

Central Technical School

NEWSLETTER

February 2, 2022

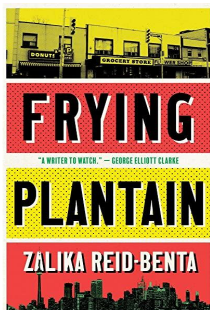


African Heritage Month

Each February, the contributions of Black people to Canadian society are recognized and celebrated to acknowledge the 400-year presence of people of African descent in this country. African Heritage Month provides the opportunity for our community to learn more about and celebrate the diversity and richness of the histories and heritages of the African Diaspora.

As part of our CTS's school improvement goal, we ask, "what are the most powerful ways to foster nurturing and identity-affirming learning environments?" We know when Black students and staff can thrive and grow, without barriers, their sense of self worth and belonging grows.

We are committed to understanding and dismantling anti-Black racism and will look to eliminate the conditions created by systemic racism. We hope then our Black students' identity will be affirmed and able to thrive in our classrooms and school community.



One of the many activities we will be doing this month is a book club for students. We will be reading *Frying Plantain* by Zaliqa Reid-Benta. Students who are interested in joining the club, please connect with Ms. Bloom or Ms. Khan.

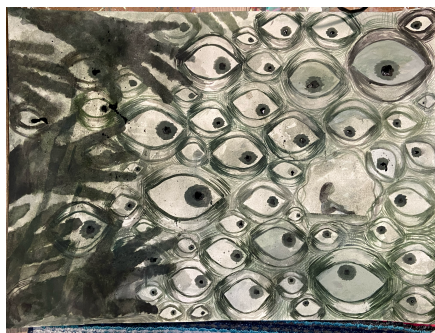
Important Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, February 3rd is the first day of Semester 2! I know students are excited to start their new classes, and even more excited that we will be going back to a 4-period schedule. All TDSB schools will have a 4-period day with periods 3 and 4 flipping on alternate days. Students' semester two timetables have been emailed to them. Please ensure that students access their timetables to ensure a smooth start on Thursday. If students are unable to access their timetable we ask that they come to the main office or VP office for assistance. Any students who need to change their timetable, please see the message from Guidance below.

Please also note that Thursday and Friday this week are both day 1s!

Grade 11/12 Art!

Students in our Grade 11/12 AVI classes have been hard at work creating their final projects. Students exhibited their skills and creativity through sculpture and watercolor.



School Council:

We are excited to share that the Delta Family Resource Group will be presenting, Navigating the **Justice System for Parents**, at our **March 1st meeting**, and the Peacebuilders Justice Transformation Team will present - **Know your rights workshop** on **May 3rd**. These workshops will be from **6:00 pm - 7:30 pm** on both evenings. We will share more information closer to the date. You can access both meetings with this link: [CTS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS](#).

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 to information to:

centraltechnicalschool@tdsb.on.ca

Student: Dejah Brown

Class of 2019:

“Hey Y’all! I attended CTS from 2015 to 2019. I was a student in the LAWS program and I really enjoyed the extracurricular activities that the LAWS program provided. I am currently in my third year studying to attain my Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Philosophy at McGill University. This year I am planning to take the LSAT and I am also considering other options for grad school. As the first student in my family to go to university, I’ve had to overcome certain unique obstacles and recognize the ability I have to shape my future. Although I didn’t initially plan to attend CTS for high school, it was the best place for me and where I learned my potential! “

Student: Helen Zhou

Class of 2015:

“I completed my studies at the University of British Columbia in 2020 as a Loran Scholar, graduating with a BA in Philosophy and Political Science. I’m now an Associate at SVX, a social finance services firm that supports ventures, funds, and investors to impact climate action, equity, affordable housing, and many other sectors. I’m working on the firm’s communications and research projects: producing knowledge products, managing our public relations, and even supporting the development of an impact fund for the GTA. I remember my time at CTS fondly and can’t understate the impact that the teachers I’ve had the pleasure of learning from have had on my life.”

