Northview Heights S. S.



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January 27 - January 31, 2025

CURRENT WEEK	NEXT WEEK		
MON. January 27	MON. February 3		
EXAMS			
TUES. January 28	TUES. February 4		
EXAM CONFLICTS	Last Day to submit Semester 2 Course Change Requests		
WED. January 29	WED. February 5		
 Exam Review Day Pd 1: 9:00-9:30a.m Pd 2: 9:35-10:05a.m Pd 3: 10:10-10:40a.m Pd 4: 10:45-11:15a.m Lunar New Year 	Superintendent Visit 9:00-11:00a.m		
THURS. January 30	THURS. February 6		
P.A Day No School Course Selection Information Night 6:30 p.m.	 Arts SHSM-NHSS Ontario Skill Day Course Selection Assemblies Course Selection Fair 		
FRI. January 31	FRI. February 7		
• Semester 2 Begins Pd 1: 9:00-10:00a.m Pd 2: 10:05-11:05a.m Lunch 11:05-12:05p.m Pd 3: 12:05-1:05p.m Pd 4: 1:10-2:10p.m	Course Selection FairSHSM Lunch/Learn		
Exam Review Semester 1, 2:15-3:15p.m			

Save the Dates:

Feb 10 – Expectations Assembly, Pd 2, Grades 9, 11

Feb 11 – Expectations Assembly, Pd 2, Grades 10, 12 School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 14 – P.A Day

Feb 17 – Family Day (Holiday)

Feb 18-28 - Grad Photos

Feb 19 - Late-Start 9:55a.m

Feb 26 – Late-Start 9:55a.m

Pink Shirt Day



Survey

Here is the link to the student workload survey for students to complete: https://forms.gle/nrudsknBuy3dN6su6

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</u> <u>culminating fact sheet</u> from the TDSB is also included for your reference.

Special Education:

A few updates:

Please see the attached calendar for an overview of the upcoming week: <u>January overview calendar</u>

Accommodations and Exams: All IEP students will be available and have extra time within the exam classroom itself. **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.

Retirement

ALEX SMITH IS RETIRING!

Congratulations to our dear Alex Smith on a long and successful career at Northview Heights S.S. In his quarter-century career here, he positively impacted both students and staff with his infectious enthusiasm, creativity and laughter. He is responsible for numerous editions of Northview's yearbook and remains an active volunteer at the beautiful vegetable gardens adjacent to the school.

He may be retiring from his daily duties, but you don't have to go far to find him because he will be continuing his fantastic work with the community garden.





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National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia 2025

Wednesday, January 29 is the National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia, honouring the six lives lost in the 2017 attack at the Islamic Cultural Centre of Quebec City. This tragic event forever impacted families, injured many, and deeply affected Muslim communities everywhere.

Our schools must be spaces where everyone feels they belong, are valued, and can thrive. To commemorate this day, the Equity, Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression Department, in collaboration with the TDSB's Islamic Heritage Committee, is offering a virtual interactive storytelling session around the book, The Boldest White: A Story of Hijab and Community by S.K. Ali and Olympic medalist Ibtihaj Muhammad and illustrated by Hatem Aly. This inspiring picture book explores themes of courage, belonging, and community.

<u>Join us on January 29</u> at 12:45 pm for a virtual session available for classrooms and from 6 to 7 p.m. for a virtual session available to Kindergarten to Grade 6 students and their families.

Here is a list of curated resources for educators to learn and build a critical consciousness about Islamophobia:

- § Islamic Heritage LLR Professional Teaching and Learning Library Resource Guide
- § Islamic Heritage Month Day of Remembrance: January 29
- § Government of Canada: Resources on Combatting Islamophobia
- **§ Culturally Responsive & Relevant Resources List**
- § Islamic Heritage Month Committee

Student Support Foyer Display Case

In case your students are experiencing stress or anxiety during this time leading up to the evaluation/culminating period please take them for a quick break to the front foyer display case. (See photo below.) The goal for this display is to arm students with clear study skills & resources; show our support; and to remember to practice self-care



during stressful times.

The exhibit has:

- -Study tips for students, by students
- -Resources for students in the school that support their mental health (services, facilities & clubs)
- -Songs to listen to that focus on working hard / perseverance / etc.
- -Words of affirmation
- -A supportive message on behalf of all their teachers
- -An interactive area that hopefully supports their mental/emotional health:

Look into the mirror in the display case!

Important Reminders from Guidance:

Course Selection for 2025-2026:

- Parent Information Evening: Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the school auditorium.
- Mark your calendars to stay on track!
- 2. Course Change Requests for Semester 2:
 - o Course Change Request Forms will be available starting Friday, January 31st.
 - Deadline to submit requests: Tuesday, February 4th.
 - o **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 changin g pathways or missing graduation requirements.



