

Central Technical School

NEWSLETTER

May 6th, 2024



Red Dress Project:

The LAWS Canadian History students spent a week learning about the 94 Calls to Action created by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. They watched an interview with the Honourable Murray Sinclair, who chaired the Commission between 2009 - 2015. They analyzed Calls to Action related to education, language and culture revitalization. Their learning culminated in the creation of Red Dresses to honour the thousands of murdered and missing Indigenous women, girls and two spirit people. These are displayed on the windows of room 238 in order to raise awareness in our community.

April is Earth Month

As a celebration of Earth Day, some of our Geography students and Workplace Bound students participated in an outside clean-up. This month students focused on ways they can do their part for





the environment, relating to energy conservation, buying their food locally, using a refillable water bottle and bags, eating less meat, etc.

Mean Girls - Musical Production

Congratulations to everyone at CTS who participated in the Musical Production of Mean Girls. Huge congratulations goes out to our very own

Stella Ramsay who played Cady. She was absolutely brilliant. As well thank you to all of the students who helped behind the scenes, with the set, hair, makeup and costume design. Shout out to Ms. Henricks, Ms. Kalerante and Ms. Parish for supporting our students in this endeavor.



Fashion Field Trip!

On April 30th, our senior level Central Tech Fashion students attended the George Brown College student fashion show 'Vivid' at Wychwood Barns. Our CTS students were amazed by the exciting designs that the GBC School of Fashion students created!

Our CTS Fashion students are looking forward to impressing all of you with their incredible creations at their own fashion show on June 12th during the CTS Art Show. Stay tuned for details, save the date

and see you there!

CTS Arts!

The senior Specialized Art and Ceramics classes visited the Gardiner Ceramics Museum to see the incredible exhibition: Magdalene Odundo: A Dialogue with Objects, along with the historical and contemporary work in their permanent collection.

In Specialized Art, students completed a Silent critique - where students offer each other and respond to feedback on their paintings as part of ongoing assessment.



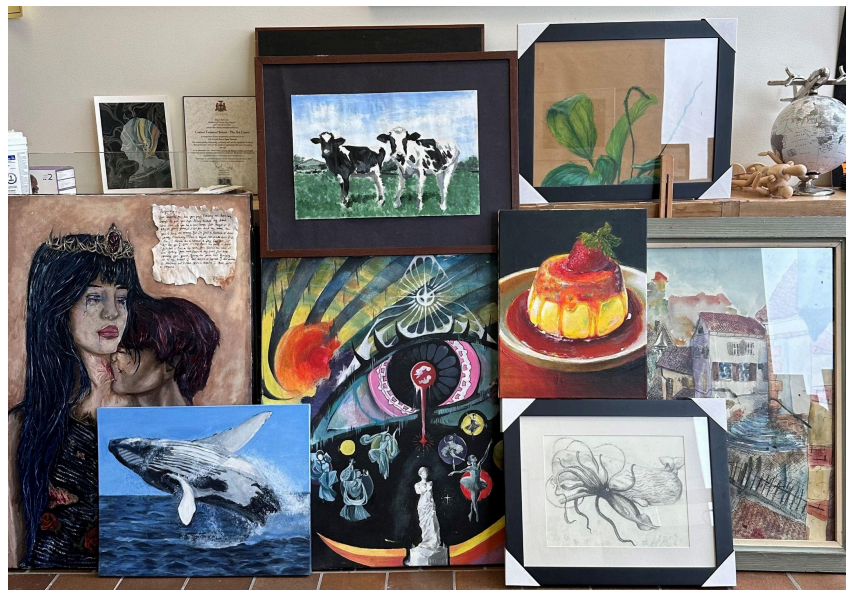
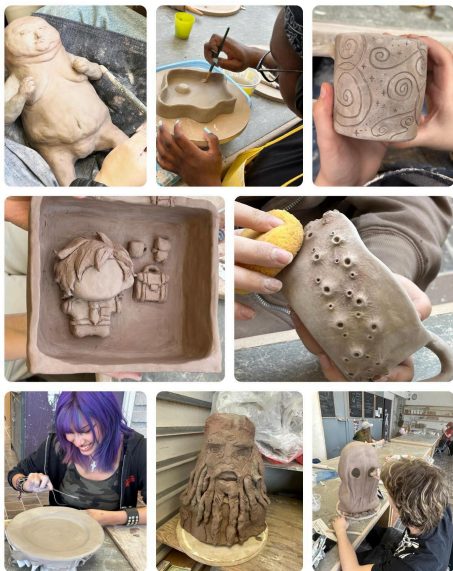


