

Principal's Message



Hello Parents/Guardians & Community,

On behalf of Churchill staff, we do hope this email finds you and your families well. We have a few items to share with everyone.

As you are aware, TDSB secondary schools moved into Quad 2 on Monday, November 23rd. Schools continue to offer hybrid learning, which is a mixture of in school and online, as well as fully online learning.

We are extremely proud of all of our students completing Quad 1. We know it has been quite different from what we are all used to. However, the majority of Churchill students have obtained their first group of credits for the 2020/21 school year. Quad 1 report cards will be sent out next week. Congratulations everyone. :)

School Council will be hosting a virtual school council meeting on **Tuesday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m.** The Google Meet link will be sent out to parents/guardians next week, before the meeting takes place. School Council looks forward to seeing folks at the meeting.

The **WCCI Open House** is on **Tuesday, December 8th @ 7:00 p.m.** This is a wonderful opportunity for prospective students and their families to come and see what Churchill has to offer. Our specialized program, the **Leonard Braithwaite Africentric Program's Open House** is on **Wednesday, January 6th @ 7:00 p.m.** Please share with community.

Finally, as we move into the holiday season, we do hope that everyone stays safe and remains in their bubble. Whether you celebrate **Diwali, Winter Solstice, Hanukkah, Christmas, Las Posadas, Kwanzaa**, and/or **Chinese New Year**, please have fun and celebrate safely.

On behalf of the WCCI staff, we wish everyone a happy holiday season!

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Health and Safety Measures

As more and more schools and workplaces report Covid-19 cases, it is a stark reminder that maintaining a safe and healthy school is our top priority.

Read more about the TDSB's [health and safety measures](#), including daily health screening, mask and face covering requirements and the response plan. Please also note the [revised screening guidelines](#) for students.

For more information about COVID-19, please visit:



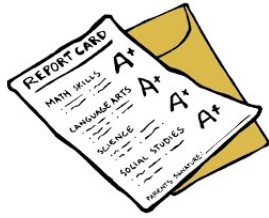
www.toronto.ca/covid19



Remember to Stay Connected!

[WCCI website](#)

[WCCI Twitter](#)



Quad 1 Achievement & Report Cards

Thank you to our Winston Churchill family for your continued support and patience during these exceptional circumstances. We are committed to supporting the unique needs and situations of our students and their families with flexibility, compassion, and understanding.

Now that Quad 1 has ended, teachers will have shared final marks with students. Quad 1 Final Report Cards will be distributed to students and parents/guardians/caregivers via email the week of November 30th.

As we begin Quad 2 please take the time to review your child's timetable. Regular attendance is important for the success of all students; please ensure that your child is attending their Quad 2 courses. Regular communication between home and school is a priority and teachers will continue to reach out to parents/guardians to discuss student progress. If you have any questions about your child's progress please reach out to their classroom teachers.

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Information Sharing

Storybooks Canada is a free open educational resource that promotes literacy and language learning in homes, schools, and communities.

The [Indigenous Storybooks](#) and the [Global Storybooks](#) literacy portal makes stories available with text and audio in English, French, and the most widely spoken [immigrant and refugee languages](#) of Canada.

Please share and enjoy the [Open Portal](#)

TDSB RESOURCES



Toronto District School Board

The [TDSB Home Page](#) has lots of information to help support you and your child/ren.

During office hours, there is also real time chat support available for students who require help with their virtual learning. Please click here:

[Student Virtual Learning IT Support](#)

For more information about secondary school hybrid learning. Please click here:

[In Person Learning](#)

The Parents/ Guardians [Guide to Google Tools](#) shares easy tips for parents/guardians to support their child with their learning.



REMINDER!

Guidance Department

All students are reminded to regularly check the Guidance google classroom . There is always new details about what is going on in the school.

A lot of important information is being posted there, particularly for Grade 12 students who are planning to graduate this year.

Grade 9-11 site code: **briefly**

Grade 12 site code: **7oq7cwz**



November/December Anti-Violence

TDSB Gender Based Violence Department

Sixteen Days of Activism Against Gender Violence

From November 25 to December 10, the 16 Days of Action initiative will engage in a global campaign to raise awareness about gender-based violence.

