



January 2024

Administrators' Message

Happy New Year to our Malvern JPS families! A new year brings new hopes and wishes for the year ahead of us.

In January, our Character Trait is Teamwork. Much appreciation to our Malvern JPS community for coming together before the winter break to support the School Council Bake Sale fundraiser. \$847.50 was raised thanks to your support! Thank you to our School Council for organizing this fundraiser, and to our parent volunteers who donated baked goods and helped at the sale.



As we continue the school year, it is very important that we work together to follow the health and safety protocols that are in place to keep all of our students, staff and families healthy. Please ensure that if your child is sick, they stay at home and that Toronto Public Health protocols are followed. See health protocols for school: [Stay Home if You Have Symptoms](#). We must all do our part!

We wish everyone all the best in the year ahead!

February is Kindergarten Registration Month

Registration for all TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in February. We look forward to welcoming our new Junior Kindergarten students in September!

To attend Junior Kindergarten in September, children must turn four years old by December 31, 2024. To register for Senior Kindergarten, children must be five years old by December 31, 2024. The

registration process will be completed online and a meeting will also be booked with the school office staff to complete the registration process.



For more information about the Kindergarten program and registration requirements, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.

Kindergarten Registration Begins on February 1st. Appointments will begin the week of February 6th. Once you complete your registration forms online, the office will review the registration forms and will call you when they are ready to book an appointment to complete the registration process.

Our office staff will let you know what documents you will need to have available for your registration appointment and are also able to provide guidance with completing the registration forms online if you have any questions.

Early French Immersion Program/Application Process

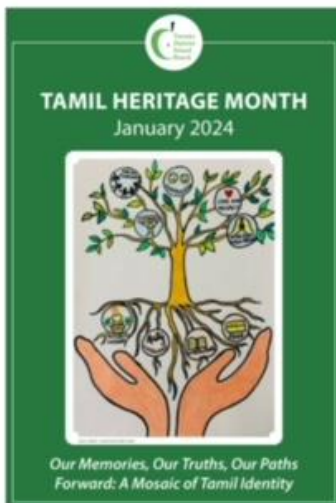
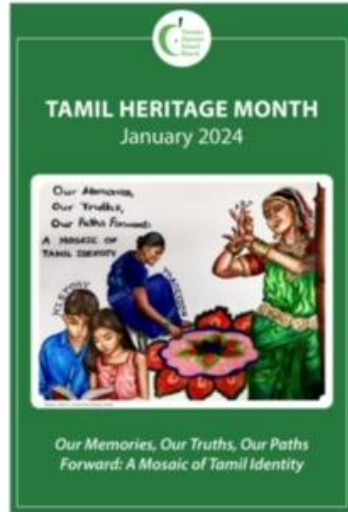
The Early French Immersion program begins in Junior Kindergarten (JK). For September 2024 entry, **the deadline to apply was December 1, 2023**. Applications that are submitted after this deadline will be marked as late and accommodated if space in the program is available.

In February, only those families who applied by the deadline and have accepted an offer of placement for their child via the [central application process](#) can register in Early French Immersion.

Tamil Heritage Month

The month of January is recognized by the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) as Tamil Heritage Month. Did you know that Toronto has the largest Tamil population outside of the South Asian subcontinent, with thousands of TDSB students and staff members identifying as Tamil? The importance of celebrating Tamil heritage, creating a strong sense of identity, and understanding one's own roots and stories are important objectives of the Tamil Heritage Month volunteer planning committee. The committee is also strongly dedicated to creating spaces and opportunities to teach and learn more about Tamil heritage.

This year's theme for Tamil heritage Month at the TDSB is: ***Our Memories, Our Truths, Our Paths Forward: A Mosaic of Tamil Identity.***



To recognize Tamil Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board in January, various educational opportunities will be offered to students to learn about the history, culture, and traditions.

Traffic Safety Tips: Help Make This A Safe Winter Season

During the winter season, we know that severe weather will be part of our daily lives for the next few months. While traffic safety is an important matter all year long, this is a particularly good time to review what we can do to keep students safe. The need to be aware and alert at all times, on any road, and even in the most routine circumstances is key to traffic safety. This applies to students and drivers alike. Road conditions can be challenging in the winter months. So to those of us who drive, please take extra care on the roads and in parking lots, especially in areas where children might be present.

School staff periodically review street and traffic safety with students. Parents can help reinforce these safety messages with children at home. Below are some tips that might be helpful to review.