Senior Specialized Art students learned about bronze. The lost wax technique involves carving a wax piece, creating a vented mold, then pouring molten bronze into the mold, which burns out the wax leaving the metal in its place. This is a rare opportunity not available in most high schools or even college facilities.



Senior Ceramics students are working hard on some fantastic independent projects. Functional pots and sculpture are keeping everyone busy in the studio!

Eight CTS art students will be participating in Arts Etobicoke's *Edge Youth Art Show*, along with students from across Toronto. The exhibition runs from April 29 - May 15 with an **opening reception** on May 1 6-8pm. Congratulations: Sadie Badour, Mila Hennig, Lilah Wyse, (gr 9), Jane Coulis, Minh Sang Hoang, Matthew Little, Salwa Biswas, (gr 11) and Meisa Kawashima (gr 12)



Co-operative Education:

Co-op students are settled in their placements and working on some really cool projects!

Kaya is participating in the TDSB Arts Co-op where she is using acrylic paint on canvas to explore navigation by way of looking at the night sky. She is working with guest artist Patrick De Coste. This program is centred on Truth & Reconciliation Call to Action #83 with Indigenous and non-Indigenous students & artists undertaking collaborative projects and producing works that contribute to the reconciliation process. Students build their visual and media arts portfolios while working towards 2 dual credits at Seneca College and earning 3 co-op credits while working with a TDSB teacher. Students are engaging in mentorships from local Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists.

Naima has been working at the Maker Bean Cafe and recently helped the team laser a large order of macarons for the Ronald McDonald House.

Justine Estrada Schoen is gaining some great experience at WZMH Architects / Sparkbird. Here she is attending a test of a green concrete solution at TMU.



Co-Op is an excellent opportunity to explore a field of interest, build connections, and gain invaluable hands-on experience.

Pawsitively Pets:

On Monday April 22nd, students in the Workplace Bound Program visited Pawsitively Pets. This organization rescues various types of animals and provides them rehabilitation and a safe home. We discussed the various careers and jobs associated with animals and were given a quick tour of the facility.



Additionally, students had the opportunity to interact with various small mammals as well as reptiles and birds. We

learned about how these animals are cared for and some students got to hold baby rabbits, have a chinchilla sit on their head, and even had a snake around their neck. We also created enrichment toys for the resident birds! All in all, it was a memorable trip.

Grade 10 Hospitality and Tourism

Students made dumplings and pitas in Mr. Chong's Hospitality and Tourism class. Yum yum!



CTS Music

This month, our Music students attended a concert at Roy Thomson Hall entitled "What Do Composers Do?" The students learned about how composers create original music and were inspired by the live performances. It was a treat for our students to see the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and everyone had a great time.



Grade 10 History

The grade 10 Canadian History students participated in their first mock trial of the course, where they put R.B. Bennett's handling of the Great Depression on the stand. Students on the Crown's side worked hard to prove that the Prime Minister at the time was guilty of criminal negligence and negligence causing death. Whereas the Defence worked tirelessly to show that R. B. Bennett did everything he could to mitigate the effects of a worldwide economic downfall.

Ultimate Frisbee!



The CTS Ultimate Frisbee team started their season in style with a 7-6 victory over Oakwood Collegiate Institute. Players of the game, Mohammed Darewish and Ayumi Soso, were honoured with the Ultimate Warrior belt by Oakwood team captains post-game.



