



# Macdonald Collegiate

## ••Newsletter

May, 2024

### From the Student Activity Council (SAC)

#### MAC Wear Day

The month of April leaves just two months left until the start of the summer break, but school spirit is still shining away at MAC, and what better way is there to show Macdonald spirit than wearing-MAC merch? On April 4th, students participated in MAC Wear Day, where students wore any Macdonald attire they owned.

A profound way of showing their dedication and commitment to the Macdonald spirit!

#### Cultural Day

April consisted of not only spirit events, but cultural events! On April 24th, students came together in their cultural attire to celebrate Cultural Day. Students expressed and showcased their culture while also having a view of other students' cultures! A sight it was to see students breaking loose of the normalcy of school attire to bring out their cultural identities. This also came with the addition of the MEAC Cultural Food Fair, where students were able to try out foods from other cultures. Cultural Day? Yes way!

#### Karaoke Night

To top off the end of the month, students participated in the Karaoke Night, which took place in the cafeteria at lunch. With amazing singers and a supportive audience, it once again was a successful and enjoyable event!



#### Upcoming Events for May

As summer temperatures are returning from their slumber, we're excited for students to experience the new events the student body has planned so that students can take advantage of the warm season. That's not all, however.

We've got the Elegance Unmasked Prom on May 30th for our grade 12 students at Parkview Manor

from 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm. We're so excited to have one last event with our grade 12s before they graduate, and we promise it'll be an unforgettable experience.

For more information on our events, check us out on Instagram [@blackscotpride\\_tdsb](#).

#### 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

## OSAP Information Meeting!

There is a virtual Information Meeting available to All MAC Students, Parents and Gaurdians on Tuesday, May 28th @ 7pm! All are welcome!



## TDSB SUMMER SCHOOL OPTIONS

### e-Summer Program

Our popular summer online program is offered in two sessions: July and August. The program is primarily asynchronous (learning does not occur in real time) with direct teaching for about one hour/day and teachers available for the rest of the school day to hold office hours, small group sessions, individual tutorials and respond to student questions via email.

Registration: July Courses April 22 - June 4

Registration: August Courses April 22 - July 4

For more Summer School Options select the following links:

**In-Person Summer School** Registration: April 19 - June 7

**Remote Summer School** Registration: April 19 - June 7

**Remote Summer Credit Recovery** Registration: April 19 - June 26

## MAC LIBRARY UPDATE

**White Pine Book Club** wrapped up with our final meeting at the end of April. Book Club members voted for their favourite White Pine nominated book. The top two contenders this year were: Pieces of Me by Kate McLaughlin and As Long as the Lemon Trees Grow by Zoulfa Katouh. Once all votes are tabulated across Ontario, winning books will be announced at the end of May.

We can't wait to hear who the winner will be!



**4th Spring Bookmark Contest** was a huge success. MAC students submitted many beautiful designs. Thank you to all those who participated! After much deliberation and voting, three winners were selected. Third place with the cutest design went to Meera Arslanian, second place and the most deeply thoughtful design went to Bisma Chowdhury, and first place for the most beautiful went to Daniel Qu for his cherry blossom bookmark! Winning bookmarks will be printed and available at the front desk on May 8th for all to enjoy!

**M osap** Virtual Information Meeting  
Tues. May 28, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

Mac Students & Parents/Guardians Welcome

- Learn about financial aid for all colleges and universities in Ontario.
- Hosted by a rep from University of Toronto.

**Topics Include:**

- Expected costs
- OSAP
- Scholarships
- Bursaries
- Grants

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### Culminating Activities

Please devote some time and continue to prepare for your 30% Math Culminating Activities!

- 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

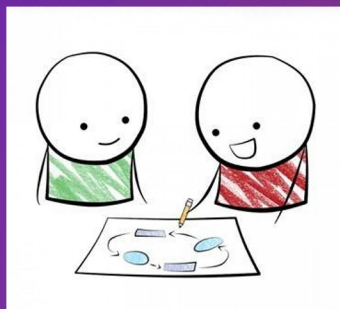
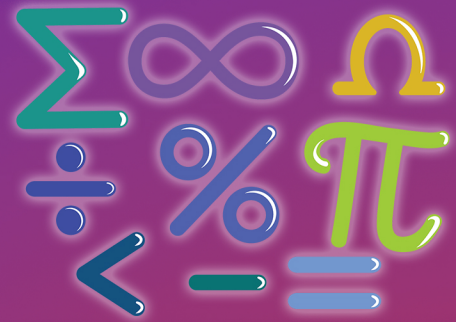
Math extra help is available from your math teacher. Please reach out to your math teacher for more details.

### 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.



### Spring Concert

It is that exciting time of the year again - the annual **Spring Concert** is **Thursday, May 23!** The String Orchestra, Concert Band and the Symphony Orchestra will be performing along with a number of soloists and chamber groups. Sweet treats will be available in the main hall and there will also be with a special video presentation! It starts at 7PM right here in our own Mac auditorium! Come on out and support our hard working **Mac Musicians**. All are welcome... hope to see you there!



# May

		1	Day 1	2	Day 2	3	Day 1
6	Day 2	7	Day 1	8	Day 2	9	Day 1
				School Council 7pm		10	Day 2
13	Day 1	14	Day 2	15	Day 1	16	Day 2
17	Day 1						
20	Day 2	21	Day 1	22	Day 2	23	Day 1
Victoria Day (No Classes)				Late Start - 9:55am		Spring Concert 7pm	
27	Day 1	28	Day 2	29	Day 1	30	Day 2
				Late Start - 9:55am		Prom - 6:30pm Parkview Manor	
						31	Day 1

