


Northview Heights S. S.



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December 16 – December 20, 2024

CURRENT WEEK	NEXT WEEK
MON. December 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirit Day: Toque & Scarf Day Gingerbread House Contest G. 11 Pathways Presentation 	MON. December 23 <p style="text-align: center;">Winter Break</p>
TUES. December 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural Connections Day 	TUES. December 24 <p style="text-align: center;">Winter Break</p>
WED. December 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late Start – 9:55a.m Spirit Day: Flannel Day Compliments Cups – Free Hot Chocolate from SAC Co-op Employee Appreciation Open House Junior/Senior Boys Basketball vs William Lyon Mackenzie 	WED. December 25 <p style="text-align: center;">Winter Break</p>
THURS. December 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirit Day: Ugly Sweater Day 	THURS. December 26 <p style="text-align: center;">Winter Break</p>
FRI. December 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Assembly Spirit Day: Cozy Clothes Day 	FRI. December 27 <p style="text-align: center;">Winter Break</p>

Save the Dates:

- Dec 23-Jan 3: Winter Break
- Jan 6: Classes Resume
- Jan 8: Late-Start Day
- Jan 15: Late-Start Day
- Jan 16-17: Grade 9 Math EQAO

Congratulations!

The players for their 3rd place finish at the Birchmount Park Chess Invitational tournament! They will compete at least once more in second semester, so they can qualify for the TDSB championships.

12 Days of Giving

The 12 Days of Giving has become a Northview tradition. This is a chance for us to come together as a school and give back to the community, each other, and ourselves. Through this initiative, a variety of student groups join forces to empower our student body to be able to give in a variety of ways. From spreading words of hope, to a food drive for a local organization and our own school community, to raising money and awareness for a local charity, we invite everyone to get involved. Any fundraising efforts will go to support Eva's Initiatives, a local organization that supports homeless and youths in need in Toronto. Stay tuned for our calendar of events starting next Thursday, including the annual winter assembly, sharing Northview's gifts of talent.

Humber River Hospital

From the hospital's IPAC (Infection Prevention and Control) Newsletter highlighting Dionie and his co-op experience in the IPAC department. This newsletter went out electronically to the entire hospital. We are very proud of Dionie and his representation of the High School Co-op Program within the hospital.

IPAC Volunteer Spotlight: Dionie

Hi! My name is Dionie and I am a CO-OP student who volunteers at Infection Prevention & Control. My role is to input hand hygiene audits along with some PPE audits. Throughout my volunteering, I noticed how IPAC plays an essential role for preventing outbreaks along with improving quality care towards patients. I also noticed how IPAC helps reinforce safety measures by providing huddles towards staff. I learned the importance of proper hand hygiene along with the many reasons why an IPAC team is necessary for staff when providing treatment towards others. Overall, volunteering at IPAC has helped me understand the importance of practicing proper hygiene when caring for the public.



Exam Format

Thank you to all students and families who responded to the exam format survey. In January, Northview will have hybrid of the two options. All exams will be on a Period 1, 2, 3, 4 schedule, except the following grade 12 university preparation courses that will have a common exam: Advanced Functions, Physics, Chemistry & Biology. Full details will be shared in the coming days.

Indigenous Performance

The English Department has invited an Indigenous Dance Troupe to perform at our school on Tuesday, December 17 in the auditorium during period 3. All grade 11 students taking NBE (Grade 11 English) this semester will attend this performance. The Dance Troupe will share the history and significance of their dances and illustrate the cultural experience of First Nations peoples in Canada.

Winter Assembly

The Winter Assembly is a Northview tradition, and it will continue this year on December 20th during the school day. This is a showcase of student talent, and a celebration as we get ready to welcome a New Year in January. Students will have the opportunity to see the assembly with classes on December 20th. Staff will receive a schedule for the day in the coming weeks.

Special Education

From our TDSB Psychology department: check out the informative "Winter Issue of Hearts and Health" : [Hearts and Health](#)

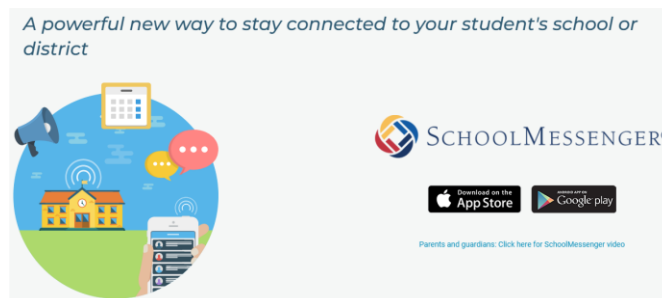
Bussing: As the holidays approach, a gentle reminder that if your child will NOT be taking the school bus home on any given day, to please notify Amanda.Drover-Soriano@tdsb.on.ca and Leanne.McGuirk@tdsb.on.ca as well as sign out in the main office. As usual, please notify the bus company directly if pick up is not needed on any given day. All busses have been notified about the Winter Break.

