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January 13 - January 17, 2025

CURRENT WEEK	NEXT WEEK
MON. January 13	MON. January 20
TUES. January 14	TUES. January 21
Cyber Arts/Welcome to Northview 5:00-7:30p.m.	
WED. January 15	WED. January 22
• Late Start – 9:55a.m. 10 Late 2 9 Start 3 8 Day 4 7 6 5	EXAMS
THURS. January 16	THURS. January 23
• EQAO Math – Semester 1, Grade 9	EXAMS
FRI. January 17	FRI. January 24
• EQAO Math – Semester 1, Grade 9	EXAMS

Save the Dates:

Jan 27: Exams

Jan 28: Course Selection Evening Info Session 6:30-7:30p.m.

Jan 29: Exam Review Day

Jan 30: P.A. Day

Jan 31: Semester 2 Begins

Marks Review 2:15-3:15p.m.



Exam Schedule and Procedures

Here are the <u>exam schedule</u> and <u>exam procedures manual</u> for semester 1. Families are encouraged to print page 4 of the manual and have their student **write in their exam details in the calendar** for posting at home. An <u>exam and culminating</u> fact sheet from the TDSB is also included for your reference.

Special Education:

Happy New Year! In Special Education we are fully focussed on Culminating Activities and upcoming exams as well as preparing for Semester Two. A few updates:

Please see the attached calendar for an overview of the upcoming weeks: January overview calendar

Accommodations and Exams: Special Education is currently calling down all affected students regarding exam accommodations if they have an exam. All IEP students will be able have extra time within the exam classroom itself. For other relevant accommodations as listed on the IEP, students will be called to Student Success to discuss. Please, as always, encourage your child to attend all classes in these essential last days of the semester so that we can locate them more readily.

Bus students and exams: The bus companies have been notified of the schedule for all students writing an exam and for all days that are an altered schedule. If you are bringing in your child yourself or picking them up yourself for an exam, please follow the same process as during the regular year.

Important Reminders from Guidance:

- 1. University Application Deadline:
 - o **Deadline**: Wednesday, January 15, 2025
 - Ensure your application fee is paid by this date for processing.
- 2. Course Selection for 2025-2026:
 - o Parent Information Evening: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the school auditorium.
 - Mark your calendars to stay on track!
- 3. Course Change Requests for Semester 2:
 - Course Change Request Forms will be available starting Friday, January 31st.
 - Deadline to submit requests: Tuesday, February 4th.
 - Note: Classes are full, and waitlists are closed. Changes are only possible for:
 - Students who failed a prerequisite in Semester 1.
 - Grade 11 and 12 students changing pathways or missing graduation requirements.

Stay organized and ensure you meet these key deadlines!

Hub

It has been reported that there has been an increase in disruptive behavior from students visiting the hub, particularly from 11:30am-2:00pm. Please note that the hub is a community space and a working building. Please be respectful not just at school, but also in the community – including the Hub.



TDSB Transition Support

The <u>TDSB Transition Support website for families</u> is a new resource designed to assist families (and educators) in navigating key transitions throughout a student's educational journey, from Kindergarten to Post-21. These user-friendly platforms offer valuable tools, information, and support tailored to ensure successful transitions for all students, including those with disabilities and special education needs. Whether transitioning to a new grade, moving to a different school, or preparing for life beyond secondary education, the website provides practical resources and guidance to help educators and families plan effectively and make informed decisions.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Zone

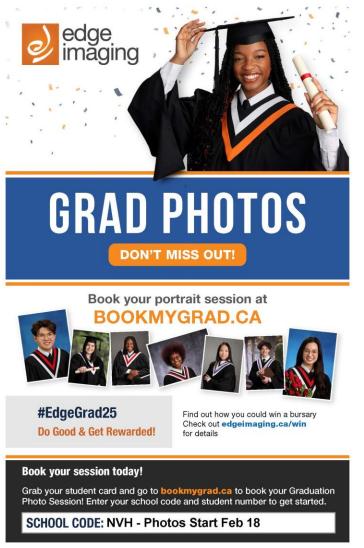
Please use the drop off and pick-up zone at Northview to drop off and pick-up your child.





2025 Grad Photos

The portal for Grade 12 students to book their grad portrait session is now open. Book your appointment **before** February 18th.





CREATIVE CENTRE NEWS

DECEMBER 2024

Creative Centre: Cyber / SHSM

Experience Seneca Day

Creative Centre students in grades 10, 11 and 12 spent a day at Seneca Polytechnic. They were given a tour of Seneca @York, a presentation and took part in a workshop. The Narrative and Design workshop was delivered by a Professor from the *Faculty of Communication, Art & Design*. The day ended with a presentation on Seneca's various programs and qualifications, including Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and Master's Degrees.



