Quote of the weekRelax Reflect Refresh Recharge	Don Mills Coll Tapping our Tree	All Things Through Knowledge		
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
March 17 Day 1	March 18 Day 2	March 19 Day 1	March 20 Day 2	March 21 Day 1
March 24 Day 2	March 25 Day 1 School Council Virtual Meeting/Presentations by Staff and Students School Council Teams Link 6pm	March 26 Day 2	March 27 Day 1	March 28 Day 2

March 25: School Council Teams Link 6pm	April 28: Last day to drop a senior course
April 3: Parent/Caregiver-Teacher Interviews	May 9: Cultural Day
April 11: Mid Term Marks, 3 comments, LS due at 3:15pm	May 28: Musical Theatre Matinee
April 14&15: EQAO Literacy Test	May 29, 30, 31: Musical Theatre Performance; 7pm
April 17: OUAC/OCAS marks upload and Report Cards sent	June 5: Prom
April 18: Good Friday	June 26: Commencement
April 21: Easter Monday	

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#### Black History Assembly

A big shout out to our Black student leaders for leading our assembly last Thursday, on expectations, hair, and Black excellence. Thank you too, to Ms. Morneau for supervising and Gregory Birkett for helping our awesome students!



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## TPH Respiratory Resources Digital Toolkit

Thanks to our concerned parents, Toronto Public Health responded to the Trustees by sending an informational letter from Dr. Michael Finkelstein, deputy Medical Officer of Health:

The **TPH Respiratory Digital Toolkit** has been created to assist all families, students and staff with clear recommendations to wear high quality, well-fitted masks; to increase airflow and ventilation; and to avoid indoor, crowded areas with poor ventilation. These two infographics contain essential information regarding airborne transmission of diseases that is new to most members of the public.

This kit includes two new infographics, "How Do Respiratory Viruses Spread" and "4 Steps for Self-Protection".

Public health is of course, still an urgent matter. With this information we can work together to help prevent the transmission of many serious, infectious diseases.

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## ASD After School Skills Development Program – Spring 2025 Session

The Spring 2025 Session of the ASD After School Leisure Program, available both in-person and virtually, will run every Tuesday from March 25, 2025 to June 10, 2025 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. The program is available to students in Grades 4-10 who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. This program provides an opportunity for students to develop, build and enhance their social communication skills through either weekly in-person or weekly virtual sessions. Please see information below:

#### February 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian/Caregiver:

Welcome to an exciting opportunity to participate in an After-School Leisure program for students with autism. This program is open to TDSB students in Grades 4 -10 with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

This program provides an opportunity for students to develop, build and enhance their social -communication skills through either weekly in-person or weekly virtual sessions. While participating in various leisure activities, students will engage in a variety of cooperative activities that will focus on developing and improving skills in the areas of turn-taking, communicating thoughts and feelings, engaging with others, building empathy for others as well as learning how to identify their personal feelings and apply appropriate strategies to regulate their feelings and behaviours.

An important goal of the program is for students to learn a variety of leisure/recreation type activities that they will feel confident doing at home, at school or in the community. Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to take part in our scheduled meetings and to practice the various leisure activities together. Activities will be led by qualified teachers who will reinforce Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) Instructional Methods throughout the sessions.

The program is being offered both in-person and virtually. Students are required to choose their preferred setting and stay with their choice for the duration of the program.

#### The Virtual Program

This program will run **every Tuesday** from March 25, 2025 to June 10, 2025 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Please note that to participate in this program, students will need access to a device as well as internet connection.

If you are interested in the Virtual Program for your child, please complete <u>this registration form</u> (VIRTUAL) (click to access) by Friday, March 7, 2025.

#### The In-Person Program:

This program will run every Thursday from March 27, 2025 to June 12, 2025. Sessions will run from 6:00 -7:30 p.m. at the following locations:

- 1 CR Marchant MS 1 Ralph St, York
- 2. Charlottetown Public School, 85 Charlottetown Blvd. Scarborough
- 3. Duke of Connaught PS 70 Woodfield Rd, Toronto
- 4. James S. Bell JM Sports and Wellness Academy 90 Thirty First St., Etobicoke
- 5. Shaughnessy Public School 30 Shaughnessy Blvd., North York

If you are interested in the In-Person Program for your child, please complete this registration form (IN-PERSON) (click to access) by Friday, March 7, 2025.

