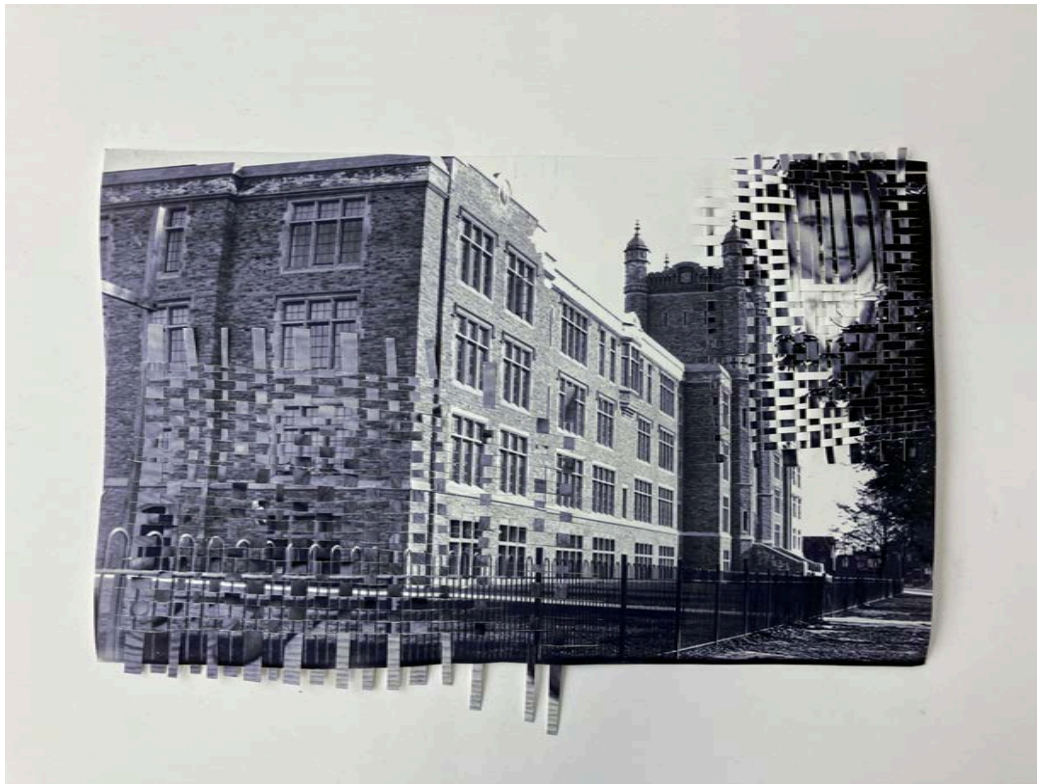


Central Technical School

NEWSLETTER

May 2, 2025

Honouring 110 Years: The CTS Story Continues



****Cala Bomers, from our Central Student Interest Program for Visual Arts, in her Non-traditional art class, was inspired by CTS and our 110th anniversary. As part of her fractured and folded assignment, Calla combined and weaved photos of her grandfather (who attended Central Tech) with archive photos of the school.*

110th Anniversary:

On Saturday May 3rd, the Alumni are hosting a celebration to acknowledge an amazing 110 years. Doors are open from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. All are welcome.

Exciting events include:

- Memorial Commemorative Photo Unveiling in Honour of Coach Chuck Wakefield at 10:30 a.m.
- Alumni vs CTS Student Players Basketball Game at 1 p.m.

- Contact Photography Festival at CTS – The Rise of The Modern Tattoo: Watercolours by Aba Bayefsky and Contemporary Student Photography at 1 p.m. to 4 p.m (in the art building).
- Memory Rooms, Guided Tours, Memorabilia Sales.

Indigenous Word of the Month:

To honour the arrival of spring and the blooming of trees and flowers, this month's Indigenous word is **tree**. Here are those words in the language of the groups recognized in the TDSB Land Acknowledgement:

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

Haudenosaunee: **kérhite/karón:ta** (courtesy of [Mohawk Language Learning Resources](#))

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

Engagement Night for Parents, Caregivers and Guardians of Black Children:

We are hosting our annual engagement night for parents, caregivers and guardians of Black children. Please let us know via this form if you can make it, and any dietary restrictions you may have.

