



# Northview Heights S. S.



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January 6 – January 10, 2025

<i><b>CURRENT WEEK</b></i>	<i><b>NEXT WEEK</b></i>
<b>MON. January 6</b>	<b>MON. January 13</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classes Resume</li> </ul>	
<b>TUES. January 7</b>	<b>TUES. January 14</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jnr/Snr Girls Volleyball – Emery C. I.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cyber Arts/Welcome to Northview 5:00-7:30p.m</li> </ul>
<b>WED. January 8</b>	<b>WED. January 15</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Late Start – 9:55a.m</li> <li>Jnr/Snr Boys Basketball – John Polyani</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Late Start – 9:55a.m</li> </ul> 
<b>THURS. January 9</b>	<b>THURS. January 16</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jnr/Snr. Girls Volleyball – Earl Haig</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EQAO Math – Semester 1, Grade 9</li> </ul>
<b>FRI. January 10</b>	<b>FRI. January 17</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Credit Rescue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EQAO Math – Semester 1, Grade 9</li> </ul>

**Save the Dates:**

Jan 22-27: Exams

Jan 30: P.A. Day

Jan 31: Semester 2 Begins

**Congratulations** to Northview's Minsol Kwon placed second in the ESLA/B category at the Secondary ESL/ELD Speech Competition Finals at Central Technical School on Friday, December 13th. Her inspiring speech about her dream job as a figure skater captured the audience's attention and impressed the judges.



**Congratulations** to the Boys' Basketball Team who won the Tier2 Jr. Jamboree Basketball Tournament at the University of Toronto on Friday, December 13th. They won all 4 of their games including the championship final. The students are coached by Nolan Ryan and the staff supervisor is Sharon Hutchison. The team includes the following:

Coaches and Management: Nolan Roshan, Sebastien Shen, Arturo Gonzalez Moz

Team: Gabriel-Ray Ricardo Caesar, Mikah Josue Garcia Aburto, Sebastian Jones, Rohan Khattar, Nathan Lin, Lazar Mladenovic, Mehrzad Mohseni, Andrew Nguyen, Moathe Mohammad Ibrahim Takrouri, Ryelle Lawrence Rapanot Toriales, Felix Octavio Rocha Torok, Owen Tortel, Alzeyosabor Iduozee.

**Congratulations** to Arjun Raveendran for coming in 4th in the Rotman Market Simulation Challenge for high school students! Arjun competed against over 200 students across different school boards to qualify for the Rotman Market Simulation Challenge at the University level. He will be going up against undergraduates and graduates of the University of Toronto on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**SpeakOut** is an interactive information session that occurred at Northview Heights on Thursday, December 12, 2024. Speakout is designed to inspire a new generation of construction tradespeople and industry professionals by creating awareness about the diversity of career opportunities available in the construction industry. A panel of skilled trades and other industry professionals in the construction industry provided valuable information about the educational and training requirements for specific jobs, and they shared their personal experiences and insights with students.