IEP January/February reviews: Ms.Drover-Soriano and Ms. McGuirk will be calling those families who indicated they would like to be contacted regarding their child's IEP (in September/October) for any updates and input. If any parents/guardians/students have any questions about their IEP, please reach out to Amanda.Drover-Soriano@tdsb.on.ca and Leanne.McGuirk@tdsb.on.ca We wish all families a restful, healthy and happy Winter Break when it arrives on December 23rd-January 3rd!

Connecting with Northview

Families are encouraged to download the [free School Messenger application](#) to communicate student absences directly with the school system instead of calling the school. Please call **1-833-250-2290** to communicate student absences/lates. The app also receives direct school communications (like this newsletter) for multiple students at multiple TDSB schools.

The app is a great alternative for families who have had School Messenger items going to their spam email folder or have mistakenly unsubscribed.



The Start of Year Forms (including Medical Form) and Student Device Agreement were sent to all students/families at the end of August 2024.

Thank you to families who have completed and submitted the forms online.

Families who still need to complete and submit the Start of Year Forms (Medical Form) and Student Device Agreement are asked to please check your email for the personal invitation and unique code to complete and submit the forms on-line as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please call the school at 416 395-3290, or email.

northview@tdsb.on.ca.



Online Monitoring

As we approach the winter break where students will have greater free time, families are encouraged to **keep aware of the child's social interactions online**.

A recent trend for families to be vigilant about is **involvement in anonymous Instagram chat spaces** where users are encouraged to post their unfiltered views in often derogatory ways. A few such unauthorised examples are northviewconfessions; nhssconfessions; confessionsnhss; nhss.confessions; nhss__confessionspt2; nhss.confessions__; nhss_confessions; & northviewconfess.

Please ask your child if they engage with this content and discuss as appropriate.

Please note that **Northview Heights does not have any official chat spaces** that promote the type of communication noted above. Any such spaces do not represent the school and should be approached with caution.



Cyberbullying

The attached [TDSB Cyberbullying tip sheet](#) has numerous resources that families will find helpful.

The official Northview Twitter/X handle is @NorthviewHtsSS.

There is zero tolerance for hate, bias and discriminatory comments and/or posts at Northview.

Please see resources below to support [TDSB Anti-Hate and Anti-Racism Strategy](#).

[Staff Responsibilities for a Climate of Respect](#)

[Student Responsibilities for a Climate of Respect](#)

DUAL CREDITS – Take a College Course while still in High School - Winter Registration Open**What is a Dual Credit?**

- A dual credit is a college course, delivered on a college campus, by a college professor which you add into your regular homeschool timetable.
- They are called DUAL credits because students earn TWO credits: a secondary high school credit AND a college credit.
- Dual credits require half the in-class time as a traditional high school course and are offered once per week for a 3–4-hour block of time.
- Dual credits are FREE - tuition, transportation and supplies are all included.
- Course offerings include a huge array of interest areas and potential careers paths which go above and beyond what is offered at high school, many are lab or shop based with hands-on experiences. While others provide you with a lecture style format in a college classroom.
- Dual credit programs are intended to assist secondary school students in completing their OSSD and supporting a successful transition to college and/or apprenticeship programs.
- Students in Cooperative Education, Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) programs and students in the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) may also be eligible to participate in dual credit programs.



Website: [Dual Credit Overview](#)

Promotional Poster: [Dual Credit Poster](#)

Winter Offerings: bit.ly/DCmasterchart

Spaces are limited. If interested, complete the [Expression of Interest Package](#) and bring it to

Ms Allison in the Guidance Office

***This program works well for students who are already registered in Co-op for semester 2.*

Please use the drop off and pick-up zone at Northview to drop off and pick-up your child.

DROP OFF**Winter Well-Being**

We are excited to announce that the [Winter Well-Being Guide 2024-2025](#) is now available. The Guide is prepared by the Mental Health and Well-Being Committee, In collaboration with the Mental Health Leads and the System Leader for Mental Health and PSS. [The Winter Well-Being Guide 2024-2025](#) offers updated, culturally relevant, and responsive resources to support students and parents/caregivers/guardians in fostering mental and physical wellness during the winter months. It also includes specific supports tailored for students with disabilities and complex needs. To ensure accessibility for our diverse community, the guide has been translated into the top spoken languages within the TDSB. You can access it here: [The Winter Well-Being Guide 2024-2025](#).

2025 Prime Minister's Awards for Teachers and Early Childhood Educators

Teachers and ECEs are inspiring children in all areas of life, from science and math to schoolyard interactions. Consider nominating an educator for a 2025 Prime Minister's Award!

Students, parents, colleagues, principals, supervisors, community leaders, or people with direct knowledge of the nominee's contribution can nominate.



Prime Minister's Awards recipients for Teaching Excellence, Teaching Excellence in STEM and Excellence in Early Childhood Education can receive: a certificate from the Prime Minister and national recognition and promotion of their best teaching practices. Download your nomination package today – **the deadline is January 15, 2025!**

[Awards for Teaching Excellence and Teaching Excellence in STEM](#) The Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence and Teaching Excellence in STEM.

[Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education](#) The Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education.

TDSB Learn4Life – Winter Session

Adults 18+ and Seniors interested in learning new skills and pursuing new hobbies are asked to see the flyer below for more information. Classes are offered at Northview Heights S.S



**Learn New Skills • Pursue Fun Hobbies
Make New Friends • Contribute to the Community**

Art | Business and Finance | Communications
Computers | Crafts Dance | Fitness | Food
Games & Hobbies | Handiwork
Health & Wellness | Interior Design
Languages | Music | Self-Development Sports
Theatre Film & TV



**SCAN TO VIEW
OUR COURSES**

To register, please visit us at www.learn4life.ca



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@learn4lifetdsb



facebook.com/TDSBLearn4Life

YOUTH RECONNECT

WOULD YOU LIKE TO IMPROVE
ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Housing stability – either with family or in the community
- School attendance and engagement
- Family relationships
- Social supports and community connections
- Overall sense of well-being



For more information:



Talk to your school social worker



Call/text Rachel 647 684 1425

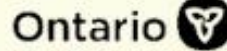


Email youthreconnect@covenanthouse.ca





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This initiative is funded by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

INSPIRING MINDS

YOUTH PROGRAM

WHY CHOOSE US?

Inspiring Minds is a program for youth to develop skills that lead to personal empowerment.

Open for Registration


Programming will take place at Northview Heights Secondary School on Mondays during lunch from October 21st, 2024 - June 2nd, 2025.

Participants learn about topics such as:
Healthy Relationships
Managing Anger
Dealing with Stress
Leadership
And more!



JOIN US



 targueta@cantraining.org



COMMUNITY FRIDGE & PANTRY

Take what you need; Give what you can FREE FOOD for EVERYONE

HOW IT WORKS

Community Fridge & Pantry (Fridge) is a neighbours-helping-neighbours initiative with no registration, no monitoring, judgment-free access to food for Bathurst-Finch residents and anyone who need items. Food is donated by local businesses, organizations and individuals. This Fridge is run by volunteers.

WHY COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Who's Hungry 2023 report says that 1 in 10 people in Toronto visited food banks to make ends meet. 2.53 million visited food banks in Toronto - a 51% increase from 2022 and the highest annual increase ever recorded. Meanwhile, tons of edible, perfectly good food are thrown away. About 60% of food produced in Canada is lost and wasted annually; 32% of that food is edible and could be redirected to food insecure people in our communities. This Fridge gives access to food and reduces food waste.

WHO WE ARE

Bathurst Finch Food Coalition (BFFC) is a grassroots/community network of residents, partners and stakeholders who lead access to healthy and affordable food in the Bathurst-Finch neighbourhood.

2 LOCATIONS

540 Finch Ave. West
Bathurst-Finch Hub
(back of building)
OPEN Fridays, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

788 Sheppard Ave. West (First
Filipino Canadian Adventist Church)
Coming Soon

DONATE
FOOD

VOLUNTEER
with us!

SPREAD THE
WORD

CONTACT US: bffc.fridge@gmail.com Ask about ways to volunteer, what to donate to the fridge & pantry, opening days/hours & availability. We plan to open the fridge/pantry 24/7, eventually.

Funders, Partners & Donors



Councillor **James Pasternak**
York Centre



Bathurst Finch Food
Coalition (BFFC)

BATHURST-FINCH
hub



COMMUNITY
FRIDGES
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WEEKLY MENU
December 16 – December 20, 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Soup \$2.50	Red Lentil	Creamy Tomato	Chicken & Rice	Black Bean & Corn	Minestone
Entree \$5 - \$8	Limited Selection Available	Honey Garlic Chicken with Steamed Rice and Broccoli	Beefaroni with Tossed Salad	HAPPY HOLIDAYS Roast Turkey with Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Stuffing and Gravy (\$7.50)	Pepperoni OR Vegetable Pizza
Sides \$2.50 - \$3.00	Selection of Rice Stir Fry, Pasta with Sauce or Potato available daily				
Dessert \$2	Tasty Selection of dessert treats available daily	Tasty Selection of dessert treats available daily	Tasty Selection of dessert treats available daily	Tasty Selection of dessert treats available daily	Tasty Selection of dessert treats available daily

<u>Cold Menu</u>	<u>Hot-Buffer Menu</u> <u>served from Student Servery Side</u>
Tossed Salad \$3.50	portioned in 12 fl oz container
Sandwiches \$2.50 and up (individually priced)	Pasta & Sauce \$3.00
- Ham & Cheese	Vegetable Stir Fried Rice \$3.00
- Egg	Potatoes \$2.50
- Tuna Salad	Beef Burgers (Halal) \$3.25
Bagel with Cream Cheese \$2.50	Cheese Burger (Halal) \$3.50
	Soup \$3.00