Please note that we are unable to provide transportation for students. Parents are responsible for bringing their children to the program and must stay for the duration of the program to enjoy the activities and learn more about the strategies our teachers use.

We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

The After School Leisure Development Committee

## Sports, Clubs, Committees, Field Trips, Speakers, Yearbook, Events:

The school is very active this year, and <u>unfortunately without this fee, we will not be able to provide our students that have unpaid to</u> access our clubs, sports, field trips, yearbook etc..

Thank you to parents/guardians/caregivers for paying the Student Activity Council fee of \$50. For those that have not paid, please send the \$50 though the link UPDATED LINK FOR \$50 FEE FOR CASHONLINE

If there are any challenges with payment, please reach out to the vice principals and arrangements can be made.

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## Newly Developed Personal Use of Mobile Device in Schools Policy (P106)

On February 19, 2025, the Board approved the newly developed Personal Mobile Device Use in Schools Policy (P106). The newly developed Personal Mobile Device in Schools Policy (P106) (the "Policy") was developed in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Trustees of January 31, 2024. The Policy outlines requirements for the appropriate use of Personal Mobile Devices by students, staff and other members of the TDSB School Community at schools; advances a conducive learning environment and promote responsible Digital Citizenship; and aims to reduce negative impacts of excessive screen time and social media use on students' achievement, well-being, and mental health. The Policy also supports implementation of the Ministry of Education's Policy / Program Memorandum No. 128: The Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct (PPM No. 128) and is aligned with TDSB's policies and procedures, including but not limited to: the Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources (P088), the Communications Policy (P104), the Caring and Safe Schools Policy (P051), the Equity Policy (P037), and the Human Rights Policy (P031). For more information on the Policy, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/mobiledevicepolicy and any questions about the Policy or related

matters can be directed to <u>mobiledevicepolicy@tdsb.on.ca</u> Back to Table of Contents/Agenda Items

## Special Education and Inclusion Summer School 2025

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) will once again offer summer school programs from July 2nd to 25th for students currently enrolled in the Developmental Disability, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and Physical Disabilities Intensive Support Programs (ISPs). Principals are requested to share this information flyer with the families of students currently enrolled in these programs. These half-day programs will be held in-person at various locations throughout the TDSB. Students will be supported to develop their independence through programming in the areas of functional literacy and numeracy skills, activities of daily living, communication, and social skills.

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Visit our summer school website for more information.

Elementary DD Application Secondary DD Application Various Locations across the TDSB Physical Disability Program Application Avondale Public School - 171 Avondale Ave., North York, ON. M2N 2V4 Back to Table of Contents/Agenda Items

## March Learning Sessions for Staff and Families

Learning and engagement sessions continue to be made available for both staff and families, providing valuable opportunities to explore inclusive and anti-ableist practices and implement concrete strategies in the classroom and at home. These sessions are designed to support student achievement and well-being. Please click this <u>link</u> to access the sessions being offered. Back to Table of Contents/Agenda Items

## Your Voice Matters

Children's Mental Health Week is May 5-9, 2025. This year our theme is all about expressing the importance and power of students' use of their voice, what it means to them and how they demonstrate it.

The Child and Youth Services Poster Contest is open to all TDSB students, with prizes to be won in five categories. The winning designs will be announced in May, during Children's Mental Health week, when we visit schools to share the news with students and their communities. We will also feature the posters on Social Media and in some TDSB buildings.

Please see the <u>attached flyer</u> and instructions for contest details and submission information. Supplemental activities have been included to support students with exploring ideas that connect to this year's theme "Your Voice Matters"; engage students in sharing their story and ideas of how their voice matters; and how they might express those ideas visually through the creation of a poster.

A Certificate of Participation is also included to be given to each participating student.

The deadline to submit contest entries is April 4, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Follow us on social media to see supplemental material to support making your posters: X formerly know as Twitter <u>@TDSB\_CYS</u> & Instagram <u>@TDSB.CYS</u>

For further information, please contact Koryn Marshall <u>koryn.marshall@tdsb.on.ca</u> Back to Table of Contents/Agenda Items

## St. Michael's College Irish Heritage Award 2025

In anticipation of Canada's Irish Heritage Month in March and in acknowledgement of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Thomas D'Arcy McGee, the University of St. Michael's College, in collaboration with the Embassy of Ireland and Consulate General of Ireland, Toronto, announces awards celebrating the important historic and continuing contribution of the Irish in Canada.

