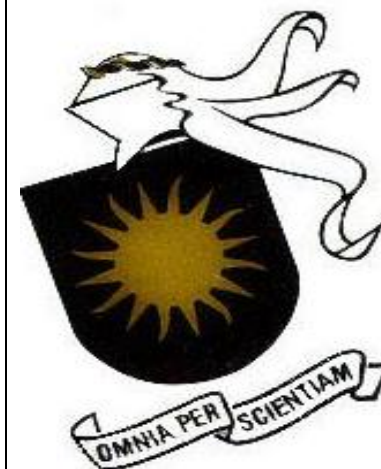



## Quote of the week

“GREAT THINGS COME FROM THREE THINGS...  
**COMMITMENT,**  
**HARD WORK AND**  
**STRONG FINISHES.**”

— GARY RYAN BLAIR —

## Don Mills Collegiate Institute Weekly Bulletin: 2022/2023



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>June 26</p> <p>Exams</p> 	<p>June 27</p> <p>Credit Rescue Day (only for term work – not for an exam/culminating activity) <i>Virtual or in person options</i></p>	<p>June 28</p> <p>Day 1, sem2, exam return day and marks' communication to students (AM)</p> <p>Period 1: 9 - 9:45 Period 2: 9:50 - 10:35 Period 3: 10:40 - 11:25 Period 4: 11:30 - 12:15</p>	<p>June 29</p> <p>PA Day Staff PD</p> <p>No school for students</p>	<p>June 30</p> <p>Staff Meeting: 10:30 AM in Library</p> <p>No school for students</p>

## June Recognizes: ABGLTTQQ2S – Pride (Toronto) • Filipino Heritage • Italian Heritage • National Indigenous History • Portuguese Speaking Heritage Month



Sept. 4 Labour Day	Sept. 5 First Day of School. Late Start Day 1	Sept. 6 Day 2	Sept. 7 Day 1	Sept. 8 Gr. 12 Leadership Class attending Camp Robinhood Day 2
June 26: Mayoral voting elections in Middle School Gymnasium June 21-27: Exam Days June 27: Credit Rescue Day (only for term work – not for an exam/culminating activity) - Virtual or in person options. Communicate marks electronically			June 28: Day 1, sem2, exam return day and marks' communication to students (AM) July 6: Report Cards Electronically mailed through School Messenger Sept. 5: First Day of School – Late Start: Period 1 9:55 am start Sept. 11: Camp Robinhood – all grade 9's, grade 9 staff, and some senior student leaders attending.	

### Items for This Weekly Newsletter (In Order)

- CALENDAR PA Days and Holidays for 2023-2024
- Marks Communication on or Before June 27
- Grade 11 Announcement
- Pantry
- Sunshine Dog Therapy
- Summer School and Credit Recovery Registration and End Dates
- MLSE LAUNCHPAD SUMMER PROGRAMS & LEAGUES
- Summer Well-Being Guide
- Donations and Receipts

- Trustee Update

## CALENDAR 2023-2024

The official school year calendar for the Toronto District School Board runs from September 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, inclusive.

Professional Activity Days	October	November	December	January	February	April	June
Elementary Schools	6	17	8	19	16	19	7
Secondary Schools	6	17			1, 16	19	27, 28

Designation of Professional Activity Days	
Elementary	Secondary
1. October 6, 2023 – Professional Development 2. November 17, 2023 – Parent Teacher Conferences 3. December 8, 2023 – Assessment 4. January 19, 2024 – Assessment and Reporting 5. February 16, 2024 – Parent Teacher Conferences 6. April 19, 2024 - Professional Development 7. June 7, 2024 – Assessment and Reporting	1. October 6, 2023 – Professional Development 2. November 17, 2023 - Professional Development 3. February 1, 2024 - Professional Development 4. February 16, 2024 - Professional Development 5. April 19, 2024 - Professional Development 6. June 27, 2024 - Professional Development 7. June 28, 2024 - Professional Development

