


Quote of the week

“NEVER LET SUCCESS GET TO YOUR HEAD AND NEVER LET FAILURE GET TO YOUR HEART.” – DRAKE

Don Mills Collegiate Institute Weekly Bulletin: 2022/2023



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dec. 5 Day 1	Dec. 6 Day 2	Dec. 7 Day 1	Dec. 8 Day 2	Dec. 9 Day 1
Grad Pics	OSSLT National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women 	OSSLT		→

Dec. 12 Day 2	Dec. 13 Day 1	Dec. 14 Day 2 Late Start	Dec. 15 Day 1	Dec. 16 Day 2 7 PM: reIGNITE Arts Show
Dec. 5 – Dec. 9: Grad Pics Dec. 6: National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women Dec. 6/7: Literacy Test (OSSLT) Dec. 14: Late Start Dec. 16: 7 PM: reIGNITE Arts Show Dec. 21: Late Start Dec. 23: SAC Assembly			Dec. 26 – Jan. 6: Winter Break Jan. 9: First Day back from Winter Break Jan. 25 – Jan. 31: Exam Days Jan. 31: Credit Rescue Day (only for term work – not for an exam/culminating activity) Feb. 1: Day 1, sem1, exam return day and marks' communication to students (AM) Feb. 2: Professional Development – no school for students Feb. 3: First Day of School for Semester 2	

Items for This Weekly Newsletter (In Order)

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- Social Work & Community Virtual Fair for All Families with Children living with Special Needs
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Winter Clothing Drive

Our Partner School - DMMS is holding a winter clothing drive from Dec 5-21. DMCI would like to support – please see below:



Social Work & Community Virtual Fair for All Families with Children living with Special Needs

This Community Fair is open to all families who have children with Special Needs attending TDSB schools. This includes children who are integrated in classrooms in our schools, attending our Intensive Support Programs (ISP) located in schools across the TDSB, as well as students in our Congregated Schools.

- 1st session: Monday December 5th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon,
- 2nd session: Monday December 12th from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm

Along with TDSB support staff, we will have Extend-A-Family, Woodgreen Community Services, Respite Services, P4P Planning Network, and Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital presenting at the fair.

Thanks so much! We always appreciate your ongoing support for us and the Virtual Community Fair. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Elliott Brennan at Jill.ElliottBrennan@tdsb.on.ca .

The flyer with information and the Zoom Link is [attached](#) as well as the Zoom Link to the events are below:

TDSB Virtual Community Fair

Topic: Let's Talk about Programs and Services for Children With Special Needs

Guests: Extend-A-Family, Woodgreen Community Services, Respite Services, P4P Planning Network, and Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital.

When: Monday December 5, 2022, from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon.

Monday December 12, 2022, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/98367378226?pwd=MW9yaDZTYnBoUTRmZEpGaXVmMVAXdz09>

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Passcode: 969515

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Feb. 1: Day 1, sem1, exam return day and marks' communication to students

This day is for all students to meet with their teachers to go over their semester one, final marks, and any conversations they would like about their marks. Please note that the schedule for all four classes is in the morning - listed below for a day 1 schedule:

Period 1: 9 - 9:45

Period 2: 9:50 - 10:35
Period 3: 10:40 - 11:25
Period 4: 11:30 - 12:15

Call Out for Students (Grades 6 – 12): To help shape EnVision Conference

Are you a Two-Spirit, Indigiqueer, trans, or queer student interested in meeting other 2SLGBTQIAP+ students and staff to help co-plan the EnVision 2023 conference for students? The EnVision Conference is an annual gathering of 2SLGBTQIAP+ students and allies/co-conspirators and this year, will be IN PERSON from Tuesday, February 28th to Wednesday, March 01. The focus of this year's conference is 2SLGBTQI+ Indigenous, Black and Racialized Student Joy and Futurity.

We are looking for Black, Indigenous, and Racialized TDSB students and their allies from Grades 6-12 committed to working in solidarity to help shape this year's EnVision Conference. Please complete [this form](#) to apply as part of the Queer Youth Justice Lab. Grades 9-12 participants may be able to receive community service hours for their involvement. Please sign up by Wednesday, December 14th.

For more information, please contact:

- Dani Harris, Instructional Leader, Indigenous Education, Urban Indigenous Education Centre dani.harris@tdsb.on.ca and
- Arthur Burrows, Staff Advisor, TDSB GSA Network arthur.burrows@tdsb.on.ca

Reminder-OTPT Services Monthly Virtual Office Hours

TDSB OT/PT Services wanted to remind everyone of the monthly virtual office hours that are available to support educators. Monthly virtual office hours are provided for regular stream educators (separated into fine motor and sensory/regulation concerns), MID-ISP educators, ASD-ISP educators as well as parents/guardians/caregivers. Virtual office hours for DD/DK/PD-ISP educators and parents/guardians/caregivers have been previously shared in SLWB. Please refer to our [VOH flyers' scheduling chart](#) which summarizes the variety of monthly virtual office hours available to the TDSB community.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the manager of TDSB OT/PT services, Jocelyn Lai (Jocelyn.lai@tdsb.on.ca)

