



# Macdonald Collegiate

## ••Newsletter

April, 2024

As we step into the month of April, the SAC hosted yet another fun and fantastic month, filled with engaging activities. Let's celebrate the arrival of spring with a recap of the exciting events that took place this month! During the month of March, we held spirit days for all students to have fun and participate in. March 4th, was the Teacher and Student Switcheroo! Students came to school dressed up as their teachers, and teachers were dressed up as students. From mini professors to teachers reliving their youths, MAC had a blast! On March 6th, the event that all students look forward to, was Twin Day! Students and teachers came to school matching each other! On March 7th, was the Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt. Eggs were hidden around the school for students to find during lunch time. The student who managed to find the grand prize, the golden ticket, won a ticket to next school year's semi-formal! On the last day of spirit week, March 8th, the SAC hosted the Colour Contest! Students and staff were assigned different colours to wear, and it was up to students to coordinate outfits with that colour. MAC showed off their unity and school



spirit.

With March coming to an end, the SAC has more spirit events scheduled for April. On April 25th, the SAC will collaborate with MACC to celebrate Cultural Day and the Food Fair. On this day, students can come to school wearing any traditional attire representing their culture! There will be an extended lunch for a chance for students to enjoy food from different cultures, all while showing off their patriotism for their countries. More information about these events will be posted online.

On behalf of the SAC, we wish all the students who are writing the OSSLT on April 11th and 12th the very

best. We know you can do it! Make sure to follow [@blackscotpride](#) on Instagram, and listen to the morning announcements for more updates on upcoming events in April!

### About Us

"Prudentia et Scientia" (Vision & Knowledge) reflects our commitment to excellence in education. Our diverse student population has multiple opportunities to excel in a full range of academic programs and co-curricular activities. Through our values of encouragement, self-discipline, cooperation and fairness, we strive to develop our students into life-long learners that positively contribute to our society.

**Please visit our Website Here.**



## Guidance Update

Students are assigned a counselor when they arrive at Macdonald Collegiate based on the first letter of their last name. Counselors are available to support students with interpersonal conflicts, educational planning and career exploration.

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### Booking a Guidance appointment

To book a guidance appointment, students are asked to complete the following form:

### Book an Appointment.

### Guidance Google Classroom:

We ask that all students please join their grade appropriate Guidance Google classroom.

Grade 9 class code: iqd3cns

Grade 10 class code: nim6caw

Grade 11 class code: nqyiv7b

Grade 12 class code: wb7dazz



### NEW: Continuing Education Summer School

Regular updates for our **July Session** will be posted to our website

Registration Dates: April 19 (tentative) to June 7th, 2024

July session runs from July 2nd to July 26th, 2024

### NEW: e-Summer

#### July Session

Registration Dates: April 22nd (tentative) to June 4th, 2024

July session runs from July 2nd to July 26th, 2024

### August Session

Registration Dates: April 22nd(tentative) to July 4th, 2024 (non-TDSB May 6th ).

Please note: registration for the August session of the GLD2OE credit will close June 20th, 2024.

August session runs from July 31nd to August 27th, 2024

### e-Summer Registration Open Poster for students

### NEW: STRIDES

As Toronto's Lead Agency for Infant, Children and Youth Mental Health since 2015, we are focused on transforming the experience of infants, children, youth and families with mental health challenges.

- **Autism Parent Support Group**
- **ADHD Support Group**



**MAC Library Update:**

The Literacy Test (OSSLT) is on April 11th and 12th.  
Need extra help to prepare?

The library will be running extra help sessions.

Here are the dates and times:

Wed. March 27@ lunch in Rm 130- Dialogue Reading

Tues. April 2 @ library after school - News Report Reading

Wed. April 3 @ library after school - Writing Conventions/Multiple choice

Friday April 5 @ library after school- Opinion Essay

Tues. April 9@ lunch in Rm 114 - Real Life Narrative

Wed. April 10@ library after school - Practice Test

A great way to get familiar with the test and help prepare is to do the **online practice test**.



**March Break 2024 Europe Trip - Athens & Rome**

Over the March Break, 28 students and 5 teacher chaperones went on a trip of a lifetime to Athens and Rome! We spent 3 glorious days in the city of Athens, where we got to immerse ourselves in history, culture and unbelievable sights.

