for about one hour/day and teachers available for the rest of the school day to hold office hours, small group sessions, individual tutorials and respond to student questions via email
Registration for July e-Summer School runs from April 15 - June 3 (August course registration runs April 15 - July 7)
[e-Summer School Registration](#)

Summer SWAC & Dual Credits

Students with 28 credits by June 30 may be eligible to earn their final two credits in July!
Students can earn high school credits and college credits in July.

Check out this link for more information: [Summer SWAC & Dual Credit Info](#)

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

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 4 - [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](#) - the application portal is now open.
[How to Apply for OSAP](#)

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 on June 26th!

For Scholarship Information, see the latest edition of the Scholarship Report:
[The Scholarship Report May 2025](#). If asked, enter password: **scholar678**

The Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN) has rich scholarship resources (directory, workshops, etc.) for black students. Check out their website: <https://bfcn.ca/scholarships/>

For a list of scholarships and awards compiled by us, click: [Scholarships & Awards](#).
Be sure to pay attention to the tabs at the bottom of the sheet!

SWAC & DUAL CREDITS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

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 [TDSB Dual Credit Website](#) 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>

Learning Buddies are looking for volunteer tutors
<https://www.learningbuddiesnetwork.com/mentor-application-form>

46th Annual Cabbagetown Festival, which will take place on Sept. 6 and 7, 2025.
We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who are eager to contribute their time and effort. There are a variety of roles available including, set-up and tear down, info desk, wayfinding, and the kids zone.
[Sign Up Now](#)

Charles G. Fraser Junior Public School is looking for Student Volunteers for our annual FUN FAIR on Thursday, June 5th, 2025.
The Fun Fair is a community event held from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the school grounds (79 Manning Ave.) and requires many volunteers to run games and activities the day of the event. We will be able to sign-off on volunteer hours. [Sign Up](#)

Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival
Volunteer meals, snacks, and beverages will be provided to volunteers during their shifts, and their ferry tickets to arrive at the Toronto Centre Island.
Upon completion of their shifts, volunteers will receive a certificate of volunteer acknowledgment and a letter of recommendation (must send a request for a letter via email).

Date: **Saturday, June 15 & Sunday, June 16**
Time: **10 am -5 pm**
Location: **Toronto Centre Island**

To sign up head to:
<https://forms.gle/YGgv9wscJzZhhKZw6>

Looking for a Summer Job?

Check out Youth Employment Services. YES runs programs where they provide paid training for students and then find them work. <https://www.yes.on.ca/>

McDonalds is Hiring 20,000 workers!
[Apply now](#)

Graduation Reminders

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

Tutoring

- All subjects: [Paper 1:1 Tutoring](#)
- Math: <https://www.tvomathify.com/students>

Google Classroom Codes:

Grade 9/10: [invite link](#)

Grade 11/12: [invite link](#)

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

Employment Opportunities

- Want a job and paid training to get that job? Apply with Youth Employment Services. For more information and to apply online visit <https://www.yes.on.ca/>

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- Camp Wanakita is hiring kitchen staff for the summer. Want to get out of the city and work at a camp this summer? For further information or to apply online visit ymcawanakita.ca
 - Toronto Police Services are hiring for their Youth in Policing program
 - \$16.55 per hour, 6 hours per week
 - Apply now at tps.ca/careers

Free Math Help - Grade 6 - 11

- <https://www.tvomathify.com/students>

LATE START SCHEDULE: NO MORE FOR THIS YEAR!

School Cash Online:

Register for School Cash Online, an easy to use, safe and convenient way for parents/guardians to pay for their children's school fees, including agendas, yearbooks and class trips. All school fees applicable to your child will be posted on School Cash Online. Once you register, you can choose to purchase the items or activities using a debit or credit card. You will be able to see when the school has a new item posted online for purchase and you will also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school event requiring payment. To register for School Cash Online, please visit <https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com> select "Get Started Today" and complete the three registration steps. If you have questions about the registration process or using School Cash Online, please select the "Get Help" option on the top of School Cash Online web page. You can also contact the School Cash Online Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 and parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com. The Parent Help Desk is available to assist parents/guardians with the registration process, password recovery, accessing your account or payment issues.

Step 1: Register

a) If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page

<https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

and select the "Get Started Today" option.

b) Complete each of the three Registration Steps

*For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.

Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account.

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use the email address

and password just created with your account.

Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your children to your account.

- a) Enter the School Board Name
- b) Select the School Name
- c) Enter Your Child's First and Last Names
- d) Enter Your Child's Date of Birth
- e) Select Confirm
- f) On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select Continue
- g) Your child has been added to your account

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" option and repeat the steps above. Five children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items for Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.