

Quad 3

February Edition



CENTRAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

# Central Tech Newsletter

## Central Tech and the Toronto Foundation for Student Success

Through the Toronto Foundation for Student Success we are happy that we were able to help over 300 families with grocery cards for \$50. As other initiatives are presented we will continue to reach out to families to help support during these difficult times.

## From the Experiential Learning Department:

Just a reminder that Central Tech offers Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) programs in the career areas of Health & Wellness, Transportation, Construction, Hospitality & Tourism, Information & Communication Technology, and Justice, Community Safety and Emergency Services. We invite you to enrol in one of these SHSM's being offered to participate in experiential learning and reach-ahead activities, gain sector recognized certifications and have a co-operative education placement with a community partner in your area of choice. If you are entering grade 11 or 12 and are interested please see your guidance counsellor for more information.

There will be an online information session happening on March 24th at 6:00PM for another one of our great focus programs called the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP). This is a program for students that opens the door to work in apprenticeship occupations through focussed in-class courses and experiences in a co-operative education placement. If you have ever thought about an apprenticeship as an alternative to postsecondary education, this might be the start you need. For more information and to find the link to our online Information Session please visit our website at [schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/centraltechnicalschool](https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/centraltechnicalschool).

## School Contacts

STUDENT'S LAST NAME	P / VP	EXTENSION	COUNSELLOR	EXTENSION
A to F	Teenat Khan	20011	Peter McDonagh	20043
G to M and O	Albert Cho	20012	Eleonora Ferrari	20042
N and P to Z	Michelle Robinson	20013	Mike Cormier	20046
	Lisa Edwards	20010	OA Adelino Pereira	20001

### Important Upcoming Dates:

Diploma Pick Up for 2020 Grads	Details on the CTS website
Mid Term Marks	March 22—26, 2021
OYAP Open House	March 24, 2021
Staff Meeting—Early Dismissal	March 25, 2021
Parent/Guardian conferences	March 29 to April 1, 2021
Good Friday Holiday	April 2, 2021
Easter Monday Holiday	April 5, 2021

### Special points of interest:

- *The safety of students and staff is paramount. The school has put in place all required protocols to ensure the safety of all.*
- *Students are required to wear non-medical face masks indoors on school property to reduce the spread of their own respiratory droplets to protect others.*
- **School Council Meeting** next meeting will be held virtually on Thursday April 22, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

## From Our Departments

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### **From the Health and Physical Education Department:**

We would like to share an announcement about the Fitness Challenge our department has been running. The staff and students at Central Tech are participating in a variety of fitness challenges by sending in their attempts to see who at our school is our Fitness Champion! The first challenge was a Push-Up competition! The winner's name will be showcased on our school website. Next week, we will be starting the Wall-Sit Challenge, where each participant will attempt to hold a Wall-Sit position for as long as possible. All attempts need to be submitted to Peter Min for consideration. To participate in this challenge please see the school website.

We would also like to share with parents that the Phys-Ed department is helping to run the Hip-Hop and Wellness workshops to promote strong bodies as well as good mental health! These workshops are run during class time so, if students are interested, they need to let their teachers know to sign-up before all the spots are taken!

The dates for the final Wellness Workshops, from 2:00-3:15pm, include:

Tuesday, March 23rd

Tuesday, April 20th

Tuesday, May 25th



### **From the History, Geography and Social Science Department:**

#### **Geography, Academic Pathway Grade 9:**

Grade 9 Geography students have been going on walking excursions in the community to strengthen their orienteering skills. Also, they explored the CTS community and did a "Climate Change in our Neighbourhood" activity. For this they collected data, made heat maps with the data in ArcGIS and then did a geographic analysis of the information.

**The LAWS Program at Central Tech** continues to provide 'Virtual' Programming for our LAWS Cohort, which during Quadrants 3 and 4 will connect with our Grade 12 Law class, our Grade 11 Law class, our Grade 10 Science class, and our ESL E class.



This week, for example, York University Osgoode Hall Law students presented an On-Line Workshop to our Grade 12s on Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

Also, the LAWS staff is currently conducting a Mock Trial Program with our Quadrant 3 ESL E class - it is a Criminal Law scenario entitled R. v. Lee, in which our students learn courtroom procedure, direct examination, cross examination, opening and closing statements, and application of actual laws and precedent cases in a Courtroom setting.

### **Central Tech/OISE-UT Partnership continues:**

Central Tech's unique partnership with the Ontario Studies in Education at University of Toronto has continued these past 4 weeks. CTS hosted 8 Masters of Teaching Teacher Candidates from OISE in various subject areas, including Law, Geography, English, and Business Education. CTS continues to provide leadership and mentoring in the area of bringing new candidates into the teaching profession. Central Tech is indeed an all-encompassing teaching institution.

## Central Technical School Welcomes Jason Brissett

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We would like to thank Marcus Singleton for all the work he has done as the Graduation Coach with the students at Central Tech. He has been able to connect with students, mentor and support them as they move on from their secondary journey. We wish Marcus all the best.

Please support in welcoming Jason Brissett to the role of Graduation Coach at Central Technical School. Jason is currently a Child and Youth worker within the TDSB and has been in leadership roles supporting Black youth for numerous years.

Jason's first day in this role will be Monday March 22, 2021.

## myBlueprint

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Students are reminded that if they have not selected their course selections for the 2021-2022 school year they should make an appointment to talk to their guidance counsellor. Staffing is determined by



## Grad Photos—Class 2021

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Congratulations to all our upcoming grads for 2021. This year we have been challenged due to COVID-19 to have grad photos taken by our grad company. We are now able to take grad photos in house and will be setting up times for in-person students to book their photo times. Please see the Central Tech website for information on how to book your time. Grad photos will be taken starting Thursday March 25th, 2021.

## Coming soon

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Ian Brown has been confirmed and will be speaking to our school community in April. He will be doing two workshops. One will be with our student body and the other will be with our parents and school council. Mr. Brown will be having a crucial conversation about mental health and how to cope and strategies to use. He connects with his audience using his three C's care, connect, and contribute. He will be speaking with our parents and school community on April 22, 2021 and our students on April 23, 2021.



From School Council:

Please consider joining the school council Facebook group. You can access this group at the link [www.facebook.com/groups/ctscouncil/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ctscouncil/).