



# Macdonald Collegiate

## ••Newsletter

October 2024

### Student Activity Council - October Update by Amna Khan

As we welcome October, it's difficult to believe we are already a month into the school year! We hope students have experienced a welcoming start to this year, and are prepared to get involved with everything Mac offers. Let's look into a few key moments this past month, each contributing to our vibrant school community!



On September 20th, students participated in the annual Terry Fox Walk organized by Mac In Action. This event was able to raise money for cancer research while allowing our community to come together in support of the cause. On September 30th, the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation was observed, where students and staff wore orange T-shirts with the message 'Every Child Matters', as a powerful symbol of remembrance and respect for Indigenous children and communities.

On October 1st, the SAC organized the Pink Ribbon Campaign for Breast Cancer Awareness. Through generous donations made, pink ribbons were provided to participants, reinforcing our support for those affected, and creating awareness.



Most recently on this Wednesday, October 2nd, our start of the year Spirit Assembly was held, a definite highlight of the year. Students gathered in the auditorium for an entertaining showcase of amazing talent and information about Mac. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the SAC, HOC, Stage Crew, and our dedicated teachers, Ms. Georgiou and Mr. Steel, the assembly featured entertaining skits and performances that illuminated the wide variety of councils, clubs and committees available for everybody at Mac! From singers to digital performances, and even a surprise appearance by the Minions, the energy in the auditorium was very spirited! We hope this event ignited enthusiasm in our students to get involved in all our councils, clubs and committees, fit for all talents and hobbies!

With the arrival of October, we find ourselves at the beginning of the beloved spooky season. The eager wait for pumpkins, candy, and costumes is palpable, and our SAC is prepared to embrace this festivity and promote some scary school spirit. It is thrilling to announce an exciting event to enjoy this spirit, with a Halloween Costume Contest, encouraging creativity and fun! On Halloween Day, October 31st, prizes will be awarded for the most creative, scary, and eco-friendly costumes. Students are encouraged to take part and showcase their imagination and Halloween spirit. Come dressed in your most ghoulish attire and be prepared for Mac to transform into a Tim Burton scene!

But that's not all that will happen on October 31st...our lip dub is coming back wherein the tech crew will video record students and staff having a great time as they sing and dance throughout the hallways of Mac! Stay tuned for the link in an upcoming newsletter to view the fun and exhilarating vibes of Mac.

We hope you're excited for October! Be sure to seize the opportunities Mac has to offer and show off your school spirit and pride. For more information about the various councils, clubs or committees that are offered at Mac, stop by Room 117 at lunchtime or email Ms. Georgiou at [gail.georgiou@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:gail.georgiou@tdsb.on.ca).

Stay connected to the Mac community from our Instagram [@blackscotpride\\_tdsb](https://www.instagram.com/blackscotpride_tdsb).





## Welcome to Guidance

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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## TDSB Form for Opting Out of e-Learning Graduation Requirement

Students are required to earn two e-Learning credits to graduate from secondary school. Students and parents/guardians may choose to opt out of the eLearning requirement by filling out **this form**. If they change their decision later, they can opt back in!

## Post Secondary Fair, Monday October 21 - Macdonald Collegiate

Making the transition to a post-secondary education is not always easy. JOIN US!

**6:30 - 7:00PM** in the auditorium to hear about the application process for both College and University.

**7:00 - 8:00PM** University and College Fair in the cafeteria and gym.

**Universities from across Canada will be present!**

## ESL Program Presentation

You are invited to attend an ESL Program Presentation where you can learn about diploma requirements, school routines and procedures, school supports, upcoming important dates and extracurricular activities at Macdonald Collegiate. Date: Wednesday **October 16th 2024, 2pm -3pm**

Location: Staff Lounge

Facilitators: Bing Liu and Bhanuja Hardeo

Register please 报名注册: <https://bit.ly/3U0acuh>

Or scan QR code:



## Macdonald Parent Council

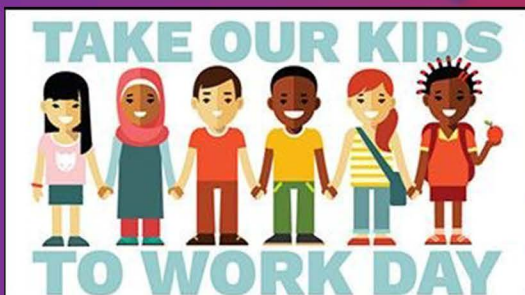
Macdonald's School Council creates a vital link among parents, community members, students and the school staff to share concerns, goals, and issues that contribute to the success of every student.

We encourage all parents and guardians to attend some or all of our sessions.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday November 19th @ 7PM. All are welcome!

**Find the Minutes from September 24th here!**

## Take Our Kids To Work Day! - November 6th, 2024!



Take Our Kids to Work Day, the landmark Canadian program dedicated to inspiring the next generation of leaders, is proud to announce its 30th anniversary celebration in 2024.

All grade 9 students are expected to explore various careers/jobs with family and/or friends.

An email communication will follow shortly.





## Department of Mathematics

**Upcoming Math Contest** – Canadian Senior and Intermediate Mathematics Contests (CSMC/CIMC) will take place on Wednesday, November 13, 2024. The cost per participant is \$14.00 (CAD). If you are interested in participating, please connect with Mr. Hung in room 225 by no later than Friday October 18th.

