

# Central Technical School

## NEWSLETTER

November 6th, 2023

## Right Place - Right Time



### A message from your Principal - Anne Chirakal

At Central Technical School we recognize the importance of ensuring supports are available when events that have the potential to impact the mental health of our students and educators take place.

As conflict in the Middle East and its related media coverage continues, many of our students may be understandably upset. We want to reassure students, and families, that staff are here to support and assist students. This includes specially trained TDSB staff who are available to provide counseling and support.

We also want to reassure students and families that in our school community all forms of racism and discrimination are unacceptable and will not be tolerated. We as a staff

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are committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment for all our students.

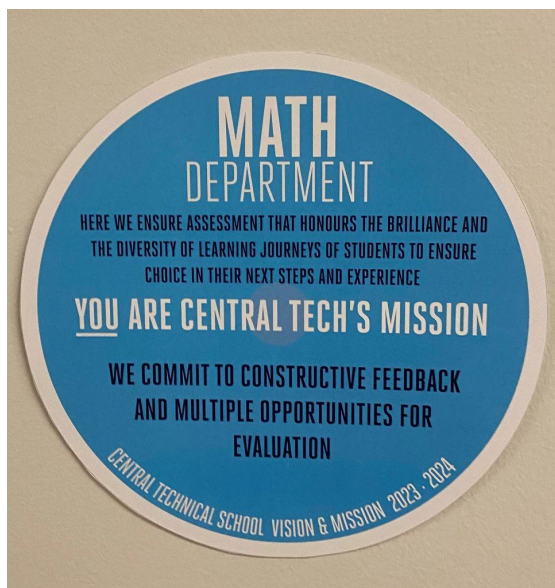
If your child or family needs any support in the days or weeks to come, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher, or our office.

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On October 5th, CTS celebrated our 108th commencement. Graduates, families, alumni, staff and community members came together to honour and recognize the extraordinary achievements of our class of 2023.

The night was a joyous occasion. Filled with laughter, cheers and excitement. The night ended with reception in our beautiful foyer, with food served from our Hospitality Program. It was so nice to see our graduates again and hear about their endeavors and goals in post-secondary.

This month staff and students have been hard at work looking at the [CTS Strategy](#) and committing to actions to actualize it. Posted around the school you will see the commitments departments are taking. Student clubs will also be committing to actions to achieve the CTS strategy. Here are two examples:



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## **Council Corner (For Parents/Caregivers and Guardians):**

Welcome to the first CTS Council Corner!

Do you want to improve your student's achievement in school? Research shows that when parents/caregivers are involved in their child's education in school and at home, student achievement increases. One way to get involved is through your School Council.

- Attend a meeting (virtually or in-person)
- Become a member
- Give your feedback to the school and the TDSB

Advocate for your student and their learning environment. School Council gives you a chance to be involved in the discussions that make CTS a better place.

The CTS Council welcomes new faces and encourages your participation! We hope to highlight the issues that matter to our Parent & Caregiver community while providing a safe space for questions about school, CTS or navigating the TDSB in any way.

We hope you can take a few minutes to anonymously complete a survey that will help the Council learn more about what matters to you and to help us focus on the questions you may have.

[LINK TO SURVEY](#)

The next Council meeting is December 5, 2023 at 6pm. You are welcome to attend in person or virtually. A meeting link will be sent out closer to the date. In the meantime, if you would like to learn more about School Councils, click here:

<https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/csww/school-council?authuser=0>

OR reach out to us at our soon to be operational email:

[SC.centraltechnicalschool@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:SC.centraltechnicalschool@tdsb.on.ca)

We look forward to a great year ahead!

