


Quote of the week




Don Mills Collegiate Institute Weekly Bulletin: 2022/2023



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Feb. 6</p> <p>Day 2</p> 	<p>Feb. 7</p> <p>Day 1</p> <p>Report Cards Electronically mailed</p>	<p>Feb. 8</p> <p>Day 2</p>	<p>Feb. 9</p> <p>Day 1</p>	<p>Feb. 10</p> <p>Day 2</p> <p>7PM: Almost, Maine- Mainstage show- Romantic Comedy</p>

February is African Heritage Month • Black Queering Month • Chinese Heritage Month



<p>Feb. 13 Day 1</p>	<p>Feb. 14 Day 2</p> 	<p>Feb. 15 Day 1 Late Start: 9:55 Period 1</p>	<p>Feb. 16 Day 2 Wrestling Regionals at Emery</p>	<p>Feb. 17 PA Day: No school for students</p>
<p>Feb. 6: Donuts arrive from Prom Fundraiser Feb. 7: Report Cards Electronically mailed Feb. 10/11, 7PM: Almost, Maine- Mainstage show- Romantic Comedy Feb. 15: Late Start Feb. 16: Wrestling Regionals at Emery Feb. 17: PA Day; no school for students Feb. 20: Family Day Feb. 22: Late Start</p>			<p>Feb. 22: School Council, 6:30 PM in library and virtual option Feb. 22: Ski Trip Feb. 23: Wrestling Toronto Championships at Bethune Feb. 23: Assembly Day Schedule: Period 2, Black History Assembly; Period 2 extended to have two assemblies. Feb. 24: African Heritage Month Workshop in the library from 11:30-3:15pm March 3: Semi Formal at Parkview Manor</p>	

Items for This Weekly Newsletter (In Order)

- TDSB Virtual Community Fair: Let's Talk about Programs and Services for Children With Complex Special Needs
- Cold, Flu and COVID-19 Clinic in Thorncliffe Park now open to adults
- Winter Well-Being Guide 2022/23 for Students, Caregivers/Guardians and School Communities
- Call Out for Students (Grades 6 – 12): To help shape EnVision Conference
- Reminder-OTPT Services Monthly Virtual Office Hours
- Missing an Exam
- School Council Dates
- Trustee Update

TDSB Virtual Community Fair: Let's Talk about Programs and Services for Children With Complex Special Needs

Come meet with Community Partners to discuss summer camps (and March break too!) and to learn ways to access funding to help cover the costs for camp programs.

Guests: Ontario Camping Association, Variety Village, Toronto Parks and Recreation, a TDSB Social Worker's discussion about Camps for Children/Youth with Complex Special needs, and Geneva Centre discussing various funding options to help cover the costs for Camps.

When: Monday February 6, 2023 from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon.

Monday February 13, 2023 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Dial by your location Meeting ID: 983 6737 8226

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For more information, email virtualfairinfo@tdsb.on.ca Call Jill Elliot Brennan at 647-229-0728 or Larena Case at 416-570-3314

Cold, Flu and COVID-19 Clinic in Thorncliffe Park now open to adults

Our Cold, Flu and COVID-19 Clinic at 45 Overlea Blvd. now serves children, youth **and** adults.

The clinic provides care for everyone aged three months and older who is experiencing cold, flu and COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, cough, runny nose and sore throat, when their family doctor or other primary care provider is not available.

Learn more or book an appointment at tehn.ca/ColdFluClinic.

Other places to get care in East Toronto

For **urgent, non-life threatening** health issues:

- Health Access Taylor-Massey and our Community Outreach Centres in Flemingdon Park and Thorncliffe Park continue to offer walk-in services if you do not have a family doctor or your family doctor is not available. These services include:
 - Cold and flu assessments
 - Mental health counselling

- Preventative cancer screening
- Services and hours vary at these sites. Learn more about [Health Access Taylor-Massey](#) and our [Community Outreach Centres](#).

For urgent, severe and potentially life-threatening health issues:

- MGH's [Emergency Department](#) or another hospital emergency department near you.
 - Please come prepared by [reading the information available here](#).
 - MGH's Emergency Department has a [Child and Youth Emergency Zone](#) that offers urgent care for children and youth aged 17 and under in East Toronto when their family doctor or paediatrician is not available.

Bivalent COVID-19 boosters and flu vaccines

We encourage all school staff, students and families to get the following vaccines this season if eligible:

- Bivalent COVID-19 booster dose (for increased protection against new variants)
- Flu vaccine (reduces risk of severe illness, hospitalization and death from influenza)

It is safe to get the bivalent COVID-19 booster and flu vaccine at the same time or around the same time.