[Please respond by May 7th at 8 pm.](#)

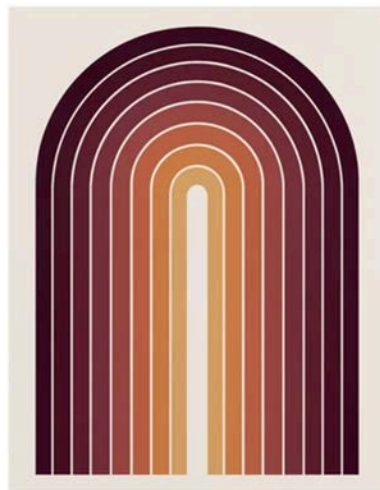
Details:

Better, Stronger, Together

A night to share, connect and listen.

When: Wednesday, May 14th

Time: 6:30 pm, dinner will be served at 7 pm, event should be done by 8/8:30 pm.



YOU ARE INVITED TO YOUR 2ND ANNUAL CENTRAL TECH
ENGAGEMENT NIGHT
 FOR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS AND GUARDIANS OF
BLACK CHILDREN
 BETTER, STRONGER, TOGETHER
 A NIGHT TO SHARE, CONNECT AND
 TIME FOR STAFF TO LISTEN
 6:30PM WEDNESDAY MAY 14TH 2025
 DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 7 PM
 PLEASE REGISTER AT [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/ZB3WFAMCV1HNWZVHG](https://forms.gle/ZB3WFAMCV1HNWZVHG)



Who: Parents/Caregivers and Guardians of Black children, school staff, and community partnerships

What: A time to connect and share, a time for staff to listen . . . and hopefully have some fun too!

Commencement:

Last week, commencement invitations were sent via email to all students eligible to graduate and participate in the ceremony on **June 26th (1:30 - 3:00)**. These invitations were sent to both student email addresses and parents'/caregivers'/guardians' email addresses. An invitation to commencement does not ensure graduation. All graduation requirements must be met by **June 26th, 2025 or a plan must be in place to have requirements met by August 31st, 2025.**



If you did not receive an invitation and believe this is an error or have questions about your graduation status, please schedule an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor as soon as possible for clarification and next steps.

School Council Meeting:

Our next School Council Meeting is on Tuesday, May 13th at 6pm. All Parents/Caregivers and Guardians are invited to attend. The meeting will be virtual. We hope to see you there!

School (Parent) Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 13 · 6:00 – 7:00pm

Time zone: America/Toronto

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/dhm-tvao-yfq>

Or dial: (US) +1 601-909-0240 PIN: 936 948 943#

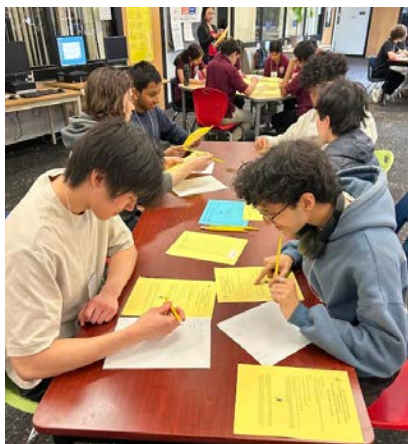
Library Learning Commons:

On April 24, Theola Ross spoke to students from various NBE (English: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices) classes in the CTS Library Learning Commons. Ross is a 2Spirit Cree Language Carrier, filmmaker, and scholar who presents in schools to educate students on Indigenous health, history, and systemic barriers through



storytelling.

During her visit to CTS, Ross showed her documentary *Twilight Dancers*, a film about a group of Indigenous teenagers from Pimicikamak Cree Nation who use square dancing to help heal from the trauma of a suicide epidemic in their remote Manitoba community.



On April 23rd, CTS proudly hosted the first ever West Toronto Canada Teams Mathematics Contest (CTMC) event. The CTMC is an exciting and challenging competition where participants work in teams to showcase their mathematical problem-solving skills

through fun and engaging activities (more info [here](#)). We were thrilled to have 10 schools participate in the competition, including Central Tech, and we are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to provide this collaborative math experience for students in Grades 9 through 12. A big thank you to our incredible group of student volunteers. We were truly impressed by the bright, kind, and caring Grade 9 and 10 students who stepped up and represented CTS so well.