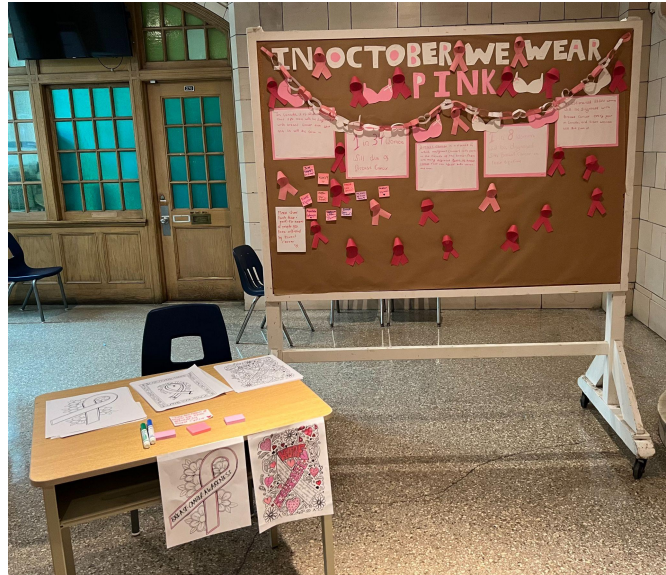
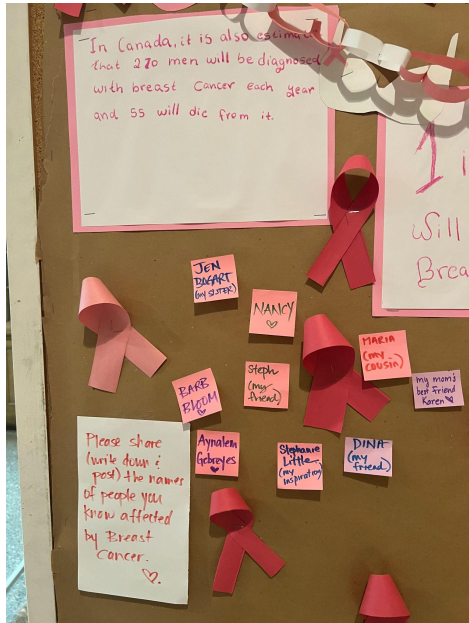
Co-Chairs: Tanya Becker & Crystal Stewart



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## In October We Wear PINK!

Members of the CTS Feminist Club highlighted Women's Health issues with a display on Breast Cancer Awareness. Students were able to access information about breast cancer and add the names of women they know who have been impacted by breast cancer. Special thanks to Emily Nascimento for all her hard work.



## An Outdoor Experience in Georgia

On Wednesday, November 1, twelve students from Central Technical School enjoyed an outdoor educational experience hosted by 1More Wear Foundation. Our students were given the gift of an outdoor adventure, as well as the opportunity to learn about networking, financial literacy, manifesting dreams, and unity and





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forgiveness. We thank the Foundation for the generous gift bags as well! Thank you, too, to Courtney Walters, Ms. T, and Shand for bringing it all together.

## **Inspired: A Collaborative Exhibition by CTS Specialized Arts Students and the Lennox Street Artists:**

Torin Henderson, Leonie LaMantia, Ruby Catucci and Julia Dos Santos from our specialized arts program have been selected to participate in an exhibition alongside the Lennox Street Artists who are a community of emerging artists and alumni from the celebrated former adult art program at Central Tech. This collaboration, aptly titled "Inspired," promises a thought-provoking display of artistic works from current students and alumni.

