



Macdonald Collegiate

••Newsletter

November, 2023

A Message from Student Success

Dual Credits are a wonderful opportunity for highschool students to take college or apprenticeship courses that can count towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. They also get the chance to experience life on campus, as classes are hosted by the colleges. Read more about what Dual Credits has to offer by visiting **this site**. Or book an appointment with your Guidance Counselor through the Guidance Google Classroom. Registration for Semester 2 will open mid November.



SHSM

Last month, students in the SHSM program enjoyed a day of activities at Cedar Glen YMCA Outdoor Education Centre while earning their first Certificate in Leadership Skills. Upcoming events include a trip to the UofT Kinesiology Lab, their second certification in Infection Control and a seminar with nursing staff from Mount Sinai Hospital.

OYAP

The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program gives students interested in the skilled trades an opportunity to kick start their training while still in high school.

Students participate in OYAP through co-op placements. Learn more at oyaptdsb.com

There are also specific trades-focused co-op placement opportunities available through the PACE and STEP programs. See the links below for more information.

Deadlines for placement in these programs are upcoming throughout November for students taking co-op semester 2.

Step To Construction link

PACE Program link

For a summary of the various programs available through OYAP, **click here**.

ONTARIO YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

INFO NIGHTS
 October 26 Accelerated OYAP - Recording
 November 2 Humber Trades Open House - Register

APPLICATION DEADLINES
 November 10 Accelerated
 November 17 STEP
 December 1 PACE
 February 9 Specialized

oyaptdsb.com/events



Guidance Update (October 2023)

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:

Booking 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

Online e-Learning Graduation Requirement.

Students are required to earn two e-Learning credits to graduate from secondary school, beginning with students who entered Grade 9 in the 2020-21 school year.

However, parents/guardians may choose at any time to opt their child out of the mandatory eLearning courses required for graduation.

No explanation or reason is needed to opt out/withdraw.

If you have decided now to withdraw from the graduation requirement,

please complete the **TDSB Opt Out/Withdrawal Form** and return it to the guidance office.

NEW: From the TDSB Psychological Services Hearts and Mind Newsletter

Professional Support Services team members offer monthly virtual drop-in times

where you can connect directly with a health care professional

(i.e., Psychologist/Social Worker/Speech and Language Therapist/Occupational Therapist and

Physiotherapist) to help answer your questions, explore ideas and provide support related to your child's/children mental health and well-being.

NEW: How do I apply for Out-of-Area Admissions?

Provided the school is permitted to receive applications, you may decide to apply to attend a school other than your designated school by address. Some schools are only able to accept applications from students attending feeder schools, or from students with a sibling already in attendance in Grades 10-12 and returning to the secondary school next year.

The Online Out-of-Area Admissions application will be available on Monday, January 8, 2024.

NEW: Virtual Secondary Alternative Schools Fair: Taking place on January 10, 2024, this session will introduce families to the Alternative schools that offer Grade 9 to 12 programming.

Alternative schools are highly engaged, smaller school environments.

They use non-traditional, hands-on approaches to learning. Each school has a distinct identity and focus.

Alternative schools are ideal for students seeking an alternative to mainstream education and who want to take an active role in their own learning.

NEW: OUAC/OCAS Important Dates

E.Y.I...	COLLEGE OCAS	UNIVERSITY OUAC
COST	\$125 5 program choices	\$156 3 program choices \$50 each additional
ACCESS TO APPLICATION	Ontario Education Number	Ontario Education Number
APPLICATION OPEN	NOW	NOW
EQUAL CONSIDERATION -OR- APPLICATION CLOSES	FEBRUARY 1, 2024	JANUARY 15, 2024
TRANSMISSION #1	NOVEMBER 17 2023 DEMOGRAPHIC INFO GRADE 11/12 FINAL & 12 MIDTERM MARKS	NOVEMBER 17, 2023 DEMOGRAPHIC INFO & GRADE 11/12 FINAL MARKS and/or MIDTERM
TRANSMISSION #2	FEBRUARY 16, 2024	FEBRUARY 17, 2024
TRANSMISSION #3	APRIL 26, 2024	APRIL 25, 2024
CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTANCE	MAY 1, 2024	JUNE 3, 2024

Canadian & World Studies

Every year on November 11th, we stop and take the time to reflect on the sacrifices that people have made to protect and defend our safety, so that we can live peacefully and freely. Since the end of the First World War, each Remembrance Day commemorates and honours Canadians who served and continue to serve in the Armed Forces. These courageous men and women have done so with great pride, respect, commitment, and devotion to keeping all Canadians safe. Their efforts and selflessness are deeply appreciated. Lest we forget.