Everyone aged five and older can get the bivalent COVID-19 booster, as long as they already received their primary series and it's been at least six months since their previous dose or prior infection.

NACI is currently only recommending one booster dose after the primary series for children 5 to 11 years of age. However, at the provider's discretion, a bivalent booster dose (as per recommended interval) could be offered to children considered at high risk of severe COVID-19 who have previously received a booster dose with the original PfizerBioNTech Comirnaty mRNA vaccine.

Children aged 6 months to five years old can get their primary series (first 2 doses) of COVID vaccines.

If your child has their birthday between doses of COVID vaccine their next dose of COVID-19 vaccine should be for their current age.

Please speak to your healthcare provider if you have questions about COVID vaccine and timing of your next dose.

Everyone aged six months and older can get the flu vaccine – it's not too late!

Where to get your bivalent COVID-19 booster and/or flu vaccine

- [Health Access Taylor-Massey](#) (4 The Market Place)
- [Clinics operated by Toronto Public Health](#), including Thorncliffe Park Community Hub (45 Overlea Blvd.)

- [South East Toronto Family Health Team](#) (840 Coxwell Ave.)
- **Select paediatricians, family doctors and pharmacies:** Please contact your primary care provider or local pharmacy for more information.
- **Other clinics across Ontario:** Please use the [provincial booking system online](#) or call 1-833-943-3900 (for COVID-19 vaccines only).

Routine Childhood Vaccinations

Many children have missed important childhood vaccines during the pandemic.

Keeping up on all routine vaccines is important. This includes vaccines in infancy and early childhood (ages four to six) and in grade 7.

If your child has missed regular vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic, please contact your family doctor or other healthcare provider as soon as possible.

Vaccinations at age 4-6 years of age are especially important to protect against a number of infections that we are seeing increasing outbreaks worldwide including polio, measles, and chickenpox.

Students in grades 7 to 12 can [book vaccination appointments](#) for Hepatitis B, HPV and Meningococcal vaccines at clinics run by Toronto Public Health, including Thorncliffe Park Community Hub (45 Overlea Blvd.). Please click “School Immunization Program Clinics” and select the location that is closest to you.

Check your child's records and [report them to TPH](#) or see a healthcare provider to get missing vaccines.

Thank you for doing your part to help ensure a safe cold and flu season for children and families in East Toronto.

Sincerely,

Dr. Janine McCready
Infectious Diseases Physician
Michael Garron Hospital

The 3rd 2022-2023 Social Work Virtual Community Fair “Let’s Talk about Programs and Services for Children

Winter Well-Being Guide 2022/23 for Students, Caregivers/Guardians and School Communities

The Winter Well-being guide for 2022/23 created by the Mental Health and Well-Being Committee with System Leader for Mental Health and PSS, Shameen Sandhu. The guide has been updated to provide ongoing resources and ideas for Families/Guardians to promote mental and physical wellness during the winter months. Resources are culturally relevant and responsive with resources for students with Complex Needs.

The Guide is translated into the top 21 TDSB languages spoken which is accessible here ([Well-Being Guide](#)).

[English Version](#)

If you have any questions, please email mentalhealthandwellbeing@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 parents/guardians/caregivers. 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)

School Council Dates

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

Trustee Update

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Tutoring Supports for Students

The Ministry of Education is funding tutoring programs for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 with a focus on Math, Literacy, and foundational learning skills. Free school-based tutoring, system-based tutoring, and community-based tutoring is available to students as they continue to develop and learn concepts and skills that may have been disrupted in recent years, particularly due to COVID-19. The TDSB will continue offering tutoring that reflects student needs and prioritizes underserved communities. For more information and our [Tutoring Update](#), please visit [Tutoring Supports for Students](#).