Dual Credits

Several of our SHSM and Cyber students completed Dual Credit courses in Film Studies, Drawing, Design and Fashion. Dual credit programs allow eligible students to take college courses that count towards both their High School Diploma and a postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree.



Animation Club

The Animation Club watched *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Christmas Cabin Fever*. We were joined live online by Northview Graduate, Franchesca, who produced over one hundred shots for the film. Franchesca answered questions about working on this, and other, film projects, including an update on her current project, due in cinemas in October 2025.





January Days of Significance

Happy New Year! - We recognize many dates of significance that are celebrated and commemorated in January. "Later this month, on January 21, is Lincoln Alexander Day. This day commemorates the Ontario-born trailblazer and former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario who championed racial equality in Canada. Lunar New Year will be celebrated by many Asian communities and cultures on January 29. Every year, the start of the lunar calendar symbolizes renewal, family and hope. January is Tamil Heritage Month, which recognizes the valuable contributions that Tamil Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural fabric."

Please see more on the January Days of Significance recognized by the Ontario Government below —

- January 1: New Year's Day is the first day of the year in the modern Gregorian and Julian calendars.
- **January 4:** World Braille Day marks the birthday of Louis Braille and raises awareness about the importance of braille as a means of communication for blind and visually impaired people, as well as the full realization of human rights.
- January 4: National Ribbon Skirt Day is an opportunity to learn about and celebrate Indigenous cultures, traditions, histories and contributions as we work towards meaningful reconciliation. This day takes its inspiration from the story of Isabella Kulak, a member of Cote First Nation, Saskatchewan, after she was shamed for wearing her handmade ribbon skirt to a formalwear day at her elementary school. Traditionally worn by First Nations and Métis peoples, ribbon skirts are a symbol of identity, adaptation and survival for Indigenous women, girls and gender-diverse people. It also represents a direct connection to Mother Earth.
- January 15: This is the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a prominent U.S. civil rights activist and Nobel Peace Prize recipient. The most influential of African American civil rights leaders during the 1960s, Dr. King was instrumental in the passage of the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964 which outlawed discrimination based on race, colour, religion, sex or national origin in public accommodations, facilities and employment, as well as the U.S. Voting Rights Act of 1965, which prohibits racial discrimination in voting.
- January 17: Raoul Wallenberg Day commemorates the bravery of Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat who saved thousands of persecuted Jews after opening a Swedish embassy in Budapest during the Second World War. In the six months he spent in Budapest, he helped save more than an estimated 100,000 Hungarian Jews from persecution more than any individual, organization or government. This day is an opportunity to reflect on the atrocities of the Holocaust and honour the millions of victims, survivors and their families.
- January 21: Lincoln Alexander Day recognizes the Ontario-born trailblazer and former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, who championed racial equality and paved the way for Black people to enter public service in Canada. In 1968, Alexander became the first Black person to be elected to a seat in the House of Commons. He went on to represent the riding of Hamilton West for 12 years and became the first Black cabinet minister when he was appointed Minister of Labour.
- **January 24:** World Day for African and Afro-descendant Culture celebrates the many vibrant cultures of the African continent and its diasporas around the world.
- January 27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day recognizes the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, a concentration camp in German-occupied Poland during the Second World War. This annual day of commemoration honours the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust and millions of other victims of Nazism.
- January 29: National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia recognizes our commitment to eliminating Islamophobia and the remembrance of six people who lost their lives as well as the 19 others who were seriously injured during the 2017 terrorist attack at the Centre culturel islamique de Québec in Sainte-Foy.
- January 29: Lunar New Year / Chinese New Year / Spring Festival



January is Tamil Heritage Month

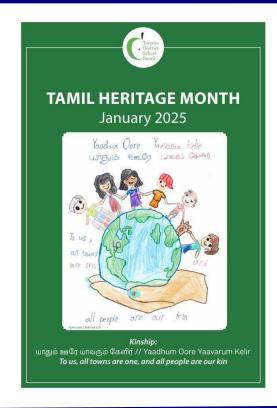
The month of January is recognized by the TDSB as Tamil Heritage Month. This year's theme for Tamil Heritage Month is:

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யாதும் ஊரே யாவரும் கேளிர் // Yaadhum Oore Yaavarum Kelir

To us, all towns are one, and all people are our kin.