SAC Newsletter

October, the month of vengeful spirits and chilly days, was full of fun school spirit-based events and days which the SAC worked hard to create. October is a month when days are shortened and when stress is quite high, so the Student Activity Council, collaborating with other councils, worked together to raise school morale. To ensure that as we progress into the school year, we do so, with many fun and memorable moments. However, as we go into November, here are upcoming events that the SAC has planned. Funky Hair Day, on November 8th, is a spirit day, made by the SAC to raise morale, school spirit, and overall fun for Mac Students and Staff. A way to forget the stress of school, and/or other worries and concerns that plague your day. This is a day in which students can let both their hair and their worries go! The funkier, the better! Another upcoming spirit event held by the SAC is the semi-formal!

It is an exciting day in which students can look their best and make memorable memories with friends. This event, occurring on November 16th, at Parkview Manor, (55 Barber Greene Road), is enchanted-themed. So, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., Blackscots, and their friends can dress up as fairies and whimsical forest creatures and have a night of excitement. It is an evening filled with music, a dance floor, a wonderful atmosphere and delicious meal.

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The most memorable event to date was undoubtedly the spirit assembly! The assembly, filled with singing, dancing, and witty one-liners and scripts, was held to raise school morale and spark interest in the many innovative and intriguing clubs and councils Mac has to offer! Finally, to conclude the spooky month of October, the Halloween costume contest held on October 31st, was a wonderful way to commemorate the holiday. With costumes as simple as ghosts and as creative as hand-made monster costumes, this contest was a very chilling experience! October was a spooky and school spirit packed month, and November will be even more so! Remember to participate in spirit days for more exciting chances of winning contests and prizes and follow our Instagram page [@blackscotpride](#) for more exciting updates in November!



Business and Computer Science

MAC Coding Club

The coding club is now underway, and we're back with more fun activities and events! We are a student body of over 50 students that meet weekly in room 228 and have a blast while talking with like-minded programmers and tech enthusiasts. We put major emphasis on CCC preparation while also teaching beginners and advanced programmers new concepts. Mentor positions are open! Please see Ms. Xiao and apply now if you are interested in teaching ambitious students your knowledge in any programming or tech-related field. One of the major spotlights of our club is the annual MAC hosted hackathon! Compete with your fellow classmates in a friendly competition to win a trophy and chocolate! Our club is only around until February 2024, so JOIN NOW!

DECA Regionals

AREA 4 REGIONAL @ Seneca College
November 12, 2023
1750 Finch Avenue East, Toronto, ON

Reminder for all those competing:

Arrive at least 30 minutes before your assigned time at the Ian Beddis Gym; stand by your event signage
ALL Individual Events are scheduled in the morning and
ALL Principle and Team Events are scheduled in the afternoon



TDSB Black Student Post-Secondary Engagement Symposium

John Polanyi C.I. - Auditorium

November 15, 2023 - 7 to 9 PM

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement in collaboration with *TDSB Guidance* invites Black students, educators and their families to the TDSB Black Student Post-Secondary Engagement Symposium. **REGISTER at bit.ly/TDSB_ENGAGE**

The TDSB Black Student Post-Secondary Engagement Symposium is an opportunity for institutions to connect with Black students in the TDSB to share programs, interest groups, clubs, communities, and services that affirm Black students' lived and historic experiences, support their sense of belonging in post-secondary spaces, and connect them to culturally relevant programs and resources.



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November is Indigenous Education Month: To register for the TIYC select the link below:



TORONTO INDIGENOUS YOUTH COUNCIL 2023- 2024

CALLING ALL FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT STUDENTS!

Make positive change, earn a credit or volunteer hours, and connect with other Indigenous youth from across the TDSB.

- Every Monday from 3:30-5:30 at The Urban Indigenous Education Centre (Room 123)
- Dinner and TTC tickets provided
- Earn NDA3M credit, NDW4M credit, or volunteer hours
- Direct connections to Indigenous Graduation Coaches and other UIEC staff.

To register please complete the [TIYC Registration Form](#)
For further information please contact Emily.Wadsworth@tdsb.on.ca

URBAN INDIGENOUS EDUCATION CENTRE

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November

		1 Day 1	2 Day 2	3 Day 1
6 Day 2 Gr 12 Guidance Visits	7 Day 1 →	8 Day 2 School Council Meeting - 7pm	9 Day 1 Photo Retake Day	10 Day 2
13 Day 1	14 Day 2 Report Card Distribution	15 Day 1	16 Day 2 Semi-Formal @ Parkview - 6:30	17 Day 1 P.A. Day
20 Day 2	21 Day 1	22 Day 2 Late Start - 9:55	23 Day 1	24 Day 2
27 Day 1	28 Day 2 Grad Photos Begin →	29 Day 1 Late Start - 9:55	30 Day 2	