Council Corner (For Parents/Caregivers and Guardians):

The next Council meeting is **May 14th at 7 pm (Please note, we have rescheduled the meeting for our guest speaker)**. If you are planning to attend, virtually, please register here: <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUpdOiorjkuGtUa2qSHTMydwKFP8vYyPi25>

Special guest speaker alert!

We are excited to host **Ann Douglas** who is a bestselling parenting author, CBC Radio parenting columnist, and mental health advocate and speaker. She will be speaking to us on the hot topic of: **SOCIAL MEDIA SMARTS: TECH STRATEGIES THAT WORK FOR PARENTS AND TEENS**. This engaging talk will explore why teens are so drawn to social media and what parents need to know in order to support them in making healthy choices. Why less screen time is beneficial for parents and teens. How to make more conscious and deliberate decisions about the use of technology plus highlights from the science of habit change on how to make those changes stick.

Please join us in-person or virtually on May 14th @7pm:

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUpdOiorjkuGtUa2qSHTMydwKFP8vYyPi25>

Please email Crystal at crystal.stewart@tdsb.on.ca, or Tanya, at tanya.becker@tdsb.on.ca if you have any questions or ideas for our meetings.

Ward 10 Meetings: May 16th and June 4th - Check out details [here!](#)

Parents/Caregivers and Guardians please complete the [budget survey!](#) Our voices matter.

Spirit Wear!

Thank you to everyone who purchased spirit wear to help support our student clubs. We are expecting orders to arrive by May 20th. Stay tuned!

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

Important Upcoming Dates:

May 20th: Holiday

Starting as early as May 27th, classes will start their Final Evaluations in their different classes (dependent on the class). **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 27th - June 18th: In-class final evaluations - **ATTENDANCE VERY IMPORTANT**

June 13th - June 18th: 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 19th - Day 1, Period 1 (AM)

June 20th - Day 1, Period 2 (AM)

June 21st - Day 1, Period 3 (AM)

June 24th - Day 1, Period 4 (AM)

June 25th - 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 19th - June 25th, 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

Counsellor Contact Information:

Ryan Rasmussen (A – F) (416) 393-0060 ext 20043
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Eleonora Ferrari (G – N) (416) 393 – 0060 ext 20042
eleonora.ferrari@tdsb.on.ca

Mike Cormier (O – Z) (416) 393 – 0060 ext 20046
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>

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

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

- If an appointment time is unavailable with your alpha counsellor proceed to room 205 to set up an appointment.

Summer School

Summer school will be delivered in several different formats in 2024:

- **In-person/Remote Full Credit** (9:00am - 3:15pm, July 2 - 26). Registration runs April 19 - June 7, 2024.
- **Remote Credit Recovery** (9:00 - 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 [TDSB 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 e-Summer School will open on April 22 [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 :)

University Application Important Dates: [link](#)

- May 29, 2024 Latest date to receive an offer
- June 3, 2024 Earliest date to respond to offers

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.

The 2024-2025 application portal should be available in the first couple of weeks of May. An announcement of when it becomes available will be posted in the guidance google classroom.

[OSAP Application link](#)
[How to Apply for OSAP](#)

Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines:

- **Know Your Worth Scholarships**
 - Kujichagulia Academic Award (Due Friday, May 11, 2024, @ 11:59pm)

[Know Your Worth Scholarships](#)

- **The Jerome Henry Foundation Scholarships and Bursaries**
 - Deadline May 31, 2024

<https://www.thejeromehenryfoundation.com/whats-on>

- **Brian Maxwell Memorial Scholarship**
 - Deadline June 10, 2024

<https://www.ofsaa.on.ca/recognition/scholarships/brian-maxwell-memorial/>

- **James Bartleman Indigenous Youth Creative Writing Award**
 - May 31, 2024

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/honours-and-awards-arts-and-literature>

- **Luke Santi Memorial Award**
 - May 31, 2024

<https://perimeterinstitute.ca/luke-santi-memorial-award-student-achievement>

- **OJEN Bursaries**

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- May 27, 2024 @ 5pm

<http://bit.ly/OJENBursaries>

- **Learn with Lerner's Bursary & Mentorship Program**

- May 12, 2024

<https://www.lerners.ca/diversity-inclusion/bursary-program/>

Need Volunteer Hours?

