



September 15th,
2023

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We have had a very successful start to the new year and we are all settling into new routines.

We will have our first pizza day of the year on September 22nd. We welcome parent volunteers who can assist in pizza distribution at 11:20 am on that Friday. If you would like to order pizza for your child this term, please go onto **cashonline** and order. If you do not have a cashonline account yet, please register now since all purchases throughout the year will go through **cashonline**. If you require assistance setting it up you can contact our office.

If you and your family are experiencing financial hardships and require support with the cost of pizza, please connect with me. I am proud to share that our caring community supports one another through an “Angel fund” in which generous individuals make financial contributions to subsidize pizza lunch for other students. If you would like to contribute to our Angel Fund, please also do so through the **Angel Fund Cashonline** option.

Next week, we will be altering our lunch time schedule for our students. All students will be eating in their classrooms at 11:30 for a 20 minute period. At 11:50, all students will be going outside for a 40 minute recess.

If you would like to volunteer at Lescon, please see below for information about completing a Vulnerable Screening that is required to be in the school.

This month we will also begin monthly Character assemblies with our students. Each month a different class will lead a short assembly for their peers that teaches and reinforces Good Character. At these assemblies, students from each class will be recognized with character awards throughout the year. Unfortunately these assemblies will not be open to the parent community due to space.

Yours in education,

Shauna Small

Electronic Forms for “Start of the Year” were emailed electronically. These are important to submit as soon as possible so that we have current health information about your child. Please look for the email from the Board and complete them electronically.

Please remember to go over the forms booklet and sign and return them. You should also review the Code of Conduct document with your children.

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Effective 05 September, 2023, Toronto Police Service has moved online for Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC). Attached are the word and pdf versions of the instructions to be shared with volunteers.

TDSB has been given a unique code that applicants will be required to use:

The code is **202309TPSOND7EFC**

The new weblink for online application is

<https://www.tps.ca/services/police-record-checks/>

All applicants are strongly encouraged to apply online. If this is unattainable for any reason, please email the PRC office at PoliceReferenceCheckOffice@tdsb.on.ca for the new form.

The PRC office is no longer forwarding the volunteer applications to TPS. Please do not send the volunteer applications to the PRC office.

Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER

22 – Pizza Day

29th – Pizza Day

29 – Orange Shirt Day – Truth and Reconciliation

OCTOBER

6th – PA Day

9th – Thanksgiving

Teaching children: kindness, empathy and compassion are not simply a lesson learnt in the classroom. They are values that children need to see and experience frequently.



Please inform the school if your child will be late or absent!



Parents
“CHILDREN LEARN MORE FROM WHAT YOU ARE THAN WHAT YOU TEACH.”
—W.E.B. DuBois



Our Safe Arrival and Departure Policy 085 states:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are responsible for communicating any planned student absences, lateness, or change in safe departure plans to the school on a timely basis and for providing the school with complete and current emergency information to enable the school to make any necessary follow-up contacts.

We rely on parents for this information so that we can ensure the safe arrival of all students and locate any missing students in a timely manner. Please help us by always reporting your child's absence.

Welcome back to the 2023-2024 school year!!
School Councils work to improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system. They are governed by the Ontario Ministry of Education Regulations 612 and 613, which contain very clear guidelines regarding School Council elections. Regulation 612 outlines the roles, the responsibilities, and the processes for School Councils. Regulation 613 outlines the responsibility of the principal in supporting School Councils. As collaborators in education, schools and School Councils recognize that all parents/caregivers have an equitable place in our schools' community, free from racism, classism, and other isms, intentional or unintentional. There is an understanding that participation can take many forms and work to:

1. offer parents/caregivers a variety of ways to share their voices, knowledge and expertise;
2. recognize that relationship building is key to breaking down walls and barriers;
3. strive to identify and to eliminate barriers to participation for parents/caregivers;
4. disrupt practices that contribute to oppression based on race, class, nationality, abilities, gender, education, or language.

School Council Meetings

Monday Oct 2nd

Monday Dec 4th

Monday Feb 5th

Monday April 8th

Monday June 17th

6 pm in the library

All are welcome

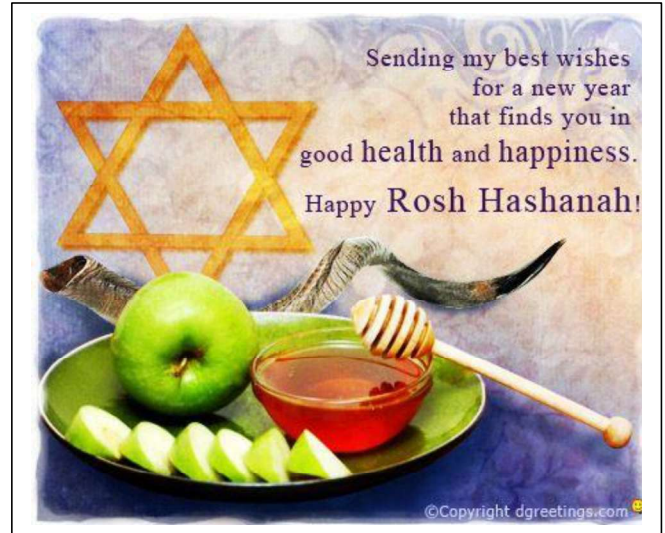
Congratulations to **Ms. Aspro's** class for earning the first Golden Garbage Can award for the year.





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*We wish all our staff,
students and families a
meaningful holiday!*



Ohigan is celebrated twice a year on the “vernal equinox day” and the “autumnal equinox day,” and three days before and after them. During the equinox, days and nights are of equal length, and this period is thought to be when the world of the living and the world of the dead become close. This changing of the season becomes a time for personal reflection and for remembering and honoring the dead.

