

# OCTOBER BULLETIN

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**27 OCTOBER 2023**

## AT MALVERN

As we look towards November and our fast approaching Winter Holidays we bid farewell to fall and take a moment to congratulate all of our students, staff and families on their accomplishments. From our amazing sports teams, many of which placed exceptionally well at the City level to our very successful fundraising event through School Council and of course our community wide participation and support for our Red & Black Day, the past month was full of tremendous efforts and results on all fronts. Next month focuses strongly on course work, bringing with it Report Cards and Parent/Guardian-Teacher interviews but also an opportunity to share with your student what a day in your work-life looks like.

## FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

- Contact information for admin is listed below should you require further support after contacting the main office, classroom teacher, guidance, special education and/or student success:
  - Student surname A-K: Kym Stadnyk [kym.stadnyk@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:kym.stadnyk@tdsb.on.ca)
  - Student surname L-Z: Cora Peisz [cora.peisz@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:cora.peisz@tdsb.on.ca)
  - Aaron Gotfryd [aaron.gotfryd@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:aaron.gotfryd@tdsb.on.ca)
- One-to-One Devices: We have received Chromebooks for all forms submitted by the initial deadline of Sep 20th. Students who opted in by this deadline should receive their Chromebook no later than end of day Thursday, Nov 2nd. Please reach out to the main office if you have not received your device by this date. For those who submitted their opt-in form on or after Sep 21st, we have yet to receive information on when these devices will be received. We will share information as we hear more.

- Please see below for a video explaining how you can access the Brightspace for parent's application which will allow you to access online class information.
  - [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fXJvR521N0fJARfBm4gR1voNcxe505\\_N/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fXJvR521N0fJARfBm4gR1voNcxe505_N/view)
- Changes to Central Student Interest Programs for 2024-25:
  - The Central Student Interest Program online application will be available from November 6, 2023 to November 24, 2023. The link will be available on November 6 at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Secondary-Central-Student-Interest-Programs>
- Achievement:
  - Teachers will be submitting report cards on Nov 13th. Any work to be included in the mid-term mark must have been submitted to teachers no later than Nov 10th.
  - Report Cards will be generated and distributed by Nov 17th. Please make sure that you have not blocked TDSB Messenger in order to receive your students Report Card
  - Any marks for courses that are not dropped before Nov 24 will appear on all final report cards and transcripts.
  - Term 2 begins on Nov 9th
- Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews: PTIs will be occurring on Nov 23rd. These will be conducted in-person. Details on how to sign up for interviews along with a schedule for the day will be shared in further communications.
- Commencement: We have confirmed our 2024 commencement for June 25th at the Danforth Music Hall. Further details to follow later in the year.
- Upcoming events:
  - TOKTW Day: Nov 1
  - Remembrance Day Assembly: Nov 10
  - School Council: Nov 14 evening
  - Report Card Distribution: Nov 17
  - PA Day: Nov 17
  - Late Start: Nov 22
  - Parent Teacher Interviews: Nov 23 (Special Schedule)
  - Late Start: Nov 24
  - Late Start: Nov 29

## FROM STUDENT SUCCESS

- **Progress Letters**

- Communication between the home and the school is essential to a student's academic success. Over the past few weeks, teachers have been communicating with the families of students for whom they have observed some challenges related to academics, attendance, behaviour, social/emotional well-being, and more. By providing feedback early in the semester, we hope to work collaboratively with students and families to set students up for success. If you received some early progress communication, please have a look at these additional supports.
- [Peer Tutoring](#)
- [Extracurricular Involvement](#)
- [TVO Mathify \(Math support - requires OEN which can be found on a report card\)](#)

- **Dual Credits**

- We have 14 students enrolled in a Dual Credit course at a partnering College this Semester. Students are learning about Culinary Fundamentals, Video Game Industry, Wedding Planning, Psychology, and Forensic Psychology to name a few! Here is what one student has to say:

*"Introduction to Psychology" credit course in George Brown College. What I love about the course is being able to meet new people, study course materials in more depth, and practice knowledge. I would definitely recommend this course if you're planning on doing a psychology degree, or are just interested in learning why people behave the way they do!" - Malvern Grade 11 Student*

- [Learn About Dual Credits.](#)
- The course offerings for Semester 2 will become available mid-November. For more information or to sign up, please speak to Ms Bourgard or email at [lisa.bourgard@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:lisa.bourgard@tdsb.on.ca)

- **Peer Tutoring**

- Students helping students for volunteer hours! We are currently in need of tutors for French, Physics, Chemistry and Grade 11 Math. If you would like to join our amazing team of student volunteers, please complete the sign-up form here:

<http://bit.ly/MCIpeertutor>

## FROM GUIDANCE

### **E-LEARNING DAY SCHOOL**

Semester 2 e-Learning Day School course offerings have been added to the [e-Learning Day School website](#). Registration opens to students on December 5, 2023. Students interested in taking a Semester 2 e-Learning Day School course are encouraged to reach out to their Guidance Counsellor.

### **Interim Mark Concerns**

Updates were recently sent to students, families and a guidance contact for any eLDS student who had a current grade at, or below, 55% on October 20. With the aim of supporting students to improve their grades prior to the November 10 midterm reporting, reminders about log in expectations, due dates and academic support were included in the communication. Students are encouraged to log onto their e-Learning Day School course each school day, and to connect regularly with their teacher.

### **e-Learning Guidance Office Hours**

- Available for students
- Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:30-12:30, starting October 31, 2023.
- [Office Hours Meeting](#)

### **STUDENT INTEREST PROGRAMS**

The TDSB offers over 50 programs with a particular focus. These programs are for anyone who demonstrates an interest and passion in the particular program

area. On **November 2, 2023**, the Student Interest Program Webinar will provide more information about local programs, out-of-area admissions and applying to central student interest programs, including:

- Arts Focus Programs/Schools
- Exceptional Athlete Program
- Integrated Technology School
- International Baccalaureate Programs
- Leadership Pathway Program
- Math, Science & Technology Programs
- Other programs such as High Performing Athlete Programs

Application for these programs opens on November 6, 2023 and closes on November 24, 2023 at 4 p.m.

To further support students and families with the application process, TDSB staff will be hosting two (2) Central Student Interest Program Application Support Sessions to answer questions that students or families may have about the application. Live, online support will be available on the following dates:

November 14 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. ([Online Support](#))

November 22 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. ([Online Support](#))

Note: Staff will not be able to answer specific program and/or school-based questions.

For more information about the programs available at schools across the TDSB, families are encouraged to attend the schools' [Open Houses and Information Sessions](#). To learn more about the central student interest programs, visit the [Central Student Interest Programs website](#).

## **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. Visit the [Alternative Schools in the TDSB website](#) for more information

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

[House of Commons Page Program](#): Deadline extended to **November 8**.

[Legislative Assembly of Ontario Youth Arts Program](#): Youth ages 12-18 are invited to display their works of art throughout the Legislative Building. Artwork can fall under a wide range of media, including but not limited to painting, drawing, photography, glasswork, ceramics, textiles, sculpture, and mixed media. Teachers/instructors can apply on behalf of their class, or individual young artists can apply on their own. Schools/organizations can submit up to five pieces for display, and individual artists can submit one piece. Deadline: **November 8**.

## [TDSB BLACK STUDENT POST-SECONDARY ENGAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM](#)

November 15, 2023 - 7 to 9 PM

**REGISTER** at [bit.ly/TDSB\\_ENGAGE](https://bit.ly/TDSB_ENGAGE)

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.

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.

## **TORONTO INDIGENOUS YOUTH COUNCIL**

Start: October 16th

Where: Urban Indigenous Education Centre, Room 123

When 3:30pm-5:30pm

Course options: NDA3M, NDW4M or volunteer hours

Contact Guidance for more information.