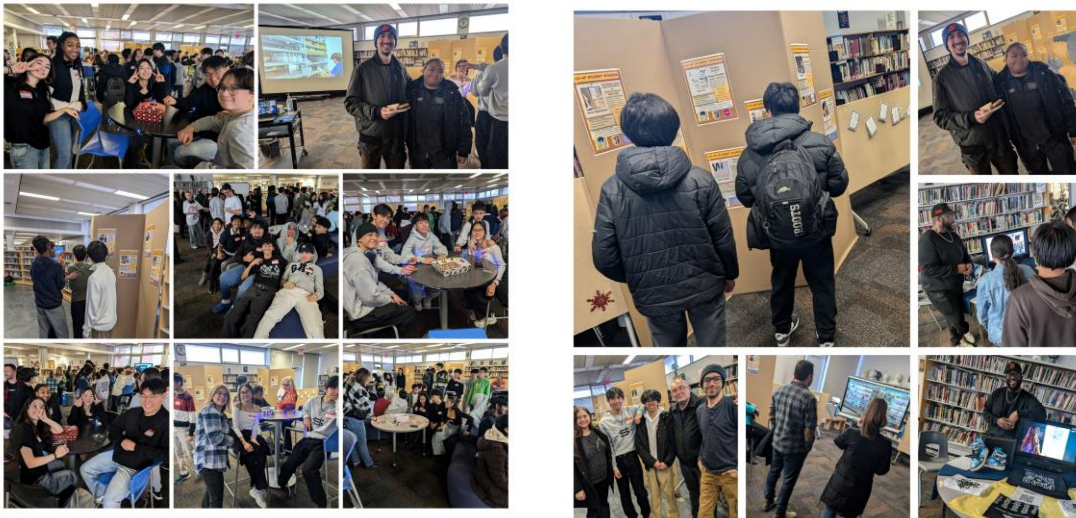
### Co-Op

Our Co-op Students, supervisors, community partners, and volunteers participated in the **Co-op Holiday Employer Appreciation Open House** that took place in the Library Commons this week to celebrate, network and embrace **experiential learning** as a pathway for work readiness skills and future employment.

Thank you to all our Coop partners in Semester 1 and those who dropped in to share some holiday cheer with their students including: John and Ali from Ultimate Mechanical Solution Inc. (HVAC), Yonge and Steeles Ford Lincoln, EPI Fire Protection Inc., Bay Street Video, Forest Valley Outdoor Education Centre, BKNC Architects, Megacity Tax, Teachers from Wilmington Elementary School, TDSB Instructional Innovation and Equitable Outcomes, and Tony Ignagni from the Pre-Apprenticeship Cooperative Education program.

Big Shout out to Kayode Brown, founder of [justbgraphic.org](http://justbgraphic.org), and passionate community leader in the rich diversity of Toronto's Jane Finch area, for engaging our students and sharing his dynamic platform that empowers youth to explore their artistic potential while addressing social justice issues. Our students are excited to participate in the wide-range of experiential learning programs designed to tap into their creative expression, academic achievement, and cultural identities.

Congratulations to everyone!



### Hackathon

On Tuesday, December 10, 2024, Hackathon took place after school with approximately 30 student participants who enjoy problem-solving.



### Northview FTC Teams

FIRST Tech Challenge Bolton Qualifier occurred on Saturday, December 14, 2024. While the teams didn't qualify for the next stage, team spirit was high throughout the day, and the students' passion for the event was inspiring. The students showed great problem-solving skills, and their enthusiasm was evident to everyone who attended.



### Hub

It has been reported that over the past few weeks, 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.

### English Department

The English Department invited an Indigenous Dance Troupe, to perform at our school on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 in the auditorium during period 3. All grade 11 students taking NBE (Grade 11 English) this semester were invited to attended this performance. The Dance Troupe explained the history and significance of their dances and illustrated the cultural experience of First Nations peoples in Canada.



### Northview Cultural Fair

On December 17, 2024, students from the Grade 12 World Cultures class and the Grade 11 GPP Leadership class came together to deliver a fantastic, Cultural Connections event to celebrate the beauty of cultures at Northview. Thank you to Ms. Juric and Ms. Shirazi for your leadership.



**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!

# What's New in Library Commons?

## Librarian Highlight



***Katherine Stevenson***  
***OISE/UT Teacher***  
***Thank you for your service to NHSS***  
***Library Commons we will miss you!***

Tokyo Ghoul  
Raffle Winner!

***Jdayemi-Maku-tunde***



Digital Lunch + Learn  
Series

Thursday, January 9th

Read and Write for  
Google Hacks during  
Lunchtime in the  
Seminar Room

# New Collection!



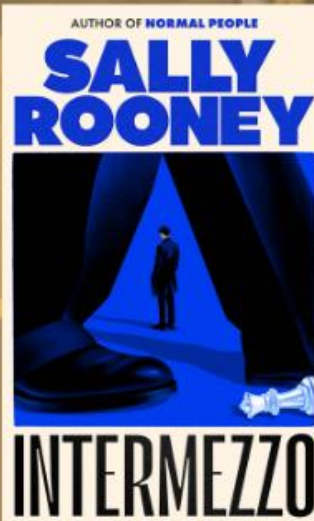
## Manga Tokyo Ghoul

The Tokyo Ghoul manga follows Ken Kaneki, a college student transformed into a half-ghoul, as he navigates the perilous world of ghoulish 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.