Student Vote:

On Friday, April 25th Central Tech students participated in a mock election to vote for a Member of Parliament in our riding of University-Rosedale. Students were given a glimpse of what it would be like to vote and participate in the democratic process with real ballots, voting



screens, and ballot boxes. We were fortunate enough to have the event covered by [CBC Kids News](#) and [Civix](#). Students chose to elect incumbent Chrystia Freeland to represent them in Parliament.

GEMS:

The GEMS (Girls Empowering Muslims Sisters) group has initiated donations for the prayer room (room 136) such as hijabs, prayer beads, pillows, a shoe rack, and more in hopes to help Muslim students and staff at CTS have a more comfortable place to practice their faith, especially during the weekly friday congregational prayers (Jummah). They are continuing to accept any donations of items for the prayer room - you can bring donations to room 211.

Earth Month:



During the month of April, as a celebration of Earth Day many of our Geography students participated in an outside school 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.

They're learning to make sustainable decisions for generations to come.

Grade 11 Chemistry:

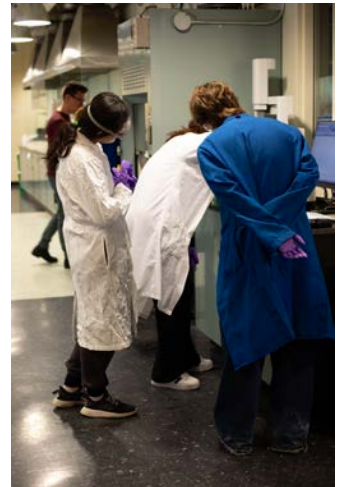
Students in Ms. Spizzirri's Grade 11 Chemistry classes traveled to UofT campus and participated in a day of learning and labs. The day began with a panel of graduate and undergraduate students, a lecture about sustainable chemistry from a UofT professor, and ended with three experiments in the state of the art UofT labs. Students applied their understanding of plastic polymers to test, identify and synthesize plastics using infrared spectroscopy and other undergraduate science lab techniques. Throughout the day, students reflected on everyday sustainability practices as well as developmental



technologies they could potentially research in their post secondary studies, all while getting a taste of studying science after high school. (Pictures taken by Alyx Dellamonica)

SickKids Workshop:

Science students from Ms. Filip, Mr. Gorcey, Mr. McGreal and Ms. Spizzirri's classes participated in a workshop led by Resident Doctors from SickKids Hospital . Students learned how to cast patients and participated in medical trivia with topics ranging from Mental Health to Drug facts.



Art!

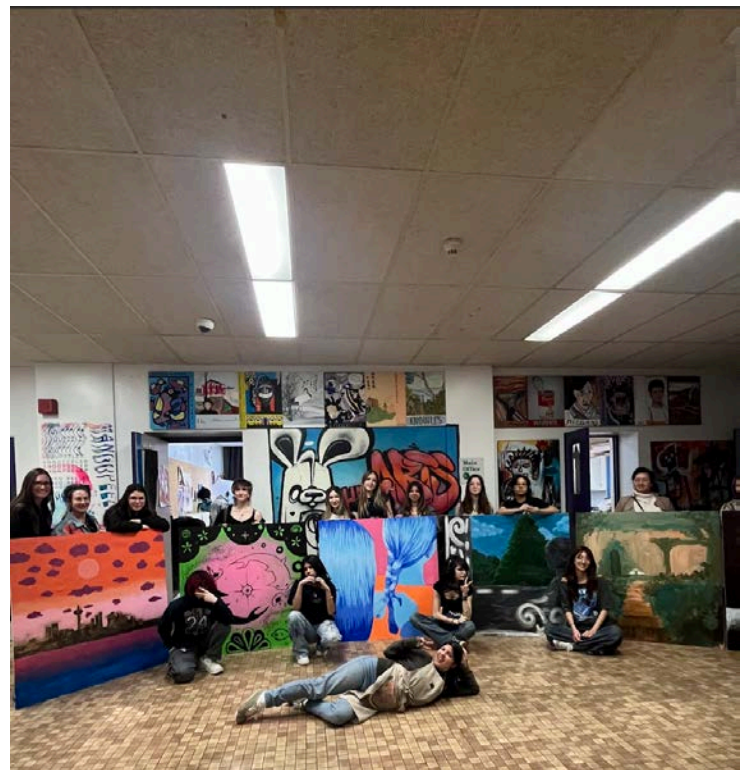
Senior ceramics students are working on big pots, independent projects and learning to throw on the pottery wheel!