CLUBS

It's been a great fall as we enter some of the colder weather, keeping busy on them of "belonging" for all the students. Below is a list of Clubs, alphabetically, with the supervisors' names attached to them. These are all led by student leaders. The clubs run either at lunch or after school and some implement whole school-wide initiatives to engage all students:

Club Name	
All Boys Volleyball	Ms. Salib

Art Battle Club	Ms. Simpson
Best Buddies	Ms. Chin
Black Student Union	Mr. Gross
Book Club	Mr. Solakis
Boys Acapella Club	Ms. Kimm
Boys to Men	Mr. Witt
Business Council Club in partnership with UFO	
Chess Club	Mr. Czeban
Code Shop DMCI	Mr. Radulovic
Comic Book club	Ms. Simpson
Cover Band I -Throat Goal and Co	Ms. Kimm
Cover Band II - Four Foot Three Inches	Ms. Kimm
DECA	
DMCI Ambassadors	Mr. Stoitsiadis
DMCI Athletic Council	Ms. Hall
DMCI Programming Club	Mr. Radulovic
DMCI Robotics Club	Mr. Radulovic
Drawing club	Ms. Matova
Dungeons and Dragons	Ms. Barbour
Eco Team	Ms. De Jesus

Empowering Females Group	Ms. Carey, Ms. Barnwell, Ms. Baker, Ms. B Radulovic
Equity Student Club	Ms. Wickett
ESL Club	Ms. Greene
Fashion Exploration	Ms. Matheson
Figure Drawing Club	Ms. Simpson
Fitness Room	Mr. Czeban
French Club	Ms. Tzouhas & Ms. El Arabi
Gender & Sexuality Alliance	Ms. Wickett
Jazz Ensemble	Ms. Kimm
Library Volunteers	Ms. Antolin & Mr. Sidhu
Life Sciences Club	Mr. Hall and Ms. De Jesus
Model Construction Club	Ms. Simpson
Model UN	Mr. Prattas
Muslim Student Association	Mr. Witt
NTS (National Theatre School)- Drama Club	Ms. Morneau, Ms. Tzouhas
Peer Tutoring	Mr. McDowell
Prom	Ms. Carey, Ms. Varelas, Ms. Baker
Social connects club	
Stage Crew	Ms. Morneau, Mr. Radulovic

Student Council	Mr. Vanek, Ms. Baker, Mr. Witt
Student Nutrition Program	Mr. McDowell and Mr. Witt
Student Planning Committee	Mr. Witt
SWAT - Tech IT Team	Mr. Radulovic
SWAT - Tech Team	Mr. Radulovich
Trivia Club	
Truth and Reconciliation Club	Mr Gross
Webtoon Club	Mrs. Dhillon
Writer's Club	Ms. Tzouhas
Writing Club	Ms. Tzouhas

Trustee Update

**Farzana Rajwani • Ward 14: Don Valley East
Toronto District School Board
416-395-8787 • Farzana.Rajwani@tdsb.on.ca**



Attached you will find Trustee Rajwani's [November Newsletter](#).

The link to Trustee Rajwani's Website for all the newsletters is <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/ward14/Ward-14/Ward-14-Newsletters-Updates>. The email version of this newsletter is in the message below along with a jpg and pdf version of the newsletter for your convenience.

Trustee Farzana Rajwani - Newsletter Sign Up Form

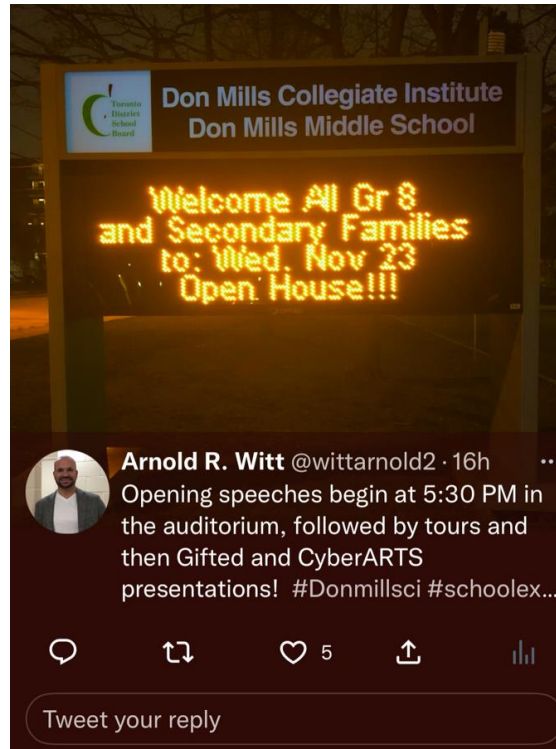
Thank you and have a great weekend.

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Caring and Safe Schools: Online Social Media Awareness at DMCI



For upcoming events, posts are being presented on our Twitter @Donmillsci and on our Instagram Posts by Student Services, Student Advisory Committee (DMCI SAC) and other legitimate addresses and platforms.