Stop, look, and listen for traffic. Only cross at corners and crosswalks. Make eye contact with drivers. Walk on the right side of the crosswalk. Wear appropriate footwear to reduce the chances of slipping. Never run out into the street or into the parking lot. Obey all crossing signals and signage, including directions from crossing guards on duty at intersections. Cross only if it is safe and clear to do so. Walk on the sidewalks, not on the road, in the parking lot or on the edge of the curb. Where there are no sidewalks, walk as far away from traffic as possible, facing traffic. The safety of our students is always a top priority. Let's work together to make the winter season safe so we can enjoy all it has to offer

School Council



Parents are welcome to attend School Council meetings as often as you would like. Our next School Council meeting

will take place on Monday, February 12th at 5:30 p.m. This is a hybrid meeting which will take place in person and virtually. A link will be sent to families closer to the meeting date.

Clothing Resources

Now that the cold weather and snow is here we have purchased some extra gloves for students who need them at recess times. If your child forgets or loses their gloves they can come to office to borrow some.

Our school also has a Clothing Resource Closet which has clothes for children in various sizes. Thank you to Ms. A. for organizing these resources for us. If you are in need of clothing items for your child(ren), please contact the office.

We can also assist with other resources that your family may need, so please let us know if we can be of any assistance. You may also choose to connect with our School Settlement Worker, Nasim Daya. Nasim works in collaboration with our families to access a variety of resources, including settlement services. She can be reached at 647-296-0245 or by email at ndaya@cathcrosscultural.org

Severe Weather Procedure and Student Transportation

From time to time, it may be necessary to cancel student transportation, classes and/or programs due to severe weather. On rare occasions, severe weather makes it necessary to close schools, administrative offices or sites.



With approximately 246,000 students in our schools and sites each day, any decision to cancel buses, classes and/or programs or to close sites can have a

significant impact on thousands of families across Toronto. This decision is not taken lightly. When schools remain open on days with inclement weather, parents/guardians make the final decision on whether to send their children to school and they can keep children home from school if they so choose.

Should a cancellation or closure be necessary, information will be posted on the TDSB website, TDSB social media and provided to local media by 6 a.m. For more information, please see the TDSB's Procedure for Severe Weather: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Detail/docId/242>

Middle French Immersion (Grade 4 Entry) Application Deadline

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's system-wide French Immersion Program, the TDSB offers an online process to apply for Middle French Immersion (begins in Grade 4). An offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants. Families with an older sibling currently in an Middle French Immersion program are still required to complete an online application for the new student. Applications must be completed online between January 8 and February 2, 2024.

For more information about Middle French Immersion, the application and/or to attend a virtual information session visit: [Middle-French Immersion Program](#).

General Interest Programs at the TDSB

Come and explore General Interest Programs at the TDSB! Learning opportunities are available for adults 18+ years old and seniors. For more information visit: [Learn4Life](#)



Middle French Immersion Applications (Gr. 4 entry) Open	January 8
Teamwork & Tamil Heritage Month Assembly	January 18
PA Day	January 19
Grade 6 Kearney Trip	January 22-24
Superintendent Gala & Trustee Rajakulasingam Visit	January 24
Swim to Survive Program Gr. 4/5 (Ms. Green, Ms. Rinsma, Mr. Melchiorre, Ms. Simos)	January 26
Interview Request Forms Sent Home	January 30
Kindergarten Registration Begins	February 1 st
Swim to Survive Program Gr. 4/5 (Ms. Green, Ms. Rinsma, Mr. Melchiorre, Ms. Simos)	February 2
Interview Request Forms Due	February 5
Back to School	February 7
Winter Walk to School Day	February 7
Interview Confirmation Forms Sent Home	February 8
Swim to Survive Program Gr. 4/5 (Ms. Green, Ms. Rinsma, Mr. Melchiorre, Ms. Simos)	February 9
School Council Meeting	February 12
Report Cards Sent Home	February 13
Winter Walk to School Day	February 14
Ms. Pavlovic & Ms. Cheung (Gr. 1/2) Class Trip	February 15
Interviews	February 16 (eve) February 17 (a.m.)
Family Day	February 19
Ms. Simos & Ms. Lall's Class Trip	February 20
Winter Walk to School Day	February 21
Winter Concert	February 22 (eve)
Winter Walk to School Day	February 28
Pink Shirt Day	February 28
Try Hockey Program (Gr.2-5)	February 29

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