Grade 9 Specialized Art students are learning about colour theory and experimenting with different kinds of paint.



Street Art Workshop:

On April 11, a vibrant one-day Street Art Workshop brought together 2SLGBTQ+ and high school Visual Art students from Central Technical School, Central Toronto Academy, and Etobicoke School of the Arts to explore the power of community through street art. Led by professional street artist and animator Morgan Kagesheongai from StreetARToronto, students learned how to spray paint, design large-scale works, and use mural-making as a powerful form of creative expression. Working collaboratively, they each created a 4x4-foot mural inspired by the theme *The Power of COMMUNITY—to unite, inspire, and reflect our shared experiences*. The event was not only a celebration of queer identity and creativity but also a space for connection, learning, and self-expression. Their finished murals will be showcased at the [PACE](#) (*Promoting Arts, Community, and Entrepreneurship*) event at STACKT Market on May 15, highlighting the artistic and entrepreneurial talents of TDSB students.



Save the date!

We're wrapping up the Central Technical school year in style.

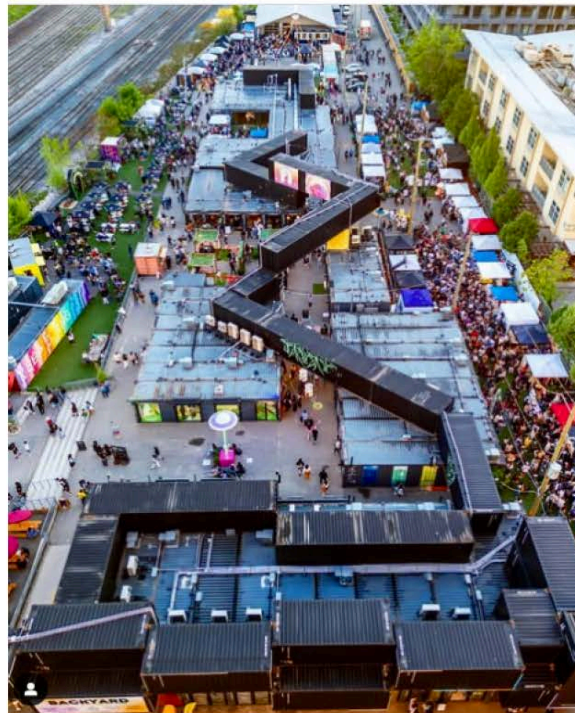
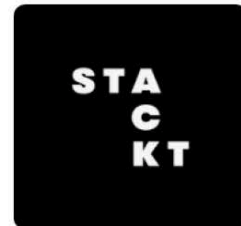
We are taking over the entire STACKT Market for one evening — and we would love to see YOU there!

Please join us for **PACE Toronto 2025**, a high-energy celebration of student creativity, artistic, entrepreneurship, and talent — happening **Thursday, May 15 from 5–10 PM drop-in at STACKT Market**.

Here's what's in store:

- 🎵 Live music & performances
- 🎵 Music students' end-of-year performance
- 🖼️ Outdoor student art gallery + photography
- 🛍️ Student-run pop-up shops
- 👗 Fashion runway with student designers
- 🎧 DJ, dancing, and good vibes
- 🤝 Community collabs & mentor sessions
- 🍔 Food + drinks on site

We hope you will show up and support our incredible Central Tech students as they shine on this city-wide stage. It's free, festive, and full of heart — **see you at STACKT!**



📅 Thursday, May 15, 2025

🕒 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM

📍 STACKT Market,
28 Bathurst St, Toronto

www.pacetoronto.shop

@pacetoronto

Formal Final Evaluations:

