

**Nelson Mandela Weekly Message**  
**Sunday, December 17, 2023**

Our last week before we head off into the holidays. A wonderful celebration last Thursday and an enjoyable Spirit Week to conclude the calendar year. As a reminder, the last day of school before the Winter Break is on Friday, December 22nd. School will resume on Monday, January 8th. We trust that this holiday break will provide an opportunity for relaxation, enjoyment, and quality time with loved ones.

**Spirit Week**

Monday is Anything But a Backpack Day. Check out the image for what is happening each day this week.

# *Spirit Week*

**DESEMBER 18-22**

**MONDAY- ANYTHING BUT A  
BACKPACK DAY**

Tuesday - rep your team

wear any sports apparel or colors

**WEDNESDAY - HAPPY NEW YEAR DRESS TO**

**IMPRESS**

**Thursday- Black and yellow spirit**

wear

**Friday- Pajama \ Comfy clothes**

**day**

**Community & Allyship Gallery Night**

Thank you to all the staff, students, and the School Council for joining together to celebrate our school, our community, and the learning that takes place within our institution. We were thrilled to witness a fantastic turnout, with numerous families in attendance. Guests had the opportunity to view student work, savor a delicious dinner, and enjoy performances by some of our talented students.

For those who were unable to attend, I have attached a few photos to provide a glimpse of the event. Additionally, feel free to reach out to your child's teachers, as many of them have recorded videos offering explanations of what the students have been learning.

Once again, thank you to everyone who contributed to making this event a success. Your participation and support are integral to the vibrant and collaborative spirit of our school community.





### **Staying Healthy this Holiday Season - Message from Toronto Public Health**

As we approach the end of the year and more people gather indoors due to the cold weather and the holidays, respiratory viruses are on the rise and circulating in our communities. Influenza (flu), COVID-19 and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) are three respiratory viruses that can cause serious illness in some people. [Read the full message here.](#)

### **Access to Recreation - Winter 2024 Afterschool Swimming Lessons**

Attached, [please find the application form](#) to be distributed to your students. Forms will be collected from the school on December 20<sup>th</sup> to facilitate registration confirmation during the winter holidays. Programs will begin for students on Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### **Studio 500 Hairstylist Program**

Tuition-Free Hairstylist Training Program in Toronto

You can turn your interest in hairstyling into a career with Studio 500! We provide training that can prepare you for a career in hairstyling – tuition-free – or launch your career with an apprenticeship. [Register Now.](#)

### **Middle French Immersion Application Process**

The entry point to Middle French Immersion for September 2024/25 school year is Grade 4.

The application to the Middle French Immersion program will remain an online process and applications must be completed online between January 8 and February 2, 2024. An offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) is guaranteed to all eligible on-time applicants. Families with an older sibling currently in a Middle French Immersion program are still required to complete an online application for the new student. Interested families can apply via the [Application Link](#).

Please find included an AODA [poster](#) and [flyer card](#) with QR Code that may be used in any and all communications and/or forwarded digitally as well.

At any time, please visit the [TDSB French website](#) to view a [video](#) that provides information about the TDSB French Language programs as well as the application and placement process in the Early French Immersion and the Middle French Immersion programs. More information about the Middle French Immersion Program is available in [22 languages](#), or visit the [Information Sessions](#) website for related links to join a live zoom webinar about the application process.

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