## In School Supports Available

### 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:

Math extra help is available from Mr. Hung to all math students on a first come first serve basis from Monday to Friday in Rm 225. Please see the schedule below: (subject to change)

Regular Day: 12:10 - 12:40

Late Start: 12:35 - 1:05

Assembly Day: 12:50 - 1:20

### Math Peer Tutoring:

If you are interested in being a math tutor or having a math tutor please join the google classroom using the code **rqvwf4g**. Complete the forms on the google classroom in order to be paired with another student. A meeting will be held later next week. Please note that if you are interested in being a tutor you must speak with and get approval from your previous or current math teacher. Speak with your teacher if you have any questions or visit Ms. Peza in room 232 or Ms. Lasenby in room 230.



**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 [erin.mackay@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:erin.mackay@tdsb.on.ca) so that she can connect your child/ward to a Mac PAL.

## In School 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.



**Mathematics Continued:  
Community-Based Tutoring:**

The TDSB is working with the following agencies to provide free, community-based tutoring services to students in their neighbourhoods. Parents/Caregivers/Guardians can contact organizations directly for tutoring: Arab Community Centre Toronto, BridgeTO Youth, BGC East Scarborough, Canturberry Family Services Tutoring, Parents Engaged in Education, Rexdale Community Health Centre, TAIBU, Tropicana, Trust 15 and YAAACE.

**Special Education Department  
The ARC is Open!**

The Academic Resource Centre (room 132) is open. Students with IEPs may wish to come see us for academic support, an alternative space to complete work and evaluations, or to discuss their IEP, accommodations, assistive technology, or anything else.



**IEP Consultation**

All IEPs will be developed/updated for the 2024/25 year by October 15th. IEP consultation letters are in the mail. Please return completed consultation forms to Mr. Pascaris at the ARC office in room 132.

**Student Success**

**Find It-Finish it**

November 1st is Find It - Finish It at Macdonald. FIFI is a day program where students have the opportunity to rescue their credit, catch up on missed assignments or receive extra help in their classes. During FIFI, students complete assignments with the support of their classroom teachers. FIFI also supports students who are in need of help with curriculum they are struggling with in class.

**OCTOBER FUN at the Library!**

There is a lot going on in the Library for October. Check out some of these fun events and activities:

**BOARD GAME FRIDAYS -**

Every Friday at lunch, drop in to play some board games like Chess, Scrabble and Clue. Or if games are not your thing, you can work on our community puzzle or make some origami.

**BOOK CLUB Mondays -**

Calling all readers! Book club is back. This year we will be reading books according to monthly themes. October's theme is: Scary books. Come by the library for our first meeting on Oct. 7th at lunch to join in and pick a scary book to read!

**FALL Bookmark Contest!**

MAC Library invites all students to participate in our FALL Bookmark Contest. We are looking for original bookmark designs that capture the essence of "Library JOY". All artwork is due by Monday, Oct. 21st. 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 out on this chance to have your art celebrated!





## Athletics and Physical Education

### Teams

Welcome back all! Macdonald Athletics is excited to be back up and running for Fall Sports. Please follow along on our Instagram page for all Athletic and Intramural information, scores, pictures and highlights throughout the year.

IG Link: [@macdonaldathletics\\_tdsb](#)



### EMA

If you wish to try-out for any teams this year please create an account on TDSB Excursion Management Application. Once your account has been created please select the team you wish to try-out for and follow the on screen steps. If you have any questions please contact the Physical Education Department. Link to EMA: [EMA Parent Log In](#)

### MAC Wear Clothing

If you wish to purchase any Macdonald apparel please click on the link below. We have a wide variety of options available and our site is open

24/7, 365 days a year.

Get MAC Wear today and represent our school with pride! Online Store

Link: [MAC WEAR](#)

### Intramurals and Mezz Club

We have a robust intramural program organized by our Athletic Council where students can sign up to participate in a variety of sports during the lunch hour to stay active.

We also have a Mezz Club supervised by teachers where students can use our fitness centre to help them achieve their fitness goals. Once a schedule is finalized, students will be allowed to sign up to receive their Mezz Pass.

Updates will be posted on our IG pages: [@macdonaldathletics\\_tdsb](#) and [@sjam\\_phe](#).

Parents/Guardians must fill in the "Start of the School Year Forms" in order for your child/ward to participate in our intramural program or the Mezz Club. A link to the forms was emailed on August 29 from the Toronto District School Board.





### Pink Ribbon Campaign

The SAC is proud to announce the Pink Ribbon Campaign during the month of October. The pink ribbon is an international symbol of breast cancer awareness. Pink ribbons, and the color pink in general, identify the wearer or promoter with the breast cancer brand and express moral support for people with breast cancer. Pink Ribbons are available in the Main Hall during lunch. Donations of any value are greatly appreciated.



### 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.**

# October

	1	Day 1	2	Day 2	3	Day 1	4	Day 2	
	SAC Pink Ribbon Campaign		SAC Spirit Assembly		Photo Day				
7	Day 1	8	Day 2	9	Day 1	10	Day 2	11	Day 1
14	Day 2	15	Day 1	16	Day 2	17	Day 1	18	Day 2
Thanksgiving Holiday									
21	Day 1	22	Day 2	23	Day 1	24	Day 2	25	Day 1
University and College Fair				Late Start - 9:55		Awards Assembly Reception Parent Teacher Interviews		Late Start - 9:55	
28	Day 2	29	Day 1	30	Day 2	31	Day 1		
				Late Start - 9:55		Halloween Lipdub X Video Shoot			