### **Exhibition Details:**

Title: Inspired

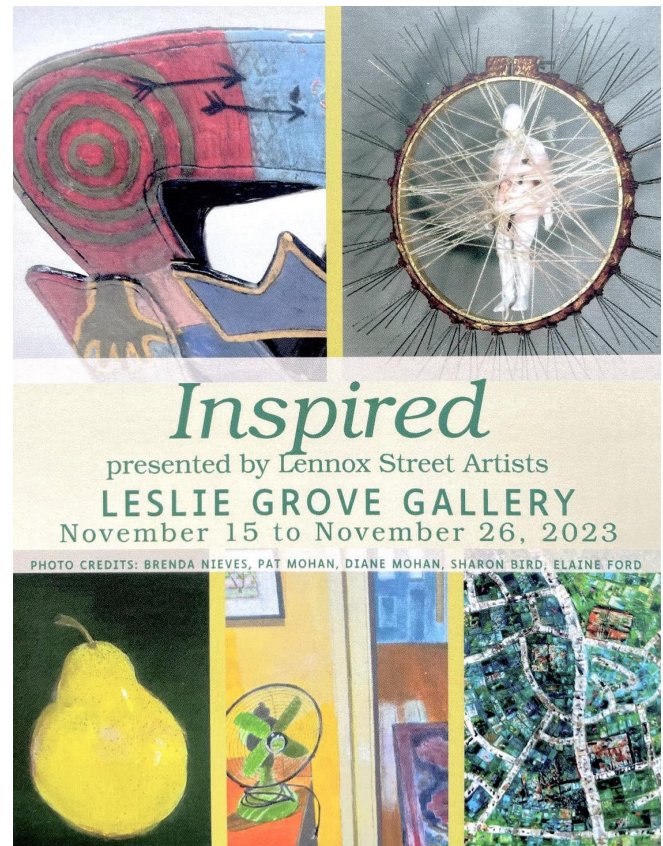
Venue: Leslie Grove Gallery, 1158 Queen Street East, Toronto

Dates: November 15 to November 26

Opening Reception: Thursday, November 16,  
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Closing Reception and Artist Talk: Sunday,  
November 26, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

The works on display will be available for purchase. Your presence will be greatly appreciated as we celebrate the dedication and artistic growth of our students.



## **It's BEE Season!**

The BEE (**Brothers of Ethnic Excellence**) program is back and running at CTS. The program's objective is to build stronger connections between the University of Toronto (Hart House) campus and young Black men at CTS in grades 9 – 12. It also aims to foster confidence, sense of belonging, and empowerment for this group by centering the learning around their social location and lived experiences. As a member of BEE,



students will have the opportunity to build professional and personal capacity, explore interests, fine-tune leadership and interpersonal communication skills, while gaining real-life applicable skills, supports, and information for post-secondary paths. Check us out at:

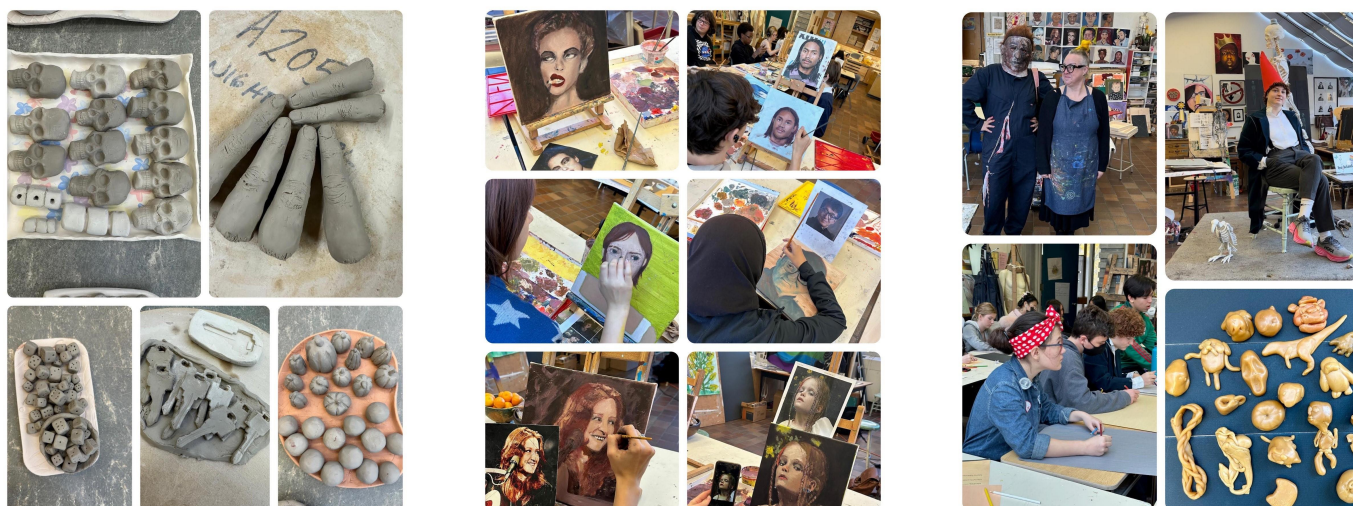
<https://harthouse.ca/learning/program/bee>