Toronto has the largest Tamil population outside of the South Asian subcontinent with thousands of TDSB students and staff members who identify as Tamil. The importance of building awareness, creating a strong self and collective identities, and understanding one's own roots and rights are important objectives of the Tamil Heritage Month volunteer planning committee. We are proud to recognize Tamil Heritage Month at the TDSB through various educational opportunities for students to learn about the history, culture, and traditions. For further information about Tamil Heritage Month, please follow on twitter to learn interesting facts on Tamil customs and traditions @TDSB Tamil.



Night School 2024-2025 Semester 2 for Secondary Students - Registration closes Friday, January 31, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please visit https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/conedsecondarycreditprogram/Night-School

eLearning is still open: https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/elearning/e-Learning-Day-School

Reduce the Spread of Respiratory Infections

During this respiratory virus season, I encourage you to review tips from <u>Toronto Public Health (TPH)</u> to help prevent the spread of infections in schools and communities.

Here are a few suggestions from TPH to help keep everyone safe:

- Stay up to date with vaccinations: Ensure you and your family are protected against influenza, COVID-19, and other respiratory infections by getting vaccinated.
- Stay home if you are sick: If you have symptoms of illness, even if they are mild, stay home and wear a mask for 10 days after symptoms start.
- Practice good hygiene: Wash or sanitize your hands often, cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow or a tissue, and clean frequently touched surfaces.





Black Student Summer Leadership Program (BSSLP)

Through partnership with TDSB's Research and Development Department, Continuing Education's Focus on Youth Initiative and recently, the Co-operative Education Department, the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement facilitates this summer learning opportunity for Black students in Grades 10 to 12 at Toronto District School Board.

Check the link for more information. Registration now open. Registration closes January 10, 2025.



The Black Student Summer Leadership Program (BSSLP) offers a transformative opportunity for Black nce, develop research and professional skills, and expand their networks in a range of career fields. Paired with mentors and organizations that match their passions, students will have a chance to thrive in a supportive and growth-oriented environment.

Program Features:

- Paid summer employment (July-August 2025)
- Mentorship & professional development
 YPAR (Youth Participatory Action Research)
- Training: April-May and July-August 2025
- · Career exploration in for-profit & not-for-profit sectors
- Building social & professional networks
 Long-term focus on increased Black representation in various career pathways.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Black student attending a TDSB High School in Grade 10-12
- · Must be 16 years old by July 1, 2025
- Must be available for YPAR training (April-May and July-August 2025)
 Must be available for full-time summer
- employment (July-August 2025



Registration Information:

Registration opens: Friday, December 13, 2024 Registration closes: Friday, January 10, 2025

Information session: day, December 10, 2024; 6-7:30pm https://bit.ly/BSSLPIS



Speaker's Idol - Speeches due on January 31, 2025

FSWC's Speaker's Idol is an annual public-speaking competition open to Canadian students in grades 6 to 12. Students are asked to reflect on a selected quote by Holocaust survivor Simon Wiesenthal, relate the quote to a human rights issue of their choice, and discuss ways in which they envision countering this issue and creating positive change in our world.

The first stage of the Speaker's Idol program is a written submission, followed by three rounds of oral presentations.

If you have any questions about Speaker's Idol 2025, please reach out to education@fswc.ca





Occupational Therapy & Physiotherapy Services



would like to welcome you to...

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver

Drop-In Q & A with Occupational Therapy/Physiotherapy Staff

For Children who would benefit from:

Sensory and/or Regulation supports
Fine Motor and Printing supports

- Receive general OT/PT strategies for your child(ren)
- Chat with other parents/caregivers
- Ask questions

Monthly Virtual Drop-In Sessions:

- September 17, 2024 12:30 pm 1:30 pm
- October 15, 2024 12:30 pm 1:30 pm
- November 19, 2024 12:30 pm 1:30 pm
- December 17, 2024 12:30 pm 1:30 pm
- January 21, 2025 12:30 pm 1:30 pm
- February 18, 2025 12:30 pm 1:30 pm
- March 18, 2025
 12:30 pm 1:30 pm
- April 15, 2025
 12:30 pm 1:30 pm
- May 20, 2025
 12:30 pm 1:30 pm





Scan or Click to Join us on Microsoft Teams

lf you require translation services or have questions regarding virtual drop in sessions, please email:

Learning Centre 1 - Rhanda Craig: <u>rhanda.craig@tdsb.on.ca</u> and Leslie Hopkins: <u>leslie.hopkins@tdsb.on.ca</u> Learning Centre 2 - Anna Lin: <u>anna.lin@tdsb.on.ca</u> and Andrea Wiltsie: <u>andrea.wiltsie@tdsb.on.ca</u>



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Library Commons

NHSS Library Commons Newsletter designed by our Co-op student Joshua Andres.