From walking the streets of Monastiraki and Plaka, to visiting the incredible Parthenon and Acropolis, dance lessons, and our breathtaking day in Delphi, Athens did not disappoint! Our journey continued to Rome, where we spent another 3 magical days absorbing all that the 'Eternal City' has to offer.

Once again, we did it all! The Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, the Colosseum and Roman Forum, Vatican City, St. Peter's Basilica, the ruins of Pompeii and of course the FOOD! Rome was definitely the highlight of our time abroad.

The success of this trip is attributed to the students who represented themselves and MAC with poise, maturity, and respect. We will forever be grateful for this experience!



### Stay Ready!

Instead of getting ready for Culminating Activities, **stay ready**.

- 1) **Review the Exam Schedule/Culminating Activity** and Set a Realistic Goal: Begin with the end in mind and reverse engineer. What final mark are you aiming for? What mark do you need in your 30% culminating activity in order to achieve that goal?
- 2) **Create a Study Schedule**, Stay Organized and prioritize each math unit based on their complexity. Keep your study space organized and free from distractions. Use tools like planners, calendars, or digital apps to stay on track with your study schedule.
- 3) **Practice Self-Care and Positive Mental Attitude**: You matter and you count! Get enough sleep, eat nutritious meals, and engage in physical activity to keep your mind and body in optimal condition for studying and taking exams. You can do it if you believe you can!

### Math Extra Help

Math extra help is available from your math teacher. Please reach out to your math teacher for more details.

### Math Homework Club:

Extra help is available to all math students on a FCFS basis Monday to Friday from 8:25 to 8:55am in Rm 225.

### Math Peer Tutoring:

If you are interested in becoming a math peer tutor or being tutored please join the Math Peer Tutoring Google Classroom. There is a google form to fill out and a meeting will be held within 1 to 1.5 weeks to match up tutors and tutees. If you signed up from before you need to sign up again so we know you are still interested. If you have any questions please see Ms. Lasenby in Rm 230 or Ms. Peza in Rm 232.



### Mac Pals:

Mac PALS is up and running! Mac PALS (Peer Assisted Leadership Support) are a group of senior students that work one on one with students to support them in their classes. If a student identifies as needing a peer tutor they will be connected to a Mac PAL and together they will establish a schedule to meet in person or virtually. If you believe your child/ward would benefit from a peer tutor, please reach out to [matthew.sheehan@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:matthew.sheehan@tdsb.on.ca) so that he can connect your child/ward to a Mac PAL.

### At Home Supports Available

#### FREE, Unlimited Online Tutoring:

The TDSB is continuing to support students with unfinished learning. Through the Ministry's funding for Tutoring programs, we are pleased to announce that TDSB students will now have access to free, unlimited, online tutoring, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We will be working with **Paper** and **Brainfuse**. Parents/Guardians/Caregivers and/or Students (18 years or older) who wish to participate in one of these free online tutoring services should contact the company directly to learn more about their services and the registration process.

#### FREE help in the Community/Online Mathify:

Need extra help with math homework? Mathify is free 1:1 Grade 6-12 math tutoring with Ontario Certified Teachers! Build your math skills and confidence with a personalized math coach.

To support learning at home, tutors are available online Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET and 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET Saturday and Sunday. Please visit **TVO Mathify** for more information.



**More News from the Library**

**Spring Bookmark Contest!**

MAC Library invites all students to participate in our Spring Bookmark Contest.

We are looking for original bookmark designs that capture the essence of "Spring and New Beginnings".

All artwork is due by April 22nd. Students can come down to the library for contest details and to pick up a template.

Winning designs will be professionally printed and offered to students at the front desk.

Don't miss this chance to have your art celebrated!

# April



1 Day 1 Easter Monday	2 Day 2	3 Day 1	4 Day 2 Mac Food Fair Parent-Teacher Interviews	5 Day 1 Late Start - 9:55am
8 Day 2 PA Day (Solar Eclipse)	9 Day 1 Spirit Week →	10 Day 2 School Council 7pm	11 Day 1	12 Day 2 International Pink Shirt Day
15 Day 1	16 Day 2	17 Day 1 Late Start - 9:55am Term 4 Begins →	18 Day 2	19 Day 1
22 Day 2	23 Day 1 Report Cards Issued	24 Day 2 Late Start - 9:55am	25 Day 1	26 Day 2
29 Day 1	30 Day 2			

