

# Central Technical School

## NEWSLETTER

March 1st, 2022



### African Heritage Month Activities:

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.

Some activities our classes engaged in to celebrate African Heritage Month but to also learn about and question themes of anti-Black racism and oppression are:

**In Grade 11 English, classes previewed a Pixar short called Hair Love:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kNw8V\\_Fkw28&t=1s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kNw8V_Fkw28&t=1s)

The students then discussed narrative structure as well as themes such as black hair and acceptance as well as challenged and questioned the stereotypes of Black men and their roles in the family.

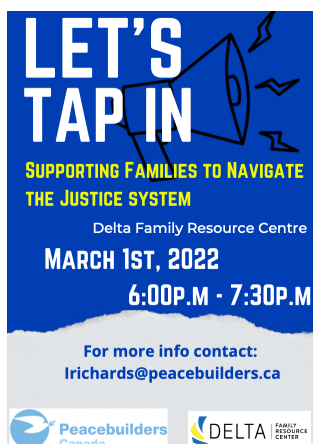


In the workplace bound program, our KCW class (exploring our world), examined the history of their families and how they came to Canada. They clipped photos and sorted them into culture, nature and Canadian attractions. We watched a video and talked about the groups that are represented and not represented in this survey of Canada and where our Indigenous communities exist on the map.



In the Foods and Hospitality Grade 12 class, explored African Food Culture in Nova Scotia, and critically examined concepts of Black food sovereignty, the resurgence of cultural pride, including African Nova Scotian Flag, the creation of Afrocentric education and the launch of soul food restaurants in the largest and oldest Black settlement in Canada, the outskirts of North Preston.

## 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. You can access both meetings with this link: [CTS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS](#).

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## Student Council:

The SAC is excited to step into March! Although there aren't many national holidays this month, there is still so much to do. Throughout March, SAC will launch designated Spirit days/weeks. We are always aiming for something completely new and unique! To further boost the CTS Blues' Spirit, be prepared for the launch of our Spirit Wear! We've worked hard on selecting the best items and designs - there's something for everyone.

Although African Heritage Month is nationally recognized in February, SAC will continue initiatives into the coming months. This specifically includes our African Heritage Museum in the Library. Please drop by our exhibit if you get the chance! The museum will be open to students starting Wednesday, March 2nd.

March is recognized as Women's History Month! We will also be acknowledging International Women's Day on March 8. Look forward to our new projects as we celebrate women of all identities!

We are excited to spend another amazing month with you!



## Athletics and Extracurriculars:

### INTRAMURAL SPORTS

CTS has moved their intramural sports to Tuesday and Thursday at lunchtime in 269. We are currently doing dodgeball.

### WINTER SPORTS

We are excited to announce that Winter Sports will start after the March Break! CTS is offering the following sports and information about tryouts can be found below!

#### **Boys' Jr/Sr Indoor Soccer Team**

Please pick up a blank copy from the following locations:

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Junior Soccer - The pool office in the Bathurst Building

Senior Soccer - Room 247

-Coaches Arash (Jr) & Waldie (Sr)

### **Girls' Indoor Soccer Team**

Meeting- Mon Feb 28, beginning of lunch (Room 269)

Tryouts- Wed March 2, 3pm (dome) / Thursday March 3, 3pm (dome)

-Coach P. Min

### **Girls' Basketball**

Meeting- Tues March 2, beginning of lunch (Room 506)

Tryouts- Mon March 7, 3pm (Bathurst Gym) / Wed March 9, 3pm (269)

-Coaches K. Chau & R. Druery

### **Boys' Basketball**

Tryout Dates- Wed March 2, 3pm (269) / Thurs March 3 (Bathurst Gym)

You MUST have your permission form (can be picked up in 269 office)

-Coaches K. Buy & R. Rasmussen

## **Homework Club:**

The resource room will be hosting a Homework Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 3pm-4pm starting March 1st. All CTS students are welcome to come to room 102 to get extra help on homework/assignments or if they would just like a quiet place to work. Please encourage your children to utilize this fantastic resource at CTS!

## **Special Education:**

Please look out for IPRC review letters that are currently being mailed home. We invite and encourage parents to attend to discuss the progress their child has made in their current special education program. Please sign and return the form back to the main office no later than 3 days before the scheduled IPRC meeting. Please keep in mind, upon returning the form, Ms. Wright will email the zoom link to virtually attend the meeting. If you wish to attend in person, please make note of this and accommodations can be made.

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## Important Upcoming Dates:

**March 1st:** School Council meeting, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

**March 4th:** Course Selections are DUE on March 4th, in My BluePrint

**March 14th - 18th:** March Break - NO classes!

**March 23rd and March 30th:** Late Start Days!

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

### Tawfic Amandi

#### Class of: 2014

*Hello, My name is Tawfic Mumuni Amandi, and I graduated from CTS in 2014.*

*I obtained my B.A. at York University, focusing on Human Rights and Equity Studies. I am currently finishing my law degree at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law. Upon this completion, I will commence my articling position with AAA Law Firm located in the GTA area. My primary areas of practice will be:*

- Immigration*
- Family Law*
- Litigation*
- Corporate Law*

*My dream to become a lawyer started at CTS through the LAWS program. My experience at CST well equipped me with the necessary tools such as compassion and being part of a great community. Hence, I can now transfer such knowledge into my legal experience. My dream of obtaining a law degree will have never been possible without the constant support of many great teachers at CTS.*

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**Gar Toy****Class of 2001-2002**

*Gar Toy is now the owner of the highly popular Toronto game shop, A&C Games, over at College and Spadina. With the largest selection of vintage and modern video games, as well as a large selection of trading cards and pop culture merchandise in Toronto's urban core, A & C has been a mainstay for console gamers and card collectors since 1998. Many celebrities have shopped or visited this store over the years including Mike Tyson and The Weekend, to name a few. Gar has gone on to become a successful business owner in the Toronto community over the last 20 years since graduating from Central Tech!*

**Student: Carmen Huynh****Class of 2015:**

*Hello everyone, I am currently at the University of Waterloo working to obtain a Mechanical Engineering degree.*

*I worked on the Midnight Sun student design; building a solar-powered car to compete in the American Solar Challenge, placing 3rd in the competition.*

*I am Hoping to graduate from university in January 2022.*

**Update from Guidance:****COURSE SELECTIONS:**

Course Selections for the 2022-2023 school year are due this Friday, March 4.

All students are required to input their requests in myBlueprint and obtain parent/guardian approval if they are under the age of 18.

Attached you will find myBlueprint instructions, course selection instructions, the course selection sheet, and presentations for each grade 11.

All information can also be found in our guidance google classrooms.

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Counselors will be visiting period 2 classrooms to help students with their choices. Also, the computer lab in room 247 will be supervised by a guidance counselor at lunch time from Tuesday to Friday. Students are encouraged to visit room 247 should they need help with their selections.

**Guidance Google Classroom Codes:**

Grade 9: 6hdk43k

Grade 10: qfv4msg

Grade 11: ly2p2ud

Grade 12: rzzv44l

**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>**

## Late Start Schedule:

October 6, 2021	October 27, 2021	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEW!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Schedule on these days:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:00 am - 11:00 am - Course 1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11:05 am -12:05 pm - Course 2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lunch 12:05-12:50 pm</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>12:50 pm - 1:50 pm - Course 3/4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:55 pm - 2:55 pm - Course 3/4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>*** We ask that your student does not come to school until 9:50 am.</b></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](mailto:firstname.lastname@tdsb.on.ca)