**EQAO:** - The following dates have been established:

Gr. 9 Math: TBD  
Gr. 9 Math: TBD

OSSLT: TBD  
Primary/Junior EQAO: TBD

Dates to Remember - School Year Holidays (as per Ministry of Education)	
Labour Day:	September 4, 2023
Thanksgiving:	October 9, 2023
Winter Break:	December 25, 2023 – January 5, 2024
Family Day:	February 19, 2024
Mid-Winter Break:	March 11 - 15, 2024
Good Friday:	March 29, 2024
Easter Monday:	April 1, 2024
Victoria Day:	May 20, 2024

## Marks Communication on or Before June 27

Please be advised that in recognition of Wednesday, June 28, 2023, for Eid Al Adha, we have asked all staff to please communicate final marks electronically to all students before June 28, with any opportunity for students to speak about their final mark and/or exam. We will still hold the June 28<sup>th</sup> date as an optional date for all students to discuss their mark in person – please note this is not an instructional day to take attendance. Also please note that all exams must remain at the school. For any questions about achievement and final marks, please continue to speak with the teacher and or the achievement Vice Principal Sandra Baker at [Sandra.baker@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Sandra.baker@tdsb.on.ca)

## Attention Grade 11's

As the summer approaches, it's highly recommended to start exploring post-secondary options if you haven't already done so. All College and University programs have high school pre-requisite course requirements that you need to attain in grade 12 to be eligible for specific post-secondary school programs. You can discover these pre-requisite program requirements by visiting individual College and University websites or you can use the Ontario University Information website to investigate University options @ <https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/> or you can use <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en> to explore College program pre-requisite requirements.

Make sure you are taking the courses needed in Grade 12 to be eligible for the programs you want in post-secondary school.

## Pantry



The Pantry is closed for the rest of the school year. A big thank you to Ms. Chin and her class, the Best Buddies Club, Mr. McDowell and Ms. Baker for overseeing this new initiative through from start to finish. To date this program has helped 13 families to overcome food insecurities. The pantry will re-open in the fall!



## Sunshine Dog Therapy

Back by popular demand the therapy dogs were brought in by the Caring & Safe Committee! Thank you Jackie (student) and mother team Ms. Hofer for volunteering to bring their beloved dog to visit. They brought smiles to all (staff & students) 😊





## Summer School and Credit Recovery Registration and End Dates

Credit recovery (virtual) summer school registration will close on June 28 @ 4pm. If students are at risk of failing a course after all forms of credit rescue have been applied, students are encouraged to register for summer credit recovery, in our guidance office. A reminder that the last day of credit rescue is on June 27.

### Q&A

#### ***What is the difference between Credit Rescue and Credit Recovery?***

Credit Rescue is a last chance to hand in or complete an evaluation from term work only (not a final evaluation like an exam or a final culminating activity) that will enable a student to pass the course and hence “rescue” the credit. Please note, that this is a chance to rescue the credit with an opportunity to do an assignment, project or possibly a supervised evaluation that will bring a student from a failing mark to a passing mark. Students in these situations may have marks just below 50% - usually in the 45% to 49% range. Teachers will speak to a student throughout the course and especially on the credit rescue day (end of exams) on any work that can help them be successful in achieving the credit.

Marks much lower will require the student(s) to demonstrate their learning for the expectations missed/not demonstrated. In these cases where the mark is too low, the student will have an option to demonstrate these expectations in a credit recovery course, which are offered in summer school and in day school. Please see below for more information about Credit Recovery.

Credit Recovery will be a series of projects/work or one large project that will be completed in a Credit Recovery Course. The teacher who taught the student in day school, will provide a list or summary of what areas or expectations were not demonstrated by the student during the whole semester. The student will complete these areas and “recover” the credit which will then replace the failed course. In many instances the student can demonstrate their learning and recover the credit with a much higher mark, once all the work is submitted. In the summer, students can recover the credit by completing the work as soon as possible, and not have to spend the entire month in summer school. However, if the mark is quite low, they may have to work most of the month to make up the expectations missed. In some cases, it may be best for the student to repeat the entire course to ensure all expectations of the course are met, and the student is best prepared for the next grade level.

***Please note*** there is only summer credit recovery during the month of July – there is NO credit recovery in TDSB for the month of August.