## Central Student Interest Program - VISUAL ARTS at TECH!

Grade 9 specialized art students have made “Lost & Found” sculptures for their Non-Traditional Art class. The finished pieces will be left for people to find “in the wild”/public spaces. Keep your eyes open, maybe you’ll find one...

As well, Grade 9 specialized art students are making oil paintings this month. Learning colour theory by making accurate skin tones and creating highlights and shadows in portraits.

Students in the Art Centre love Halloween! Third sort-of-annual Earwax (caramel) sculpture competition, great costumes, and drawing skeletons in life drawing class!





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## Experiential Learning at CTS:



Experiential learning highlights students engaging at a workforce placement.

Students are supervised by a business of their choice in the community where they can practice their skill sets while reflecting on the experience. Students have a chance to enhance their civic engagement, career development, cultural awareness, leadership and other intellectual skills. They have the opportunity to "learn by doing". CTS students are placed in organizations all over the GTA, some of which include schools, bakeries, tech stores, hospitals, restaurants, auto shops, fitness centres and many others.

## Cross Country Team:

A HUGE Congratulations to the CTS Cross Country team for a wonderful and successful season!! Alonso, Alwyn, Eliyah, Sam, and Tristan completed all of their races with intensity and pride! At Regionals, Sam and Tristan placed at the top of their division to advance to City Finals.

Sam and Tristan ran the Senior Boys' 6km race at City Finals finishing with times of 22:28 and 23:45 respectively. Which means they both ran under 4 minutes per kilometer!!

Thank you to our team for representing CTS, for Coach Mike, and our community for all of the support!! Join us for the Track & Field season in the Spring



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## Special Education:

Dear Parents/Guardians & Caregivers, all IEPs have been emailed home 3 weeks ago, please let us know if you did not receive them and we can send home a physical copy. If you are happy with the IEPs, please return a signed copy, either physically or electronically to one of us below. If you would like to discuss anything to do with the IEPs, please reach out as well at any time. IEPs are a working document, and can change throughout the year to meet student needs.

Thanks so much for all your support.

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## 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](mailto:centraltechnicalschool@tdsb.on.ca)

**Name:** Ritchie Duong

**Graduated:** Class of 2015



**Extracurriculars:** Basketball in my sophomore and junior years, as well as the Homework Club.

**Where are they now?** I am currently a 1L student at the Lincoln Alexander School of Law in Toronto. I am also a reservist in the Canadian Armed Forces, where I serve as a medical assistant.

**Note for the students:** It is completely okay to not yet know what it is that you want out of yourself. Go for a run. Play some music. Hang out with your friends. Most importantly, listen to your teachers. You may think that you know better. Trust me, you don't.





**Name:** Michael Martins

**Graduated:** Class of 2007

**Program:** Electrical Majors program

**Extracurriculars:** Key Club (the Kiwanis Club) with Karen Machmer

**Where are they now?** I am currently working downtown as an Electrician for OZZ Electric.

Michael recently came by CTS to visit Mr. Stavole after they reconnected on Facebook. While here, Michael repeatedly emphasized the importance of our Tech programs and teachers like Mr. Stavole in giving students opportunities to succeed outside of the traditional pathways offered in most highschools.

