

Central Technical School

NEWSLETTER

June 6, 2022



June is Pride Month!

CTS Pride Space students have put together [a list of 30 Pride Facts](#) that was shared with classes throughout the month. Teachers were encouraged to share one every day in June with all of their classes! #30DaysOfPride was also shared.

It is important to recognize that while Pride can be a celebration, that at its root it is led by trans women of colour, a protest fighting for intersectional rights. Reminders of homophobia and transphobia, pressures to come out, present a certain way, or to "fit in" with the community are real and ongoing. Resources for support (helplines, community resources, etc.) to acknowledge that Pride isn't a celebration for everybody were also shared with students.

The Progress Pride Flag, includes black, brown, white, pink, and blue stripes to centre racialized and transgender members of the community who face additional forms of oppression was raised at CTS last month.

School Council:

Our last school council meeting happened on May 3rd, with The Peacebuilders Justice Transformation Team presented - **Know your rights workshop**. If any parents want to be on the School Council next year, and would like to be an executive member, please email centraltechnicalschool@tdsb.on.ca.

Athletics!

Athletics are back in full-swing at CTS and the athletes and coaches have been working hard to make CTS proud!

CTS Swim team:

On Wednesday, May 4th, students represented CTS at the City Swim Finals at the Pan-Am Pool. Tristan Monssen, a grade 10 student, swam to GOLD in the 50 m Freestyle - out of 90 boys! Congratulations Tristan. As well, CTS swimmers had a lot of personal bests and first place heat finishes, which includes:

- Estefania Espinal #1 heat in junior 50m back
- Ava Cleary #1 heat in junior 50m free
- James Jensen #1 heat in junior 50m free (top 10)
- Abner Morales #1 heat in senior 50m free
- Chidima Onwubuke #1 heat in senior 100m breaststroke

Congratulations!



What's Happening at CTS:

In **cosmetology** students were excited for Prom 2022! The Hairstyling classroom was buzzing with excitement as students had the opportunity to get 'glammed up' courtesy of Noah who did all the makeup and Elliano and Sarah who did all the hair. It was an amazing experience for all the students, a special day that will not be forgotten.



Student Vote Program at Central Tech on May 31st:



Once again Central Tech students joined 250,000 students in Ontario to take part in the Student Vote Program, voting in a Mock Provincial Election for the actual candidates in our school's riding - University-Rosedale.

Grade 10 Civics and Grade 11 LAWS Program students were responsible for staffing our pollings stations. Jessica Bell, the NDP candidate won an overwhelming majority.

LAWS Newcomer Conference 2022

CTS students attended a LAWS Newcomer Conference with Ms. LeBlanc that was run by our LAWS partners at the University of Toronto. At the conference students had the opportunity to meet other newcomer students from around Toronto and learn from people who study law and work in the justice sector. Throughout the day, students attended workshops about fundamental rights and freedoms and justice for children and youth.



Prom!

Grade 12 students celebrated prom on June 1st at the Palais Royale. The theme for the evening was Midnight Garden. Students enjoyed a 3-course dinner and an evening full of



pictures and dancing. Thank you to SAC for putting on an amazing evening and to our Alumni for their help with fundraising to offset the cost of prom and of course, the Prom Boutique!

Congratulations to Shamiso Chigwende!



CTS Grade 12 Student, Shamiso Chigwende, was selected to screen her short animated film, *Castaway*, at a TIFF Open Screening Event on Tuesday, May 24. *The film is about an unknown character who's been trapped in solitary confinement with only a music box as their company. One day a strange being within a mirror begins to communicate with the lonesome protagonist. Through the twos interaction we're able to learn more of the protagonist's background. The film tackles the theme of a loss of purpose, and how it can be renewed.* Shamiso presented her film, which was then shown on the BIG screen, and facilitated a 5 minute Q&A session with the audience

afterwards. The evening was finished with a networking reception where she received lots of positive feedback. We are so proud of Shamiso and this accomplishment.

Arts Night at CTS:

The Arts departments from Bloor CI and Central Tech have joined forces and we are thrilled to announce this year's Spring Arts Night on Wednesday June 8. The evening will be a celebration of student artwork and musical performances, featuring an Art exhibit in the Art building from 5-8 pm and a outdoor concert to be held in the stage area between the Art and Main buildings from 6-8 pm (in the event of rain, the concert will relocate to the Bathurst gym). Admission is free for this event and all Bloor & CTS community members are welcome to attend.



Juneteenth!

Juneteenth is a federally recognized holiday in the United States to celebrate the emancipation of enslaved Africans, and to celebrate African culture. CTS and Bloor have collaborated to host an event to both celebrate and raise awareness of this very important day.



Commencement:

Class of 2022 Commencement is on October 6th @ 7 pm. If you have any questions please email centraltechnicalschool@tdsb.on.ca. To stay up to date regarding all commencement information, **your student needs to fill out** this google form: [Class of 2022 Contact Information Google Form](#), so that we can continue to connect with them next year (they will no longer have a TDSB email address).