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

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

- Interested in music? City Revival Church is looking for band members (either instrument players or singers). They are looking for people on Sundays at 10AM. If you have interest you can sign up at [Band Sign Up](#)
- Toronto Challenger Baseball is looking for volunteers.
E-mail anna.taverna@dsat.ca for more information if interested

Grade 12 Graduate Contact Sheet

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](#).

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

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](#)

Employment Opportunities

- 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
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Free Math Help - Grade 6 - 11

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

LATE START SCHEDULE

May 22nd, 2024	May 29th, 2024	<p>Schedule on these days:</p> <p>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</p> <p>*** We ask that your student does not come to school until 9:45 am.</p>
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From the Community:

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

CecilYouth! Drop-in

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.

Leaders in Training – In the Summer Cecil will be having our LIT Program. Youth ages 13-16, will earn up to 100 volunteer hours while gaining leadership skills, developing job ready skills, building emotional maturity, becoming positive role models, and have fun through group games, discussions, workshops, trips and much more! The program cost \$30 for an entire month!

Register today! Those interested can email me at adam@cecilcentre.ca for more information and to register for the program.

Help a Girl Out Period Workshop - On May 21st from 4:00pm-5:00pm come to Cecil to learn about Period education to break the stigma of puberty and menstruation. Come to make new friend, learn more about menstruation and puberty, have free food and earn volunteer hours. Register for a chance to earn a \$50 amazon Gift Card. Those interested can email me at adam@cecilcentre.ca for more information and to register for the workshop.

Summer Community Fair – June 4 4:00 -5:30pm. You are invited to Cecil Community Centre's Summer Community Fair. Come to for a fun time and learn how to get involved in the community this summer. Learn about Summer Jobs, Summer Activities, Volunteer opportunities, Community Centres, Libraries and more! Free food, prizes, therapy dogs and more! For more information and details email me at adam@cecilcentre.ca **Register today!**

<https://forms.gle/1ChMjPSQrumGFK827>. To Volunteer Email Adam adam@cecilcentre.ca
(Event set up, clean up, assistance)

Youth Drop-in Basketball (ON HOLD)–Every Tuesday from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Youth ages 13 – 25 can drop-in at Rose Avenue Jr. Public School Gym at 675 Ontario St, Toronto, ON M4X 1N4 to play basketball

Cecil Children's Gaming Tournaments

We will be hosting a Gaming Tournament on May 28th for children ages 6-12. Feel free to spread the word to your friends, allies and enemies. Online Registration is open for the May 29th Tournament using this online form. <https://forms.gle/BUE6NvsQFY5e5uBe8>. Register Online for a **\$2 fee** for participants and spectators. **\$5 for Drop-ins**. Registration fee is to be paid on the day of the tournament. Come by the Centre to train for upcoming Tournaments. Upcoming Tournaments include Mario Kart, NBA 2k, Fifa, & more.

Cecil Youth Gaming Tournaments

We will be hosting a Gaming Tournament on May 29th for youth ages 13-30. Feel free to spread the word to your friends, allies and enemies. Online Registration is open for the May 29th Tournament using this online form. <https://forms.gle/nEwd1Y1qHxyQ6eoX9>. Register Online for

a **\$2 fee** for participants and spectators. **\$5 for Drop-ins**. Registration fee is to be paid on the day of the tournament. Come by the Centre to train for upcoming Tournaments. Upcoming Tournaments include Mario Kart, NBA 2k, Fifa, & more.

Monthly Cecil Contests

Design a new Cecil Youth Lounge Poster to be put into our Youth Lounge. Send your best designs to adam@cecilcentre.ca with the subject of "May Youth Lounge Poster Content" by May 27th at 4:00pm to be entered. Winner will earn a \$50 Amazon Gift Card! Winner will be announced on Instagram and pick up prize in-person.

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

Cecil All Girls 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 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

Cecil Tutors (ON HOLD) – Are you looking for a tutor or want to be a tutor? (Grades 5-12) 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 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.