The world of social media has very positive effects to connect us, and unfortunately there are platforms outside of the school that contain conversations that can have very negative impacts. Please be aware of any inappropriate posts especially on Instagram, such as **dmciconfessions** and similar Instagram titles, that are not sanctioned from TDSB/Don Mills CI. There have been some inappropriate posts of a sexual nature and bullying, which we have reported to central TDSB I.T. and have made electronic requests to shut it down. The impact on many students and staff would have legal implications of bullying and students are advised to stay away from posting on these sites. The line “**think before you click**” are always important words to live by in the social media world, because all those posts are in the cyber world forever and can come back to affect individuals later in life. Working together with parents/guardians/caregivers can help us monitor and warn students from engaging in these conversations - and stick to using social media always in a positive way. If any student is in need to express a concern, there are other avenues to reach out and get help:

For any students reaching out about any concerns during school, the best person to speak to is their teacher as the caring adult, along with the support group of 3 counselors (Ms. Carey, Mr. Stoitsiadis, Mr. McDowell) in guidance, our social workers Ms. Barnwell and Ms. Jivraj, our Child and Youth worker Ms. Radulovic, our Hall Monitors Mr. Worrell and Mr. Manclark, and of course, all 3 admin Ms. Baker, Mr. Vanek, and Mr. Witt.

As always, there is kidshelpphone.ca. If you need support, text 686868, call 1-800-668-6868 or www.kidshelpphone.ca

Exam Dates and Culminating Activities: *Please see revised dates in yellow below*

The exam dates are January **25, 26, 27, 30, 31**. Teachers will have communicated to students if an exam falls during these dates, via the Course Outline/Syllabus that students received at the beginning of the course. Please speak to the teacher directly if you have any questions.

For Culminating Activities (major projects/assignments/presentations) that do not fall during these dates, students are also responsible to make sure they complete these on the due dates. Please speak directly to the teacher for any questions about these assignments.

Moratorium is the **4 days** of prior to exams and only review work is done during this time unless there is no exam in that course. For example, if the course has an exam and a culminating activity, that culminating activity cannot be done within the four days of moratorium. However, if the course does not have an exam but it has a culminating activity, then that culminating activity can take place during the moratorium days. The moratorium days are from **Jan. 19 to Jan. 24**.

Missing an Exam

After two years we are back to regular procedures and expectations of students showing up for their final evaluations. These rules are to help support students to prepare for all the expectations in any post-secondary institution and even in the workplace to show up and be on time. Balancing mental health and resilience is the factor here. We know exams can be stressful and now is the time that teachers are preparing all students for their final evaluations occurring at the end of January.

If a student misses an exam or an end of semester culminating activity, only a medical note from a doctor is accepted. The note must also express that the student was too ill to do the exam – or if it is a culminating activity then the note will state the student was too ill to do the culminating activity. Students/parents/guardians/caregivers will also need to provide this note directly to the Vice Principals in that student's alpha: A-L: Mr. Vanek and M-Z: Ms. Baker. If a student misses an exam and/or handing in their culminating activity by the due date in any course without the medical note, the result is a mark of zero. Due to the timeline of these evaluations and the final marks being due immediately after, there is no makeup or credit rescue for these final evaluations. Please speak to your son/daughter to ensure you are also aware of all exam and culminating activity/final evaluation due dates.

Please do not book vacations for the students during exam days. Students are not excused from exams because of a vacation during those days.

For any questions of concerns re exams, please speak to the Vice Principals in that student's alpha: A-L: Mr. Vanek and M-Z: Ms. Baker.

EQAO Literacy Revised Dates

Due to the current Work Action, the Literacy Test (OSSLT) dates have been moved to Dec. 6 and Dec. 7, 2022.

School Council Dates

- **Feb. 22**
- **April 26**
- **May 24**

Message From Guidance

Schulich STEM Scholarship = \$120,000

The Schulich Leader Scholarships are Canada's most coveted undergraduate STEM scholarships. One hundred are awarded to entrepreneurial-minded high school graduates enrolling in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math program at 20 partner

universities across Canada. Half are valued at \$120,000 for engineering scholarships and half are valued at \$100,000* for science and math scholarships. Every high school in Canada can nominate one graduating student each year to apply for the scholarship

Student eligibility criteria:

Graduating high school in the 2022/2023 academic year

-Canadian citizen or permanent resident

-Plan to enroll in an eligible STEM program at one of our 20 partner universities

Meet the following criteria:

Academic excellence, Leadership, charisma and creativity.

Strong consideration will be given to students with financial needs.

-Be entrepreneurial-minded and intend to pursue a career in one or more of the following focus areas:

technology; Engineering; Entrepreneurship and business enterprise; Applied scientific research.

To be considered for the DMCI nominee, please submit a S.O.P. (statement of purpose, 1-page maximum) highlighting the criteria above to Mr. Stoitsiadis in guidance paul.stoitsiadis@tdsb.on.ca along with your transcript or credit counseling summary

Due date: Tuesday January 10th, 2023 by 12:00 noon.

For more detailed information please visit <https://schulichleaders.com/>

Have a Great Weekend!!