***Please also note*** that students enrolling in credit recovery must have a mark below 50%. Students cannot take a credit recovery course to increase a mark that is over 50% e.g. a student who had a mark of 65% in ENG4U and wants to increase it to over 80%, cannot take credit recovery to do this. In that case – they would need to re-do the course which can be done in e-Learning summer school (August only registration now).

An e-Learning or virtual summer school is an entire month of school that meets the expectations of a 110-hour course.

**Please note** that virtual summer school is also only in July. Please speak to a guidance counselor for more information on sites.

**Please note** that e-Learning summer school is in July AND in August. For more information about e-Learning in the summer, please click on the link: [\*\*e-Learning Summer School 2023\*\*](#)

## MLSE LAUNCHPAD SUMMER PROGRAMS & LEAGUES

Summertime is here and MLSE has many **Fun, FREE Programs** available, from **Daytime Leadership Camps** to **Evening Basketball, Volleyball and Futsal Leagues**, there is something for just about everyone. MLSE Summer Programs will run from **July 10, 2023 to September 1, 2023**.

Registration is open!

- [Summer Program Schedule](#)
- [Boys Basketball League](#)
- [Girls Basketball League](#)

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at Launchpad Info [info@MLSELaunchPad.org](mailto:info@MLSELaunchPad.org).

## Summer Well-Being Guide



As we look toward the end of the school year, there may be excitement as well as thoughts and feelings that bring forward a

need for support. The **TDSB Summer 2023 Well-Being Guide** is a place to learn about Culturally Responsive and Identity Affirming resources and activities to make the most of this time of year, while supporting and improving our mental well-being. To view the guide visit: [Summer Well Being Guide \(click this link\)](#)

## Donations and Receipts

Thank you, all parents/caregivers/guardians, for your donation towards the Scholarship Funds or Cultural Day. If it is more than \$20 a tax receipt will be issued.

Here is the link: [Make a Donation to Don Mills CI](#)

# Trustee Update

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**June 2023**

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Ward 14 Students, Parents/Guardians and community members,  
as we approach the end of another school year, I wanted to take a moment to share with you a final newsletter before summer break. It's hard to believe how quickly time has flown by.  
I encourage you to find the time to relax, recharge, and reconnect with friends and family. See you in September!

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### **School Year Calendar**

It's June and the end of the school year is near! But please mark your calendars - the first day of school for the 2023-2024 School Year will be Tuesday, September 5, 2023! For a full list of key dates for the upcoming school year, please visit the TDSB's [School Year Calendar web page](#).

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### **Budget Town Hall Meetings**

We are holding two virtual [Budget Town Hall meetings](#) to ensure that you and all members of the TDSB community have the opportunity to hear directly from staff about the 2023-24 budget, ask questions and share your feedback with us. I encourage you to join us on [Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 1 p.m. or 7 p.m.](#) to take part. Members of the public can also sign up to delegate at a Special FBEC meeting on Monday, June 12 at 4:30 p.m. The deadline to register a delegation for this meeting is Friday, June 9 at 12 p.m. [Learn more](#).

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### **Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement**

Did you know that the TDSB's Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement offers a variety of programming for students, staff and families? I encourage you to join one of the Centre's many upcoming events including [The African Spirit, Race Consciousness, and Self-Actualization of Black Youth](#) on June 7 at 6 p.m. and [NCCM: Culturally](#)

[Responsive Healing – Black Muslims](#) on June 8 at 6 p.m. To learn more, visit the Centre's [website](#) and follow @tdsb\_cebsa on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

### George S. Henry Evening

A wonderful evening celebrating an animated short Refresh, created and produced by George S. Henry students; thank you to Reel Start for your mentorship and collaboration. Congratulations to the students, volunteers, teachers, and those involved. Check out the film here <https://youtu.be/kR5H8Ln9p74>



Fade Read, Habiba Hashi, Kaleb Balcha, Masar Saleem, Muskeena Rezai, Naomi Kovalenko, Tashneel Ahmed, Sabrina Wassay, Tattiana Marulanda, Mrs. Hehus, Mrs. Slover, Mrs. Lee



Mandi Price, Leah Solis, Tashneel Ahmed and Tattiana Marulanda

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### **National Indigenous History Month**

June is National Indigenous History Month, and June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is time to celebrate and learn from First Nations, Métis and Inuit people about the diverse cultures, histories, experiences, creations, perspectives, and achievements. All month long, the Urban Indigenous Education Centre is hosting several events and celebrations with David A. Robertson, Tasha Spillett, Elder Albert McLeod, along with Two-Spirit & Indigiqueer Pride launched by Elder Blu Water. I encourage you to get involved and [learn more here](#).