African Heritage Month

People of African descent have a rich legacy of cultural practices and traditions across generations. The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement in collaboration with various community educators is excited to offer diverse learning experiences focused on honouring and affirming African, African-Caribbean and Black students' identities by embedding African-centred practices in instructional programming. These learning experiences further include opportunities for staff and caregivers and community members. The Centre of Excellence's January 2025 Calendar of Engagement can be found here (bit.ly/CEBSAJan2025). Please visit our internal TDSB Staff website for other resources and experiences, including recorded sessions.

Educators, join us with your class for the following experiences:

"My Blackness Is..." Identity Affirming Poetry with Dwayne Morgan (Gr. 4 - 10)

January 27, 2025

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. (virtual)

Register

ABC's of Literacy January 28, 2025 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. (virtual)

Register

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.

DROP OFF





Affirming Muslim Identities & Addressing Islamophobia

TDSB Muslim Community Members, We Want Your Feedback



TDSB Muslim Community Members: We Want Your Feedback

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) invites TDSB students, families and community members who self-identify as part of the Muslim diaspora to attend a community consultation. These consultations will support the development of a multi-dimensional strategy to affirm Muslim identities and address Islamophobia within the TDSB.

Attendees are encouraged to participate in conversations exploring the various ways the TDSB can nurture, affirm and support Muslim students, families and community members, while also understanding and addressing manifestations of Islamophobia.

Please see below for the date, location and time of the different community consultations taking place between January and February 2025.

Click or Scan the QR Code to Register!

Date	Time	Location	Intersection	Registration	
Tuesday, January 28, 2025	5 PM - 8 PM	Daniels Spectrum Cultural Centre 585 Dundas St E, Toronto	Dundas & Parliament	98888	
Wednesday, January 29, 2025		International Muslim Organization (IMO) 65 Rexdale Blvd. Toronto	Rexdale & Islington		
Monday, February 3, 2025	5 PM - 8 PM	David & Mary Thomson CI 125 Brockley Drive, Toronto	Lawrence East & Midland	Accessible link:	
Thursday, February 6, 2025	5 PM - 8 PM	Masjid Darussalam - Islamic Society of Toronto 20 Overlea Blvd, East York	Overlea & Millwood		
Monday, February 10, 2025	6 PM - 8 PM	Virtual via Zoo (TDSB Students G			

2025 Grad Photos

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



Book your portrait session at **BOOKMYGRAD.CA**



#EdgeGrad25

Do Good & Get Rewarded!

Find out how you could win a bursary Check out **edgeimaging.ca/win** for details

Book your session today!

Grab your student card and go to **bookmygrad.ca** to book your Graduation Photo Session! Enter your school code and student number to get started.

SCHOOL CODE: NVH - Photos Start Feb 18



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 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

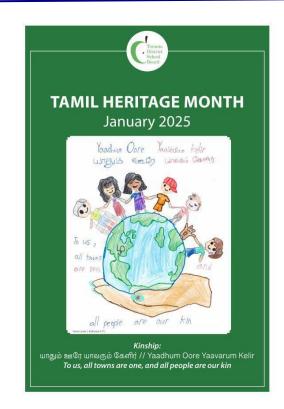
The month of January is recognized by the TDSB as Tamil Heritage Month. This year's theme for Tamil Heritage Month is:

Kinship:

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

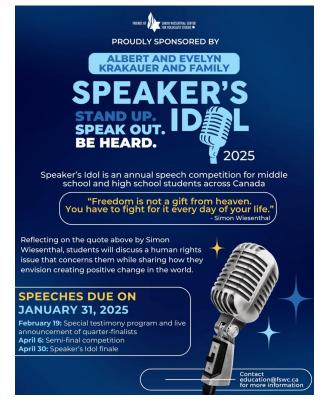


Speaker's Idol - Speeches due on January 31, 2025

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







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January 13, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: Reducing the Spread of Respiratory Infections in Schools

At this time of year, respiratory illness can be more common as people gather indoors.

To help protect our school communities, staff, students, and visitors are reminded to:

- Check for symptoms of respiratory infection every day before going to school.
- Stay home when you have symptoms, even if they are mild.
- · Wash or sanitize your hands often.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with an elbow or a tissue.
- Get your <u>influenza and COVID-19 vaccines</u> at a participating pharmacy or your primary health care provider. These vaccines are the best way to protect against infection with influenza and COVID-19.
- Clean high-touch school surfaces often and when they are dirty.
- Consider wearing a tight-fitting, well-constructed mask in indoor public settings, especially if you are at higher risk of severe infection.

What to do if you or your child are sick

If you or your child have symptoms of a respiratory virus, stay home. This means:

- Stay home until you or your child have no fever and symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if you or your child have gastrointestinal symptoms such as vomiting and/or diarrhea).
- The Ontario Ministry of Health advises that for 10 days after symptoms start, an ill
 person should wear a well-fitted, high-quality mask when out in public, including in
 school and childcare.