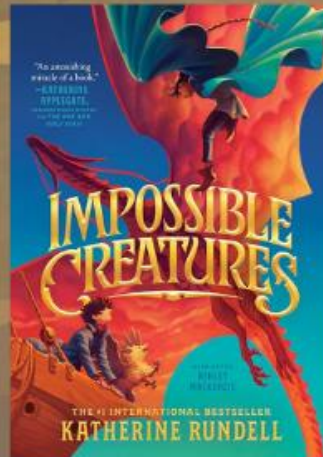
## YA Fiction Hello Stranger by Katherine Center

"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.



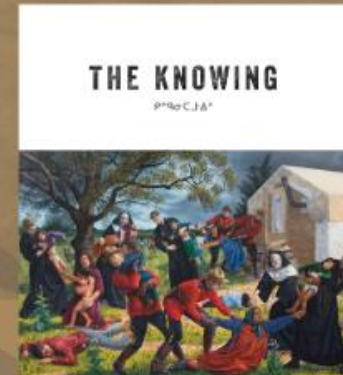
## Adult Fiction Intermezzo by Sally Rooney

"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.



## Fantasy 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.



## Adult Non-Fiction The Knowing by Tanya Talaga

"The World and I: Knowing" by Tanya Talaga is a book for readers who love the world of Canada's history. "NATIONAL BESTSELLER" "THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE LITTLE SISTERS"

"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.

**Special Education:**

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

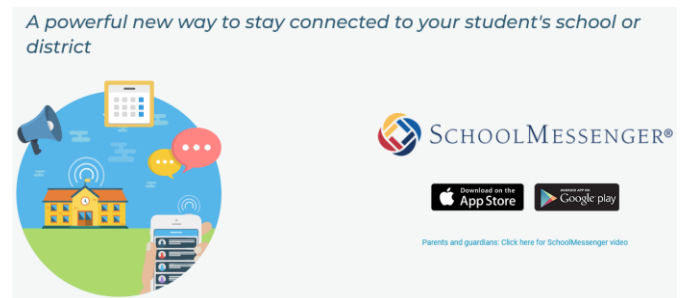
**Bussing:** As the holidays approach, a gentle reminder that if your child will NOT be taking the school bus home on any given day, to please notify [Amanda.Drover-Soriano@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Amanda.Drover-Soriano@tdsb.on.ca) and [Leanne.McGuirk@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Leanne.McGuirk@tdsb.on.ca) as well as 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](mailto:Amanda.Drover-Soriano@tdsb.on.ca) and [Leanne.McGuirk@tdsb.on.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](#). 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](mailto: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

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



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To register, please visit us at [www.learn4life.ca](http://www.learn4life.ca)



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# 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

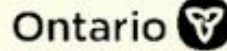


Email [youthreconnect@covenanthouse.ca](mailto:youthreconnect@covenanthouse.ca)





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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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
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**WEEKLY MENU**  
January 6 – January 10, 2025

**Menu for the Week of Jan 6-10**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Soup</b> \$2.50	Cream of Mushroom	Chicken Noodle	Vegetable Barley	Spicy Coconut Squash	Cheesy Broccoli
<b>Entree</b> \$5 - \$8	Limited Selection Available	Spaghetti with Meatballs	Curried Chickpea Stew with Basmati Rice	Chicken Fingers with French Fries	Beef Chili with Rice and Cheese
<b>Sides</b> \$2.50 - \$3.00	Selection of Rice Stir Fry, Pasta with Sauce or Potato available daily				
<b>Dessert</b> \$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