Starting as early as **May 20th**, 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 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:

May 3rd: 110th Anniversary

May 5th-9th: Mental Health Week

May 5th - 8th: Prom Pop-Up

May 14th: Engagement night for parents, caregivers and guardians of Black children

May 15th: [PACE](#)

May 21st: Grad Breakfast (period 2)

May 22nd: Spring Concert

May 28th: Prom

June 3rd: Freedom Fest

June 4th: Filipino Movie Screening (room 208)

June 5th: CTS film festival




June 10th: Athletic Banquet

June 11th: Annual Arts Exhibition

June 26th: Commencement (Info to follow)

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
Use the scan codes to set up an appointment to see your guidance counsellor.			

Graduation Reminders

- Are you on the list to graduate? [CHECK HERE](#)
- Vote for your valedictorian. Voting closes May 9 [VOTE HERE](#)
- Graduation Checklist - [CLICK HERE](#)
- Grad Events - [CLICK HERE](#)

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 :)

OSAP - Ontario Student Assistance Program:

- OSAP funding offers loans and grants to help fund post secondary
- If is offered on a need basis
- Students NEED a Social Insurance Number to apply.
- Students must accept a program before applying
- Caregiver tax informations is required
- The 2025-2026 application portal will open mid to late May

[OSAP Application link](#)

[How to Apply for OSAP](#)

[OSAP Estimator](#)

Scholarships and Bursaries

- \$ [The Jerome Henry Foundation Scholarships and Bursaries](#), **Deadline:** May 31, 2025
- \$ [Brian Maxwell Memorial Scholarship](#), **Deadline:** June 9, 2025
- \$ [James Bartleman Indigenous Youth Creative Writing Award](#), **Deadline:** May 31, 2025
- \$ [Luke Santi Memorial Award](#), **Deadline:** May 31, 2025
- \$ [OJEN Bursaries](#), **Deadline:** May 28, 2025 @ 5pm
- \$ [Learn with Lerner's Bursary & Mentorship Program](#), **Deadline:** May 25, 2025
- \$ [OMNI TV Scholarship](#), Ten \$2,000 scholarships. **Deadline:** May 15, 1 p.m.
- \$ [The Alliance of Jamaican Alumni Associations \(AJAA\): Graduates Program Bursary](#) **Nomination required.** \$1,000. **Deadline:** May 16, 5 p.m.
- \$ [Municipal Engineers Association \(MEA\) Bursary Awards](#), Ten \$1,500-\$2,000 awards. **Deadline:** May 16.
- \$ [Libro Credit Union Student Awards](#), 33 \$2,000 awards. **Deadline:** May 20.
- \$ [RCAF \(Royal Canadian Air Force\) Foundation Student Scholarship](#): One hundred scholarships \$1,000-\$2,500. Some renewable. **Deadline:** May 21.

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](#)
- Charles G Fraser Public School Fun Fair needs volunteers. The Fair is June 5th. If interested fill out the google form: [Fun Fair Sign Up](#)
- On May 13th Central Tech is hosting a grade 7s for a Central Tech Experience day and we need students who are interested in being group leaders for that day. If you are interested please fill out the google form: [Grade 7 Day Volunteer Sign Up](#)

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](#)

Things Around the School

On May 13th Central Technical School will be hosting Rawlinson Community School, Ryerson, and King Edward for a grade 7 learning day. Central Tech students and teachers will showcase what Central Tech has to offer during this day with students participating in Art, Baking, LAWS, Electrical, Carpentry, Automotive, Plumbing, Hair Braiding and many more activities.

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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/>
- 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

May 21st, 2025	May 28th, 2025	<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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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.

In the Community:

Spring is here and so is softball! Are you looking for a youth recreational sport opportunity? [Amesbury Sports Club](#) is a volunteer run co-ed kids softball league in the Keele & Lawrence area (since 1961!) All games/practices are at Amesbury Park.

All skill levels are welcome. Spots are available for ages 4 - 17. Ages 12-17 play on Tuesday/Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. The fee for the season is only \$200. The season begins on May 13 and runs until the end of September, with a summer break for the month of August. Players only need a glove. All other equipment, uniform, team photo, medal and banquet included.