### **Italian Heritage Month**

Italian Heritage Month is proudly recognized during the month of June at the TDSB since May 2012. The Province of Ontario also marks Italian Heritage Month since 2010 because the [Italian Heritage Month Act](#) was passed. Did you know that this year marks the 90th

anniversary of the Christie Pits riot that took place in Toronto in August 1933? To commemorate this dark moment in Toronto's history, the TDSB's Jewish Heritage Committee in collaboration with the Italian Heritage Committee are offering TDSB students a chance to learn about the largest race riot in Canadian history. [Click here to learn more.](#)

### **Portuguese- Speaking Heritage Month**

Portuguese- Speaking Heritage Month is proudly recognized during the month of June at the TDSB and has been since 2011. The Province of Ontario passed the [Celebration of Portuguese Heritage Act](#) in 2001. This year, the theme for Portuguese-speaking Heritage Month is "Alegria / Joy!" The contributions of the Portuguese-speaking community to Canada are significant as they include the arts, sports, music, culinary arts, and many professional contributions to education and medicine. To join us in celebrating Portuguese-speaking Heritage Month, [find more information here.](#)

### **June is Pride Month**

We are celebrating Pride month in June! The TDSB marks Pride Month across all TDSB schools and sites. Pride Month is a time to celebrate 2SLGBTQIA+ communities and reflect on the important work that must continue to make our schools and workplaces more inclusive, welcoming and affirming for all. [Learn more on the TDSB Pride webpage](#)

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## **July Programming**

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**SUMMER CAMP!**  
 Our FULL DAY Summer Camp  
 is run for seven weeks from  
**Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m**  
**July 4th to August 18th, 2023**

**Our FREE youth-led programs are targeted at children & youth attending Grades 2-8 (ages 7 to 13 years old)**

**ACTIVITIES**  
 Campers rotate between various sports, music & dance, cooking & nutrition, media arts, & academic tutoring programs including a computer coding course! All activities are fun & engaging! Daily snacks will be provided!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR OUR 2023  
 ONSITE SUMMER CAMP!

SPOTS ARE LIMITED. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!

**The Deadline to apply is Wednesday, June 21st at 11:59 p.m.** We will accept **350 children maximum**. Register now and register early. It's a first come, first served situation. Registration may have to be closed once our camp is deemed full. Camp this year also includes academic tutoring!

[Apply Now](#)

### Summer Learning Programs – Inspired to Excel

The TDSB is thrilled to offer summer learning programs to provide students and families with rich Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogical (CRRP) programming alongside strong literacy and numeracy practices. Students enrolled in our Pre-Kindergarten Inspired to Excel summer programs participate in virtual African Drumming, Storytelling, Spoken Word, Visual Arts and/or Reggaecise activities with community-

based arts educators. Students are encouraged to engage in activities that reinforce positive racial identity, honour the lived experiences of learners and explore methods of creative expression. Register your child in the [Africentric Pre-Kindergarten Summer Learning Program](#) or the [Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pre-Kindergarten Summer Learning Program](#).

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### **Steps to Address Your Questions and Concerns**

Here at the TDSB, we are always open to hearing your questions and concerns, and make every effort to address them as quickly as possible. Your child's classroom teacher is the first point of contact, followed by the school's principal, the school superintendent, and me, your Trustee! For more information visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Contact-Us/Steps-to-Address-Questions-Concerns>.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 14, 2023**. For a list of upcoming meetings, please click on the [calendar](#) on the main webpage of [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://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.

- [Twitter @TDSB](#)
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