

**Quote of the week**

With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts.

-Eleanor Roosevelt

**Don Mills Collegiate Institute Weekly Bulletin: 2026/2027**



*All Things Through Knowledge*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sept. 7 Labour Day No School	Sept. 8 Day 2 First Day of School Late Start: P1 @ 9:55am Staff Meeting in the Library 8:45am	Sept. 9 Day 1	Sept. 10 Day 2	Sept.11 Day 1
Sept. 14 Day 2	Sept. 15 Day 1	Sept. 16 Day 2	Sept. 17 Day 1	Sept.18 Day 2 P1 Caring and Safe Schools assembly; Club Carousel during extended lunch. Revised Schedule.

Sept. 1: Headstart to High School  
Sept. 7: Labour Day  
Sept. 8: First Day of School: Late Start: P1 @ 9:55am  
Staff Meeting in the Library 8:45am

Sept. 18: P1 Caring and Safe Schools assembly; Club Carousel during extended lunch.  
Revised Schedule:  
Period One: 9:00 – 10:45 (extended)  
Call down for the assembly to Caf: Gr. 9&11: 9:15; Gr. 10&12: 10:00  
Period Two: 10:50 – 11:45: \*Please excuse student leaders to set up the caf for the Club Carousel  
LUNCH: 11:45 - 1:00; Club Carousel in the Caf with Burgers  
Period 3: 1:00 - 2:05  
Period 4: 2:10 - 3:15

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## Thank You for my Amazing 5 Years at Don Mills CI

Dear Don Mills Community,

It has been a true privilege and honor to serve as Principal of Don Mills from 2021–2026. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such an exceptional community of students, families, staff, and alumni.

The relationships we have built, the achievements we have celebrated, and the memories we have shared will remain with me for years to come. Don Mills is a special place, and I will always look back on my time here with great appreciation and fondness.

I am also pleased to know that Mr. Wires will be stepping into the role of Principal. He brings a strong commitment to building meaningful relationships, supporting students in reaching their full potential, and continuing the tradition of excellence that defines Don Mills.

Thank you for your support, partnership, and dedication throughout my time here. It has been a privilege to be part of this remarkable community.

With sincere gratitude,

Arnold Witt, Principal 2021-2026



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# Commencement

Congrats to all grads!!!



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# Key Dates for 2026-2027

## School Year Holidays:

- **September 7, 2026:** Labour Day
- **October 12, 2026:** Thanksgiving
- **December 21, 2026, to January 1, 2027:** Winter Break
- **February 15, 2027:** Family Day
- **March 15 to 19, 2027:** Mid-Winter Break
- **March 26, 2027:** Good Friday
- **March 29, 2027:** Easter Monday
- **May 24, 2027:** Victoria Day

## PA Days:

- **September 2, 2026:** Elementary & Secondary
- **September 3, 2026:** Elementary & Secondary
- **November 20, 2026:** Elementary & Secondary
- **January 15, 2027:** Elementary PA Day ONLY
- **February 2, 2027:** Secondary PA Day ONLY
- **February 12, 2027:** Elementary & Secondary
- **June 4, 2027:** Elementary PA Day ONLY

- **June 29, 2027:** Secondary PA Day ONLY
- **June 30, 2027:** Elementary & Secondary

Additional Key Dates:

- **September 8, 2026:** First Day of School for Students
- **January 4, 2027:** First Day Back after Winter Break
- **January 25 to February 1, 2027:** Semester 1 Secondary Exam Period
- **February 3, 2027:** First Day of Semester 2 for Secondary
- **March 22, 2027:** First Day Back after Mid-Winter Break
- **June 1, 2027:** Ontario Day Instructional Day
- **June 21 to 25, 2027:** Semester 1 Secondary Exam Period
- **June 28, 2027:** Last Day of School for Secondary Students

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## TDSB Summer Well-Being Guide

To help students and families stay connected to their well-being, the [TDSB Summer Well-Being Guide](#) offers culturally responsive and identity-affirming resources, activities, and supports for the months ahead.

The [guide](#) includes mental health and wellness strategies, mindfulness activities, community resources, and creative and physical wellness ideas. To ensure accessibility for all families, it is available in the TDSB's top 24 spoken languages.

We encourage families to explore the guide and discover resources that support well-being, belonging, and connection throughout the summer.

For questions, please email [mentalhealthandwellbeing@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:mentalhealthandwellbeing@tdsb.on.ca)

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June 29, 2027: Last Day of School for Elementary Students

## Donations for the Arts Programs at Don Mills CI



Please support the Don Mills CI Drama Department's Musical Theatre program through our donation link: [Donation Link for our Arts Programs/Equipment at Don Mills CI](#)

The purpose of this fundraising campaign is to help cover essential equipment and programming needs that fall outside the school's annual budget allocation.

Our space and stage is in urgent need of updated lighting equipment. We are still using original stage lights from the 1960s and 1970s. While these lights have served us well for many years, many are now obsolete and can no longer be repaired.

To properly support our productions, we need:

Approximately 20 new stage lights (ideally 40), at a cost of about \$700 per light — totaling approximately \$14,000

Four new dimmer packs for our dimmer rack, at \$500 each — totaling approximately \$2,000

A new digital spotlight, as our current one can no longer be repaired — approximately \$2,000

In total, our lighting upgrades alone will cost approximately \$20,000.

In addition, we also need to purchase new microphones and headsets for performances, at an estimated cost of \$1,000 or more.

Overall, we are hoping to raise approximately \$40,000 to support these immediate and long-term needs. Any contribution, large or small, is sincerely appreciated.

The musicals, performances, and Arts programs at Don Mills CI continue to provide students with inspiring educational experiences and valuable post-secondary pathways, and your support will help ensure these opportunities continue for years to come.

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## Complete a Parent/Caregiver Math Survey



As part of the implementation of the [TDSB Mathematics Achievement Action Plan](#), a range of math resources have been shared with parents and caregivers during the 2025/26 school year. Please complete the [parent/guardian math survey](#) and share your feedback by June 30.

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Have a Great Summer and School Opening 2026-2027!



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