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4 STEPS FOR SELF-PROTECTION

We all have a role to play to help reduce respiratory virus spread and keep our city safe.





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Cover Your Cough



1. Cover your mouth and nose when you cough, sneeze or blow your nose.



2. Put used tissue in the garbage.



3. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve, not in your hands.



4. Clean your hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer (minimum 70% alcohol-based).

Stop the Spread of Germs

Always Cover Your Cough

- Covering your cough or sneeze can stop the spread of germs
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve
- Keep your distance (more than 2 metres/6 feet) from people who are coughing or sneezing

Hand Sanitizing



1. Apply sanitizer (minimum 70% alcohol-based).



2. Rub hands together.



3. Work sanitizer between fingers, back of hands, fingertips, under nails.



4. Rub hands until dry.

Stop the Spread of Germs

Always Sanitize Your Hands

After you:

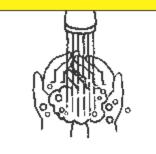
- . Sneeze, cough or blow your nose
- . Use the washroom or change diapers
- · Handle garbage
- · Play outdoors

Before and after you:

- · Prepare or eat food
- . Touch a cut or open sore

If hands are visibly dirty use soap and water

Hand Washing



1. Wet hands.



2. Apply soap.



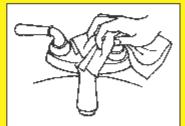
3. Lather for 15 seconds. Rub between fingers, back of hands, fingertips, under nails.



4. Rinse well under running water.



5. Dry hands well with paper towel or hot air blower.



6. Turn taps off with paper towel, if available.

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STAY HOME IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS:



Fever ≥ 38°C and/or chills



Cough



Trouble breathing



Sore throat



Headache



Feeling very tired



Decrease or loss of taste/smell



Runny nose/ nasal congestion



Muscle aches/ joint pain



Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea



Abdominal pain/ decreased or no appetite



Stay home until your symptom(s) are improving for at least 24 hours (48 hours if nausea/vomiting/diarrhea) & you do not have any new symptoms.



toronto.ca/immunization



HOW DO RESPIRATORY VIRUSES SPREAD?

Having close contact with someone who is contagious, even for short amounts of time. Most contagious in the first few days when symptoms start. Droplets from your nose & mouth when you breathe, talk, cough or sneeze can get in the air. Aerosols are tiny droplets that can stay in the air longer.

Spreads easier when there are more people indoors, for a long time, with poor airflow.



ACTION: Keep a physical distance as much as possible.



ACTION: Stay home & self-isolate if sick. Get tested if eligible.



ACTION: Wear a mask Indoors. Wash your hands often & cover your cough.



ACTION: Increase airflow & ventilation. Open windows & doors.



ACTION: Avoid indoor, crowded areas with poor ventilation.

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HOW KIDS CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS



Use a tissue to wipe & blow your nose.



If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow.



Wash your hands often with soap & water.



Do not share cups, spoons, forks or toys.



Keep hands away from your mouth, nose and eyes.



Stay home when you're sick.

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Thank You for Your Support to our Food Bank!

January 15, 2025

To the community at Northview Heights Secondary School,

On behalf of NeighbourLink North York, our recipients and volunteers, we would like to thank Northview Heights Secondary School and its community for the support to our Food Hub this past December.

Because of your generous donations of toys and non-perishables, we were able to ensure that 150+ under-resourced families in the Willowdale community were able to enjoy full and wholesome holiday dinners. These types of distributions really make our recipients feel the warmth of the community around them, and these are just a couple of sentiments they shared with us: "The community support cannot be described in words", "Thank you to all the neighbours behind this initiative. I am grateful for the people who see our humanity and not our circumstances."

We are tremendously thankful for all those who support our food bank and our ongoing work at NeighbourLink North York. It is important to note that we receive no fixed government funding, meaning that everything we do, we are able to do because of the generosity and care of neighbours such as yourself. Your contribution was invaluable to our program!

Our belief is that it takes a village for our community to thrive. Thank you for being part of our village!

We look forward to continuing to work with you all!

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Warm Regards,

Roberto Castillo Elizondo

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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
- December 17, 202+ 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:

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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!

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







BATHURST-FINCH















WEEKLY MENU

January 27 – January 31, 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Soup \$2.50					Cream of Broccoli
Entree \$5 - \$8 Sides \$2.50 - \$3.00	EXAMS Cafeteria will be closed for the duration of the exam period		Marks Return Day Cafeteria Closed	P D D A	Limited Selection Available Selection of Rice Stir Fry, Pasta
Dessert \$2					Tasty Selection of dessert treats available daily

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