Please note that submissions are due on March 26, 2025.

Please see the attached for further information and contact details.

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Please find enclosed the information letter which includes the link for registration to the parents of Grades 4 – 10 students with ASD in your school. The registration period will remain open until Friday, March 7, 2025.

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## Guides for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers Video Series

Special Education and Inclusion is excited to share our Guides for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers video series. These videos provide an overview of our Guides to Special Education, designed to help families understand the programs, services, and supports available to students. From learning about Individual Education Plans (IEPs) to navigating the Identification, Placement, and Review Committee (IPRC) process, these resources are here to support you every step of the way. We also encourage you to explore the full guides on the Special Education and Inclusion Website, where you will find additional Special Education resources for families. Back to Table of Contents/Agenda Items

## Ultimate Coders - Summer Camps

Students (SK-12) will learn to code all week this summer, and march break, when you register for a full-day camp below. Half-day

options are available too!

[0] MARCH BREAK: MARCH 10TH-14TH
[1] SUMMER WEEK 1: JULY 7TH-11TH
[2] SUMMER WEEK 2: JULY 14TH-18TH
[3] SUMMER WEEK 3: JULY 22ND-25TH
[4] SUMMER WEEK 4: JULY 28TH-AUG 4TH
[5] SUMMER WEEK 5: AUG 11TH-15TH
[6] SUMMER WEEK 6: AUG 18TH-22ND
[7] SUMMER WEEK 7: AUG 25TH-AUG 29TH

To register visit: <u>https://ultimatecoders.com/program-</u> <u>landing?utm\_source=email&utm\_medium=email+marketing&utm\_campaign=SUMMER+CAMP+REGISTRATION+OPEN+NOW+@+ulti</u> <u>matecoders.com!+(clone)+(06-02-2025)</u> Back to Table of Contents/Agenda Items

## Cultural Show: Friday, May 9th

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Don Mills CI's annual Cultural Day is happening on Friday, May 9th!

We are looking for parents who would love to come in on that Friday and set up a booth to educate students about their particular culture. Each booth would consist of some information as well as food and/or activities for students to try out.

Additionally, you may also hold a cultural workshop (crafts, calligraphy, etc.) for students for a lunch period during the week of May 5th to 8th.

If you are interested in either one or both opportunities, please contact Ms. Bhucher-Kundan through her email: shallu.bhucher-kundan@tdsb.on.ca



Coming to YOU on May 9th!

Fashion show, dances, singing, spoken word, you name it!

Sign-up by scanning the QR code or visiting our Instagram!

@dmci\_culturalclub

If you have any questions, email us at donmillsspc@gmail.com or DM us on Instagram.



Performance Sign-Up



Thank you! - DMCI's Cultural Club Back to Table of Contents/Agenda Items

## New Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement Website

You spoke! We listened! We have released version 1 of our updated new<u>website</u>. This new website is easier to navigate, more userfriendly and visually dynamic. Beyond all the old features you've come to love, we've also included additional feature stories, information on programs, a frequently asked questions (FAQ) page, resources and upcoming events. If you have any questions or would like to submit a suggestion, please email cebsa@tdsb.on.ca

For more information contact, jeffrey.caton@tdsb.on.ca, Centrally Assigned Principal, or rukiya.mohamed@tdsb.on.ca, Program Coordinator, Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement

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## Credit Summer School 2025 (Continuing Education and e-Summer)

Continuing Education Secondary Summer School (Remote/Synchronous & In-Person)

- Dates: July 2 July 25, 2025
- Courses Offered: Remote Full Credit, Remote Adult, Remote Credit Recovery Only Grade 9 and Grade 10 courses will be available through Continuing Education.
- Gr. 8 to 9 Reach Ahead: In-Person Reach Ahead opportunity only: TAS1O1 Exploring Technologies.
- In-Person Sites: TBD. To ensure equitable access, the program will be available to all students across the city. However, the program's operation is subject to enrollment levels.

#### e-Summer July & August Summer School (Online)

- Dates: July Session: July 2- July 25, 2025. August Session: July 28 August 22, 2025
- Courses Offered: Only Grade 11 and Grade 12 courses will be available.
- Gr. 8 to 9 Reach Ahead: Not offered for e-Summer.