Of note are our New Collection Highlights and the winner of the Tokyo Ghoul Raffle, Jolayemi Maku-Tunde!



New Collection!



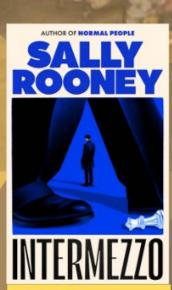
<u>Manga</u> Tokyo Ghoul

The Tokyo Ghoul manga follows Ken Kaneki, a college student transformed into a half-ghoul, as he navigates the perilous world of ghoul society, grappling with his newfound powers and forming relationships with both ghouls and humans. Throughout his journey, he faces numerous challenges and moral dilemmas while striving to find his place in a world that fears and despises him.



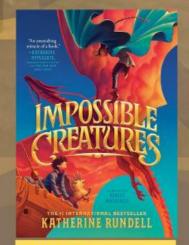
YA Fiction Hello Stranger by Katherine Center

"Hello Stranger" by Katherine Center follows Sadie Montgomery, a talented artist who develops face blindness after surgery, complicating her career, family relationships, and love life. As she struggles to cope with her new reality, Sadie finds solace in her dog and unexpected romance, ultimately learning to see the world and love in new ways.



Adult Fiction Intermezzo by Sally Rooney

"Intermezzo" by Sally Rooney follows the lives of two brothers, Ivan and Peter, as they navigate grief, love, and family in the year following their father's death. While the successful lawyer Peter struggles with relationships and self-medication, the socially awkward competitive chess player Ivan finds unexpected romance, ultimately leading both brothers to confront their own vulnerabilities and reassess their lives.



<u>Fantasy</u> Impossible Creatures by Katherine Rundell

"Impossible Creatures" by Katherine Rundell follows Christopher Forrester, a seemingly ordinary boy who embarks on a wild adventure in the Archipelago, a world filled with mythical creatures like griffins, sphinxes, and centaurs. Christopher and his new friends, Mal and the griffin, set out on a quest to uncover the truth about the Archipelago, confronting danger and forming deep bonds while challenging the boundaries of the impossible.

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Adult Non-Fiction The Knowing by Tanya Talaga

"The Knowing" by Tanya Talaga explores the author's eight-decade-long search for her family's matriarch, Annie Carpenter, while investigating the legacy of Canada's residential school system and its ongoing impact on Indigenous communities. Through her personal journey, Talaga exposes the systematic oppression and erasure of Indigenous identities and calls for a reckoning with Canada's dark history and the path toward healing and reconciliation.



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. We encourage you to share this guide widely with students, parents/caregivers/guardians and your school communities, promoting well-being and continually building circles of care during the winter season. For any questions please feel free to email the mentalhealthandwellbeing@tdsb.on.ca. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend which is peaceful and restful. Thank you for all of the tremendous work you all continue to do to support students, families and your school communities!

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

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**!



<u>Awards for Teaching Excellence and Teaching Excellence in STEM</u> The Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence and Teaching Excellence in STEM.

Diverse Minds 2025

Calling all high school students, bring your words to life with the power of storytelling. Enter our Diverse Minds Creative Writing Competition for 2025! For more details or to enter the competition, click here: http://diverseminds.ca.





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







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-helpingneighbours initiative with no registration, no monitoring, judgmentfree 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 grassroot/community network of residents, partners and stakeholders who lead access to healthy and affordable food in the Bathurst-Finch neighbourhood.



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

Batharst Finch Food

Coalition (BFFC)







BATHURST-FINCH













WEEKLY MENU

January 13 – January 17, 2025

Menu for the Week of Jan 13 - 20

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Soup \$2.50	Brunswick	Clam Chowder	Chicken Noodle	Mushroom	Vegetable Barley
Entree \$5 - \$8	Limited Selection Available	Limited Selection Available	Limited Selection Available	Limited Selection Available	Limited Selection Available
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

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Tossed Salad \$3.50

Sandwiches \$2.50 and up (individually priced)

- Ham & Cheese
- Egg
- Tuna Salad

Bagel with Cream Cheese \$2.50

<u>Hot-Buffet Menu</u> <u>served from Student Servery Side</u>

portioned in 12 fl oz container

Pasta & Sauce \$3.00

Vegetable Stir Fried Rice \$3.00

Potatoes \$2.50

Beef Burgers (Halal) \$3.25

Cheese Burger (Halal) \$3.50

Soup \$3.00