Middle French Immersion Application Process

The entry point to the Middle French Immersion program for September 2023 is Grade 4. The online application process for Middle French Immersion will take place between **January 9 and February 3, 2023**. An offer of placement in the program (**not** a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants. Families with an older sibling currently enrolled in a French program and who will be in attendance next year are still required to complete an online application for the new student. Please select the “**sibling option**” within the online application. Visit the TDSB website for more information about [Middle French Immersion](#), [Virtual & In-Person Information Sessions](#) or the [Application Process](#)

Elementary Alternative Schools Online Application

- The TDSB offers a wide range of available to students. I encourage you to research schools and programs to learn about the educational philosophy and distinct pedagogy. Students may apply for up to two elementary alternative schools. The online application for admission for September 2023 will be open from **Monday, January 16 at 4 p.m. to Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 4 p.m.** To learn more about the application process, please attend an Elementary Alternative Schools webinar. Registration is required and a recording of the webinars will be posted on the website.
 - Monday, January 16 at 1 p.m. Registration link: Wednesday, January 18 at 7 p.m. Registration link: https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DPnKsAXWTTulbQf5Hfw7fg
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Out-of-Area Admissions

TDSB students can attend a school which is designated to serve their residential address but also have the opportunity to access schools outside of their area by applying for [Out-of-Area Admissions](#). Acceptance at these schools is subject to space availability and program suitability. As of **January 9, 2023**, the online application is now open. Please refer to the [elementary](#) and [secondary](#) Out-of-Area Admissions webpages for more information

Secondary Exams and Course Culminating Activities

As secondary schools approach the end of semester one, all our secondary students will have end-of-semester activities in each course, known as *culminating activities*, which are worth 30% of the final mark and can include presentations, assignments, and exams. For more information, please visit the [Exams and Course Culminating Activities Fact Sheet](#) webpage.

In My Mosque: Love and Belonging in Community Spaces

The TDSB is commemorating the National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia (January 29) with this virtual session. The author and illustrator of the book, *In My Mosque*, will host an interactive storytelling session focused on love and belonging in community spaces on **January 24**. To attend this virtual session, please [register now](#)

International Holocaust Remembrance Day: Special programs for the TDSB

January 27th is International Holocaust Remembrance Day and we're inviting you to virtually join us for an interview with Holocaust survivor Pinchas Gutter from 10:15 am - 11 am. This is a live webcast to all TDSB classes grades 6 and up who are interested. To join us, please use the following link: [International Holocaust Remembrance Day Live Webcast](#)

The Children of Willesden Lane concerts were previously postponed due to the CUPE strike. The concerts will now take place on January 31 and February 1. All students (grades 6 and up) and members of the TDSB community are welcome to [watch the livestream](#) on February 1 at 10am. Thanks to a wonderful donation from Liberation75 and the Shoah Foundation we received almost 10,000 books which have been distributed by teacher request right across the Board. Several VIP's, including our Director, Chair, Trustees, associates from the U.S. Consulate and the Consulate of the Federal Republic of Germany, will also be attending the concerts.

Tamil Heritage Month at the TDSB

Tamil Heritage Month is proudly recognized during the month of January at the Toronto District School Board. This year's theme is: *Community. Belonging. Joy* -

சமுதாயம் சார்ந்த சந்தோசம். This theme was selected intentionally to align with one of the TDSB's priorities - Joy, Engagement and Belonging. To learn more about Tamil Heritage Month [click here](#).

Save the Date: EnVision Conference

The annual [EnVision Conference \(in-person\)](#) will be from Tuesday, February 28 to Wednesday, March 1. The focus of this year's conference is 2SLGBTQIAP+ Indigenous, Black and Racialized Joy, Intersections, and Futurity.

All 2SLGBTQIAP+ elementary and secondary students, as well as their allies/co-conspirators are invited come together in collective care to address biphobia, homophobia and

transphobia. There will be keynote speakers, workshops on a continuum for those beginning their journey in allyship and those who would like more support in student action. The entire conference will be an opportunity for students to share the multiple ways gender and sexual diversity can be celebrated within the Toronto District School Board.

Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement

We are excited to share several opportunities now open for registration. The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement is proud to host the following in-person sessions: [Black Student Summer Leadership Program](#), [Subjects of Desire](#), and the [Pathways to Public Relations](#) at the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement.

Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC)

PIAC welcomes you to share the voice of your ward, to advise the Board, support school councils and parents/caregivers with events and resources. Please visit PIAC's redesigned website at www.torontopiac.com. View [PIAC vacancies](#) and contact your Trustee to join!

Upcoming Meetings

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday February 1, 2023 For a list of upcoming meetings, please click on the [calendar](#) on the main webpage of www.tdsb.on.ca.

Stay Connected with your School

The TDSB now offers two new ways to stay connected with your school and the TDSB. [Learn](#) about opting in for text messages and using the School Messenger app, which provides a faster and easier way to report absences.

Follow the TDSB

Join the conversations happening on TDSB's social media communities. You'll find the most up-to-date information about us on our Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts.

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Have a Great Weekend!