Please share this information with your staff and school community to ensure families and students are aware of these opportunities. Further details regarding registration and course availability will be shared in the coming weeks and on our respective websites: <u>www.creditprograms.ca</u> and <u>TDSB e-Summer Program</u>.

Thank you for your support in ensuring the success of our summer programming. For more information, please contact Centrally Assigned Principal Linda.Edwards@tdsb.on.ca or Centrally Assigned Vice-Principal Patricia.Davies@tdsb.on.ca or Centrally Assigned Vice-Principal Peter.Gazzellone@tdsb.on.ca

## Virtual Drop In Hours for Parents, Caregivers & Guardians

Staff is excited to introduce our Virtual Drop-In Hours for the 2024/25 school year, open to staff, parents, guardians, and caregivers. In alignment with TDSB's Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) and our commitment to fostering belonging and inclusive learning environments that prioritize mental health and well-being, we will be offering focused, themed educational presentations designed to provide pathways to care for students' mental health and well-being.

The PSS team will host four virtual drop-in sessions, each providing up-to-date information and practical resources for youth, parents, guardians, and caregivers. These sessions are aimed at equipping our community with the knowledge and tools necessary to support the well-being of our students both at home and in school. Please share with your school communities!

The dates and themes are below and all sessions are virtual from 7pm-8pm:

2) March 19th, 2025: Access to TDSB Professional Support Staff for Students

3) May 21st, 2025: TDSB Summer Well Being Guide: Pathways to summer planning for your child(ren)

We look forward to your participation as we work together to ensure a caring and supportive environment for all students.

If you have any questions, please contact the Mental Health Leads, Imani Hennie at Imani.hennie@tdsb.on.ca and/or Annette Gross at <u>annette.grossi@tdsb.on.ca</u>.

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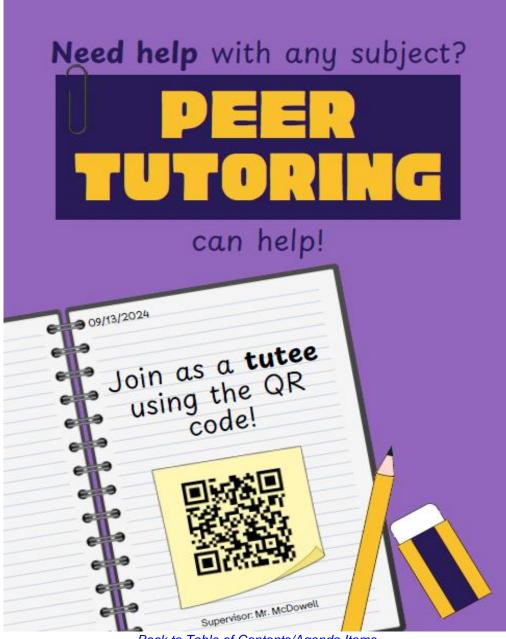
#### Drop In Sessions 2024-2025 for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers



Occupational Therapy/Physiotherapy Services Question and Answer Session	March 18th, 2025	12:30pm - 1:30pm	<u>Link</u>
Occupational Therapy/Physiotherapy Services Question and Answer Session	March 20th, 2025	6:30pm - 7:30pm	<u>Link</u>

Accessing Special Education Supports	March 26th, 2025	12:00pm - 1:00pm	Link Link
		6:30pm - 7:30pm	
Occupational Therapy/Physiotherapy Services Question and Answer Session	April 15th, 2025	12:30pm - 1:30pm	<u>Link</u>
Accessing Special Education Supports	May 7th, 2025	12:00pm - 1:00pm 6:30pm - 7:30pm	<u>Link</u> Link
Occupational Therapy/Physiotherapy Services Question and Answer Session	May 20th, 2025	12:30pm - 1:30pm	<u>Link</u>
Occupational Therapy/Physiotherapy Services Question and Answer Session	May 22nd, 2025	6:30pm - 7:30pm	<u>Link</u>

#### Peer Tutoring



#### Pantry

Please click on this link: **Pantry Order Form** to set up your order for our amazing, selection of food items, all provided at no cost, courtesy of our partnership with the Toronto Foundation for Student Success! <u>Back to Table of Contents/Agenda Items</u>



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#### Have a Great Weekend!