This campaign links violence against women and human rights, emphasizing that all forms of violence, whether perpetrated in the public or private sphere, are a violation of human rights.

Please speak out, reflect and act to end violence against women and girls. As teachers, parents, and community members our actions matter – let’s work together to change behaviours and attitudes to end violence.

November 25 is International Day Against Violence Against Women and December 10 is International Human Rights Day.

The 16-day period also includes December 1, World AIDS Day, and December 6, the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre.

More information is available from <https://16dayscampaign.org/about-the-campaign/>.

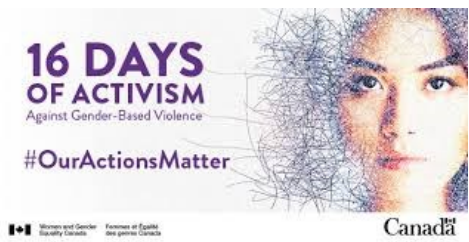


Useful Resources

[METRAC: Metropolitan Action Committee on Violence Against Women and Children](#) (Toronto)

[Centre for Research on Violence Against Women and Children](#) (University of Western Ontario)

[National Clearing House on Family Violence](#)



December 6: National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

On Dec. 6, 1989, 14 young women were killed at the École Polytechnique in Montreal in what has become known as the Montreal Massacre. Their tragic deaths remind us of the frightening reality that dozens of women die violently every year in this country. This day has been declared a national day of mourning and action.

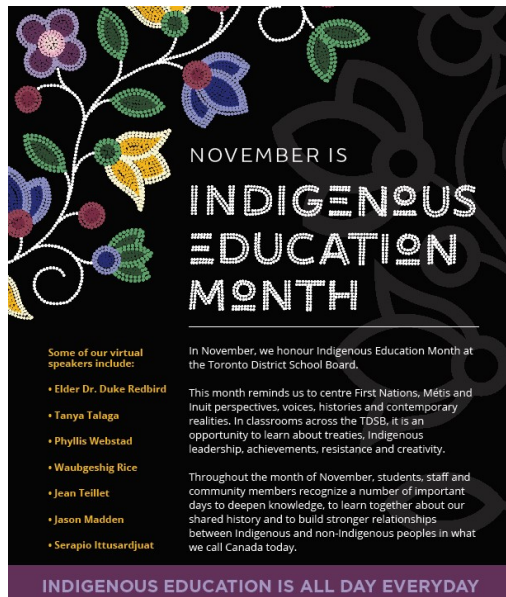


The White Ribbon Campaign (Nov 25—Dec 6)

This campaign provides an opportunity for boys and men to work together to end violence against women. Education and Action kits are available from the [White Ribbon](#).

Violence is a chosen response. Society must become more serious about ending violence against women and children. Our institutions must work and achieve equality including equal power between men and women.

WCCI Students can take action and work together with their peers, teachers, and support staff to ensure that everyone is free from violence in our school.



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION MONTH AT TDSB

In November, we honour Indigenous Education Month at the TDSB. This month reminds us to center of First Nations, Métis and Inuit perspectives, histories and contemporary realities. In classrooms across the TDSB, it is an opportunity to learn about treaties, Indigenous leadership, achievements, and resistance. Over the course of this month, students, staff and community members recognize a number of important days to deepen knowledge, to learn together about our shared history, and to build stronger relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. Learn more at [HERE](#)

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Days of Significance - Over the course of November, students, staff and community members recognize a number of important days to deepen knowledge and to build stronger relationships between non-Indigenous and Indigenous peoples in Canada.

For information about volunteering in the TDSB heritage/history month planning committee please [click here](#)

TDSB RECOGNIZES HINDU HERITAGE MONTH IN NOVEMBER ~from Happenings @ TDSB

In 2016, the Government of Ontario declared the month of November each year as Hindu Heritage Month. Canadians of Hindu faith have greatly contributed to civic life in Canada for decades, and are a vibrant part of the growth and prosperity of Toronto, Ontario and Canada.

November is an opportunity to celebrate the Hindu way of life, examine its impact and contributions to the world culture, and recognize values which promote compassion, mutual respect and inclusion – and hey, it is the birthplace of the number zero, without which the binary code in computers could not exist!