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

Student: Samira Raposo

Class of 2020:

My name is Samira Raposo and I graduated from Central Technical School in 2020. Following my graduation, I applied to Humber College and got accepted into their Police Foundations program on a full scholarship where I intended to utilize my skills in English, law, and fitness to

create a career for myself that I knew I would thoroughly enjoy. Currently, I am in my second year of the program and have been partaking in each of my courses with a critical mind and an unbiased lease to better understand the current issues involved with policing. Due to Covid, I haven't had to opportunity to volunteer in the community as of yet, however, my plans for the future consist of volunteering for the Toronto Police Service, soup kitchens, and much more to build a rapport with the community and be a friendly face to numerous people as I was during my years at CTS. I have always wanted to give back to the world that has so much hate, and as such, I intend to do my best to make the future of Toronto a safer and more equitable place to be.

Student: Khadijah Morley

Class of 2012



Khadijah Morley is a Tkaronto (Toronto) based artist that graduated from Central Tech's Art Program in 2012. Her studies at Central Tech inspired her to further her art education at OCAD University where she then obtained a BFA in Drawing and Painting, with a minor in Printmaking. Her art practice is primarily focused on relief and etching printmaking techniques.

Khadijah's art has also been featured on CBC Arts. You can find her at Open Studio in 401 Richmond where she likes to spend her free time making art or teaching workshops. She was recently accepted to a Fellowship Program

at KALA Institute at Berkeley in California.

Congratulations to the following Scholarship Recipients:

Hailey Rocha is a current LAWS Program and Health and Wellness SHSM student at Central Tech. She will be attending post-secondary education at the University of Toronto and is planning on studying Bioethic next year. So far, Hailey has been awarded multiple scholarships and bursaries including the Loran Scholarship Foundation's Provincial Bursary as well as the Federation of Portuguese Canadian Business & Professionals scholarship. Her long-term aspiration is to become a Child Life Specialist, where she will work with children and families in hospitals and other settings to help them cope with the challenges of hospitalization, illness, and disability.

CTS congratulates Safiya Keita, winner of a ONECity Scholarship. The ONECity Scholarship Fund was created by LAWS Staff and Toronto teachers to support remarkable students who have succeeded academically despite personal obstacles. Next year she will attend Toronto Metropolitan University to study Social Work. She hopes to challenge many racially specific

narratives in Canadian culture and provide a more culturally sensitive space for individuals to access mental health support.

The following CTS soon-to-be grads have just been awarded Merit Scholarships:

Aesha Jemal
Hailey Rocha
Safiya Keita.

A few students of remarkable accomplishment get 2K. Hailey was one of them!

Community:

Unfortunately the school has received some complaints from both residents and businesses in the area of damage to property and disrespectful behaviour towards members of the community. All students are asked to be respectful of our community and have consideration for others.

Update from Guidance:

SUMMER SCHOOL:

In-Person Summer School

Some in person summer school sites have been **closed**. Check your email for any notifications and/or instructions.

[E-Learning](#) and [Virtual New Credit Summer School](#)

The deadline to register is June 10 at 11:00 am. Register ASAP even if you are undecided about attending. Links to the sites are attached in the heading.

Credit Recovery

If you are unsuccessful in a course, you may be eligible to register for remove credit recovery summer school this July. The deadline for registration is June 30 at 11:00 am. Check out the [information page](#) for course and registration information.

SUMMER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERED BY DIFFERENT BOARDS

Original final report cards of courses taken through different boards must be submitted to your counsellor in order for it to be added to your transcript.

If you are planning on registering for summer school through a different board and have applied to college or university, your counsellor must add this to your academic profile. Speak to your counsellor if this is the case.

University and College Applicants:

If you have accepted offers to programs you are expected to pay a deposit to hold your seat. Amounts and deadlines vary between institutions. Check your post-secondary emails regularly to stay abreast of your next steps.

If you have not received offers go to www.ontariocollege.ca to search for open college programs and ouac for Ontario University programs with open seats.

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](#)
[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.

SWAC & DUAL CREDITS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Dual credit and SWAC registration is now open. For more information about dual credit visit the [dual credit information page](#) and the [SWAC information page](#).
See your guidance counsellor for details or to sign up :)

COURSE SELECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

Students will be notified within the next week as to when their timetables for next year will be ready.

We will post information about when and how to make a timetable change in our guidance google classrooms within the next week or so.

The guidance appointment system will be going online next year and students must make an appointment using a QR code for timetable changes during the first week of school. This will be posted in our guidance google classroom

The schedule for timetable changes is:

September 7 - Students with blanks and problem codes

September 8 - Grade 12 students

September 9 - Grade 9 students

September 12 - Grade 11 students

September 13 Grade 10 students

Help and Distress Lines

- [Kids Help Line](#)
- [What's Up Walk In](#)
- [Mental Health TO](#)
- [Black Youth Helpline](#)
- [LGBT Youthline](#)
- [Naseeha](#) -
- [Indigenous Youth Help Line](#)
- 911

Guidance Instagram account:

- @cts.guidance

Free Math Help - Grade 6 - 11

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

Google Classroom Codes:

Grade 9: 6hdk43k

Grade 11: ly2p2ud

Grade 10: qfv4msg

Grade 12: rzzv4

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

Email for teachers: firstname.lastname@tdsb.on.ca