Student: Kevin Fam

Class of 2005:

“After graduating from CTS in 2005 I went to Centennial College to pursue the Automotive Technician Program. I earned my red seal in 2007 and subsequently worked at Toyota Lexus and

became the youngest Master Toyota Lexus Technician. I pursued Teachers College at Queens in 2012, and then returned back to Toyota Lexus to pursue a career as an Assistant Manager. I really wanted to give back to the community and inspire young people, and now I am the new Automotive Teacher at Central Technical School!!!”

Welcome back to Central Tech Kevin! We are looking forward to having you back with our family!

Update from Guidance:

College Application Deadline - February 1, 2022

- Applications for equal consideration are due February 1, 2022
- If a program is not highly competitive, you may still apply after this deadline
- Link to application - <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en>
- No PIN required
- Application guide
- College Information in grade 12 google classroom

Semester 2 Night School:

- Remote/Virtual Credit Recovery Semester 2 Closes: February 4, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Follow the appropriate registration link for the program you are interested in.
- Night School classes begin the week of February 14

Semester 2 Timetable Changes:

- Students may see a counsellor to make changes to their semester 2 schedule, by appointment only.
- Please contact dolores.douglas@tdsb.on.ca to set up an appointment on the day that applies to your situation.

February 3 - Semester 2 begins

February 3 - counsellors will see students with problem codes or have blanks.

February 4 - counsellors will see grade 12 students

February 7 - counsellors will see grade 11 students

February 8 - counsellors will see grade 10 students

February 9 - counsellors will see grade 9 students

Course Selections

- for 2022 - 2023 school year DUE - March 4
- Presentation - Preparing for Grade 10 Course Selection - February 10 at 10:30 am
- Presentation - Preparing for Grade 11 Course Selection - February 10 - 1:30 pm
- Presentation - Preparing for grade 12 Course Selection - February 11 - 10:30 pm
- Presentation for Grade 8 classes - February 11 - 1:30 pm
- Presentation for Grade 8 families - February 16 at 7:00 pm - zoom link:
<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/93587639424?pwd=WlovS0dqQmwxYXg1RDl3cG0waXQrdz09>

Scholarship Presentation Wednesday, February 23 at 4:00 pm - zoom link -
<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/93026592339>

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](#)

Guidance Instagram account: @cts.guidance

Free Math Help - Grade 6 - 11: <https://www.tvomathify.com/students>

Important Upcoming Dates in February:

February 3rd: First day of second semester

February 18th: Professional Activity Day

February 21st: Family Day

Late Start Schedule:

October 6, 2021	October 27, 2021	<p style="color: red; text-align: center;">NEW!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Schedule on these days:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:00 am - 11:00 am - Course 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:05 am -12:05 pm - Course 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lunch 12:05-12:50 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12:50 pm - 1:50 pm - Course 3/4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:55 pm - 2:55 pm - Course 3/4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** We ask that your student does not come to school until 9:50 am.</p>
November 17, 2021	November 24, 2021	
December 8, 2021	December 15, 2021	
January 19, 2022	January 26, 2022	
February 16, 2022	February 23, 2022	
March 23, 2022	March 30, 2022	
April 20, 2022	April 27, 2022	
May 18, 2022	May 25, 2022	

Office Information:

If you need to call to **report an absence**, please call **416-393-0070** and **press 1** to get the attendance line.

As well, if you have any concerns regarding your student, we encourage you to first contact your child's teacher, then Guidance Counselor, then their VP. Call **416-393-0070 press 2** for the Vice Principals' office, **and 3** for Student Services (Guidance).

Students with last names

A-F:

GC: Mr. McDonagh

VP: Ms. Khan

Students with last names

G-N:

GC: Ms. Ferrari

VP: Mr. Cho

Students with last names

O-Z:

GC: Mr. Cormier

VP: Mr. Todd Bushell

During remote learning, email would be the best way to communicate with your student's teacher. Email for teachers: firstname.lastname@tdsb.on.ca