## **Important Upcoming Dates:**

**November 13th:** Mid-term Report Cards distributed

**November 16th:** Open House

**November 17th:** PD Day - No school for students

## **Guidance**

### **Counsellor Contact Information:**

Ryan Rasmussen ( A – F ) (416) 393-0060 ext 20043  
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### **Stay Informed:**

### **Google Classroom Codes:**

Grade 9/10: <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzUwNzA1MTc0MjM2?cjc=6hdk43k>

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Grade 11/12: <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzcxNDIzMjQ2OTcy?cjc=rzzv44l>

### **Community Service Requirement:**

Students who will be graduating by June 2024 are required to complete 40 hours of community service.

Visit: [www.volunteertoronto.ca](http://www.volunteertoronto.ca) , <http://ovcn.ca/> and the CTS guidance bulletin boards and google classroom for opportunities.

Need community service hours? Visit <https://info.volunteertoronto.ca/ignitefair> to sign up for the Ignite Fair for Toronto based volunteer opportunities.

### **Tutoring**

- Math tutoring available for all grades every Tuesday and Thursday in room 504 at lunch
- Peer tutoring available in room 102 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at lunch

### **Post Secondary Information:**

[Student Life Expo](#) - Canada's largest Education and Lifestyle event for graduates is being held Nov 18 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Learn about everything about the skilled trades, colleges, universities, scholarships, travel....

To register follow link: <https://studentlifeexpo.com>

### **College Information:**

[Everything you need to know about applying to College Presentation](#)

#### **Application Deadline**

- 2023 Application Deadline – February 1, 2024
- Visit [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)

#### **College Open Houses**

Every college is hosting open houses and tours either in person or virtually. Visit the individual college websites for dates and times.

[Everything you need to know about applying to University](#)



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### ***Application Deadline***

- 2023 Application Deadline – January 15, 2024
- Visit: [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca)

### ***Websites for Program/University Research***

- <https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/>
- <https://myblueprint.ca/tdsb>

### **FULL DISCLOSURE – Grade 12 students only**

- Students who qualify may drop a course on or before November 20, should they wish for the course to not appear on their transcript.
- Students must see their counsellor and complete a request to drop form.

### **Scholarship Information**

- Scholarship Information Session – **November 9, 12pm, room 214** with Mr. Cormier
- Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines:
  - TD Community Leader Scholarship - November 15, 2023 (1pm)
- 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\*\*](#)

### **Dual Credits:**

Dual credit programs are programs approved by the Ministry of Education that allow students, while they are still in secondary school, to take college or apprenticeship course that counts towards both their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and a postsecondary certificate, diploma, degree, or a Certificate of Apprenticeship.

Dual credit programs are intended to assist secondary school students in completing their OSSD and making a successful transition to college and/or apprenticeship programs.

**Information about Semester two Dual Credits should be released in November.** Please contact your guidance counsellor for more information.

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Click this link for more details:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Other-Learning-Opportunities/Dual-Credits>

### **Night School**

- Information for semester two night school should be available in early December at <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/conedsecondarycreditprogram/Night-School>

### **University of Georgia State Visit**

Are you considering university in the United States? The University of Georgia State will be coming to do a presentation for students on November 8th at 10:00am. It will include requirements to get into schools in the US. If you are interested please have your student fill out this google form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdj3i395w9HXMxWr-tKy6P8ZMqDKG4FBY7ziNyFWA4y3M1kjQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdj3i395w9HXMxWr-tKy6P8ZMqDKG4FBY7ziNyFWA4y3M1kjQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **LATE START SCHEDULE**

November 22nd, 2023	November 29th, 2023	<b>Schedule on these days:</b>  <b>P. 1: 9:55 am - 10: 55 am</b> <b>P2: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm</b> <b>Lunch: 12:00 pm - 1:05 pm</b> <b>P3: 1:05 pm - 2:10 pm</b> <b>P4: 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm</b>  <b>*** We ask that your student does not come to school until 9:45 am.</b>
December 13th, 2023	December 20th, 2023	
January 10th, 2024	January 17th, 2024	
February 21st, 2024	February 28th, 2024	
March 20th, 2024	March 26th, 2024	
April 17th, 2024	April 24th, 2024	
May 22nd, 2024	May 29th, 2024	